

# 2023 SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP MATTATUCK



Troop 52 will attend Camp Mattatuck, Plymouth, the week of **July 30 - August 5, 2023**. 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 5, 2022** 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. To download a med form: [click here](#) . A camp nurse is on staff 24/7.
2. Permission slip (see attached)  
Forms may be turned in at any Troop meeting, or mailed to:

***We need all forms in our possession by July 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

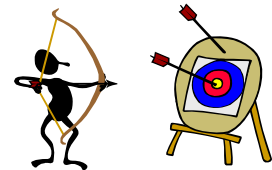
**All Scouts:** Please focus on merit badges between 1PM and 4PM so that you have the 4PM-5PM hour free for open swimming, shooting, and other activities in camp. Morning and evening merit badges are discouraged.

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.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **CAMP TOUR FOR FIRST TIME SCOUTS: TBD**

Tour of Camp Mattatuck for 1<sup>st</sup> time Scouts & parents. (highly recommended) Meet at camp parking lot at 6:30 PM. Sandals are not recommended for camp trails. The tour takes approximately 1 hour. ***Please RSVP to Joe LeClair [jleclair@tr52.com](mailto:jleclair@tr52.com).***



## **SUNDAY, JULY 30TH:**

Camp Arrival. We will meet at the pine grove near the parking lot at camp. This year, the check-in time will be provided to the Troop a couple days before. This time will fall between 11:30AM and 2:00PM. **Please call Nick Oun at 203-525-2795 if you are going to be late.**

- **Have all your gear in a backpack** protected from the weather. **No trunks or Rubbermaids allowed.**
- 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.
- 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 **MAY** be welcome to accompany the Scouts to the campsite to get settled in based on the current COVID procedures at the time. We will keep you updated as it gets closer.

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH:**

*Visitors are welcome anytime after 5:00PM. 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. **Let's not end our week with a fractured troop. Please stay for the closing campfire.***

- 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: *Cookout at Dining Hall. Scouts eat free. Guests may join in for \$10 each. Another option is to bring your own dinner and eat in the picnic grove. (or eat before you come to camp)*
- 7:30 PM: *Camp Court of Honor at Dining Hall.*
- 8:00 PM: *Campfire in amphitheater, followed by the torchlight parade*
- 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)*

## **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.**

## **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.
- Catch and release. Don't bring fish back to campsite

## Troop Leadership

Nick Oun	203-525-2795		Tim Gavallas	203-704-0059

## 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 **2022**? If not, schedule an appointment now
- Medical Form signed by Physician – due ASAP, or no later than **July 14th**
- Permission Slip – due ASAP, or no later than **July 14<sup>th</sup>**
- Merit Badges selected – June 16th
- Merit Badge pre-work completed –
- Camp tour for first time scouts– **July TBD**
- Uniform checked for completeness –
- Reviewed daily camp schedule with new Scouts
- Medications labeled –

## Permission Slip

My son has my permission to attend summer camp Sunday, July 30th to Saturday, August 5th 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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- 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. Sandals for shower only)
- 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)
- 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 or clothing for your merit badge(s)? (ie jeans for metalworking)
- clothes hangers
- fishing gear? Keep it simple.
- medicine (marked with name, " T-52")
- camera?
- mosquito netting recommended. (poles no longer than 32")
- insect repellent (pump, roll-on, or cream...no aerosol)
- NO** electronic games, radios, etc.



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