

# ***ATV Rider Safety Program***

## **Goose Pond Scout Reservation**



The Scouting-ATV Program is designed to give Scouts the opportunity to learn the basics of operating an All-Terrain Vehicle and to maximize rider safety. Built upon training developed through the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute (ATSI), the ATV adventure is an exciting new opportunity for Scouts. Goose Pond has partnered with the Scouting America & Polaris and has ATV's ready for riding!

Leaders should use the on-line registry to sign Scouts up for this week-long course (50 minutes each day) culminating in a trail ride at the end of the week.

### **Qualifications:**

*To participate in the ATV Rider Safety Course, a Scout must:*

- Be age 14 or older.
- Complete and submit the participation and hold-harmless agreement/waiver on Sunday.
- Complete the online training module in advance and submit the completion certificate on Sunday
- Agree to abide by safe riding principles.
- Agree to abide by the principles of *Tread Lightly*, the ATSI's program to encourage respect for private and public property while minimizing environmental impact.
- Come prepared with the required personal clothing and shoes as listed below.
- Turn in the fee of \$25 at check-in on Sunday.

### **The ATV Rider Safety Course Overview:**

The ATSI ATV Course provides hands-on training, with emphasis on the safety implications relating to each lesson. Scouts will learn basic techniques for riding an all-terrain vehicle responsibly. The lessons include starting and stopping, quick turns, hill riding, swerving, and riding over obstacles.

Scouts will participate in both discussion and riding lessons. In addition, the Instructor evaluates rider performance during each lesson and provides feedback to each Scout during, and at the end of the training program. Physically, Scouts will:

- Receive the training on a course designed to provide practice with commonly encountered obstacles and maneuvering.
- Get instruction in proper traffic safety, signals and commands.
- Take short trail rides guided by ATSI trained staff on trails and roads on the 550-acre Goose Pond Scout Reservation property.

### **Pre-Course Training:** *New in 2024*

It is **mandatory** that participants complete the online pre-course training module (takes 1-2 hours) before arriving at camp and **bring with them** on Sunday a **printed copy** of the completion certificate.

The training is free and can be found at: <https://cvt.svia.org/login/index.php> or scan the QR code at the right. You **do not** need to register and pay for the "State Certificate."



**E-COURSE LINK**

### **Equipment:**

Goose Pond Scout Reservation will provide the Polaris ATV's and the approved goggles, gloves, and helmets. **Scouts must provide long pants, a long sleeve shirt and boots or shoes that cover the ankle.**

### **Cost:**

There is an additional fee of \$25 for the ATV Program. This fee will be collected at camp upon arrival during Sunday check-in. Checks may be made payable to: Northeastern PA Council, BSA.

*\*Class sizes are limited to 6 riders per class session.*



# Scouting America

## ASI ATV Safety Course - - GENERAL RELEASE WAIVER & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - YOU MUST READ THIS WAIVER & INDEMNIFICATION AND SIGN THE INCLUDED REPORT PRIOR TO CLASS**

In consideration for the ATV Safety Institute ("ASI"), the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America ("SVIA"), the training sponsor, the owner of the training ATV and premises upon which training occurs, including each of their affiliates, subsidiaries, members, employees, officers, coaches, instructors, aides, and/or agents (the "Released Parties"), furnishing services, equipment, and/or curriculum and permitting the undersigned to participate in this ATV Safety Course (the "Course"), the undersigned Participant agrees to all of the following:

Participation in the Course requires physical stamina, motor coordination, and mental alertness. I hereby attest that I have no known physical or mental limitations and have not used any form of alcohol, or prescription or non-prescription drugs that could impair my performance in the Course. Participants under 18 years of age must have this form signed by a parent or guardian.

I fully understand and acknowledge that (a) this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State in which the Course is conducted; (b) if any portion of this Agreement is for any reason held invalid or legally unenforceable, then the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and legal effect; and (c) I have had the opportunity to ask any questions about this Agreement and I fully understand its terms and meaning.

### **READ CAREFULLY: THIS IS A GENERAL RELEASE, WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

I fully understand and agree that: (a) there are **DANGERS AND RISKS OF INJURY, DAMAGE, OR DEATH** that exist in my participation in the Course and use of ATVs and ATV equipment ("ATV Activities"); (b) my participation in the Course and ATV Activities may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to, **BODILY INJURY, DISEASE, STRAINS, FRACTURES, PARTIAL OR TOTAL PARALYSIS, OTHER AILMENTS THAT COULD CAUSE SERIOUS DISABILITY, AND DEATH**; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused by negligence of Released Parties, other Course participants, or others, and may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes; and (d) by participating in the Course and ATV Activities, **I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs, hereby knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks and all responsibility, and agree to release the Released Parties for any injuries, losses and/or damages**, including those caused solely or in part by negligence of the Released Parties or any other person. If I have brought an ATV or helmet to use in the Course, this Agreement applies to any damage that occurs to or from my ATV or helmet during the Course.

I fully understand and agree that, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs, I hereby covenant not to sue, and am relinquishing any and all rights I now have or may have in the future to sue the Released Parties for any and all injury, damage, or death, whether known or unknown, that I may suffer arising from the Course, or from ATV riding or its equipment, including claims based on the Released Parties' negligence.

**I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND BY SIGNING THE ATTACHED SIGNATURE PAGE I AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS, AND TO ASSUME ALL RISKS AND RELEASE THE ABOVE-NAMED RELEASED PARTIES FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.**

### **READ CAREFULLY: THIS IS AN INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs, agree to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Released Parties from any and all claims, suits, or causes of action by any third parties, including Released Parties or other Course participants, for bodily injury, property damage, or other damages that may arise out of my use of ATVs and ATV equipment or my participation in the Course, including claims arising from the negligence of Released Parties, other Course participants, or any other party.

**I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND, BY SIGNING THE ATTACHED SIGNATURE PAGE, I AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS, AND TO ACCEPT LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PAY FOR ANY LOSS FOR CLAIMS OR LAWSUITS AGAINST THE ABOVE-NAMED RELEASED PARTIES ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE COURSE.**

# All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program Participation and Hold-Harmless Agreement



Goose Pond Scout Reservation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council will be conducting an ATV program at camp. Scouts will be instructed how to ride on and drive an ATV. Scouts will be taught ATV safety and will drive on a training course, then on approved trails only. Scouts will be on the machine individually and in control of the power and brakes. Scouts will be required to wear a helmet, goggles, gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeve shirts, and long pants. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the camp instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, named below, permission to participate in this program. We understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release Scouting America, the ATV Safety Institute, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

**For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program.** Because space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.

1. Complete the online training module in advance and submit the completion certificate.
2. Complete the ATV safety class taught at Goose Pond Scout Reservation.
3. Wear all required safety gear at all times on or around the equipment.
4. Follow all safety rules provided in the training class.
5. Follow the instructions of the staff instructor(s).
6. Maintain control of the ATV at all times and remain within the speed determined to be safe by the camp instructor(s).
7. Be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.
8. Respond to the camp satisfaction survey from Scouting America (if asked to do so) as it evaluates the ATV program.



*We have read and agree with the ATV Safety Course General Release, Waiver & Indemnification Agreement, as well as the Participation and Hold Harmless Agreement. We certify the information below is true.*

**Participant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Sex: M  F

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
for survey purposes only