JOIN GOAT

Join a crew of Order of the Arrow youth dedicated to cheerful service on a two week experience.

CREW INFO

The GOAT crew is composed of six to eight Order youth and two adult advisors.

2025 DATES & FEES (14 DAY)

June 15 - June 28, 2025 Youth Fee: \$200

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 14 years old as of June 1, 2025, but not 21 by the conclusion of the trail crew program.
- Be physically fit, able to lift and handle materials up to 50 lbs (High Adventure height and weight guidelines will be strictly enforced).
- Be a registered member of both the National Capital Area Council and Amangamek-Wipit Lodge as of June 1, 2025.

The Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail crew is run by the Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470 of the National Capital Area Council.



LEARN MORE & APPLY!

wipit470.org/goat.html

Last day to register is April 30, 2025.

QUESTIONS?

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Summer 2025

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

WEEK ONE

The first week of the GOAT program focuses on training and service. Participants will learn about outdoor ethics and backcountry conservation and apply their new skills across the entire breadth of the Lenhok'sin trail system.

Other trainings include advanced outdoor skills, such as:

- Search and rescue
- Fire suppression
- Backcountry risk management

The crew will also learn how to plan, organize, and lead outdoor adventure activities with Goshen's COPE Course.

The first week of the program is based out of Lenhok'sin's base camp - Camp Baird.



WEEK TWO

The second week of the program is on the trail. Choosing from a variety of program options not otherwise offered to units attending Lenhok'sin, the crew will design a multiday backpacking high adventure experience for themselves.

Included with this are the standard Lenhok'sin opportunities of great views, like Viewing Rock, and outposts with adventure activities. Outposts range from technical outposts - Caving, Aquatics, and COPE High Elements - to historical outposts - Mountain Man, Foxfire, and Wood's Edge. Crews can also choose a primitive night to get farther into the backcountry.

WHAT IS GOAT?

First formed by the Amangamek-Wipit Lodge in 2002, the Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail crew offers an innovative leadership and high adventure program for older Order youth and adults. The two-week-long program emphasizes wilderness conservation and outdoor adventure.

The first week focuses on continuing to maintain and improve the Lenhok'sin trail system at Goshen Scout Reservation, including training and practical application. The second week is a weeklong backpacking trek within the Lenhok'sin trail system, designed by the participants in the crew.

Specific benefits of the Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail program can provide any participant are:

- Applying practical backcountry skills in direct support of our Council camps.
- Learning to cooperate and to work in unity toward environmental stewardship.
- Enhancing one's understanding of the Order of the Arrow.
- Experience fun and inner satisfaction from a unique high adventure experience with lifetime memories.