



Daniel Webster Council
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2020 Parent Guide

Camp Carpenter



Frontier



Camp Carpenter is a Nationally Accredited Cub Scout and Webelos Resident and Day Camp Operated by Daniel Webster Council, BSA

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BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

Camp Carpenter Mission Statement

The mission of Camp Carpenter is to support Scouting units by creating a family community, inspiring imagination through fun and adventure, building enthusiasm for the outdoors, and promoting Scouts' continuation into Scouts BSA, while living the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.



FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Hello,

Thank you for choosing Camp Carpenter, the place “Where scouting begins.” We are excited to have your child as part of our family this summer. This is the ultimate camp to begin the traditions of scouting.

During your child’s week or weeks at Camp Carpenter he/she will develop their character, be a participating citizen, and work on their fitness. Every day is filled with fun and adventure, and we pride ourselves on our safety. Your child will have the time of their life.

Dollar for dollar no other camp can provide the experiences, opportunities, or programs that we have at Camp Carpenter. We continue to offer the classic outdoor experiences of nature, swimming, boating, BB's, and Archery; the adventure changes yearly in other areas, along with great and new advancement opportunities, such as our S.T.E.M. and Emergency Preparedness areas. These changes allow us to offer a greater variety of activities, guaranteeing challenge, adventure, and fun.

The Camp Carpenter staff is excited to have your child join us and we’ll see you at camp, real soon!

In Scouting,
Mark Hamel
Camp Director



Camp Carpenter Camping Opportunities

We have five amazing opportunities and ways to attend Camp Carpenter and all are unique experiences.

Resident Camp

This program is Sunday (12:00pm) through Thursday (5:30pm) camping with your local pack. Your pack will provide leadership for the scouts that are attending, and they might ask you to assist as well. Each pack handles registrations differently, so you'll want to contact the pack with how to go about this process. The cost for this is \$360 early bird fee, \$410 full fee.

Provisional Camp

The Provo program is Sunday (12:30pm) through Thursday (5:30pm) for scouts who are not able to attend with their local pack and wish to attend camp. Or, this program is for scouts who want to come back to camp for more than one week. The camp provides the leadership and these scouts become a pack while at camp. To register for the provisional program go to nhscouting.org. The cost for this is \$360 early bird fee, \$410 full fee.

Akela Camp

Akela Camp is a special Parent and child adventure. The program begins on Sunday (9:30am) and goes until Tuesday (4:30pm). There are two opportunities this summer: 6/21 to 6/23, or 8/2 to 8/4. During this shortened week you and your child will join other Akela pairs to form a pack and go to programs together. An incredible opportunity to see the magic of scouting together. To register both of you to attend Akela camp go to nhscouting.org. The cost for this is \$265 early bird fee, \$315 full fee parent/son pair.

Day Camp at Camp Carpenter

Day Camp at Camp Carpenter runs daily from Monday through Friday. Drop off time is at 7:30am and pick up is at 5:00pm. Each scout will join other scouts to form a Den for the week and they will visit programs together. Scouts that are from the same Pack will be kept together the best that we can. We are always looking for Adult Volunteers to help guide these scouts around camp, and this gives your child a huge discount to attend as well. To register your child to attend Day Camp at Camp Carpenter go to nhscouting.org. The cost for this is \$205 early bird fee, \$235 full fee. Discount: \$145 discount if a parent completes day camp training (within the last 2 years) and volunteers for entire session.

Lions and Tigers Day Camp

This camp has been a huge hit and is the only one in the nation. Camp Carpenter will be offering a Day Camp for only Lions and Tigers with their parents for three days: August 5 to 7. from 9am to 2pm. Come and experience the beginning of scouting. The cost of this is \$100 son/parent pair.

Family Overnight

All Scouting Families can come and enjoy an overnight experience at Camp Carpenter for only \$40 per participant. Come try a Camp Sampler of all things our camp has to offer. Stay over Friday night and into Saturday for a fun filled family camp getaway. On July 17th 1pm to July 18th 5pm come join us for the Family adventure.



How to Prepare for Camp!

Now that you are preparing for camp, there are a few things you should do early in the process to make things easier and less stressful for everyone.

1) **Medical Forms** - One of the most stressful pieces of paperwork to have completed it seems from year to year is the medical form. The earlier you do it, the less stressful it will be for turning it in. May 31st is the due date to have it arrive at camp. However, if you are coming with your pack, they may request it earlier to make sure all paperwork is correct.

Everyone (camper, den chief, and adult) attending camp must have a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (No. 680-001) with Parts A, B and C completed within the past 12 calendar months. Part C of the form is the physical examination which must be signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider recognized by the BSA. Recognized providers are physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants. *Substitute forms will not be accepted.*

Please make sure that all medical forms are filled out accurately and completely, with the signatures of a parent/guardian or participant (for adults) and health-care provider along with all emergency contact information.

We always recommend scheduling a doctor's appointment as early as possible to have these forms signed properly.

2) **Medication** - During the check in process, of your arrival, all medications will need to be turned into the nurse when your pack is called to the health lodge. For Day Campers, this will be during your check in.

State law and BSA policy mandates that all medications—for adults and campers alike—must be turned in to the health and safety officer upon arrival at camp (this will be part of the check-in process). **The only exceptions are asthma inhalers, and Epi-Pens. These medications, however, must still be registered with the health and safety officer during check-in. A second asthma inhaler and Epi-pen must be turned in to be kept at the health lodge in case of emergency. A permission to possess form must be signed by a physician and parent/guardian and turned-in to the health and safety officer in order to carry these medications (see appendix).**

Only legal medications will be given to campers. Legal medications are those in their original containers with the patient's name, doctor's name, and date on the label. If for some reason a dosage changes, a doctor's note is required.

3) **Vaccination Directive** (effective 5/21/19)

All camp participants and leaders must present proof of up to date vaccinations for Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap). There will only be one exception, which is for those who are medically unable to complete the vaccination. Accommodations will be made for those scouts, but it



may preclude participation in some activities and necessitate alternative accommodations during their stay with Daniel Webster Council. Refusal of vaccination for any rationale other than medical reasons cannot be accommodated. Documented medical reasons for not having these vaccinations must be presented with a note from your Scout's medical provider **no later than two weeks prior to arrival at camp**. (This is in addition the scout health form). It must have an actual signature from a licensed medical doctor.

Rationale:

Daniel Webster Council and the Scouting program remains open to all faiths and beliefs and does not bar anyone from participating in the scouting program on the grounds of faith, personal belief, gender, age or sexual orientation. However, this does not equate to full and open access to all programs when there is a concern regarding the safety, health and well-fare of our Scouts.

Currently, there are many active cases of Pertussis and Measles in the state of New Hampshire, and across our nation at levels which are unprecedented in the last 2 decades. The potential spread associated with these pathogens creates a substantial safety concern and has necessitated this action. This risk is further increased when considering close quarters in which our campers reside.

We strongly desire your Scout to come to our camps for a once in a lifetime camp experience. If this is a personal decision, we respect your decision and ask that in kind you respect our decision to ensure the safety of our campers and staff. If this choice not to vaccinate is a matter of personal conviction or out of concerns regarding the safety of vaccinations; we urge you ask and discuss this topic with your medical provider. Ensure the literature you review on this issue is from reputable sources and is reviewed by medical professionals.

Contact Daniel Webster Council, Camping Operations at camping@nhscouting.org if you have additional questions or concerns.

4) Dietary Restrictions and Accommodations - Efforts will be made to accommodate youth and adults with special needs such as (but not limited to) food allergies, special diets, and physical and mental disabilities. Special medical needs must be indicated on the health form. In order to best accommodate special needs, please notify the Camp Director of any special needs **in writing** at least **two (2) weeks** prior to your session, preferably by May 31st. A form is provided in the appendix and is also available to complete online at www.nhscouting.org.



5) **Pictures** - Clix Portrait Studios will take pictures on Sundays during check-in. They do an amazing job and offer many options for prints, gift items, and digital JPG files with copyright release. Pack and Individual photos are available. All orders are mailed directly to the parents so you don't have to worry about them getting lost or wet.

Scouts and leaders should be in uniform until you go through the photography station.

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED AT CLIX'S WEB PAGE NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY BEFORE CAMP.

www.clixne.com. Click on "Order Here", then "Sports & Summer Camp Orders". The User ID is "camp".

Order any Package 1-5 online by the Friday before camp, and receive the digital image of your scout for FREE! This deal is not available for paper order forms or late orders.

If you choose not to order online by the Friday before camp, paper order forms (cash & check only) will be available at camp. Parents are welcome to come to the Clix table and fill out a form before their pack comes for pictures.

Questions? Contact Clix at 603-952-4141 or info@clixne.com

6) **Packing** - Below is a recommended packing list. Many packs recommend to pack each day separately in different ziplock bags to keep things dry and clean. Label each day and don't forget to label all articles of clothing with your child's name and pack number. You can pack everything into a tote, foot locker/trunk, or backpack. Campsites are not far away, but can feel a distance away. The very farthest parking spot to the farthest campsite is about half a mile. So, you might want to bring a wagon to haul things into the site. No vehicles are allowed onto the camp roads during the check-in process.



7) **Homesickness (Revicitis)** - It is not uncommon or unusual for some children to experience homesickness while away at camp. The camp staff are well trained and have a lot of practice working with homesick scouts. They will work with your child to help them through their Revicitis. However, here are some tips to help stop homesickness before it starts:

- Make sure you don't tell your child that they can come home if they don't like camp. Of course, a child will always have the option to go home if they really don't like camp, but it's not necessary to let them know that up front. The point here is to make sure the child is not set up for failure, because the option to go home right away is definitely an easy choice especially if that expectation is conveyed by you. For scouts that haven't been to camp before, the experience can be a little overwhelming at first and out of their comfort zone. But for the sake of their growth as an individual, it's best to deal with homesickness and get through it once rather than it becoming a persistent problem.
- If you plan on sending mail to your child throughout the week, make sure you keep the messages positive and reassuring. "We hope you're having a great time at camp" is much better than writing "we miss you" or "we can't wait until you come home." Likewise, you should not convey the same type of messages before they leave on check-in day.
- Some parents will send family photos along with their child to camp. While it may be well-intentioned, this is really not a good idea.

Helpful Hint

We don't want to use the term homesickness. It let's the scout know what their "problem" is. So, we use the term Revicitis. It helps the scout feel like we can help them with their revicitis..



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Camper Equipment List

Here is a list of things that should be brought. You'll want to pack them in a footlocker, duffel bag, or backpack. Plastic bins even work!

You can put each day's clothing into a separate bag and label the day it is to be worn. You may also want an "extra" bag, just to be prepared. We recommend labeling things with your name and Pack number.

Scout uniform (as complete of a uniform as possible should be worn by each Scout when they arrive at camp)	1 extra pair of shoes, boots, or sneakers - no open toed shoes
Minimum of four changes of clothing	Towel and face cloth
Pair of long pants or sweatpants	Soap and Shampoo
1 sweatshirt or sweater	Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb
1 light to medium weight jacket	Flashlight
2 extra changes of underwear	Mosquito netting and poles
2 extra changes of socks	nylon rope or velcro straps
2 extra T-shirts	Laundry bag
Sleeping bag	Raincoat or poncho
2-4 warm blankets	Day Pack
Pillow	Spending Money
At least one swimsuit	Canteen or water bottle
Beach Towels	Hat

Prescription Medication

Any medication that will need to be taken during the session must be given to the health and safety officer (nurse) on Sunday during the check-in process. Only medications in their original containers with the patient's name, doctor's name, and date on the label will be accepted. If for some reason a dosage changes, a doctor's note is required.

No exceptions.

Please note: Campers and adults that require Epi-Pens or inhalers may keep the medication with them as long as a physician and parent/guardian has signed the required permission slip (please see your pack leader for the form, or visit www.nhscouting.org) In addition, a second Epi-Pen and/or inhaler must be provided to the nurse when checking in on Sunday.

You will not need the following things while you are at camp. So, **do not** pack them.

Pocket knives (unless held by unit leader - 4 ½" max; no fixed blades)	Electronic games
Sheath knives	Squirt guns
Pets	Un-Scout-like literature
Cell Phones	Alcoholic beverages
Radios, CD or digital music players	Illegal drugs
Food or candy	



Bridge

**An amazing groundbreaking program in scouting that is only offered at Camp Carpenter!
This program is for resident campers and provisional campers.**

We are excited to invite all Arrow of Light Scouts to an additional night at Camp Carpenter. That's right, when all the Cub Scouts leave on Thursday, only Arrow of Light Scouts will stay in camp for a special experience that will prepare them for Scouts BSA. This adventure will bridge the two programs together to make it easier and more fun for Arrow of Light Scouts to understand what Scouts BSA is all about and the many opportunities that lay ahead.

After snack on Thursday, all the Arrow of Light Scouts will gather to prepare themselves for the evening ahead. Patrols will be formed and scouts will have an opportunity to settle into the campsite. Immediately challenges and competitions will begin as the Arrow of Light Scouts begin this exciting transition. They will have a chance to rejoin their pack and say good-bye.

Thursday evening will be filled with scouting lore and tasty treats. Friday morning the scouts will work in their patrols on Scout skills as they go from station to station. These are special activities that only Arrow of Light Scouts can do. They'll be shooting Pellet Guns (a step up from BBs), they'll use GPS units and participate in GeoCaching, they'll work on their knots and lashing, and first aid skills..

As the scouts get to take in these great adventures and challenges in their patrols. The adult leaders that stay over will get some great training that will prepare them for what lies ahead in scouting.

Closing ceremonies will take place at 11am and all parents, leaders, and committee members are invited to attend. This is a special time for these scouts and we will honor them in their commitment to scouting.

Departure will be at 11:30am on Friday morning. We hope to see all these scouts return in future years to Camp Carpenter, but for now will bid farewell as they age into Scouts BSA.

The cost of this program is \$40 per participant.

** The pack must supply one adult for every 8 scouts attending. This adult will be free.

Additional adults will cost \$50 per adult. We wish to keep adult leadership to a minimum to mimic the Scouts BSA program.



DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

<https://goo.gl/maps/jiqkAtJjHxftmCz6>

Arrival Time

For Residential and Provisional campers, you should plan on arriving between noon and 12:30 having already eaten lunch. Parents should plan on staying at camp for some time on arrival day. You will head to your campsite and help your child settle into a tent and get prepared for the week ahead. When the entire pack is ready to go, the staff will contact the nurse and get permission to come to begin the check-in process. There are many scouts to check in and this process can take some time to do it correctly and safely, we ask that all parents are present through medical check and pictures. Your child's safety is utmost important. Once the group moves to the nurses to double check all paperwork and turn in medications and everything is all set, the group will then move to pictures. Once you have gone through this process, parents are all set to go.

For Akela, you should plan on arriving between 9:30 and 10am.

For Day Campers, you should plan on arriving on Monday at 7am and the rest of the week at 7:30am, with lunches in hand.

Departure Time

For Residential and Provisional campers, you should plan on arriving to camp between 5 and 5:30pm on Thursday evening. Program doesn't get out until 5:30pm and then they will all be headed to the Dining Hall. There will be a family BBQ that you are all welcome to attend. Those that have spent the week at camp are free and anyone else wanting to participate, there is a \$10 per meal cost. Sunday when you drop your child off is the time to prepay for this meal. Following the BBQ at about 6:45pm ish, we will have a closing Campfire that the scouts will put on. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting culmination to the week.

Akela campers will be leaving camp about 4:30pm on Tuesday, their departure day.

Day campers will be leaving camp at 5pm daily. However, on Friday we have Day Camp closing ceremonies that everyone is welcome to attend and they begin about 4pm.



Visiting Camp

Visitors to a particular pack should clear their intention to visit with the camp pack leader and must be invited. Parents, relatives, and friends are welcome in camp on Sunday from 12:30 to 4:00 PM and on Thursday no earlier than 5:00 PM to attend the BBQ and closing campfire. It is strongly recommended that family members do not visit camp during the week (see "Homesickness" section).

All visitors to Camp Carpenter, with the exception of the above times, must sign in and out in the visitor log book at the camp office (next to the stop sign) and leave a form of identification (preferably a driver's license). Visitors may stay in camp for a maximum time of two hours. Visitors are allowed to observe, but not participate in program areas. On Wednesday evening, visitors are allowed to be in camp from 5pm until 9pm for pack out night, this is when the scouts will be cooking dinner in the campsite. **All visitors must leave camp by 9:00 PM.** Staff strictly enforces the visitor policy for the security of everyone in camp.

Campers Leaving Early

Any camper that needs to leave camp prior to the departure time, must have their parent/guardian sign them out at the camp office in the leader/camper logbook. The Pack Leader will have to be present during the signing out. The person picking up your child must be listed on the Medical Form on Part A, otherwise your child will not be released from camp.

Telephones/Messages

The main camp line is **(603) 623-5962**. All messages will either be placed in your child's pack mailbox or it will be hand-delivered to the pack leader in the case of an emergency

Mail

The mailing address for camp is:

Camp Carpenter
(Scout's Name)
(Pack #) (Campsite)
300 Blondin Road
Manchester, NH 03109

Helpful Hints for Letter Writing

The tone of the letter and it's contents have a great effect on the production of homesickness. The letter should be conversational about events at home and ask questions about the Scout's experience at camp. They should never contain such lines as "We all miss you very much; we love you so." "Your dog hasn't eaten since you left." "We served your favorite meal last night, too bad you could not be with us to eat it." Items that may cause jealousy should also be avoided like "Yesterday, we bought your brother a new bike." Campers sometimes break into tears reading such well intentioned letters from home.

Lost & found

No child ever losses anything at camp! Yeah, we have a lost and found located on the porch of the main office. You may want to check it out before you leave camp. To help make things easier, you'll want to label all clothing and personal gear with your child's name, pack number, and town. Lost and found items will only be kept for thirty (30) days after the camp season.

Trading Post

At Camp Carpenter we have a small store that sells snacks, drinks, Camp Carpenter souvenirs, and of course the popular Slushies. You can send your child with money or purchase a gift card for him when you're at camp. We recommend \$50 for a week at camp.



Deposit and Refund Policy

Day Camps

Deposits are non-refundable. The balance of a registration fee will be refunded provided one of the following conditions is met: (1) The Daniel Webster Council Program Department is notified in writing of a camper cancellation at least two weeks prior to scheduled arrival; (2) In cases of injury or illness within two weeks of scheduled arrival, a letter from a healthcare provider (MD, DO, PA, or nurse practitioner) is provided with the refund request. Refunds for individual registrations will be made directly to the parent/guardian. Deposits are non-refundable, even when two weeks cancellation notice is provided. All space is available on a first-come, first-served basis for those paid in full.

Carpenter Resident Camps

Deposits are non-refundable. The balance of a registration fee will be refunded provided one of the following conditions is met: (1) The Daniel Webster Council Program Department is notified in writing of a camper cancellation at least two weeks prior to scheduled arrival; (2) In cases of injury or illness within two weeks of scheduled arrival, a letter from a healthcare provider (MD, DO, PA, or nurse practitioner) is provided with the refund request. Refunds for chartered pack resident camper cancellations will be made to the pack. Packs are responsible for paying the full registration fees for no-shows unless the refund conditions above have been met. Deposits are non-refundable, even when two weeks cancellation notice is provided. In the event the entire pack cancels its reservation, site fees are non-refundable. All space is available on a first-come, first-served basis for those paid in full. Fees are transferable to another camper.



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Request for Accommodation for Camper or Leader

(This form may also be completed online at www.nhscouting.org/camping)

Efforts will be made to make reasonable accommodations for campers and leaders.

Please note: If accommodation requested is due to a medical condition, this medical information must appear on the camper's or leader's medical form.

Youth / Adult Dates Attending Camp: _____ Pack #: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please explain what accommodation is needed:

In order to fulfill your request to the best of our ability, please mail this form at least two weeks prior to your camp session to Camp Carpenter, 300 Blondin Rd. Manchester, NH 03109. You may also complete the online version at www.nhscouting.org/camping at least two weeks prior to your session. If you have not heard from Camp Carpenter two weeks prior to your session, please call to confirm receipt of your request at 603-623-5962

