

## 6 Things to Experience at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation Before you Turn 18

### 6. Find the Path or Help Others Find it

Participate in the Pathfinder program as a first year Scout. This is a great stepping stone for younger scouts to understand the ways of camp, but to earn advancements and the Indian Lore Merit Badge. Are you an experienced camper? Contact the Pathfinder staff to see how you can help impact the lives of the younger scouts.

### 5. Go on the Extreme Sports course

Bring out your adventurous side by taking on our mountain biking and mountain boarding course at the Extreme Sports program area. Maybe even learn a trick or 2 from our experienced staff.

### 4. Work hard for the money

Fill out an application to be a part of the HMSR camp staff. This is a good time to start building your resume and even start looking into career opportunities. Interested in becoming a teacher? Be a part of the team by teaching a variety of merit badges or skills to Scouts at different age levels. How about a career in culinary arts? In our state of the art restaurant style kitchen you will learn the ways of nutrition, behind the scenes preparation, and customer service.

### 3. Take a hike

Take a hike on our nature trail located at the Ecology and Conservation lodge or on the Appalachian Trail behind the reservation. These are great spots to meditate or to feel one with nature. As you get older you will get busier but remember you can always take a break just by taking a hike.

### 2. Take charge

Learn about other camping opportunities going on at HMSR like service weekends, climbing merit badge weekends, or even weekend camping with your troop. Talk with your Scoutmaster to seize all of the opportunities that camp has to offer. Call or email Kathryn at [Kathryn.tylka@scouting.org](mailto:Kathryn.tylka@scouting.org) or 570-754-7552 for more ideas on how you can take charge and open your troop to new adventures.

### 1. Fill out an application to be in a Venture crew

Why stop the fun even after you are you turn 18? In a Venture Crew you can go on trips, have more adventures, make new friends, and attend "Venturing Alfresco" during Week 6 on the reservation. You can still be involved in your troop as an assistant Scoutmaster or other position but as a Venturer you will have more time to earn advancements and just have fun before starting your life as an adult.