

PINELANDS CENTER AT MOUNT MISERY

Welcome to Pinelands Center at Mt. Misery!

Thank you for your interest in Pinelands Center! Our facility is affiliated with the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, but is available for use by Non-United Methodist groups such as church, school, state, county, corporate, and national organizations. We invite your group to come and use our facilities for your program, group activity, or individual growth. Our staff is available to assist you with your planning and program if you desire. Please ask us! We will make every effort to assist you in providing a quality experience that meets your needs.

Why the name "Mount Misery?"

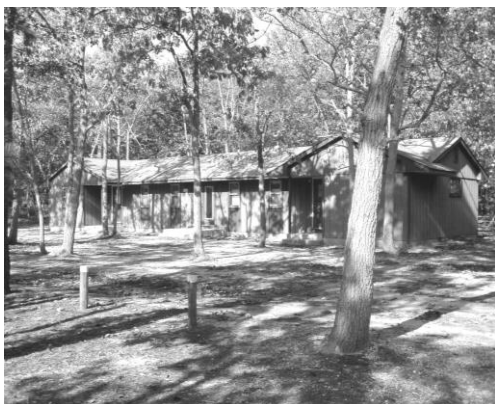
The camp was named for the area and not vice versa. In the late 1700's the area was settled by a group of French Huguenots. Out of gratitude for a safe place to live they named the settlement Mount Misericordia, which means "mountain of the merciful heart" or "mountain of mercy." For reasons unknown the name was shortened to Mount Misery. It is now referred to as Pinelands Center at Mount Misery.

Enclosed, you will find information that will assist you in making the initial plans for your event here at Pinelands Center. For additional information, please contact the camp office.



Thank you for your interest in Pinelands Center at Mt. Misery. Remember;

– Mount Misery Loves your Company! –



Information to Assist You in Planning

Facilities at Pinelands Center can be reserved year round except during some holidays, such as Easter & Christmas. Groups may come out on Saturday afternoons for picnics or outdoor recreation during summer months. Field camping is also available on weekends weather permitting. (incl. Memorial & Labor Day weekends)

The camp facilities include both indoor & outdoor program & activity areas. All the buildings in Center Camp have heat & electricity, & all the residential cabins have bathrooms with hot water & showers.

The Cabins in Center Camp

LARCH LODGE – Our largest cabin, has: *there may be an extra fee for usage of this cabin*

- 23 beds in a total of 6 bedrooms (12 beds in one wing, 11 in the other)
- 8 upper bunks
- 3 half baths, 4 showers, 1 barrier free bathroom (ADA accessible)
- Fireplace in large center meeting room
- Kitchen facilities with refrigerator, sink, stove, oven, coffeemaker & microwave
- Fully ADA accessible
- Minimum occupancy 19 people

OAK OASIS– This cabin has:

- 20 beds total semi-private rooms (10 beds in each of 2 wings)
- 2 full bathrooms with shower, 2 half baths, 2 additional showers and lavatories
- Minimum occupancy 15 people

CEDAR CABIN, ASPEN ACRES & PINE PERCH – Each of these cabins has:

- 20 beds in a total of 2 large bedrooms (10 beds in each of 2 wings)
- 2 full bathrooms
- Minimum occupancy 17 people

HICKORY HAVEN – has

- 21 beds in semi-private rooms (10 beds in one wing, 11 in the other)
- 4 showers, 4 half baths, 2 additional lavatories
- Minimum occupancy 17 people

MAPLE MANOR – has:

- 14 beds in a total of 2 large bedrooms (7 beds in each of 2 wings)
- no upper bunks



Program and Dining Facilities in Center Camp

POPLAR PLACE -- the Dining Hall:

- The main dining room with brick fireplace comfortably seats 96
- The East Wing and the West Wing each accommodate about 30 people and serve as both meeting areas and dining rooms for extra guests
- As meeting spaces, each wing has a minimum guarantee of 10 people and must be reserved in advance

HULITT HALL (Holly Hall) -- one of our most popular program areas:

- Seats 120 people auditorium-style
- Equipped with stacking chairs, piano, stage, risers, TV/VCR/DVD, Projector and Screen, lectern, etc.
- Minimum guarantee is 40 people

DOGWOOD -- Recreation opportunities include football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, tetherball, horseshoes, softball and kickball. New Addition to the Camp is our GAGA Pit. Balls, bats, horseshoes, Ping-Pong paddles, etc. are available for your use at no extra cost. Groups will need to provide their own baseball gloves.

GREEN CATHEDRAL -- This attractive outdoor worship area can seat about 150 people. The Green Cathedral is available for everyone's use at no additional cost and should be reserved in advance through the camp office. Please note: due to the natural lay of the land, the Green Cathedral is not easily accessible for all persons at this time. Please look at the area in advance, and check with your participants about their capabilities & comfort with the natural terrain.

ASPEN PICNIC AREA -- picnic tables and a large charcoal grill are available for picnics and fellowship. Picnic groups here just for the day without indoor meeting space can have access to our Shower House. ***An ADULT must attend grills at all times.***

FIELD RECREATION, CAMPING, AND PICNIC AREA -- The left half of the Athletic/Recreation field may be reserved for picnics. Tables, a large charcoal grill, a fire ring, & a picnic area are available. Electricity can be made available to you at a small fee. Groups & families who wish to



enjoy the out-of-doors up close in tents or trailers may reserve a site on the field in the spring or fall during 'Open Field Camping' weekends. The right side of the field is for recreational use only (i.e. ball games, soccer, Frisbee, etc.). Groups on the field are permitted to use the Shower House facilities. ***An ADULT must attend grills and fires at all times.***



FIRE RINGS -- Pinelands Center has two outdoor fire rings; use of which must be scheduled in advance through the camp office as we need to alert the local Fire Department ahead of time before starting any/all fires. Firewood for one fire is available at no charge. Any additional firewood may be purchased for more if you so choose. Groups are responsible for starting and running their own campfires and campfire programs. If a group needs assistance building and starting their fire, please ask the camp staff in advance. ***An ADULT must attend campfires at all times.***

Other Program Facilities:

OUTPOST – our seasonal rustic camping area, is currently unavailable but usually is available weather permitting. Groups do their own cooking and need to bring all their own camping equipment. There is no electricity or plumbing, but groups can get their water from a hand pump in the unit area, and we can arrange for you to use portable toilet facilities. The four screened-in shelters each hold 8 people to make the maximum 32 people at Outpost. The central unit area has a large cooking grill, fire ring, and an open-air shelter with cabinets, counter space, picnic tables and a fireplace. Pineland Center will provide each group with wood for fires, but the groups will be responsible for starting and maintaining their own fires. Again, all fires need to be called into the Fire Dept. before & after. ***An ADULT must attend campfires at all times.*** Outpost must be reserved ahead of time through the camp office.

THE SHOWERHOUSE -- Private showers, toilets, and a comfortable changing area with benches are available spring through fall to day groups, field campers, and other groups not using residential cabins.

TRAILS – Pinelands Center has limited trails for your group's use. For information on our short walks through the woods, contact the camp office. For extensive day hikes, we suggest your group contact the Brendan Byrne (formerly Lebanon) State Forest at (609) 726-1191 for trail and map information.

THE WATERFRONT -- Canoes, kayaks, rowboats & paddle boards are available for water recreation at 2-hour or all day rates (see rate schedule). The beach can also be used for swimming if the weather & water are warm enough. ***Each group must have our Camp certified lifeguards & adult supervision during all waterfront activities—no exceptions.*** Canoes, kayaks & boats must be reserved through the camp office before the group's arrival.



HAYRIDES -- Hayrides are available to all groups that come to Pinelands Center (see rate schedule). The hay wagon will hold a maximum of 30 adults. Large groups may require 2 or more rides to accommodate the entire group. Please allow 45 minutes to one hour for this activity. Hayrides must be scheduled through the camp office before the group's arrival.

LOW ROPES COURSE – great for groups seeking team-building activities. Certified low ropes facilitators operate the course and introduce the activity as a "challenge by choice." Each individual's physical and emotional comfort levels are taken into consideration as the group goes from basic "warm-up, get-to-know-you" exercises to the challenge areas. ***Groups may not use or be on the ropes course without certified personnel approved***

by camp administration.

AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT -- limited audiovisual equipment (i.e., TVs, VCRs, DVD player, overhead projector, and carousel slide projector, various types of easels, screens, cassette tape & CD player) is available for your use. Equipment may be reserved in advance through the camp office.

Reservations for all activities at Pinelands Center at Mt. Misery can be made by calling the camp office. Reservations are considered **tentative** until they are confirmed by payment of a deposit based on the facilities confirmed. Payment may be made by check or money order. If we do not receive an initial deposit within 14 days, the tentatively reserved facilities become available to other groups.

After you have confirmed your reservation with the initial deposit you will receive a contract showing the total minimum cost for your event. Your balance is due before the date of your event. If there are charges for additional people or extra services, a bill will be sent to you after your departure.

EXCLUSIVE USE OF FACILITIES: The "minimum total cost" for any group requesting exclusive use of the facilities is based on a minimum guarantee of 99 people times the per person package rate, plus the costs for all the meeting spaces.



Some of Our Camp Policies to Consider in Your Planning

***A complete list of our Community Living Rules will be included in your contract packet.
The packet will be sent to you after reservation confirmation.***

1. **PINELANDS CENTER IS A TOBACCO FREE FACILITY.** In consideration of other guests and local fire codes, the use of tobacco products is not permitted on camp property. For those who must use tobacco, there is a designated area at the edge of the property near the Dining Hall parking lot.
2. **PINELANDS CENTER IS AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG-FREE FACILITY.** The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted on camp property. Persons in possession or under the influence of either will be asked to leave Pinelands Center.
3. Pets and trail bikes/ATVs are not allowed in camp.
4. Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. Activities after 12:00 midnight must be indoors & kept quiet.
5. **Food & drinks are absolutely NOT allowed in the sleeping areas of any cabin.** (This is for YOUR safety-)
6. Groups using the waterfront facilities must have a lifeguard(s) with current lifeguard certifications on duty.

Please feel free to call, fax, or e-mail the camp at anytime with your questions. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. You may contact the camp office at other hours and leave a message.

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**CHECK OUT PINELANDS CENTER
ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE!**

The ropes challenge course consists of fifteen "elements" as well as other activities that can be utilized according to the needs of your group.

Elements may include:

The Cable Walk
The Nitro Crossing
The Spider Web
The Tension Traverse
The Four-Way Tug

The Commitment Bridge
The Porthole
The Suspended Log
The Tire Traverse
The Initiative Leap

The Cargo Net
The Wall
The Trust Fall
The Barrel Roll
The Low Beam

The primary objectives may vary with the needs of each group and may include:

- having fun
- building leadership skills
- developing trust
- learning how to cooperate
- group/team building
- getting to know each other better

Problem solving, communication, and various physical skills are needed to complete the various challenges.

WHO SHOULD USE THE ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE?

- Any group interested in meeting any or all of the objectives listed above. This might include church or school/college groups (Natural Helpers, Peer Leadership, teams, clubs and organizations); youth or adult groups/organizations that emphasize teamwork, leadership, or cooperation (Girl or Boy Scouts, sports teams); school classes, businesses or corporations who want to do team/group building with their staff or leadership teams. The list is endless of those who could benefit from the Ropes Challenge Course. Chances are that you are on the list! The Ropes/Challenge course is not recommended for participants younger than 5th grade level. Upon request, we will be happy to provide similar experiences that are more developmentally appropriate for younger children.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A SESSION?

- A normal session lasts about 2 hours. Extended sessions are available upon request. The facilitator determines the content of each session based on the group's abilities and objectives. Most groups will complete the introductory and warm-up activities and move on to one or two elements. Some groups will have time to complete a third element. Following the completion of each element, the facilitator leads the group in a debriefing of the activity and process.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE GROUP SIZE?

- The normal group size for one session is 8-12 people. With the facilitator's permission, additional people may be accommodated, but this will limit the activities that will be available to the group. The age of the group members may also limit the activities that will be available to the group.

WHAT IS THE COST?

2 hour session (8-12 people)

\$8.00/person

SAMPLE MENUS

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*These are sample menus only. The Director of Guest Services is responsible for planning all menus and meal preparation. Special dietary needs (i.e. vegetarian/vegan diets, medical diets, etc.) should be listed on the “**SPECIAL DIET REQUEST FORM**” which will be included in your contract packet, and must be submitted to the Director of Guest Services at least **14 days before** your event here at Pinelands Center at Mt. Misery begins.*

TYPICAL BREAKFASTS:



ex. 1 Pancakes
Turkey Sausage
Syrup/Butter
Cold Cereal
Juice/Milk/Coffee/Tea

ex. 2 Scrambled Eggs
Hash Browns
Mini Bagels
Butter/Jelly
Juice/Milk/Coffee/Tea

ex. 3 French toast
Turkey Sausage
Syrup/Butter
Cold Cereal
Juice/Milk/Coffee/Tea

TYPICAL LUNCHESES:

ex. 1 Soup
Grilled Cheese
Lettuce/Tomato
Potato Chips
Beverage
Fresh Fruit

ex. 2 Hamburgers on Buns
French Fries
Lettuce/Tomato
Beverage
Fresh Fruit

ex. 3 Cold Cut Sandwich
Potato Chips
Lettuce/Tomato
Celery & Carrot Sticks
Beverage
Fresh Fruit

TYPICAL DINNERS:

ex. 1 Spaghetti
Salad Bar
Italian Bread
Butter
Beverage
Dessert

ex. 2 Tacos
Hard and soft tortillas
Salad bar
Beverage
Dessert

ex. 3 Chicken fingers
Mashed Potatoes
Hot Vegetable
Salad Bar
Bread/Butter
Beverage
Dessert

TYPICAL DESSERTS:

ex. 1 Brownies
Cookies

ex. 2 Cupcakes
Camp "Dirt" Pudding

ex. 3 Ice Cream Sandwiches
Churros

TYPICAL SNACKS: (add-ons)



Chips/Pretzels/Popcorn

***DIRECTIONS TO
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We are located just off Route 70 approximately 3 miles west of the border between Burlington and Ocean Counties. If you have questions about these directions, please call the camp office.

FROM THE WEST:

- Take the route of your choice (i.e. Rts. 206, 295, etc.) to ROUTE 70 EAST & head east to the circle at the junction of Rts. 70 & 72.
- From the circle, continue EAST on ROUTE 70 for 3.9 miles to MOUNT MISERY ROAD which will be on your right (just past the 30 mile marker).
- Turn RIGHT onto Mount Misery Road & travel 3/4 mile to the camp & the entrance will be on your right.

FROM THE EAST:

- Take the route of your choice (i.e. Rt. 9, Garden State Pkwy Exit 89, etc.) to ROUTE 70 WEST & head west to the junction of Rts. 70, 530, & 539 (EXXON, WAWA, & traffic light).
- From the junction, continue WEST on ROUTE 70 for approximately 8.5 miles to MOUNT MISERY ROAD (just past the "COUNTRY LAKES" turn-off on your right & the 31 mile marker).
- Turn LEFT onto Mount Misery Road & travel 3/4 mile to the camp & the entrance will be on your right.