

**C.O.P.E**  
**CHALLENGING OUTDOOR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**  
**TREXLER SCOUT RESERVATION**  
**MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL**

**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

I, the undersigned, give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the C.O.P.E. program at Trexler Scout Reservation, Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America.

I am aware that this course is in an outdoor environment and the activities are physically challenging in nature. I am also aware that this may present a greater than normal risk of injury. I understand that the C.O.P.E. staff is trained by a BSA National Camp School certified C.O.P.E. Director and they will take all necessary precautions to insure safety while the course is open to use during normal operation of camp.

I understand that my son/daughter ***must be 14 years of age by December 31 of this past year and must be first class.*** Use of the C.O.P.E. course is governed by the guidelines established by the National Office, Boy Scouts of America. I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, Minsi Trails Council, C.O.P.E., its director and instructors from all legal responsibility resulting from injuries that may be sustained on this course.

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Camp Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

C.O.P.E. Director approval \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pre Course Information**

Welcome to the C.O.P.E. experience. The information included in this packet is designed to prepare you for the C.O.P.E. summer camp program at Trexler Scout Reservation for the Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America. Please read this carefully. If you have any questions, please call the Minsi Trails Council Service Center at (610) 264- 8551.

**Staff:**

C.O.P.E. Directors and Assistant Directors are graduates of the BSA Northeast Region National Camp School trained in C.O.P.E. programs. Staff members and instructors are trained students, outdoor leaders and volunteer members of the community. All participate in ongoing training on C.O.P.E. activities.

**Equipment & Clothing:**

C.O.P.E. will provide all equipment and training for its proper use. You will be expected to dress appropriately for the weather and nature of the activity, as outlined on the enclosed "What to Bring" list.

**Forms:**

- All participants must have a complete medical form on the record with the Camp Nurse upon arrival at summer camp. These will be checked by the Director and Asst. Director before beginning the C.O.P.E. program.
- Participants who are minors (under 18 year of age) must bring a completed Parental Consent Form signed by their parent/guardian.
- Adult participants (over 18 years of age) must sign an Assumption of Risk form prior to active participation on the C.O.P.E. course. It is important that you understand these risks associated with the activities. A comprehensive explanation of these risks will be included in the course instruction.
- All forms must be in by the leaders' meeting on June 13, 2009.
- Cope classes are capped at 15 participants.

**Safety:**

Safety is the primary concern on the C.O.P.E. course. Each activity is preceded by a safety briefing, where all risks and protection against these risks are explained. Participants are expected to abide by all safety rules set by the C.O.P.E. staff.

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**What to Bring**

**Long pants (old jeans preferred)**

**Long Sleeve Shirt**

**Bandanna**

**Sunglasses**

**Sturdy footwear (Boots preferred and Sneakers for climbing- no open shoes or sandals)**

**Baseball type hat**

**Bug spray (no DEET) and suntan lotion**

**Water bottle**

**Please, no jewelry, watches or necklaces**

**No large belt buckles or chains hanging from belts**

**Necessary prescription medication or prophylactic medication (i.e., bee sting if you are allergic to be stings)**

**Dress according to the weather**

**Positive attitude and a smile!**

*The challenge course is located in a secluded spot near to all camp facilities at Trexler Scout Reservation. The above gear will make your experience the best, so please take the time to prepare properly.*