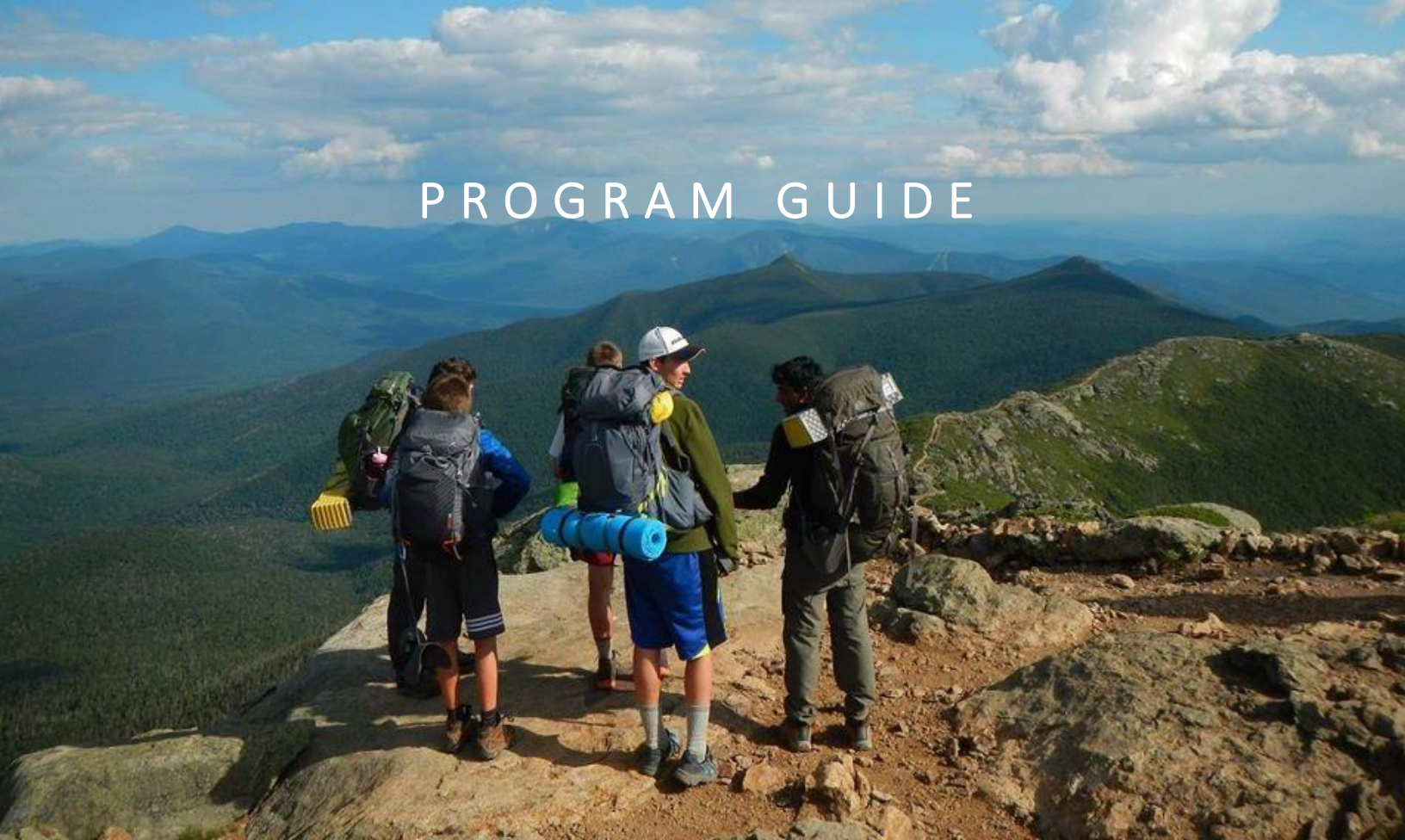


PROGRAM GUIDE



GRANITE HIGH ADVENTURE DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL

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INTRODUCING YOUR WHITE MOUNTAINS EXPEDITION

Griswold Scout Reservation lives at the granite heart of the vast Northeast outdoors. Launch your next adventure in the company of the majestic natural regions of the White Mountains, the Belknap Mountain Range, or the river systems of the North Country. Our expeditions are carefully crafted for your experienced Scouts: challenging, awe inspiring, character building.

All our crews are provided with a highly skilled, trained Trek Leader, trail food, crew gear and transportation to and from trek routes. Personal gear requirements vary and are set out in the GSR Pre-requisites Guidebook, and the Granite High Adventure Leader's Guide.

THREE EXPEDITION PACKAGES TO CHOOSE FROM

- The Belknap Challenge
- White Mountains Trek
- Northern Rivers Trek

1,200 SQUARE MILES OF OPTIONS

Ask about ways custom build a trip for your unique expedition crew or add features to "raise the altitude" even higher.

BOOK A FULL CREW OR APPLY FOR A PROVISIONAL SPACE

Provisional spaces will be available on booked treks after May 1. Provisional participants will select their trip then in the order in which deposits were received. If you don't have a full crew to bring, apply anyways and we will do our best to find a way!

BELKNAP CHALLENGE

High Adventure boot-camp! Train up your outdoor skills and gain the solid experience to leave the troop trailer behind. Head into the back country with confidence. Be one with the wild!

- Introduces Scouts to the principles and experiences required for successful backpacking, providing a broad menu of high adventure experiences without all the mileage.
- Develops outdoor leadership skills to help youth carry out a variety of outdoor activities.
- Participants custom build their own adventure throughout GSR's 3,500 acres of sprawling backcountry in the Belknap Range.
- Challenge participants spend five days & four nights on the trail (Monday-Friday) – carrying all equipment, food & water. Lodging provided at GSR on night of arrival and prior to departure.
- This training experience is available on a per-scout provisional basis, but we highly recommend a minimum of two from any unit. What you discover here is to take home to make your troop even more awesome.

DATES

The Belknap Challenge runs weekly, concurrent with the GSR summer camp schedule (arrival Sunday afternoon; departure the following Saturday morning). You can participate while your home unit is at Hidden Valley or Camp Bell. Space for 12 participants is available weekly.

REQUIREMENTS

Participants must be at least 13, First Class, and must pass the BSA swim test if aquatic activity is included in the adventure they build. One registered adult participant 21 or older will be needed for each week's program. Co-ed crews require one male and one female leader at least 21 years old. Current and up to date BSA Medical Form parts A, B and C are required, with physician certification for high adventure activities described in part D. See the GSR Pre-requisites Guidebook for a brief packing list. Further detailed information will be provided in the Granite High Adventure Leaders' Guide.

COST: \$410/participant. Five days and four nights on the trail on an expedition you help design, with gear, trail food and your Trek instructor. Optional add-ons (ie: climbing or canoeing) are possible. One BSA Registered Adult (21+) participates FREE with 4 registered youth from their unit. (This adult cannot be counted toward two-deep leadership for their unit if they are at resident camp the same week).

PAYMENTS: \$100 deposit per participant. Payments are payable to Daniel Webster Council, BSA, 571 Holt Avenue, Manchester, NH 03109. Units are responsible for all payments by May 15th.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Merit badges and partials are available in several areas, including but not limited to: Camping, Climbing, Cooking, Backpacking and Kayaking. The Leave No Trace Awareness Award is a standard component of the Belknap Challenge. Merit badge completion is not guaranteed, and availability will vary depending on weather conditions and the route chosen by the group.

WHITE MOUNTAINS TREK

The real deal. A back-country expedition for tomorrow's leaders. Explore the same terrain that world-class trekkers train on and discover how awesome you are.

- Builds older Scouts' backpacking expertise and wilderness skills, and gives them confidence to think large and live deep in the untouched places of the outdoors.
- Participants spend six days and five nights on the trail (Mon-Fri) navigating remote and challenging areas of the White Mountain National Forest within the State of New Hampshire (off GSR property). Lodging is provided at GSR the night of arrival and prior to departure.
- White Mountains Trek participants will carry all of their camping equipment, food and supplies for the week. Groups will be totally self-sufficient on the trail.
- Add-on experiences can be arranged at additional cost, subject to reservation availability and routes. (See your journey from the air by booking a float plane at the end of your trip, meet a climbing instructor on trail in the Presidential or rappel down Arethusa Falls!)

DATES

The White Mountains Trek runs from your arrival on Friday afternoon, to your departure on Saturday morning the following week. Itineraries offer some flexibility but are largely fixed due to the need to reserve services and the best sites well in advance. Three mountain expeditions are available in 2020 (*dates do not include arrival and departure days*):

- **June 27 – July 3**
- **July 10 – July 17**
- **July 24 – July 31**

REQUIREMENTS

The minimum crew size to book a trek is 5 (plus your Trek Leader) At least one crew member must be an adult over the age of 21 (in addition to your Trek Leader). Co-ed crews require one male and one female leader at least 21 years old. All participants must be BSA registered. Maximum crew size is 9 (plus your Trek Leader). Provisional participants will be considered after May 1 for spots not filled by the group making the reservation.

Participants must be at least 14, and First Class. Current and up to date BSA Medical Form parts A, B and C are required, with physician certification for high adventure activities described in part D. A detailed packing list and detailed information will be provided in the Granite High Adventure Leaders' Guide.

COST: \$575/participant. Six days and five nights on the trail with your Trek Leader, trail food, crew gear (including tents and packs) transportation to and from trek routes and one night before and one after at GSR. Optional programming may be available at an additional cost per crew.

PAYMENTS: \$100 deposit per participant. Payments are payable to Daniel Webster Council, BSA, 571 Holt Avenue, Manchester, NH 03109. Units are responsible for all payments by May 15th.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Merit badges and partials are available in several areas, including but not limited to: Camping, Climbing, Cooking, Backpacking and Hiking and Wilderness Survival. The Leave No Trace Awareness Award is a standard component of the White Mountains Treks. Merit badge completion is not guaranteed, and availability will vary depending on weather conditions and the route chosen by the group as a whole.

NORTHERN RIVERS TREK

The rush and spray of whitewater, the misty stillness of a lake at dawn, the rich surprise of a wildlife encounter, the bigness of the great outdoors and the good company of your crew. You'll tell stories about this trip for years!

- Equips older Scouts with the knowledge and experience required for a successful, extended water voyage in a remote setting.
- Participants will spend 6 days & 5 nights paddling the remote lakes of the Rangeleys or Aziscohos, heading down the Magalloway or Rapid Rivers to the Androscoggin and beyond.
- Our River treks meet mileage requirements for the 50 Miler Award.
- Some whitewater is included in each of our river itineraries. Add-on experiences, such as fly-fishing lessons, or seeing your route from the air in a float plane, can be arranged at additional cost subject to reservation availability and weather conditions.
- Northern Rivers Trek participants will transport all of their camping equipment, food and supplies for the week. Groups will be totally self-sufficient on the water.

DATES

The Northern Rivers Trek runs from your arrival on Friday afternoon, to your departure on Saturday morning the following week. Itineraries offer some flexibility but are largely fixed due to the need to reserve services and the best sites well in advance. Three river expeditions are available in 2020 (*dates do not include arrival and departure days*):

- **July 4 – July 10**
- **July 18 – July 24**
- **August 1 – August 7**

REQUIREMENTS

The minimum crew size to book a trek is 7 (plus your Trek Leader) At least one crew member must be an adult over the age of 21 (in addition to your Trek Leader). Co-ed crews require one male and one female leader at least 21 years old. All participants must be BSA registered. Maximum crew size is 11 (plus your Trek Leader). Provisional participants will be considered after May 1 for spots not filled by the group making the reservation.

Participants must be at least 14, and First Class. A BSA swim test will be administered *at GSR* and must be passed. Current and up to date BSA Medical Form parts A, B and C are required, with physician certification for high adventure activities described in part D. A detailed packing list and detailed information will be provided in the Granite High Adventure Leaders' Guide.

COST: \$625/participant. Six days and five nights on the river with your Trek Leader, trail food, crew gear (including canoes, paddles, life vests, tents and packs) transportation to and from trek routes and one night before and one after at GSR. Optional programming may be available at an additional cost per crew.

PAYMENTS: \$100 deposit per participant. Payments are payable to Daniel Webster Council, BSA, 571 Holt Avenue, Manchester, NH 03109. Units are responsible for all payments by May 15th.

ADVANCEMENT:

Merit badges and partials are available in several areas, including but not limited to: Camping, Canoeing, Kayaking, Cooking, and Wilderness Survival. The Leave No Trace Awareness Award is a standard component of the Northern Rivers Trek. Merit badge completion is not guaranteed, and availability will vary depending on weather conditions and the route chosen by the group as a whole. To maximize time spent focusing on activities unique to the wilderness experience, we recommend completing the conservation project requirement for the 50 Miler at home. If project is completed prior to arrival, this award can be presented upon completion of the trip.

MAKING A TREK CREW RESERVATION

Trips are considered booked when a minimum crew makes the reservation and pays their deposit. Crew Reservations are made online at <https://nhscouting.org/outdoor-programs/high-adventure/> Please note requirements above for age, rank, swimming and adult leadership. *Large units that will require multiple crews: please contact us well in advance to discuss this option.*

MAKING A PROVISIONAL TREK RESERVATION

Provisional participants will be considered for open spots on treks of their choice after May 1, in the order in which their deposits were received. Provisional space is not guaranteed until confirmed at that time, but we will make every effort to make these trips available to everyone. Reservations on the provisional list can be made online at <https://nhscouting.org/outdoor-programs/high-adventure/> Deposits for those on the provisional waitlist will be refunded if a suitable trip option is not available after May 1. Please note requirements above for age and rank.

RESERVATIONS FOR BELKNAP CHALLENGE

Belknap Challenge can be reserved as a crew or provisionally, but one registered adult volunteer 21 years or older is necessary for each week's program. One adult leader can register for free with 4 youth participants. Ask us about volunteering as adult staff for provisional groups. Reservations can be made online at <https://nhscouting.org/outdoor-programs/high-adventure/>

CANCELLATIONS

Trek Crew *deposits* are non-refundable.* The *balance* of a registration fee will be refunded after August 31, 2020 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 troop crew member cancellations will be made to the troop. Troops are responsible for paying the full registration fees for no-shows unless the refund conditions above have been met.

* Deposits and fees are transferrable. Deposits for those on the provisional waitlist will be refunded if a suitable trip option is not available after May 1.

Belknap Challenge refunds: due to advance staffing requirements, deposits for the Belknap Challenge are not transferrable to the cost of a week of resident camping after June 1. The *balance* may be applied toward a week of resident camp or refunded following the criteria listed above.

“Because it's there.”

George Mallory

