



Daniel Webster Council
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2021 Sleepover Parent Guide

Camp Carpenter



Down on the Farm



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.

COVID has certainly changed our world of scouting and this summer we are excited to be back together. We are taking many measures to ensure the safety of our campers, leaders, and staff. We appreciate your help in making Camp Carpenter a safe place this summer so that we can get back to normal as closely as we can.

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 Trailblazer 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.

Day Camp at Camp Carpenter

Day Camp at Camp Carpenter runs daily from Monday through Friday. Drop off time is at 9:00am and pick up is at 4:00pm, with an after care option as well.

Family Overnight

All Scouting Families can come and enjoy an overnight experience at Camp Carpenter. Most Friday evening this summer you'll be able to enjoy a relaxing evening at camp and then participate in Saturday activities.

Granite Base Camp Saturday

Come enjoy many of the open programs on a Saturday. A great chance to explore the camp and everything it has to offer. Try your hand at new skills in this relaxed atmosphere.



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.

Send us a copy, never the original. Also, a copy for each week attending camp is needed.

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) **COVID** - We have a comprehensive plan to mitigate exposure to COVID while at camp. The staff, leaders, and youth will all work hard together to follow all these procedures, guidelines, and recommendations to make sure we stay safe. A testing kit will be sent to your residence for a test prior to arrival to camp. This is a simple nasal swab and then it is mailed back to the company. Another test will be administered on day of arrival. These two tests will provide us with enough



information to make sure we have a safe camp. Anyone testing positive for COVID will be sent home immediately. An entire cohort doesn't need to go home if they have followed all procedures and test negative. A "Parental Commitment to Transport" form will be sent to you to fill out prior to camp. A precamp screening of questions and of symptoms will be administered and a daily screening of questions and temperatures will be taken at camp.

Mask wearing will be required of all participants when at program areas or passing cohorts on the trail. A cohort may remove masks while eating, in the campsite, or during activities where social distancing and other cohorts are not present.

With the constant changes regarding COVID procedures and protocols, we will continuously update through our "Camp Carpenter Leader's" page on Facebook, and e-newsletters.

4)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.

5) 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.

6) 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

7) 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.



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8) **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
Masks	Towel and face cloth
Minimum of four changes of clothing	Soap and Shampoo
Pair of long pants or sweatpants	Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb
1 sweatshirt or sweater	Flashlight
1 light to medium weight jacket	Mosquito netting and poles
2 extra changes of underwear	nylon rope or velcro straps
2 extra changes of socks	Laundry bag
2 extra T-shirts	Raincoat or poncho
Sleeping bag	Day Pack
2-4 warm blankets	Spending Money
Pillow	Canteen or water bottle
At least one swimsuit	Hat
Beach Towels	Hand Sanitizer

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 \$60 per participant.

**** The pack must supply one adult for every 8 scouts attending. Adults will cost \$60 per adult.** We wish to keep adult leadership to a minimum to mimic the Scouts BSA program.



DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

<https://goo.gl/maps/jiqkAtJjHAXftmCz6>

Arrival Time

For Residential campers, Arrival times will be staggered this year due to COVID restrictions. Your unit will be notified of their arrival time approximately two weeks prior to your Sunday arrival. You should plan on arriving having already eaten lunch. Parents should plan on staying at camp for about an hour on arrival day. You will not head to the campsite to help set up. Once the pack has gone through the arrival procedures and medical check, parents will be asked to leave. Only scouts and leaders should be going to the campsites. Your child's safety is utmost important and we ask for your assistance in helping us maintain a minimum contact and COVID free camping experience.

Departure Time

For Residential campers, you should plan on arriving to camp between 4:30 and 5:30pm on Thursday evening. Program will be ending at 4:30. We ask that parents not go into the campsites to get gear. Units will be coordinating this process and be ready for pick up where you dropped them off. Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be having our BBQ or closing campfire like we have in the past. However, we will offer a virtual campfire that will be released on the Friday of your week at camp. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting culmination to the week.



Visiting Camp

Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no visitors this summer.

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 \$75 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:

[illegible]

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

