

Adventure Bridge at Camp Lavigne

Honoring Past, Present and Future Scouts and Veterans



For 94 years, generations of youth have begun their Scouting adventure crossing the bridge over Fishing Creek to Camp Lavigne. It's been a bridge not only to fun outdoor activities, but also a bridge to their futures as business and community leaders, government officials, military members, first-responders, teachers and all the other careers they will pursue.

Scouting helps youth learn new life skills, which prepares them better for school, work and relationships with family, friends and co-workers. A major component of scouting is participation in outdoor experiences. The Columbia-Montour Council's primary outdoor experience is summer camp at Camp Lavigne.

That experience was put in jeopardy in August 2018, when Fishing Creek flooded, wiping out the Camp Lavigne Bridge. Fortunately, the summer camp season was over, but many other activities had to be cancelled or moved, including the Fall Camporee and the Wine Festival that is one of the Council's major fundraisers. And it was uncertain whether the bridge could be replaced by the 2019 summer camp season.

But our dedicated volunteers stepped in and with contributions of time, labor and materials, the new bridge was finished just in time for the opening of camp in June.

Although the majority of the cost of replacement was covered, the financial impact of losing the bridge for nine months is still being felt. As a result, the Council is embarking on a campaign to raise additional funds.

Scouts in Columbia-Montour Council have taken seriously their promise in the Scout Oath "to do my duty to God and my country" with thousands over the years serving in the military. To honor them, and all military veterans, and to recognize the impact that Camp Lavigne has in a Scout's life, the new bridge will be named "Adventure Bridge — Honoring Past, Present and Future Scouts and Veterans."

On October 5, 2019, a naming ceremony will be held at camp. Then in May 2020, the bridge will be dedicated at a ceremony honoring veterans and donors to the bridge campaign as the Council begins Camp Lavigne's 95th year.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE:

- Bobcat - \$100
- Webelos - \$500
- Arrow of Light - \$1,000
- First Class - \$2,500
- Star - \$5,000
- Life - \$10,000
- Eagle - \$25,000

Since 1920, Columbia-Montour Council B.S.A. has been building character and developing leaders by teaching values and preparing our youth to make ethical and moral choices throughout their lives.

Your support today will help develop our leaders of tomorrow.

