

# 2013 SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP MATTATUCK



Troop 52 will attend Camp Mattatuck, Plymouth, the week of August 4-10, 2013. This is the highlight of the year, and the entire troop typically goes. Just think... A full week of quality Scouting, with our own leadership, backed up by an outstanding staff at one of the finest facilities in New England! A Scout's best memories are often from summer camp. This document should answer any questions you have and help you prepare for camp, whether you're a first-time camper, or a seasoned veteran.

We are scheduled to return to the 'Cedar Campsite.' The Scouts sleep on cots with mattresses in roomy 2-man wall tents. Meals are served family style in the dining hall. Other than the length of stay, this is by far our easiest camping of the year!

## **SAFETY FIRST! THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE REQUIRED:**

1. "Youth Camp Health Examination Record." A Scout medical form, with physical examination completed after August 11, 2012 and signed by doctor and parent. Please return ASAP. Any scout who brings over-the-counter or prescription medication to camp must specify the medication and provide a physician's signature in the appropriate section of the med form. Over-the-counter medicine provided by the camp, such as Tylenol, requires only a parental signature. Download a medical form from: <http://www.campmattatuck.org/files/medical-form>, or ask a troop leader for more help. A camp nurse is on staff 24/7.
2. Permission slip (attached)  
Forms may be turned in at any troop meeting, or mailed to:  
Tim Martin, 51 Franklin Avenue, Oakville, CT 06779.

***We need all forms in our possession by July 1st so they can be reviewed carefully.***

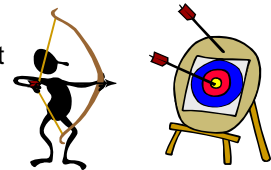
## **MERIT BADGES – SUMMER CAMP IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCEMENT!**

Scouts must review the requirements for the badge(s) that they plan to work on at camp. Is there any special clothing or equipment required? Is there some reading, writing, or drawing you can do before going to camp? *Be prepared.* First year Scouts are advised to take one or two merit badges in order to concentrate on requirements for First Class.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 10:**

Tour of Camp Mattatuck for 1<sup>st</sup> time Scouts & parents. (highly recommended) Call Joe at 203-217-7123 prior to July 9<sup>th</sup> if coming. Meet at camp parking lot at 6:30pm. Sandals are not recommended for camp trails. The tour takes approximately 1 hour. Your family can stay for a campfire program afterward if you wish)



### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4:**

Camp Arrival. We will meet at the pine grove near the parking lot at camp at 1:00 PM sharp. Please call Joe at 203-217-7123 if you are going to be late.

- Have all your gear in a backpack protected from the weather.
- Wear your complete Scout uniform, including hat, except substitute troop t-shirt or other appropriate t-shirt. You will pack your troop neckerchief, and Scout shirt. You will wear your **complete** uniform at dinner each evening. Be sure to have hiking boots or brown or black shoes to wear with your uniform. All other times you are free to dress any way you like, except no tank tops. No bare feet on trails! Sandals should be worn only in the shower. ***If you are missing a part of the uniform please address the problem before arriving at camp.***
- Upon arrival on Sunday, wear your swim trunks under your Scout shorts, or have them readily accessible in pack.
- Electronics and cell phones will NOT be allowed. This is a camp rule. If you somehow receive a call from your son, ask him which troop leader knows he is calling, then call that troop leader. It is

important that if your son is homesick or needs something, the troop leaders are aware. Leaders mobile phone numbers are listed below.

- If your son is driving a car to camp, please bring a listing of when he is allowed to leave camp and when he will return.
- Have any medication in its original container labeled with your name, Doctor name, and troop number. Medicine will be stored with the nurse in the health lodge, which is located near the dining hall.
- Parents are welcome to accompany the Scouts to the campsite to get settled in.

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 10:**

Visitors are welcome anytime after 2:00pm. Parents can bring picnic supper if they wish. No family members are allowed to eat in the dining hall. If Scout is not eating supper in dining hall, please make a note on attached permission slip. (and be sure the Scout knows, too!). All parents should arrive no later than 7:30 PM. Best time to arrive is 5:00PM. You must have the Scout's gear in your car before the campfire.

- 2:00 PM \_\_ Camp-wide Water Carnival (Boat and swim competition)
- 5:30 PM: \_\_ All Scouts at campsite flag pole in full uniform for Troop Court of Honor and roll call. All gear must be removed from campsite by this time.
- 6:00 PM: \_\_ Dinner at Dining Hall.
- 7:30 PM: \_\_ Camp Court of Honor at Dining Hall.
- 8:00 PM: \_\_ Campfire in amphitheater
- 9:15 PM: \_\_ After campfire and torchlight parade, sign out with troop leaders in front of camp office, leave for home. (camp office is stone building closest to the parking lot) You will receive your troop photo, paid for by the Mothers' Auxiliary.

### **TO WRITE TO SCOUTS DURING THE WEEK:**

*Scout's Name, Troop 52, Camp Mattatuck, Mt.Tobe Road, Plymouth, CT 06782.*

**No packages will be accepted. Food and candy attract animals and are not to be brought to camp.**

If a Scout has to leave camp during the week, the parent must sign him out at the camp office, and the Scout must have a note from his Scoutmaster to confirm that the Scoutmaster knows he's leaving. If someone other than a parent is taking the boy from camp, that person must be listed on the permission slip signed by parent. When the boy returns to camp the parent or designated person must sign him in.

### **Health & Safety Stuff**

- Buddy System
- Shoes worn everywhere
- No wet stuff in tents
- No food in tents
- Clotheslines at safe height
- No litter!
- No flames in tents
- Get plenty of sleep
- No running on trails, roads
- Wear closed toe shoes on trails...no sandals
- Stay on beaten path...ticks, bees are waiting for you.
- Wash regularly to stay healthy!
- EMERGENCY...Bell at dining hall ringing incessantly...report to your campsite right away!

### **Fishing**

- No earlier than 6AM...leave site quietly!
- Buddy system!
- No big tackle boxes
- Use snap swivel to attach hooks at pond. No exposed hooks in campsite.
- Don't bring fish back to campsite

### **Troop Leadership**

Jon Andrew	860-417-9566		Jim Doback	860-398-0962
Brad Hanover	203-395-5522		Paul Hoffman	203-233-4622
Joe LeClair	203-217-7123			
Tim Martin	203-206-7087			

## Typical Day

- 7:00AM \_\_\_ Rise & Shine...wash, straighten tent.
- 7:30AM \_\_\_ Flag Ceremony in site. Waiters head for dining hall.
- 7:55AM \_\_\_ Flag Ceremony at dining hall (Walter Deacon Flag Pole)
- 8:00AM \_\_\_ Breakfast!!!**...dry shirts & shoes must be worn. No tank tops please.  
Typical breakfast: cereals, eggs, french toast, pancakes
- ~8:30AM \_\_\_ Breakfast ends. Litter patrol, Service Patrol cleans latrine.
- 9:00AM \_\_\_ Greenbar meets in campfire circle for training and meeting  
Morning instruction in shooting, Scoutcraft, nature, etc.
- 11:00AM \_\_\_ instructional boating
- 11:30AM \_\_\_ instructional swim
- 12:30PM \_\_\_ Lunch!**  
You can meet us there. Waiters may want to bring dry clothes to boating and swimming.  
Typical lunch: sandwiches, pizza, calzones, chicken patty, tacos
- 1:30-5PM \_\_\_ Merit Badges. Leaders available in campsite for other advancement.  
Also in afternoon...free boating, swimming, archery, rifle range.
- 5:30PM \_\_\_ Stand at flagpole in site in full uniform. Waiters dismissed.**
- 5:50PM \_\_\_ Flag Ceremony at Walter Deacon flag pole in front of Dining Hall.
- 6:00PM \_\_\_ Dinner!**  
Typical dinner: ham, roast beef, turkey, pasta
- ~6:30PM \_\_\_ Dinner's over. Free boating, troop games, etc.
- 9:30PM \_\_\_ in your bunk to hear Harry Grover bell ring "prayer bell".
- 9:45PM \_\_\_ Taps/Lights Out**

## **PARENTS' CHECKLIST**

- Payment –
- Doctor's Physical since August 2012? If not, schedule an appointment now
- Medical Form signed by Physician – due ASAP, or no later than July 31st
- Permission Slip – due ASAP, or no later than July 31st
- Merit Badges selected – June 12th
- Merit Badge pre-work completed – due August 4th
- Camp tour for first time scouts– July 10<sup>th</sup>. RSVP before July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Uniform checked for completeness – due July 31st
- Reviewed daily camp schedule with new Scouts
- Medications labeled – due August 4th

# Permission Slip

My son has my permission to attend summer camp Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> with Troop 52.

During the week, if not at work or at home, I can be contacted at these phone numbers:

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The following people have permission to take my son from camp:

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**Special arrival/departure:**

My son will leave camp on \_\_\_\_\_(day) at \_\_\_\_\_(time)

And will return on \_\_\_\_\_(day) at \_\_\_\_\_(time)

On Saturday Evening, he will eat \_\_\_in the dining hall with Scouts \_\_\_picnic with family

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Scout's Name

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Parent's Signature

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date

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All clothing and gear should be marked with Scout's name and troop number

- medical form (did you hand it in w/parent's & doctor's signatures?)
- sleeping bag or 3 blankets
- sheet or mattress cover
- soap, toothbrush, toothpaste
- plastic drinking cup
- towels
- swim trunks (in a handy place on Sunday)
- extra underwear
- extra socks
- sneakers (no sandals)
- shoes for wear with uniform
- warm jacket or sweater
- Scout Handbook     merit badge pamphlet     notebook     pen     pencil
- extra clothing (uniforms are required only for dinner) (no tanktops)
- summer Scout uniform, including:
  - hat                       slide
  - shorts                     belt
  - shirt                       socks
  - troop neckerchief     brown or black leather shoes.
- rainsuit (jacket & pants)
- a drinking cup
- spending money (no more than \$20)
- flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries
- handkerchief
- pocket knife (no non-folding sheath knives on any Scout activity)
- pajamas
- 25 feet parachute cord or twine for clothes line                       clothes pins?
- any special equipment for your merit badge(s)?
- clothes hangers
- fishing gear? Keep it simple.
- medicine (marked with name, " T-52")
- camera?
- mosquito netting if you wish (poles no longer than 32")
- NO** electronic games, radios, etc.



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## Camp Mattatuck Merit Badge Time Schedule (Troop 52 issue...Subject to change)

### SCOUTCRAFT

<b>E- Camping</b> .....	2:00 & 3:00
<b>Cooking</b> .....	Mon. and Wed. 4:00, Tues. 7-8:30am, Thurs. 4-6:30pm, Fri. 11:30-1
<b>Fire Safety</b> .....	2:00
<b>Orienteering</b> .....	3:00
<b>Pioneering</b> .....	1:30-3:00
<b>Indian Lore</b> .....	2:00
<b>Hiking &amp; Backpacking</b> .....	6:45pm
<b>Wilderness Survival</b> .....	3:00
<b>Geocaching</b> .....	3:00

### NATURE

<b>E- Environmental Science</b> .....	<b>see troop counselor Brad Hanover</b>
<b>Forestry</b> .....	3:00
<b>Astronomy*</b> .....	2:00
<b>Mammal Study</b> .....	2:00
<b>Plant Science</b> .....	1:00
<b>Fish &amp; Wildlife Mgmt*</b> .....	3:00
<b>Soil &amp; Water Conserv.*</b> .....	3:00
<b>Weather</b> .....	4:00
<b>Fishing</b> .....	<b>see troop counselor Jon Andrew</b>
<b>Fly Fishing</b> .....	4:00 .....
	Marston Amphitheater
<i>*** Astronomy, Fish &amp; Wildlife Management and Soil &amp; Water Conservation will be offered only on even numbered years with Reptiles &amp; Amphibians, Geology and Nature being offered during odd years. ***</i>	

### SPORTS

<b>Archery</b> .....	1:15 - 3:00.....	Archery Range
<b>Athletics</b> .....	3:00 .....	Climbing Tower
<b>Rifle Shooting</b> .....	1:15 - 3:00.....	Rifle Range
<b>Shotgun Shooting</b> .....	3:00 - 4:30.....	Rifle Range
<b>Cycling</b> .....	6:45pm .....	Mountain Biking Center
<b>Golf</b> .....	1:00 and Friday 9:00-12:00 .....	Picnic Grove
<b>Sports</b> .....	2:00 .....	Picnic Grove
<b>Climbing</b> .....	1:30 – 3:00 and Friday 12:00- 3:00 .....	Climbing Wall
<b>Personal Fitness</b> .....	3:00 .....	Climbing Tower

### AQUATICS

<b>Canoeing</b> .....	2:00 or 3:00 .....	Waterfront, Boating
<b>E- Lifesaving</b> .....	2:30 - 4:00 .....	Waterfront, Swimming
<b>Rowing</b> .....	3:00 .....	Waterfront, Boating
<b>Small Boat Sailing</b> .....	1:15 - 2:30 .....	Waterfront, Swimming
<b>Swimming</b> .....	2:00 or 3:00 .....	Waterfront, Swimming
<b>Whitewater</b> .....	1:15 - 2:30 and 7:00am -12:00 Fri. ....	Waterfront, Boating
<b>Aquatic Supervision (Both parts)</b> .....	1:30 - 4:00 .....	Waterfront, Swimming
<b>Snorkeling BSA</b> .....	4:00 Monday and Tuesday .....	Waterfront, Swimming
<b>Kayaking BSA</b> .....	6:45-7:30pm Monday and Tuesday .....	Waterfront, Boating

### HANDICRAFT

<b>Art</b> .....	4:00
<b>Basketry</b> .....	1:15 – 2:00
<b>Leatherwork</b> .....	3:00
<b>Photography</b> .....	Monday and Friday 6:45-8:00pm
<b>Wood Carving</b> .....	2:00
<b>Woodworking</b> .....	6:30 Camp Office
<b>E- First Aid</b> .....	4:00 Health Lodge

**E-** = from the required list for Eagle Scout

Badges in **bold** are recommended.

**1<sup>st</sup> Year Scouts:** we encourage Fishing, Mammals. Swimming if you're a good swimmer. Archery if you've shot successfully before.

**All Scouts:** Please focus on merit badges between 1PM and 4PM so that you have the 4PM-5PM hour free for swimming, shooting, and other activities in camp. Evening merit badges are discouraged.

Unless otherwise stated all sessions are one hour long and will meet each day of the week. Our badges are based on **quality not quantity**. Please realize that many of the badges require previous work before coming to camp. All merit badges and times are subject to **change** due to staff and equipment limitations. Revision date 01/11.