

The Significance of the History of Camp Trexler



Camp Trexler's Beginnings

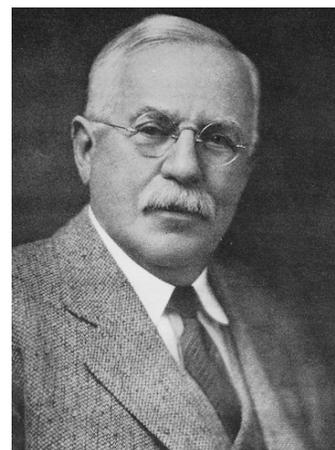
Camp Trexler was founded from the support of others, following the values of the Scouting Program, and the kindness of strangers. It's that selfless kindness that has shone through since the day a lone Scout offered up his seat on a crowded New York City subway to General Harry C. Trexler in 1922. This single act, drove General Trexler to become involved in Scouting, leading to the collaborative efforts of many people coming together, and purchasing land in Jonas PA, and the founding of this camp.

In 1928, Camp General Trexler welcomed its first summer of Scouts. General Trexler knew the importance of giving youth a place of their own. Something they could believe in, and hold dear. A place that they could revere, and look forward to visiting each summer. For almost 100 years, this Camp has been a rock for so many youth, adults, and anyone who needs a place to escape to, learn, make friends, and call home.

In 2018, for the 90th Anniversary the Camp Staff made an animated version of Camp Trexler's Origin Story. You can [check it out here](#).

Harry C. Trexler

[Harry Trexler](#) was a famed philanthropist from the Lehigh Valley. His impact is still felt to this day in this area of Pennsylvania. It'd be a shame to so carelessly throw out what he stood for, what he valued so dearly, and the collaborative efforts of the Jonas, and Lehigh Valley communities.

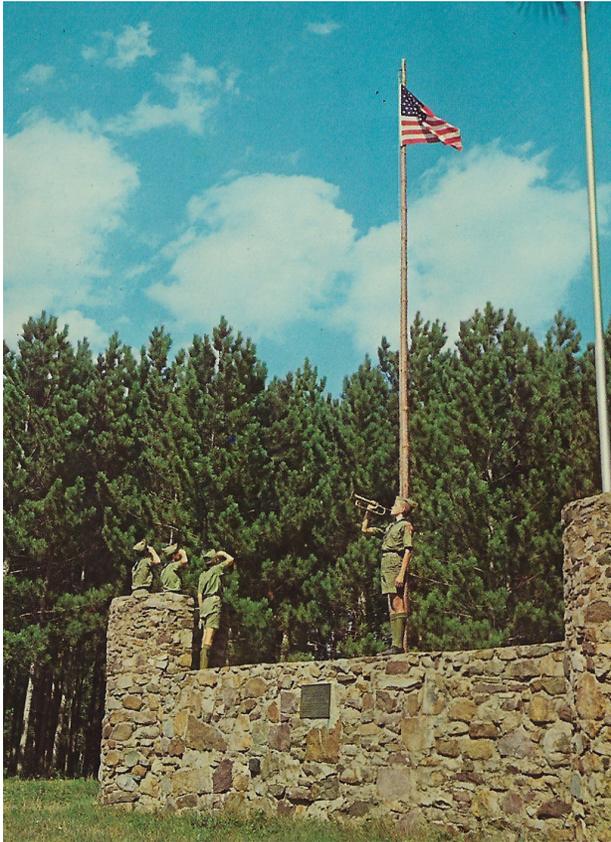


Camp Trexler's Historic Value

The Old Dining Hall - Camp Trexler, before it was a Camp, was originally farm land. To this day the original barn, what is often referred to as "The Old Dining Hall, or the ODH " still sits on the Jonas property. While Minsi Trails Council has neglected this piece of history, the Camp staff has made it their goal to save this historic landmark, and was in the process of getting a new beam for the barn in hopes of returning it to its former glory. They've stated that they JUST got it in, and were about to start the process to replace the old destroyed beam. They also state that they have plans to fix the siding, and the floor.



Pictured: Famous Scouter Dan Beard Visiting Camp Trexler - Standing Outside the ODH



The Buttress - Camp Trexler is home to the one and only, "The Buttress". This iconic stone structure has been around since Camp Trexler's earliest days. Each summer scouts are welcomed to start the day during the Colors Ceremony at the Buttress. It's the perfect place for scouts to meet, hang out, and visit each year when they come back to Camp. To lose this icon of local scouting history, would be a shame, and no amount of kind words from the higher ups from Council can provide the same feeling that comes when scouts experience "The Buttress" for the first time.

Save Camp Trexler - To lose the historic significance of Camp Trexler would be a travesty. One that Minsi Trails will never recover from. If you value the history of Camp Trexler - we encourage you to support the effort of reversing Minsi Trails Council's decision to sell Camp Trexler.