



Adopt-A-Site Program Unit Agreement & Guidebook

**For use by Units
Adopting a Site at
Musser Scout Reservation**

Dear Scouting Unit,

We are in need of units and people who want to help revitalize Musser Scout Reservation at both Camp Hart and Camp Garrison. We want our campsites, cabins, and facilities to be the place that your unit can come and enjoy, a place of fellowship, rests, a place that can help grow and nurture your unit to be the best it can be.

How can you help improve a campsite, cabin, or facility?

- Clean the ground of debris and trash - this gives the site a pristine beauty that will make us all proud.
- Weed whack and mow the ground.
- Complete a conservation project in or around the site
- Clean up/prepare the campfire ring(s)
- Perform trail maintenance and brush control
- Perform maintenance on the cabin
- Repair or build a flagpole, tool rack and bulletin board
- Build picnic tables, and/or log seating.
- Improve the latrine
- Stain/waterproof the tables
- Make a plaque telling the story of the name of the campsite
- Report to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster any aspects of the site that need more attention and care

This is just the beginning of a list that ends only with your unit's creativity. In order to allow your unit's personal touch and still maintain a standard level of quality, you will work with our Camp Ranger before beginning a project. This will help ensure all projects align with the goals of Musser Scout Reservation and the Cradle of Liberty Council. Thank you for considering this adoption! Please review the information in this Guidebook, and when you are ready to Adopt-A-Site, simply follow the directions in the section labeled...*How does it work?*

Thank you for all you do for Scouting, and Happy Camping!!

Brett

Brett Montich
Camping & Property Chairman

Ranger Lynn

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Musser Scout Reservation Camp Ranger

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Purpose:

Maintaining excellent facilities for scouts and scouter (adults) is a top priority for Musser Scout Reservation and the Cradle of Liberty Council. This program will help us achieve the goal of building and maintaining Musser Scout Reservation and additionally help scouting units and their scouts have an enjoyable time on the reservation. This program will help instill a sense of ownership and pride in our reservation and campsites/cabins/facilities. It will encourage attendance at and use of our property. Being good stewards of our environment is the responsibility of all Scouts, and this program will help improve the environmental health across Musser Scout Reservation. The projects will meet volunteer hour requirements for advancement, build skills and create a renewed sense of ownership and enthusiasm within the Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ships.

What are the benefits for the Unit?

- You have the pleasure of knowing you made a difference in the reservation and made the camping experience better for others.
- You will strengthen your unit through fellowship and teamwork while learning important stewardship, building and conservation skills.
- Your Scouts could earn service or conservation hours towards advancement.
- You will be allowed use of your campsite or cabin twice during 2025 with approval by Camp Ranger as available, free of charge. Council & District events **CANNOT** be used for a free weekend.

How does it work?

1. Re-adoption is open Dec. 1. Open Adoption (which is for anything that was not re-adopted/not adopted) starts Jan. 1.
2. Contact the Musser Scout Reservation Camp Ranger, Ranger Lynn at Brian.Lynn@scouting.org to check availability of sites for adoption.
3. If a campsite, cabin, or facility is available that your unit would like to adopt, and they agree with conditions outlined in the Adopt-A-Site Agreement, they will review and sign the agreement.
4. Then return Adopt-A-Site Agreement to Ranger Lynn at Brian.Lynn@scouting.org or 5505 Upper Ridge Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073.
5. Your Agreement will be reviewed and approved by the Musser Scout Reservation Property Committee and Camp Ranger. This review can take 1-2 months to happen.
6. During this time start work with the Camp Ranger on figuring out project(s) your unit would like to undertake.
7. Once the Agreement is approved and project(s) are figured out your unit can start working on your Adopted Site. This should be done in time for your 1st stay and workday.

Conservation-minded:

As you maintain and improve your campsite or cabin, here are conservation-minded ways you can help mitigate impacts to the environment so that we can provide a pristine camping experience for generations of scouts to come:

- Control of non-native or Noxious Weeds (Japanese Stiltgrass, Privet, Wineberry, Bittersweet, Japanese Honeysuckle, phragmites [Common Reed], Spicebush, and Grapevine)
- Seeding and sowing of grass seed (seed should be approved by Camping & Property Committee. Some common grasses, i.e. Fescue, are considered invasive)
- Erosion control
- Reforestation/Regeneration (plant/transplant trees, plant and care for a small nursery, close of unneeded areas and trails) should be approved by Camping & Property Committee.
- Trail improvements (switchbacks, railings, bridges, signs, rest stops seats)
- Wildlife habitat construction (bat and bird houses, pocket meadows for deer bedding, brush piles for small animals, grouse stands, fish habitats)
- Brush free fire zones (clean up debris in forested areas, thinning, and pruning)

Eligible Campsites and Cabins:

Garrison Activity Areas		
Fort Akela		Entrance & Parking Lot
Safeguard Castle		Activity Pavilion
Native American Village (NAV)		BB & Archery Ranges
Ship – USS Cradle of Liberty		Bouldering Wall
Hart (North Camp)		
Red Fox		Handicraft
Yellow Bear		Nature
Dick Smith		*Bouldering Wall
Owl		
Hawk		
Hart (Individual Use)		
Korman		Campfire Circle
Perry Long		Hart Chapel
Park Lodge		Rifle Range/BB Range
Lake Front Area		Slingshot Range
Hart (South Camp)		
Staff Area		Basketball Court
Gold Stag		Archery Range
Green Turtle		Scoutcraft (Raven)
Turkey		Archery Range
Pheasant		

2025 Adopt-A-Site Agreement

Unit "Adopting" the Site Agrees to:	Cradle of Liberty Council Agrees to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicate at least eight (8) hours of work annually to perform improvements to your campsite, cabin, or facility. Maintain the site to the specifications required by Musser Scout Reservation and the Cradle of Liberty Council. Understand and abide by the Terms and Conditions outlined in this Agreement which are in effect for 2025. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow the use of your campsite or cabin twice during 2025 with approval as available, free of charge. Provide guidance to the unit as they complete the work to the campsite, cabin, or facility. May assist with funding and supplying materials for the project.

***Frist weekend (sign up below) will be your units work end. Once that work is done, coordinate with Ranger Lynn on scheduling your 2nd weekend.**

Additional terms and conditions for Adopt-A-Site Agreement:

- Adoption of a campsite, cabin, or facility does not imply any form of ownership or special privilege or legal rights. Musser Scout Reservation, including campsite, cabin, or facility, is owned and operated by the Cradle of Liberty Council, Scouting America.
- Units that have adopted a site are required to follow the standard procedures for reserving the use of the campsite/cabin for weekend camping, summer camp, and all other occasions. The exception is for your 2 free weekend for this program. Those will be reserved with Camp Ranger.
- All Scouting America safety rules and standards, as well as camp-related rules, must be adhered to at all times. All equipment and tools will be in safe working condition. Power equipment will be operated by properly trained and authorized adults. Scouts will not be allowed to climb above shoulder height. Chainsaw use is prohibited except for individuals who meet the requirements outlined in Scouting's Chain Saw Safety guidelines and validated by the Camp Ranger.
- Misconduct by unit participants while on the Reservation; including but not limited to violation of these rules, terms, and conditions or vandalism, may result in termination of the Adopt-A-Site Agreement.
- The Cradle of Liberty Council is not responsible for damage to the campsite, cabin, or facility done by others who use the Reservation.
- The Cradle of Liberty Council maintains the right to de-activate, relocate, remove or rename a campsite, cabin, or facility.
- All projects must be pre-approved by the Musser Scout Reservation Camp Ranger. This can take 1-2 months to get approval. Please submit projects with this in mind.
- Units are encouraged to supply materials for use in projects, provided that the materials meet the requirements specified and approved by the Council Camping and Property Committee and Musser Scout Reservation Camp Ranger. The Cradle of Liberty Council may supply some of the necessary project materials, provided the purchase has been pre-approved by the Director of Outdoor Adventures.
- The Cradle of Liberty Council reserves the right to discontinue this program at any time.

Unit Type & Number:			
Contact Person:		Unit Position:	
Mailing Address:			
City, State Zip:		Phone Number:	
Email Address:		Alt. Number:	

We agree to the guidelines stated in the Adopt-A-Site Agreement. Our unit will adopt _____ campsite, cabin, or facility at Musser Scout Reservation. Our 1st weekend we would like to reserve is _____.

Signature of Contact Person

____/____/_____
Date

Signature of Committee Chair

____/____/_____
Date