



# The Sándor Sík Hungarian Scout Park

The scout park is home to the Hungarian Scout Association in Exeter's leadership training camps, summer school, patrol skills competitions, cultural weekend camps, and troop camps. The Sándor Sík Scout Park near Fillmore, New York was purchased in the fall of 1963 by the then Hungarian Scout Association in Exile's leaders, Mr. Gábor Bodnár, Rev. István Gerencsér, Rev. Lajos Kővári, and Dr. György Némethy.

The park was named after Sándor Sík, a priest, scout leader, high school teacher, and poet in Hungary (he wrote the words to the scout hymn!), who had passed away, just a couple of months before the land for the park was purchased. The park was officially opened and dedicated in May of 1964 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014.

Located about 60 miles southeast of Buffalo, New York in Allegany County, the park is about 1-1/2 hours away by car from the Canadian border. Its 106 acres are covered by many pine trees and leafy forests with plenty of open grass fields suitable for most scouting activities desired by today's youth.



- ◆ Leadership training is the heart and soul of the park. About 300 scouts and leaders, from throughout western Europe, Australia, South America, the United States and Canada journey to the park every year to enhance their skills and gain new ideas in providing the best scouting experiences to the Hungarian youth in their hometowns.
- ◆ The Hungarian School and Camp has about 100 students (ages 8-14) and teachers in the park for two weeks each summer not only providing fun camping activities for the youth, but also age appropriate knowledge about Hungarian language, history, geography, literature, culture and traditions.
- ◆ Since its opening the park has been the destination for about 400 scouts every Memorial Day weekend in May for the annual patrol competitions. Scouts ages 10-16 measure their scouting knowledge against their peers by putting to use what they have been learning and practicing at their meetings at home.

## Park Quick Facts

- Opened May 1964
- 106 wooded acres
- Elevation about 1,900 ft.
- 14 buildings & structures incl. kitchen & infirmary
- 6 wells w/potable water
- Electric, phone, internet
- Leadership training
- Summer school
- Patrol competitions
- Cultural weekends
- Troop summer camps
- 10993 County Road 15  
Fillmore, NY 14735
- 585/567-8594 in session
- [www.sscspark.org](http://www.sscspark.org)

- ◆ In the fall, the park's hills are filled with the sounds of 40-60 young adults when they get together for their cultural camp. Here they focus solely on one region of greater Hungary to learn the dances, songs, customs and traditions of that particular area.
- ◆ Many of the scout troops from the eastern U.S. and Canada also make use of the many amenities of the scout park for their summer troop camps. The Letchworth State Park, with its many hiking trails, spectacular waterfalls, and swimming pools is a short thirty minute drive from the camp.



***Building a better camp today to develop better leaders for tomorrow!***