



**MIDDLESEX DISTRICT'S  
WINTERBURG**

**LEADER'S GUIDE**

**FORESTBURG SCOUT RESERVATION  
1945 NY-42, Forestburgh, NY 12777**

**February 24-26, 2023**

Middlesex District's Winterburg 2023 will be held at Forestburg Scout Reservation from Friday, February 24 - Sunday the 26th. This is a fun event, offering lots of opportunities for Troops to play and explore the beauty of the Reservation in winter.

**\*\*\*Registration is a two (2) step process\*\*\***

1. *Reserve a cabin with Monmouth Council - First Come First Serve*
2. *Register each Scout and Leader attending on tentaroo at a cost of \$10 per person.*

### **RESERVING A CABIN**

Please reserve your cabin early by contacting:

Marjorie Ramierz, Program/Camping Specialist  
(732) 536-2347 x 10 or email [Marjorie.Ramierz@Scouting.org](mailto:Marjorie.Ramierz@Scouting.org)

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

To do this you will need to visit the Monmouth Council website ([www.monmouthbsa.org](http://www.monmouthbsa.org)). Click on districts, Middlesex District, district events and click on Winterburg. This will bring you to the Tentaroo login screen and select MS Winterburg Camporee, at this point you will need to enter a roster.

### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

Our registration fee is \$10.00 per person. This fee enables us to offer:

- Ø Coffee, Tea, Hot Soup All Day Saturday
- Ø Saturday Night Cracker Barrel
- Ø 2023 Winterburg Patch
- Ø 10 Rounds of Shooting at the Rifle Range
- Ø Unlimited Access to the Tomahawk Range
- Ø Guest speakers, competitions, games, and other events

### **CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES:**

There is no vaccine requirement to attend Winterburg.

### **CHECK-IN PROCEDURE:**

Troops should arrive between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm on Friday evening.

Upon arrival, Troops should report to the Welcome Center where they will: (i) confirm their rosters and settle up for any additional scouts, (ii) provide a refundable deposit check of \$50 made payable to Monmouth Council BSA (that we will return to you upon your successful checkout), and (iii) have the option to purchase wood at a cost of \$25 for the weekend.

There is plenty of wood to purchase for cooking and wheelbarrows to carry it at the camp.

We will have camp maps and some Troop 35 ambassadors there to help you find your way.

\*\*There is an exceptionally strict camp rule that only one vehicle per Troop is allowed to your campsite and that vehicle must remain at your campsite until Sunday morning. If that rule is broken, the ranger will lock the gates and no one else will be allowed to drive onto camp for the rest of the weekend. Knowing ahead of time should help us all plan accordingly so it's no hardship to stick to the rules.\*\*

At 9:30 pm Friday night, there will be a leader's meeting at the Welcome Center where we will give out our final schedule for Saturday.

We will be looking for volunteers at the Friday night meeting to run the various stations. This event is all about the kids having fun. Adult leadership assistance is greatly appreciated.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

There will always be someone from the camp staff at the Trading Post and there will always be someone from Troop 35 at the dining hall if you should need us.

If you or anyone from your Troop requires medical attention please report to the Trading Post.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR SATURDAY/SUNDAY:**

**Food:** Troops are responsible for cooking their own meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and each Troop will need to bring a tray of brownies 9x13 (nut free) to the campfire program Saturday night. (We will keep hot chocolate, coffee, and soup running in the dining hall during Saturday.)

Water is available at the camp 24/7 for you to transport back to your site for cooking.

**Scouts will want to bring money:** Each Troop will be given one ticket per scout at the leader's meeting which they can redeem for 10 rifle rounds. If scouts wish to continue to shoot they may purchase 10 additional rounds at a cost of \$1 (no limit on how many they may purchase). We are able to, based upon the will of the group, extend the range hours and switch to shotgun shooting. There will be an additional charge for shotgun rounds that you can pay at the range.

The trading post will be open all day Saturday, with snacks and drinks and supplies for sale.

**Gear:** You will be spending most of your time outdoors and we want to be sure each scout has the right gear (gloves, hats, dry socks, warm boots, snow pants, winter coats, etc.) and knows how to recognize if there's a problem.

**Event day:** Entrance into the ice fishing competition will require your own equipment (pole, tip-up, ruler, and bait). Supplies for all other ice activities will be finalized closer to the event when we know for sure whether the lake will be frozen and whether there will be snow.

**Hiking:** We encourage you to take the Heritage Trail Hike. There are questionnaires available in the Dining Hall that the scouts use to guide them through the camp and, if successfully completed, may be turned in at the Trading Post where they will be able to purchase a Heritage Trail Medal at a cost of \$10.00 each.

There is also Darlington Falls, this is a must-see in winter. In order to visit the falls you have to check-in at the Trading Post to let them know you're going down and each group must contain at least 2 adults. **THERE IS NO CLIMBING UP TO THE TOP OF THE FALLS.**

### **Planning for Saturday Activities**

Unfortunately we will not be able to finalize Saturday's program at this time. We will continue to update this guide as we schedule local speakers and activities and have more information on the weather.

### **Saturday Evening Performances and Brownie Dessert**

We would like to run an especially entertaining campfire program since we're in the Catskills where some of the greatest comedians and entertainers of all time performed. We'd like each patrol as well as individual scouts to be prepared with their best song, skit, or stand-up routine. Sign up for slots will be available all day in the dining hall (**no invisible benches allowed**). Adult leader skits not required (but encouraged).

## **WINTERBURG 2023 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

### Friday, February 24

- 5 – 9pm : Check in “Welcome Center”  
9:30pm: Events Mtg. Adult Leader & SPL or Asst. SPL

### **SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY**

- 8 a.m. Flag Ceremony and Announcements on the Parade Field
- 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Rifle Range & Tomahawk Range open and all activities are available  
Giant Jenga in/near the Dining Hall  
Darlington Falls Hike (patrols must check in at the Health Lodge before leaving and bring two adults on their expedition)  
Heritage Trail Hike (Questionnaires may be obtained in the Dining Hall)  
Fishing at the lake
- 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. LUNCH (ranges are closed during this time)
- 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Ice Carving Demonstration (Jimmy’s Artistic Creations) outside event
- 3 p.m. – 4:45p.m. Organized group activities – all are welcome, whiffle ball game  
Lumberjack Competition (two-man saw and log splitting)  
Gaga pit open for play
- 5 p.m. Lowering of Colors on the Parade Field
- 5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m. DINNER
- 7:30 p.m. Sharp Shooting Competition (each Troop’s best youth and best leader to report to the rifle range)
- 8:15 p.m. Skits, Awards, and Dessert
- 9:30 p.m. Cracker Barrel

Sunday, February 26

8:00am – 10:00am:

CHECK OUT

Camp Sites Inspected 1<sup>st</sup>

Garbage in compactor

Pick Up Patches

## TROOP ROSTER

EVENT: Winterburg                      DATES: February 24-26, 2023  
CAMP: Forestburg Reservation

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