Spanning the Gap



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Photo Gallery: Robert Noll Collection - Camp Weygadt

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50 years a Weygadt Scout

The Boy Scouts had camping privileges at an area know as Weygadt throughout the 1920s, and acquired the land in 1928. This first boy scout camp in the Delaware Water Gap area was the combined effort of two Pennsylvania councils from cities about 25 miles south of the Water Gap. The Easton Council used the southern portion of the parcel for its Camp Weygadt, while the Bethlehem Council used the north section for its Camp Minsi. In 1930, the Bethlehem Council moved its camp to the Poconos, and the entire parcel became known as Camp Weygadt.

Robert Unangst Noll began camping at Weygadt on the 1920s and was active with the scouts through 1970. In the 1990s he joined other veteran Weygadt campers in providing the recreation area with information on the layout, operation, and history of the camp. He also donated to the park his photo albums, from which all the photographs below are taken.

(Left) Robert Noll's certification as a troop leader, dated 1930.

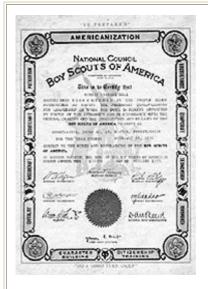
(*Middle*) Along the "old tar road", now the service road to Interstate 80 at the Weygadt entrance.



An aerial view of the Water Gap around 1970 shows Camp Minsi at the foot of Mt. Tammany in New Jersey, with Arrow Island in the Delaware River. The lands belonging to Camp Weygadt stretched up the slope of Mt. Tammany. (National Park Service photo)

(Remaining photos below are from the Noll Collection.)

(Below) Noll ((right)) and a friend at Weygadt around 1924.











(Left) Blockhouse and leanto's at Weygadt. (No longer in existence)

(Right) The mess hall. Later enlarged, it still stands at Weygadt and is used for park storage. The swimming hole is directly to right.



(Left) The swimming hole at Camp Weygadt was fed by a brook running down the slopes of Mt. Tammany. Mt. Minsi PA is in the distance. The swimming pool is at the left (west) of the area enclosed by the rectangle in the aerial view above.

(Left) A successful cabin-building crew.

(*Right*) A camping session at Weygadt, probably around 1950. Note the uniform "campaign" hats.

(Below) A camporee at Camp Weygadt, looking northwest toward Mt. Minsi in Pennsylvania.





