

2011 SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP MATTATUCK



Troop 52 will attend Camp Mattatuck, Plymouth, the week of August 7-13, 2011. 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 13, 2010 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.

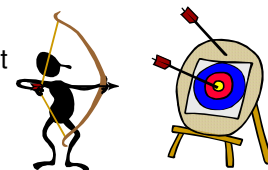
MERIT BADGES – SUMMER CAMP IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCEMENT!

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.*

IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13:

Tour of Camp Mattatuck for 1st time Scouts & parents. (highly recommended) Call Joe at 203-217-7123 prior to July 12th 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 7:

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 13:

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 dining hall 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		Don Cullen	203-768-4841
Brad Hanover	203-395-5522		Paul Hoffman	203-233-4622
Joe LeClair	203-217-7123		Justin Martin	203-560-0556
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 – due May 4, 2011
- ☐ Doctor's Physical since August 2009? If not, schedule an appointment now
- ☐ Medical Form signed by Physician – due ASAP, or no later than July 1st
- ☐ Permission Slip – due ASAP, or no later than July 1st
- ☐ Merit Badges selected – due May 18, 2011
- ☐ Merit Badge pre-work completed – due August 7, 2011
- ☐ Camp tour for first time scouts– July 13th. RSVP before July 12th.
- ☐ Uniform checked for completeness – due July 31st
- ☐ Reviewed daily camp schedule with new Scouts
- ☐ Medications labeled – due August 7th

Permission Slip

My son has my permission to attend summer camp Sunday, August 7th to Saturday, August 13th with Troop 52.

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

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

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

Scout's Name

Parent's Signature

date

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
- ☐ 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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2011 Camp Mattatuck Merit Badge Time Schedule (Troop 52 issue)

SCOUTCRAFT

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

NATURE

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

SPORTS

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

AQUATICS

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

HANDICRAFT

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

E- = from the required list for Eagle Scout

Badges in **bold** are recommended.

1st 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.