

## CAMPFIRE SAFETY

Last Friday, a brush fire was accidentally started by Scouts on an outing at Camp Nooteming. Several hours of firefighting and up to five fire departments were on-the-scene until it was declared under control and out. While the fire scorched between 8 and 17 acres of the camp, the good news is that no injuries or structures were affected, and the fire occurred in a remote area of the camp. A couple of pictures of the area at Camp Nooteming are attached below.

And as you may have seen in the news, over 3500 acres at Minnewaska State Park have been burned by a wildfire.

This time of the year, brushfires can be very prevalent. On behalf of the Order of the Arrow Nacha Nimat Lodge, the Council Properties Committee, and the Executive Board of the Hudson Valley Council, we wish to remind everyone that campfire safety is always important. Please be sure to clear areas around the fire, always attend to the fire until it is completely out and cold, and be very careful, particularly when the forest is dry. During high alerts, it is recommended to only have fires in controlled areas such as fire rings. For more information, please Google "campfire safety".

Thanks to all of the unit leaders that provide the Scouting program to our Scouts. Today more than ever, it is important to bring Scouting to our youth.

Yours truly,

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