

The C.O.P.E. Program at Schiff Scout Reservation:

The C.O.P.E. program consists of the following facets:

- Course introduction; including Course purpose, rules and equipment
- Warm-up Team building exercises
- Low Course elements
- High Course Elements

The purpose of the C.O.P.E. Course or the **Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience** is designed to challenge each participant as an individual and as being a member of a team, into developing leadership, problem solving, communication, trust, decision making, evaluating and team work skills. The C.O.P.E. program may challenge a participant's strength, motivation, endurance, and perseverance both physically and mentally. But all C.O.P.E. challenges are; "Challenge by Choice". A participant may stop at any point in a challenge he/she desires that choice is up to individual participant. All possible accommodations will be made to give those who maybe physically and/or mentally challenged to have a C.O.P.E. experience.

Group Size/Age

- Minimum group size 6 participants
- Maximum group size 24 participants
- Participant Age is 13 and older (NO EXCEPTIONS!!!)

Course Operations:

The C.O.P.E. Program is offered at Eight (8) pre-scheduled sessions each Scouting Year. The Eight (8) sessions are broken down as follows:

- Four (4) are offered in the Fall from August to November
- Four (4) are Offered in the Spring March to July.

The course will run in inclement weather EXCEPT:

- Lightning
- Freezing Rain
- Snow/Icing Conditions
- High Winds

(The course director will have final say on weather or not the course operates)

Note: Rainfall does not make the cables on the course any more slippery then when they are dry.

All participants must be signed up in advance thru the council service center. A complete roster of participants must be submitted to the council office at time of registration. **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. Absolutely, NO onsite reservations will taken!**

Groups are also responsible to make their own reservations for lodging/Camping at Schiff Scout Reservation thru the Council Service Center. A groups' C.O.P.E. reservation is for C.O.P.E. ONLY! Troops are reminded they are also responsible for providing their own "2 DEEP LEADERSHIP" at all times.

Participants will be afforded an opportunity to participate in all aspects of the C.O.P.E. program, provided there are sufficient Staffing levels. The Course Director will have the final call on all issues concerning staffing and safely operation all aspects of the Course.

The C.O.P.E. program will start Saturday Morning at **0800 (8:00 AM) SHARP!!!!** And conclude for the day at the discretion of the C.O.P.E. Director. If, depending on the size of the group, additional time is needed the Course will resume on Sunday Morning, also at **0800 (8:00AM) Sharp** and will again conclude at the discretion of the C.O.P.E. Director.