

ATV Rider Safety Program

Goose Pond Scout Reservation



The BSA-ATV Program is designed to give Scouts the opportunity to learn the basics of operating an All-Terrain Vehicle and to maximize rider safety. Built upon training developed through the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute (ATSI), the ATV adventure is an exciting new opportunity for Scouts. Goose Pond has partnered with the BSA & Polaris and has ATV's ready for riding!

Leaders should use the on-line registry to sign Scouts up for this week-long course (50 minutes each day) culminating in a trail ride at the end of the week.

Qualifications:

To participate in the ATV Rider Safety Course, a Scout must:

- Be age 14 or older.
- Complete and submit the participation and hold-harmless agreement/waiver on Sunday.
- Agree to abide by safe riding principles.
- Agree to abide by the principles of *Tread Lightly*, the ATSI's program to encourage respect for private and public property while minimizing environmental impact.
- Come prepared with the required personal clothing and shoes as listed below.
- Turn in the fee of \$25 at check-in on Sunday.

The ATV Rider Safety Course Overview:

The ATSI ATV Course provides hands-on training, with emphasis on the safety implications relating to each lesson. Scouts will learn basic techniques for riding an all-terrain vehicle responsibly. The lessons include starting and stopping, quick turns, hill riding, swerving, and riding over obstacles.

Scouts will participate in both discussion and riding lessons. In addition, the Instructor evaluates rider performance during each lesson and provides feedback to each Scout during, and at the end of the training program. Physically, Scouts will:

- Receive the training on a course designed to provide practice with commonly encountered obstacles and maneuvering.
- Get instruction in proper traffic safety, signals and commands.
- Take short trail rides guided by ATSI trained staff on trails and roads on the 550-acre Goose Pond Scout Reservation property.

Equipment:

Goose Pond Scout Reservation will provide the Polaris ATV's and the approved goggles, gloves, chest protectors and helmets. **Scouts must provide long pants, a long sleeve shirt and boots or shoes that cover the ankle.**

Cost:

There is an additional fee of \$25 for the ATV Program. This fee will be collected at camp upon arrival during Sunday check-in. Checks may be made payable to: Northeastern PA Council, BSA.

**Class sizes are limited to 6 riders per class.*

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program Participation and Hold-Harmless Agreement



Goose Pond Scout Reservation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council will be conducting an ATV program at camp. Scouts will be instructed how to ride on and drive an ATV. Scouts will be taught ATV safety and will drive on a training course, then on approved trails only. Scouts will be on the unit individually and in control of the power and brakes. Scouts will be required to wear a helmet, goggles, gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeve shirts, and long pants. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the camp instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, _____, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the ATV Safety Institute, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program. Because space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.

1. Complete the ATV safety class taught at Goose Pond Scout Reservation.
2. Wear all required safety gear at all times on or around the equipment.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of the camp staff instructor(s).
5. Maintain control of the ATV at all times and remain within the speed determined to be safe by the camp instructor(s)
6. Be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.
7. Respond to the camp satisfaction survey from the Boy Scouts of America (if asked to do so) as it evaluates the ATV program.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian printed name: _____ Date: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address (for survey purposes only): _____



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