

Camp Choconut is located on a natural, spring-fed private lake in Pennsylvania's Blue Ridge Mountains 17 miles south of Binghamton, New York. 180 miles from Philadelphia, New York City, and Buffalo, Camp Choconut's climate features smog-free mountain air, warm days and cool nights. The rustic camp buildings are built of materials found in the area. The sleeping cabins are of wood and Alumni End, the 70+-year-old meetinghouse, is of stone.



Alumni End was built in 1932 with rock from the property.

Camp Choconut offers a wilderness setting without any access to computers, CD players, cell phones, or digital devices — only the lake, the woods, the mountains, the rivers, and friendships that last a lifetime.

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Canoeing is one of many skills taught at Camp Choconut.

Camp Choconut offers a safe place for boys to explore in a pristine, natural setting under the supervision of counselors who are carefully chosen as good role models. Our goal is to create a safe, supportive, and fun community based on cooperation, simplicity, and responsibility.

Our campers' goals are to jump off the swim tower into the private lake, laugh and play games, camp, fish, build campfires, sing and invent skits, and a thousand other activities.

Fun and new friends are waiting in a challenging, joyful, and exciting environment ripe with possibilities and adventure!

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Camp Choconut

for boys – Friendsville, PA

"We grow the whole boy"

South of Binghamton, New York
in Northeast Pennsylvania

6-week session

JUNE 26 – AUGUST 7, 2010

3-week session June 26 – July 17



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FUN



Choconut is a relaxed, non-competitive camp where boys have a summer of fun, and learn to become independent and self-reliant. We teach wilderness skills and encourage boys to be boys in a safe, structured environment that feels free and spontaneous to the campers.

Enrollment is limited to 40 boys to allow the director and counselors to provide leadership, guidance, and attention to each boy. New boys get a fast start into camp activities, get to know everybody almost at once, and feel at home quickly.

Campers range in age from 9–16, with campers over 14 assuming more responsibility and progressing toward becoming counselors. They come from many different backgrounds and places, broadening the camp experience.

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SAFETY



ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Archery—instruction and practice
- ◆ Big Games—camp-wide games of adventure and fun
- ◆ Canoe and Water Safety instruction
- ◆ Construction—working together toward a positive goal
- ◆ Hiking and camping—overnights in shelters and under tarps
- ◆ Swimming instruction
- ◆ Three-day river canoe trip
- ◆ Wilderness skills—knife and hatchet safety, outdoor cooking, and primitive shelter building
- ◆ Woodworking—cooperative and individual projects

CAMP CHOCONUT MISSION

The mission of Camp Choconut is to promote the highest standards of creativity, responsibility, confidence, independence, and reliance in one's surroundings and abilities through the teaching of outdoor living skills, and to instill in young people an awareness of nature's important role in the enrichment of the human spirit.

TRADITION

Camp Choconut was founded in 1896 as one of the first summer camps in the country. It provides a setting for boys where outdoor activities such as camping, backpacking, canoeing, and sports help to instill the values of cooperation, teamwork, responsibility, and friendship.

The camp operated continuously until 1953. Former camper S. Hamill (Ham) Horne ran the camp from 1961–1985 based on the old traditions, but with less emphasis on competition in favor of striving for personal excellence.

The campers learn to live, work, and play together, away from home, in a safe and structured environment. They learn camping and outdoor living skills, the fundamentals of summer sports, and the ability to work together. This combination matures the boy and develops competence in activities that usually are not available at home, yet become incorporated into home and school activities.

Camp Choconut re-opened in 2007 based on traditions dating back over 110 years and carried forward by a family of alumni. It is operated by the Friends of Camp Choconut, a 501c(3) corporation.

Six-week program — \$4000

Three-week program — \$2500

Scholarships are available.

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