



## Boy Scout Camp Ganoga

In early 1919 the Boy Scout Council purchased from Charles M. Bare of Strinestown the first 21 acres of the Camp Ganoga site, and on June 21 of the same year purchased 15 acres from O. R. Greer of York. The camp was dedicated in the summer of 1919. Over 2000 feet of the camp bordered the Big Conewago Creek making swimming, boating and canoeing popular activities. The name Ganoga comes from the Iroquois language and means "by the water."

In 1925 a new road cut 7 acres off the property. The covered bridge that was destroyed by the flood of 1898 was replaced with an iron bridge and in 1926 a concrete bridge. The concrete bridge crossing the Big Conewago Creek was named the Ganoga Bridge by the York County Commissioners and had 12 light standards representing the 12 Scout laws. Camp Ganoga bridge was replaced in 2010.

Camp Ganoga closed at the end of the season in 1945 and Camp Tuckahoe opened in 1948 near Dillsburg. The property was sold to the 40 and 8 of the American Legion of York. In 2018 it is a private residence.

*Source: History of Camp Ganoga, Souvenir Edition  
The York Dispatch - May 12, 1967 York Sunday News - Sept. 19, 1982  
Gettysburg Times - September 20, 1948*