

# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Nine Mile Island Invitational Campout

**Founded by Troop 573 North Tonawanda, NY**

**Hosted by Troop 529**

**Date:** April 25-27, 2008

**Place:** Nine Mile Island Youth Camp. This weekend is designed for Boy Scouts. Venture Crews are encouraged to assist Staff. Cubs may participate by invitation of a site holding host troop in compliance with national BSA guidelines. Scoutmasters and SPL's are asked to check in at the **Nature Center** upon arrival between 6PM and 8PM Friday evening.

**Camp Headquarters: Founder's Cabin**

**Activities** that units should be prepared for at camp:

Olympic Theme –

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| - Flag ceremonies                       | - Biathlon                  |
| - Tug of War – SPL's & Ldr's vs campers | - Softball throw            |
| - Marathon Mile                         | - Blindfold Obstacle Course |
| - Sprint                                | - 3 Legged relay race       |
| - W. A. R. - weights                    | - Basketball Shooting       |
| - Patrol Flag Contest [Country/patrol]  | - campsite Inspections ??   |
| - Trading Post                          | - Saturday Evening Campfire |
| - and possibly more !                   |                             |

Each SPL with approval from his SM, should turn in one Campfire Signup Form no later than noon on Saturday, April 26.

**Equipment needed** for this weekend:

- Notebook & pen or pencil [everyone]
- First Aid Kits
- Patrol Flags
- Troop Flag
- Activity materials
- Reference documents [handbook/fieldbook]

\*Patrol/Troop **Awards will be based** on the following:

- On time registration
- Site Inspections
- Attendance at meetings, ceremonies & gatherings
- Participation in activities [primary concern]
- Unit spirit

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## General Information

### Fees and Registration:

This weekend requires an advance preliminary numbers registration. The fee of \$3 per person is to be paid at the Nature Center upon arrival at camp. SM's are to have medical forms for all unit members in camp and turn in a completed Roster [please use form in packet] for their troop.

### B.S.A. Registration:

A. Participants must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America or another national scout organization in order to participate in this invitational campout. Bring your tour permit if required!!

B. TWO ADULT LEADERS [minimum per unit] are required to be responsible for scouts at this event. They need to know where their scouts are at all times.

### Check-in Procedures:

Troops may check-in at any time between 6pm and 8pm on Friday at the Nature Center. Any special situations (or arrival times) should be directed to the attention of the campout coordinator. ALL vehicles MUST unload all equipment in the parking area. NO vehicle of any type will be allowed past the parking area. There is an area across from the residential trailer at the entrance that is reserved exclusively for vehicles with trailers in tow. Please advise Bob or Doug in advance if you will be needing space for trailer parking.

### Campsites:

Troops with current sites at Nine Mile Island will use their own sites. Any other troops will be assigned sites on a "first come, first served basis" unless prior arrangements have been made. No unit may set up camp in an unassigned area or change campsite location without permission.

### First-Aid:

**All units should take care of routine first aid needs as if camping alone, then ALL INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE FOUNDERS CABIN!!!** If major emergency help is needed, contact the Ranger or Founder's Cabin staff. Be sure to have the **Medical Form with a leader sent to the aid site** with the injured person or ASAP thereafter.

### Security:

Unit leaders are responsible for the security of their campsites at all times. Fires in troop sites should never be left unattended!!

### Lost and Found:

Please report any Lost, found or stolen goods to the Founders Cabin.

### Cooking/Food Storage:

We recommend that all cooking be done on charcoal or propane, or in an approved fire ring. ALL food should be stored in a secure patrol box. **DON'T TEMPT THE VARMINTS!!!**

### Sanitation:

It is the responsibility of the unit leaders to remind scouts of the Outdoor Code and the 11th point of the Scout Law, "A SCOUT IS CLEAN". Participants are to use the latrine facilities located throughout camp and leave them as found. There will be a bathroom attendant on duty at the main men's bathroom from 7 to 11pm Friday and from 7am to 11pm on Saturday. Extra paper may be obtained from this attendant if needed at any of the latrines throughout camp. Troops will be assigned a time to provide staff for the main bathroom maintenance as was done

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successfully last year. These assignments will be reviewed at the Leader's meeting Friday evening. There will be NO DISHWASHING inside either bathroom or at any pump. For security reasons, the key to the Women's bathroom will be at the Trading Post or the Founder's cabin when it is closed. Troops are responsible to properly dispose of their own garbage. It is not to be left in the campsites.

### **Patrol Method:**

The patrol is a basic unit of scouting and consists of 4 to a maximum of 8 scouts with an elected patrol leader. The Senior Patrol Leader should take charge of the scouts during the weekend. Copies of the invitational schedule and camp map should be given to all patrol leaders.

### **Patch Trading:**

Patch trading may be done this weekend according to B.S.A. regulations. (i.e.- leaders with leaders, scouts with scouts)

### **Trading Post:**

There will be a trading post operated by Invitational staff. Its **NEW** location this year will be in the new Craft Lodge. Hours TBA and posted outside.

Pop and patches and candy and...

## **Activities at the Invitational Campout**

**Annual Tug-of-War** – History of Victory – Scouts – lots; Scouters & SPL's – won last year ?? This will be a non-Olympic event and take place along the edge of the Meadow.

Our theme is the Olympics with some twists. All events will be run with two age groups – 11 to 13 and 14 to 17. Patrols [Countries] will consist of no more than eight participants. One person from each age group may compete in the individual events. Both age groups from each patrol must participate in the team events. Each participant must have a number with their Country's name on it attached to their shirt [or jacket]. Awards will be given to individuals in each age group for first, second and third place. The Countries with the most individual awards will receive awards for first, second and third place. No troop awards will be presented. Extra points will be awarded to patrols with handmade flags of the countries they represent. Individual events and the biathlon will be run in the morning, Team events and the mile Marathon will be run in the afternoon, all subject to modification if more time is found to be necessary for some events.

The Biathlon will take place in the morning and start by the Ranger's house. One athlete in each age group will start at staggered times to run the campsite road and finish at the archery range, where they will take three shots with both a rifle and a bow. The competition will be scored by times run and points scored shooting.

Softball throw will be by three throws for distance, the longest counts [age groups]. It will be in the Meadow near the Memorial Park.

Sprint will be scored by times by each age group and run for 100 yards. Starting point will be on the road near the Sign-In Pavillion.

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Mile run will be in the afternoon on the main and campsite roads, starting at the Ranger's house. Races will be run by age group heats and must be run by a different athlete than ran the Biathlon.

Three legged sack relay will be a timed event. Each two man team from each country must be made up of an athlete from each age group. Starting point will be in the cul-de-sac north of the main bathrooms.

W. A. R. Weight around circle will be done with a different weight for each age group. The object will be to carry the weight around the circle the most times in a set time. This will be in the Meadow between the Main shelter and the central campfire area.

Blindfold obstacle course – one half of Country team will run an obstacle course blindfolded while the other half of the team gives them directions. At the end of the course the halves will switch positions and run the course back while the other half directs. This is a timed event starting near the barn/pool area.

Basketball shooting has age specific distances, ten shots, most made wins. It will be near the Nature Center.

Staff still needed for all except range shooting, Basketball shooting and W. A. R. Please let us know ASAP what your unit would like to help with.

We have a need for several stop watches and tape measures for the above events.

**Campsite Inspections** – Will be a do your own this year.

### **Other potential time filler**

Should a patrol have time available, there will be soccer balls at the soccer field area.

**Note - Events may be modified as necessary based on Staff and weather conditions.**

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## 2008 Invitational Rules

1. ALL scouts and leaders are expected to follow the scout law and all BSA polices.
2. NO vehicles will be allowed past the designated parking areas!
3. ALL SCOUTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY 20 FEET FROM THE CANAL!!!  
(except with at least a buddy and unit leader permission on the Towpath Trail)
4. Fires are allowed in campsites which have existing fire rings. Troops without an insite fire ring, and troops located in a field site, please use a burn barrel or check with staff regarding alternatives.
5. We encourage leaders to not smoke in front of scouts. Leaders should set a good example.
6. NO explosives, firearms, or other potential weapons of any kind will be permitted in camp property. If you are found with any such implement, you will be asked to leave camp and reported to the local police dept.
7. NO gasoline, lighter fluid, or other flammable substances may be used to start fires. Homemade fire starters only!!
8. Due to rabies, DON'T approach, feed, or touch any wildlife (dead or alive), no matter how friendly it may seem. Please report unusual sightings to the Camp Ranger.
9. The staff isn't responsible for stolen or damaged items. It's the responsibility of the troop or scout to secure any valuable items.
10. The staff isn't responsible for any injuries. For insurance reasons, please report any injuries to the Founders Cabin.
11. NO mind altering substances are permitted in camp!! Anyone found using, selling, or possessing these will be removed from camp and reported to the local police agency.
12. ALL troops & scouts leaving during the weekend must check out at the Main Cabin. No scout is permitted to leave camp unless with an adult.
13. THROWING OF ANY OBJECTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!! [Except at certain events.]
14. Lights out at 11p.m. NO scout is to be out of their campsite after lights out except with a leader or going to the latrine. During the day, all scouts should use the buddy system.
15. Class A uniform is recommended for flag ceremonies. NO CAMOUFLAGE shirts allowed.
16. Activity cards will not be returned until the event period is over.
17. The new bathrooms will be controlled as noted in the section on sanitation above.
18. New rules may be added at any time. You will be informed of any changes as necessary.
19. **Campwide Major Emergency Alert** – A major emergency will be announced by the repeated siren and three blasts from an emergency horn. All Scouts are to return to their own campsite for roll call and then have a troop representative report the results to the main Founder's Cabin. An ALL CLEAR will consist of an 11 second sounding of the siren.

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## 2008 Invitational Schedule

### Friday, April 27

- 9:00 PM – Retreat \*
- 9:15 PM – Officers Call \* SPL & SM Mtg.
- 10:00 PM – Tattoo \*
- 10:15 PM – Taps \*

### Saturday, April 28

- 7:00 AM - Reveille \*
- 8:00 AM - Mess Call \* **Breakfast**
- 8:45 AM - First Call \*
- 8:50 AM – Assembly \* [flags in ten minutes]
- 9:00 AM - To the Colors \*
- 9:15 AM – Charge \* **Campwide Tug of War**
- 9:45 AM – Assembly \* Biathlon and individual morning events
- 12:00 AM – Mess Call \* **Lunch**

- 1:15 PM - Assembly \* Mile run
- 1:45 PM - First Call \* Afternoon team events
- 6:00 PM - Mess Call \* **Supper**
- 7:50 PM - First Call \*
- 7:55 PM - Assembly \*
- 8:00 PM – To the Colors \* Retire the Flag[s]
- 8:05 PM - Campfire
- 9:10 PM - Retreat \* [End of **Campfire**]
- 9:15 PM - Officers Call \* SPL & SM Meeting
- 10:00 PM – Tattoo \*
- 10:15 PM - Taps

### Sunday, April 29

- 7:00 AM – Reveille \*
- 8:00 AM – Mess Call \*
- 8:50 AM - First Call \*
- 9:00 AM – Assembly \*
- 9:02 AM - To the Colors \*
- 9:05 AM – Closing Ceremony and patch distribution.

\*Airhorn, bell or other sound signal.

**Have a Safe trip home.**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2008

## Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Form - List all names

Scoutmaster/Camp Leader

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SPL \_\_\_\_\_

Other Junior Leaders

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Patrol Name \_\_\_\_\_

PL \_\_\_\_\_

APL \_\_\_\_\_

Scribe \_\_\_\_\_

QM \_\_\_\_\_

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Patrol Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Adult available for Staff

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Other Adults \_\_\_\_\_

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Bathroom Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name \_\_\_\_\_

PL \_\_\_\_\_

APL \_\_\_\_\_

Scribe \_\_\_\_\_

QM \_\_\_\_\_

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Patrol Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Tour Permit # [if required] \_\_\_\_\_

- Medical Forms with [Leaders name – highlight or use \* above]
- Extra Patch request [if available] \_\_ Regular \_\_ Staff [for SPL's & Adults]

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TROOP # \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol - \_\_\_\_\_ Song - \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol - \_\_\_\_\_ Cheer - \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol - \_\_\_\_\_ Skit [name/description] \_\_\_\_\_

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Scoutmaster approval - \_\_\_\_\_  
[signed]

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