

GPC Outdoor Chaplain Training Camping Guide



Camping Guide Version 1.0

Welcome to the Outdoor Chaplain Training (OCT) course for the Greater Pittsburgh Council. This guide is to help you get ready and BE prepared for a busy and fun overnight course. The staffs of the course and the GPC Camp are here to help answer any concerns or questions you have that will allow you to be a more effective unit chaplain. We welcome any feedback, preferably in writing to improve the course for next year. We are here to serve you.

PLEASE READ THIS GUIDE AND FOLLOW IT PRIOR TO ATTENDING!

1) Finance

- a) Cost - To be determined
- b) A Trading Post will be open and available during the weekend.
 - i) BSA Chaplain Patches
 - ii) Religious Program booklets
 - iii) Other items- chaplain crooks, camp gear, camp souvenirs, snacks

2) Attendance

- a) Eligibility -
 - i) Adult Scouter's - Cub Scout Pack adults, Boy Scout Chaplains and Venturing Crew adults
 - (1) Priority
 - (a) Preference for Adult Chaplain and Chaplain Aide from the same unit
 - (b) Unit Chaplain
 - (c) Other registered Scouter
 - (2) Prerequisites
 - (a) Youth Protection Training (YPT) must be completed and logged with Council.
 - (i) YPT is available on-line on the GPC website
 - (b) Chaplain Fast Start Training and Classroom Training completed and registered with Council
 - (c) Registered for Outdoor Chaplain Training (OCT)
 - (d) Other adult Committee members
 - (i) YPT/ Registration complete
 - (ii) Registered for Outdoor Chaplain Training (OCT)
 - ii) Youths- Chaplain aides
 - (1) Open for all
 - (2) Multiple youths for position OK
 - (3) Registered Boy Scout or Venturer youth
 - b) Number to attend 5 minimum and 30 maximum
 - c) Registration
 - i) website page

3) Resources

- a) You download and print the Council Chaplain Handbook. **Bring it with you.**
- b) Handouts we provide
 - i) Official BSA Pamphlets, etc.
 - ii) Prayer Books- PTC, etc.

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- c) Videos
 - d) Religious Emblem Display boxes
 - e) After course critiques
 - f) Child Counselor will teach some courses
- 4) **Facility-** Camp Twin Echo, location - see the council website
- a) Classroom in Dining Hall
 - b) Campsite(s) – Assigned at time of registration
 - i) Separate youth/ adult sleeping arrangements in accordance with Youth Protection Training guidelines
 - (1) Bring your own tent.
 - (2) Covered area in campsite. Fire ring provided
 - c) Meals
 - i) Provided in dining hall.
 - ii) Send us your Dietary Restrictions
 - (1) Noted on registration
 - (a) Sent to meal planners
 - iii) Do not bring extra food into campsites without a way to secure them from animals
 - iv) Refreshments- water, coffee, and “bug juice” provided
 - d) Medical/ Safety -
 - i) Camp doctor is available
 - ii) Class 1 medical forms- must be filled out and brought to registration. Form available on Council Website
 - iii) Medications- in accordance with camp guideline. Identified and stored with camp medic.
 - iv) Activities will include approximately 1 hour of service work on the chapel area. Any restrictions from this work needs to be identified prior please. Otherwise walking in the camp area is required.
- 5) **Personal Equipment/ Uniforms**
- a) Camping in April, plan for anything.
 - b) Uniform will be BSA regulation uniform Class A
 - i) Including BSA pants and socks.
 - ii) Proper unit and position insignia for Chaplain/ Chaplain Aide
 - iii) Recommend hat
 - iv) Class B will be BSA related shirt with Scout Pants/ Socks
 - v) Class C work clothes for service project. Bring WORK GLOVES. Tools will be provided.
 - c) Clothing dress in layers with good waterproof outer wear.
 - d) Camping gear
 - i) Sleeping bag
 - ii) Sleeping pad
 - iii) Flashlight, w/ extra battery
 - iv) Pack or other container
 - v) Toiletry items
 - vi) Stocking Cap
 - vii) Rain gear
 - viii) Drinking Cup
 - ix) Other comfort items
 - e) COPE activity
 - (1) No open toed shoes/ jewelry/ etc. Wear sturdy footwear
 - (2) T-shirts with sleeves/ Class 3 OK
 - (3) Age 14 minimum
 - (4) Group size 8-10

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6) Service project

- a) Chapel cleanup and service
- b) Discussion groups
- c) Youth training
- d) Unit worship services
- e) Camp worship services

Registration Checklist

- Registration form copy w/ receipts
- Class 1 physical
- YPT completion form
- Chaplain Handbook
- Class A uniform/ work clothes
- Camping stuff
- Some spending cash
- Ideas, attitude, prayers