

Camp Skymeadow

Avonmore, Armstrong County

164 Skymeadow Lane

Avonmore, PA 15618

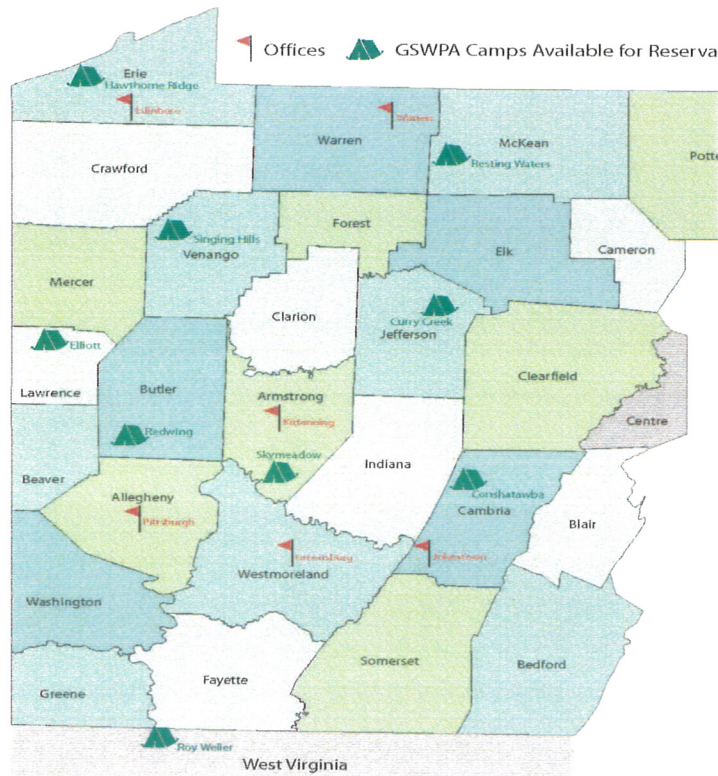
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Skymeadow is located near Avonmore in the southern tip of Armstrong County. Situated on 371 acres of grassy meadows and stands of evergreen trees, Skymeadow is tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Skymeadow is accredited by the American Camp Association.

There is a large open field near the Oak Grove that is perfect for sports and games. Miles of marked hiking trails run through the woods at Skymeadow. A small creek over the hill from the Log Cabin is used for creek hiking. Archery, canoeing, and fishing are also available; equipment must be reserved, and *Safety Activity Checkpoints* must be followed.



Troop #52326 Camping Dates: 4/25/14 – 4/27/14

Unit Rented/Reserved: Alpine Lodge



Unit Amenities:

- Capacity: 40
- Winterized: Yes
- Sleeping Arrangements: Great Room w/floor mattresses
- Water: Water from spigot in the unit
- Restroom: Indoor flush toilets with sinks
- Shower: Two indoor showers
- Kitchen: Complete kitchen with stove, refrigerator, microwave, sink, tables and chairs
- Fireplace: Indoor log-burning fireplace (firewood provided)
- Fire Circle: Outside fire circle (firewood provided)
- Outdoor Shelter: N/A
- GSWPA Member Rate: \$95 for 2 nights
- GSWPA Member Deposit Rate: \$25

Applicable Camper Supervision Ratios

Adults must be present in the following ratios at all times for general camp activities (those that do not require special technical skills, equipment or safety regulations):

- **Girl Scout Daisy * (grades K-1):** 2 unrelated adults to every 6 campers, plus one adult for each additional 4 campers

* Under the leadership of an adult, and with parents or guardians participating, a Girl Scout Daisy troop may participate in an occasional overnight camping experience.

(An adult should never be alone with a camper(s). A minimum of two adults must be present at all times.)

Camp Skymeadow General Info.

Arrival

Please stop at the ranger's residence upon arrival to let him know that you are in camp. The ranger will unlock the building before each group arrives. All doors to the building will be unlocked.

Departure

It is the responsibility of the user group to clean the site. The council does not have a housekeeping staff. Allow enough time for this to be a part of your event. In your confirmation packet you will find the Campsite Departure Report Form and a Site Maintenance Card. Return the Campsite Departure Report Form to the Girl Scout office immediately after using the site. This information is very important for council statistics and property management. Leave the Site Maintenance Card in the wooden box by the bulletin board in the lodge.

Parking

Park in the parking lot next to the lodge.

Telephone

There is a phone in every lodge to use for emergencies.

Camp Ranger

The Camp Ranger will be available for emergencies.

Contact information: **Office 724-697-5009 / Cell 724-859-6651**

Fire Building

There is an outdoor fire circle and an indoor fireplace at every lodge. **Check the damper on the indoor fireplace before starting a fire.** Large firewood is provided and is located in the firewood box near the lodge. Be sure all fires are properly extinguished. Dispose of cold ashes by scattering them in the woods. Do not put large piles of ashes around trees or all in one place. Gather small wood and leave a few large pieces for the next group. To reduce the environmental impact of wood fires, use only what is absolutely necessary.

Equipment and Supplies

Equipment on site: The following equipment should be available: pots, pans, skillets, cookie sheets, hot dog sticks, mountain pie irons, mixing bowls, colander, measuring cups, can opener, hot mitts/pot holders, bucket, brooms, dust pans, dry mop, wet mop, rake, shovel, commode brush, dish drainer, and dish washing buckets.

What to bring:

A first aid kit, health history forms/insurance forms, program supplies, food, beverages, special cooking equipment, personal bedding, personal bath/restroom needs, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, matches, and a flashlight.

Waste Disposal

Place trash in lined garbage cans. Before leaving the site, take the closed trash bags, including trash from the bathrooms, and place them in the large metal garbage cans on the side of the building. Make sure the lid is securely on the garbage can before leaving. Pick up all litter around the site. Encourage girls to recycle by taking recyclables home if your community has a recycling pick-up or drop-off location.

Health Information

User groups are to have the following information for all group members at camp: name and address of all participants; emergency contact names and numbers; a listing of any persons with known allergies or health conditions requiring treatment, restriction, or other accommodations while on site; a signed permission to seek emergency treatment or a signed religious waiver for minors without a parent on site.

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Safety Procedures and Regulations

- Some cleaning products may be poisonous and children should be supervised in their use. Such materials should be stored out of the reach of children, when not in use
- Campers should alert an adult if they see a "stranger" in camp. Adults should approach anyone perceived as a stranger (if appropriate) and ask them why they are in camp. If the person(s) are not a member of another user group, they should be told to leave camp. If an adult does not feel comfortable approaching a perceived "stranger," call the Ranger or the police for assistance.
- Do not transport campers in non-passenger vehicles, such as the back of pick-up trucks or wagons, where seats are not attached to the vehicles.
- Drive slowly and follow posted speed limits & directional signs.
- No running in camp.
- All campers must wear shoes and socks at all times
- Campers should always have a buddy.
- Treat all campers in your group and in other groups with respect.
- Clotheslines should be removed when not in use.
- Group leaders should organize and carry out a fire drill on the first day of camp
- Open flamed candles are not permitted to be burned inside buildings.
- Minimal Impact Camping - Leave no trace of activities. Preserve the landscape of the site, as well as, the solitude and spirit of the wilderness. T
- There are several ponds on the property. **Campers should not play around the ponds without an adult present.**
- There is an electric fence surrounding the horse pasture. **Do not touch the fence.**
- The possession and/or use of illegal drugs and alcohol is prohibited.
- Smoking is not permitted in cabins, tents, yurts or buildings. User groups should designate a smoking area that is away from children and nonsmokers.
- Personal sports equipment such as archery equipment, bats, hockey sticks, or other equipment that should be stored and handled safely for the protection of all individuals, should be stored away from campers (while not in use).
- All vehicles are to be locked and parked in the designated parking areas. At no time should any vehicle be driven off road or parked on the grass.
- Personal pets are not permitted in camp.
- Firearms and weapons are not permitted on camp property.
- Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania (GSWPA) is not responsible for the loss or damage or user group personal property.

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Emergency Procedures

In case of serious incident, illness, accident or injury:

1. Determine extent of injury and give appropriate first aid, as qualified.
2. Call for emergency help.
3. Alert GSWPA at:
 - 1-800-248-3355 (business hours)
 - 1-877-359-7878 (after hours)
4. Speak only to the police or proper authorities.
 - Do not say “No comment” or release names or statements to anyone.
 - Refer all inquires and media requests to the council spokesperson at 1-800-248-3355 for more information.
5. Do not sign any statements or reports, except for police.

Local Emergency Contacts:

Indiana Regional Medical Center **724-357-7000**

Ambulance/Fire/Police **911**

Directions to Indiana Regional Medical Center

Indiana Regional Medical Center

835 Hospital Road

Indiana, PA 15701

1. Head out of camp and turn RIGHT onto Allshouse Road.
2. Go 1.0 miles and turn LEFT onto PA-156.
3. Go 3.4 miles and turn RIGHT onto PA-156/PA-56.
4. Go 9.1 miles and turn RIGHT onto Route 422 East. Stay on 422 East for 9.4 miles.
5. Merge onto US-119 S via EXIT A toward Blairsville.
6. Merge onto Wayne Avenue.
7. Turn RIGHT onto Hospital Road.

The hospital is a 26.5 mile (35-40 minute) drive from camp.