

Sinoquipe Diamond Jubilee



Scouts BSA/Venturing Leader's Guide

May 19 - 21, 2023

Sinoquipe Scout Reservation

677 Boy Scout Road

Fort Littleton, PA 17223

The premier Scouting event of 2023!

Letter from the Chairman

Scouts and Scouters,

The Sinoquipe Diamond Jubilee is the premier event to celebrate 75 years of Sinoquipe; a camp which means so much to our Scouting community in the Mason-Dixon Council and beyond. This event is an action packed weekend full of the best Sinoquipe has to offer. Activities include shooting sports, aquatics and handicraft along with unique events like scuba diving, pistol shooting, action archery, branding and more.

There will be opportunities to learn about the camp's past by exploring the history trail, visiting the Sinoquipe and Order of the Arrow museums, and watching the Sinoquipe 50th time capsule be opened. You can take part in a decade's old tradition at camp by hiking to the Saddle which overlooks camp. We also have an amazing show planned for Saturday evening entitled "A Celebration of Sinoquipe", highlighting the past, present and future of Sinoquipe.

There has been a committee working on this event for almost five years. A lot of thought and time has been put into making this event a once in a lifetime experience for everyone. Your unit is not going to want to miss this. Space is limited so be sure to get your registration in soon!

We hope to see you at Sinoquipe for the Diamond Jubilee!

Seth A. Martin
Sinoquipe 75th Chairman

Registration

This event will take place from Friday evening, May 19, 2023 with check in from 5 pm - 9pm until the program ends on Sunday afternoon, May 21, 2023 at 1:30 pm.

Pre-Registration

All units **must** pre-register to attend the Sinoquipe Diamond Jubilee. Registration opens February 1, 2023 at 8am. No unit will be allowed to check-in without pre-registering. This is a participant limited event. Do not bring more participants than you have paid for.

Registration will use the same style format as summer camp does through the Tentaroo system. You can log in to your Tentaroo account to see the event once the registration opens or look for links posted on our social media pages and websites that will take you directly to registration. A unit leader must register the unit and input specific names when registering. **A \$20 non-refundable deposit per person is required to secure a spot at this event.**

Cost is **\$45 per participant** (youth and adult). This cost covers all programs, an event patch, and Saturday Dinner.

Meal Plan

Take the pressure off of worrying about planning and preparing your meals. Spend all that extra time enjoying all the great activities offered during the event. A meal plan is available to purchase for an **additional \$25 per participant** which includes: Friday cracker barrel, Saturday breakfast, lunch and cracker barrel and Sunday breakfast and lunch all prepared for you by the event's food service staff. For those purchasing the meal plan, please bring a mess kit with you to help out our food service staff during the event.

Note: Saturday evening meal is provided to all participants as part of the cost of the event.

Payment Plan

A \$20 deposit is required at time of registration. May 1, 2023 is the deadline for the remainder of the event fee and meal plan fee to be paid. All fees must be paid prior to registering for activities. Activity registration will open on April 1, 2023.

The deadline for registration and purchase meal plans is May 1, 2023.

All participants should be registered and paid by this date.

Refunds will not be given for no shows!

Arrival and Departure

Check-in

Registration will occur at Patterson Field along Boy Scout Road. Units will be asked to verify their unit roster at this time. All fees are to be paid in advance. Check-in time is 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Friday. No unit should arrive before 5:00 pm Friday.

Check-out

Event staff will complete a check-out and site inspection. Units who wish to depart before Sunday 1:30 pm should inform event staff at registration.

Campsites

Campsites will be assigned based on first to register and size of your unit. Some units will be camping in camp tents and other units will need to bring their own tents to set up in designated areas. Your unit will be informed prior to the event what your accommodations will be.

Parking

All vehicles must park in the designated areas. Vehicles are expected to stay in the parking area for the duration of the event. Parking will be strictly enforced. Once check-in closes on Friday evening no vehicles will be permitted within camp. There will be golf carts in use to help those that may need assistance traveling throughout camp.

Equipment

One (1) vehicle and trailer will be permitted to drive to the campsite or designated camping area for your unit. Please ensure your unit arrives together and has all gear packed together to allow less congestion during the check-in process.

SPL/Crew President and Scoutmaster/Advisor Meeting

The SPL/Crew President and one (1) Scoutmaster/Advisor from each unit should attend the meeting which will be held Friday evening at 9:30pm at Hose Pavilion. This will be used as an opportunity to review the event schedule, give instructions of meals and flags procedures, and relay any changes to the schedule.

Event Policies and Procedures

All policies and regulations of Sinoquipe Scout Reservation found in the Camp Sinoquipe Leader's Guide, Rental agreements and posted at camp apply to this event.

Campfires

If camping in an established campsite, the campfire ring can be used. If you are camped in a field or other area an above ground campfire must be used.

Restrooms

All latrines will be open for use during this event. Additionally a number of portable toilets will be available throughout camp. These are the only facilities available to event participants. The flush restrooms located under the dining hall are for adults only. The restrooms located in the central showers and the administration building are for the public use only. A scout is clean. Please be courteous to other participants.

Trash

Trash will be collected Saturday evening and Sunday at the end of the event by staff members. Please have your trash bagged and along the road near your campsite by 10pm on Saturday evening and 1:30pm on Sunday afternoon. You are welcome to transport your trash to one of the dumpsters located in camp prior to these times.

Tobacco/Smoking/Vaping

Adults should refrain from smoking, vaping, or using tobacco products in the presence of Scouts. Any use of these products should take place in the parking lot. Any youth caught smoking, vaping, or using tobacco products will be asked to leave immediately.

Weather

Weather conditions may dictate changes from the information published in this Leaders Guide. Your cooperation is appreciated. We will strive to hold as many of our programs as weather permits. Please come prepared accordingly.

Health and Safety

All participants will be required to submit a part A and B medical form to the health officer prior to participating in the event. There will be several health officers on staff during the event to assist with any medical needs.

Behavior

All Scouts, leaders and guests should conduct themselves according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The public will be attending part of this event. It is a great opportunity for us to showcase both Sinoquipe and Scouting. Any un-Scout like behavior will be dealt with immediately and could include immediate removal from the event.

Security

It is important to keep a safe environment for our participants. There will be a group of Scouters serving as security for this event and will be patrolling camp throughout the entirety of the event. They will have authority to enforce all rules and regulations of Camp Sinoquipe and the event. Everyone attending the event will be required to wear a lanyard and name tag at all times. This includes all Scouts, leaders, visitors and guests. The lanyard is to identify those who are approved to be on site and also serves as your meal ticket. Those without lanyards should be directed to the headquarters immediately.

Religious Service

An interfaith worship service will be held on the parade field as part of Sunday morning flags.

Commissioner Stations

There will be a commissioner station located in each camping area of camp i.e. North End, South End, Patterson Field, and Central. These will be staffed throughout the event with staff willing to help answer any questions you may have or contact other staff members for assistance if needed.

Program

We are planning an exciting program to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Sinoquipe, drawing on activities from throughout the camp's existence. Many of the major program areas will be open, including Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Scoutcraft, Handicraft, Ecology, and more. The final schedule will be released in a Program Supplement in late March.

Upon arrival, Scouts and Venturers will receive a Program Passport in your packet. There will be several opportunities to get passports stamped by visiting certain areas and participating in different programs. Participants will need to show a completed passport in order to receive their event patch.

Swim Test

To make check-in and registration go quickly and smoothly, units must conduct swim tests before the event. Be on the lookout for information about Pre-Camp Swim Tests being offered. Swim tests are good for one year. If your unit conducted a swim test within one year from the date of this event, please provide a completed Unit Swim Classification form prior to check-in.

Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby track will be open on Saturday. Bring your car from your Cub Scout days, or grab a kit at the Council Scout Shop and run a new car down the track.

Branding

Branding will be available at Handicraft. A blank leather patch will be included in registration packets. Other appropriate items may be branded as well, including belts, hats, wallets, etc.

Ultimate Adventures

Certain programs at the Jubilee are designated as Ultimate Adventures. For scheduling and staffing reasons, Ultimate Adventures will need to be pre-registered before the event. Planned Ultimate Adventures include: SCUBA, Raft Building, Cowboy Action Shooting Range, Shotgun Shooting, Rifle Shooting, Pistol Shooting, Conservation Project, Scouting Heritage Merit Badge, Mountain Biking, and a hike to the Saddle. Pre-registration will open up in late March.

We have the opportunity to offer limited slots of "I Tried SCUBA." Participants must have passed their swim test to the swimmer ability level. This is expected to fill up very quickly and space is limited.

Pistol Shooting will be available Sunday and is limited to registered Venturers only.

If Scouts or Venturers sign up for the Conservation Project, prepare to get dirty. Gloves are recommended,

Camp bikes and helmets will be used for the Mountain Bike Trail. Please do not bring bikes to camp.

Scouting Heritage

Scouts signing up for Scouting Heritage Merit Badge, should come prepared with the following requirements completed and ready to present to the Counselor.

Req 5 - History of unit / Scouting in your area. Including interviews.

Req 6 - Patch / memorabilia collection.

Req 7 - Old-time Scouting game. Come with materials and be prepared to teach the game.

Saddle Hike

Hiking to the Saddle was a part of camp for many years. The current trail-head starts about a mile outside of camp and we will be transporting hikers over to the trail-head. We are asking that all Scouts and Venturers from a unit that are planning this Ultimate Adventure choose the same time block to make transportation easier. It is recommended that hikers do not schedule their second Ultimate Adventure immediately before or after the Saddle Hike. We also ask that each unit provide two adults with each crew.

Saturday Night Show

Saturday Night will end with a show celebrating the first 75 years of Sinoquipe Scout Reservation. To fit the large crowd of campers and the public it will be held in the field in front of Altenderfer Cabin. Plan on bringing camp chairs or blankets to sit on.

History

The Diamond Jubilee is all about celebrating the rich history of our beloved camp. Along with the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge, and in several of the program areas, there will be other opportunities to discover some of Sinoquipe's seventy-five year history as part of your Program Passport.

Sinoquipe Museum

From "The Birthplace of Warriors" at Camp Sinoquipe's first home in 1930 to "The Builder of Men" at camp's current home in 1948 to "The Builder of Youth" of today, Sinoquipe created a legacy that spanned several generations. This museum highlights the seventy-five year history of the Sinoquipe Scout Reservation at Fort Littleton with photographs, memorabilia, patches, and artifacts from camp's past, as well as touching on the other scout camps that were associated with the council service area, including the camp that gave Sinoquipe its name.

Guneukitschik Lodge, Order of the Arrow Museum

Founded in 1945 at the Washington Area Council Scout Reservation located at Cowans Gap State Park, Guneukitschik Lodge, Order of the Arrow, has been cheerfully serving Sinoquipe and the Mason-Dixon Council for seventy-eight years. The museum highlights the Lodge's past as well as the contributions of the Lodge to Sinoquipe.

Sinoquipe History Trail

Take a walk through camp's past on the Sinoquipe History Trail, which will weave throughout camp from the South-end to the North-end. The trail is a great opportunity to find out the story behind the buildings and program areas you pass every year at summer camp.

50th Anniversary Time Capsule Opening

During Sinoquipe's 50th anniversary in 1998, a time capsule was created by units in our council. Find out what Scouting and camp were like twenty-five years ago as we open the time capsule during the anniversary celebration. Please note: the time capsule has not been opened by anyone in twenty-five years, which means no one is quite sure what will be found inside!

75th Anniversary Time Capsule Creation

Add your own contribution to Sinoquipe's history by creating a submission for the 75th Anniversary Time Capsule. Full details for the submission, which can be made anytime during 2023, are included on the next page.



A Time To Remember

75 Years of Sinoquipe

— TIME CAPSULE —

The Sinoquipe Scout Reservation in Fort Littleton, Pennsylvania will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2023! To help keep memories of this anniversary year alive for another generation of Scouts and Scouters, the Sinoquipe 75th Anniversary Committee is creating a commemorative time capsule, which will be opened at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Sinoquipe in 2048.

Who can put something in the time capsule?

- All units of the Mason-Dixon Council who are active in 2023
- All units attending summer camp at Sinoquipe during the summer of 2023
- All units who are taking part in the Diamond Jubilee Celebration at Sinoquipe in May 2023
- Other Scouting-related entries *may* be permitted on a case-by-case basis by contacting Brandy Martin, Sinoquipe 75th Historical Committee Chair at brandywattsmartin@gmail.com

What can be put into time capsule?

Each unit can include a Scout-appropriate submission that fits in an approximately 2.5" x 2.5" x 5" space (about the size of a soda can). There may be more than one item in your entry, provided they all fit within your unit's allotted space. Things that symbolize your unit in 2023, and/or its connection to Sinoquipe, are recommended. This will truly be a time capsule that will memorialize what we are *today* for those who open it 25 years from now. Keep in mind technology is always changing, so things like flash drives may be difficult to open in another 25 years. *No liquid, explosive, or perishable items.*

Where do entries get submitted?

Submissions can be dropped off at or mailed to:

Mason-Dixon Council, BSA
Attn: Sinoquipe 75th Historical Committee
18600 Crestwood Drive
Hagerstown, MD 21742

Submissions can also be made during the Diamond Jubilee Celebration or summer camp at Sinoquipe at the Program Office in the Administration Building. Entries should be addressed "Attn: Sinoquipe 75th Historical Committee".

If dropping off at Camp, please email the committee chair at brandywattsmartin@gmail.com to ensure that we received your submission.

All time capsule submissions must be received by December 31, 2023.

Include a contact person and email address with each submission so entrants can be contacted if needed.

Find out more about the Sinoquipe Scout Reservation's 75th Anniversary at SINOQUIPE75.ORG

Tentative Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 19th

5:00 pm Check in begins
9:00 pm Check in ends
9:30 SPL/President and Scoutmaster/Advisor Meeting
11pm Taps

Saturday, May 20th

7:30 am Breakfast
8:30 am Flags
9:00 am Program begins
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Program Resumes
4:00 pm Program Ends
4:30 pm Memorabilia Auction
5:00 pm Time Capsule Opening
6:00 pm Dinner
7:45 pm Flags/Spark Plug
8:15 pm "A Celebration of Sinoquipe"
11:00 pm Taps

Sunday, May 21st

7:30 am Breakfast
8:15 am Flags
8:30 am Chapel Service
9:00 am Program begins
Noon All Program Ends/Lunch
1:00 pm Closing Flags/Awards
1:30 pm Participant Dismissed