

CAMP WANOCKSETT

Nashua Valley Council, B.S.A.



Celebrating Our 85th Year

2009 PARENT'S GUIDE
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From the Camp Director

Dear Friends,

Twenty years ago, I started my journey as a Camp Wanocksett staff member. I began as a Dishwasher in the Kitchen where I worked with Jeff Dee, I staffed Scoutcraft and became the area's Director, I mentored CITs and Commissioned sites, and for the last ten years I have served as the Program Director for three different administrations. Earlier this fall, I was offered the opportunity to lead Camp Wanocksett as the Camp Director and, with great honor and a deep sense of responsibility, I accepted. I hope you join in my excitement, as we look forward to our summer together in celebration of Camp Wanocksett's 85th Anniversary.

Before I go on to share some of our exciting plans for the summer, I think it is only right to thank the man who has led our camp for the past three years. I remember when Matt Ford came to Wanocksett for the first time in 1998. Who could forget the tireless spirit, which characterized his hard work, first in the Kitchen and then throughout nearly every area in camp? He served our camp well and we are forever grateful for his guiding leadership.

As I have begun putting together a leadership team at Wanocksett, I am pleased that many faces will be returning, continuing the tradition of excellence which is so ingrained in the Wanocksett Experience. Mike Penney will be the next Program Director, bringing to the office 14 years of camp experience. I know that his vast and conversant skill set will guide him well as he continues to shape and enrich the program, which brings so many boys to Wanocksett each year. Kevin Marshall will return as Assistant Camp Director, continuing to oversee all the operational and financial concerns at camp. Also returning this summer is Rebecca Lantry, our Director of Health Services who will be back full time, and Richie Brunet with his team at Café Services. Both Becky and Richie bring a standard of excellence that has redefined summer camp at Camp Wanocksett for the last decade.

Over the past few months our team has recruited the 2009 Wanocksett Staff. In the 20 years that I have been on staff, this team ranks among the top of any list I can remember. I have included a preliminary breakdown of the Senior Staff on the next page so that you can familiarize yourself with some of this summer's leaders.

This off-season has brought many challenges, many frustrations, and many moments of sadness. From tragic losses that the families of our Council felt, to the devastation of the December ice storm, to the slowing of our economy – this year feels like one of the toughest I can recall. However, when I look towards the summer I become rejuvenated knowing that we will once again be able to provide an experience to our boys that is simply unparalleled anywhere in the country. As we go through the last of the cold and snow, please join me in my excitement for the greatness that awaits us in Wanocksett's 85th Anniversary.

Yours in Scouting,

Daniel Francis Megan

Camp Director

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About the Wanocksett Experience

The Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential.

Camp Wanocksett Mission Statement

The sole focus of the Camp Wanocksett Staff is to instill the values of Scouting within each Scout who seeks the Wanocksett Experience. We will achieve this goal by combining attention to detail and the pursuit of excellence with a high degree of professionalism. Ultimately, each Scout will leave Wanocksett better for having come to our camp.

Camp Administration Summary

Camp Wanocksett is owned and operated by the Nashua Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. It is administered by a full-time camp director and ranger, each trained and certified by a National Camping School of the Boy Scouts of America. The camp is supervised by the Council Board of Directors through the Council Camping Committee. The camp is inspected by the Department of Health and is licensed by the State of New Hampshire. Each year, Camp Wanocksett is inspected by the Council Camping Committee and an Area Camp Visitation Team. It is consistently rated as a Nationally Accredited Camp and has met 100% of standards for the past 10 years. Copies of inspection reports are available from the Nashua Valley Council Service Center.

2009 Senior Staff

Daniel Megan, Camp Director	Max Tambling, Scoutcraft Director
Michael Penney, Program Director	Ethan Leighton, Ecology Director
Kevin Marshall, Asst. Camp Director	Anthony Cuoco, Brownsea Director
George Geddes, CIT Director	Dan Greenwood, Climbing Director
Joseph Amato, TP Manger	Mike Dennis, Asst. Climbing Director
Rebecca Lantry, Nurse	Brendon Coop, Asst. Climbing Director
John Mayo, Ranger	Nathan Greenwood, Shooting Sports Director
Matt Faler, Deputy Ranger	Matt Gustafson, Archery Director
Ryan Jutras, Asst. Ranger	William Hyunh, Rifle Director
Matt Vance, Dining Hall Director	Ben Renda, Provo Scoutmaster
Tim Glover, Asst. Dining Hall Director	Andrew Coleman, Field Sports Director
Matt Pearson, Aquatics Director	Will Neville, COPE Coordinator
Ian Fay, Asst. Aquatics Director	Jonathon Ho, Asst. COPE Coordinator
Evan Burnett, Asst. Aquatics Director	Alex Fiedler, Handicraft Director

Harris Study Results

Staying away from drugs, building self-confidence, helping at home, and a strong sense of self-worth and ethical values are all results tied directly to participating in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, according to a Louis Harris study. (09/01/98)

Some key findings from the Harris study include:

88% of Boy Scouts said that Scouting taught them skills they would not have learned elsewhere.

85% of Boy Scouts believe that Scouting will help them get a good job.

83% of Boy Scouts said that Scouting will help them get into college.

78% of Boy Scouts said that being a Scout made them feel more self-confident.

91% said Scouting encourages family togetherness.

In the Harris study, Boy Scouts themselves strongly suggested that the organization's core values of religious faith, personal integrity, and patriotism are conveyed in the program. A strong majority (74%) agreed that "Scouting helps me tell the difference between right and wrong."

Preparing for Camp

Camper Fees

Camp fees for the 2009 summer camping season are:

	Before May 29, 2009	After May 29, 2009
Camper attending with Troop	\$330.00	\$355.00
Camper attending Provisional*	\$355.00	\$355.00
Encore Camper**	\$330.00	\$330.00
Scouts who join the troop after the early bird deadline (Webelos, etc) will only be charged the early bird fee.		
* Provisional Troop is for Scouts not attending when their home troop attends, or attending additional week(s) before or after their home troop attends camp. The camp staff provides qualified adult leadership for the Provisional Troop.		
** Encore campers are those who have attended camp for one week and want to return for additional week(s) of camp.		

Refunds

Refunds will be issued only through a written request to the Council Service Center no later than June 1, 2009. All refunds are subject to a \$20 administrative fee. In the case of medical or other extreme circumstances, refunds may be given after June 1, 2009 at the discretion of the Scout Executive. Registrations may be transferred to a different camp session if space allows.

Camperships

It is the policy of the Nashua Valley Council that no Scout shall miss the opportunity to attend summer camp because his family lacks the ability to pay full price. A limited number of 50% camperships are available directly from Nashua Valley Council for this purpose. We strongly encourage Scoutmasters to investigate local funding sources before applying for council camperships. This extends the number of camperships that can be provided to deserving Scouts throughout this council.

The Role of Your Troop Leadership

Boy Scouts of America policy requires that at least two adults, one of whom is a registered adult Scouter, must be present in camp at all times to provide qualified supervision and guidance to the troop. One adult must be 21 years of age or older and the other must be at least 18 years of age.

At least one adult leader in camp must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. Additional troop leadership should reflect an awareness of the troop size, skill level, and special needs. Camp Wanocksett strongly recommends a ratio of two adults for up to twenty boys and one additional adult for every ten boys past twenty.

All adults in camp must hold a certificate of Youth Protection Training. The Scoutmaster is responsible for confirming that each adult has been trained in Youth Protection. Youth Protection Training is offered regularly by Nashua Valley Council, and is always available online via the Nashua Valley Council Web site at www.nashuavalleybsa.org.

Attending camp for one or more days is a great way for parents to be involved with their son's Scouting experience, and helps your troop leadership provide adequate supervision to ensure that your son and the rest of the troop has a safe and enjoyable summer camp experience. If you wish to volunteer your time, please coordinate with your troop's Scoutmaster.

“Be prepared.” Packing for your week at camp

While at camp boys stay in two-man canvas wall tents on wooden platforms. Each boy will have a bunk and mattress. Any specialized equipment needed for specific activities is provided. Boys will be responsible for their own personal clothing and equipment. Please make sure that all personal items are labeled with the boy's name and hometown. This makes it much easier to identify lost items.

Items each boy should bring to camp include:

Clothing

- Scout uniform
- Underwear
- Socks
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Rugged pants
- Sneakers
- Sturdy shoes or boots
- Sweater and/or jacket
- Swim suit
- Poncho or rain gear
- Old clothes and shoes (for muck walk)

Camping Gear

- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Sheet, pillow, pillowcase
- Ground cloth
- Mattress cover
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Compass
- Pocketknife
- Canteen or water bottle
- Twine or rope
- Beach towel
- Scout Handbook
- Toilet Kit
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap & container
- Shampoo
- Bath towel & wash cloth
- Deodorant
- Comb, brush, mirror
- Handkerchiefs or bandanas

Suggested Items

- Spending money
- Mosquito netting & poles
- Pen, pencil, notebook
- Anything needed for merit badge work
- Insect repellent (no aerosol cans please)
- Camera and film
- Musical instrument
- Bible or prayer book
- Sewing kit
- Fishing pole & tackle
- Sunglasses
- Hat or visor
- Sunscreen
- Sports equipment
- Board/card games

Please do not bring...

- Cell phones
- Portable CD or MP3 players without headphones
- Computers/Video Games
- Alcohol or tobacco
- Personal firearms
- Anything of value that may be damaged by being outside

Health and Safety

The safety and well being of every camper is of utmost importance. The camp employs a full-time registered nurse, who lives at the camp, to provide medical attention if necessary. All camp staff are trained in first aid and the camp has a standing agreement for emergency services with the hospital in nearby Peterborough.

To ensure that the camp nurse is aware of the medical needs of every camper, we require that each boy submit a completed medical form showing evidence of a physical exam by a licensed health care practitioner within the last 24 months. This form should include physician's orders for any medication. All medication is monitored and distributed by the camp nurse.

To maximize safety at the waterfront, each boy will be asked to demonstrate their swimming ability to the waterfront staff during their check-in procedure. Boys will be rated according to their swimming ability, based on a standard swim test. Their swimming ability rating will help the waterfront staff to assess their skill level, provide instruction if necessary and maintain the highest safety standard during aquatic activities. Instruction is available for boys who wish to improve their swimming ability.

The buddy-system is used throughout the camp program to help ensure the safety of all the campers.

Medical Forms

Each Scout and adult who attends camp must complete a Class III Medical Form. Camp Wanocksett uses a modified BSA Class III Medical form, called Personal Health and Medical Record Form (NVC CW Class III. Rev 12-2003), which is necessary to satisfy certain State of New Hampshire requirements. Copies of this form are included in your Leaders Packet, or available for download from the camp Web site at www.campwanocksett.org.

Any other BSA forms must be supplemented by filling out section VI, VII, VIII, X, and XI on the NVC Class III form. Other forms cannot be accepted as your only health form, without the above-stipulated supplementation.

Scouts under the age of 18 must have the health history section and immunizations reviewed and updated by a parent or guardian annually, and must have a complete medical examination within 24 months of attending camp.

Each adult age 18 and older must review and update the health history section and immunizations annually, and must have a complete medical examination within 24 months of attending camp.

Adults over 40 must have a medical evaluation within 12 months of attending camp.

A medical examination must be completed, signed, and documented on the health form by a licensed health care practitioner (this includes medical doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors, physician's assistants, and registered nurse practitioners). Please make sure that the contact phone numbers listed on the medical form are valid for that week, and make sure that the immunization record, insurance information, and any new medical information has been updated.

No Scout or Scouter will be permitted to remain in camp overnight without a complete medical form.

MEDICAL FORMS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE APPROPRIATE PRECAMP MEETING.

Personal medication at camp

All medications, both over-the-counter as well as prescription medication, must be turned into the camp nurse during the medical check on Sunday afternoon. The nurse will determine what each Scout or adult is allowed to keep on his/her person during the week. Prescriptions must be in the original container, bearing the pharmacy label that shows the prescription number, date filled, physicians name, directions for use, and the patients name. This must match the MD order, which should accompany the medical form. Orders signed by the physician, and the parent/guardian must be submitted for the nurse to administer prescription medication. Please check forms yearly and delete any medication orders that will not be given at camp that year.

Accommodating Individual Needs

The Wanocksett Staff is fully committed to including all Scouts in every aspect of the summer camp program. Often, meeting the needs of all campers requires minor adaptations of our facilities, staffing and instructional plans. Special menus, one on one instruction, accessible campsites, individual counseling and other provisions are available for Scouts or leaders because of physical disabilities, learning disabilities, medical conditions, dietary requirements, religious practices or other special needs. Unit leaders should contact the Camp Director well in advance to outline the specific needs of Scouts and leaders in their troops.

Check-In / Check-Out Procedures

Arriving at Camp Wanocksett

The designated arrival time for units is between 2:00 - 3:30 PM on the Sunday beginning each session. The gate will not open until 2:00 PM. Please do not arrive earlier than 2:00. The staff will be busy preparing camp for your arrival before 2:00 PM and will not be available to assist you. Also, please try to arrive at camp as a unit, as that makes check in much easier for everybody concerned.

The Trading Post is open Sunday afternoon for any last-minute camping or uniform needs, beverages and snacks, camp souvenirs, and Wednesday Night BBQ tickets. After all the gear arrives, it is transported to the troop campsite. To save time, each troop is advised to ask Scouts to keep their swimsuits accessible to them upon arrival to ensure an efficient check-in process.

As part of the check-in process each troop will report to the Health Lodge. Each Scout and leader will review their complete medical form with the Camp Nurse. Medications must be turned into the nurse at this time. It is helpful if parents are available for this process in case the nurse has any questions.

After the medical check Scouts will proceed to the waterfront for their swimming test. Once they have completed their swimming test the troop will be given a dining hall orientation and brief tour of the camp, on the way back to the campsite.

Departing from Camp Wanocksett

Closing ceremonies for the week begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday.

All of the Scouts' equipment will be returned to Memorial Lodge, where you started on Sunday afternoon.

Medical forms will be returned to troop leaders during the closing ceremony. It is the responsibility of the Scoutmasters to return medical forms to parents, especially if the Scout is going to return to camp for an additional week. The camp does not retain any copies of medical forms from week to week. If your son is attending camp for a second week, be sure to get his medical form from your Scoutmaster and return it to the camp nurse when you check in again.

As Scouts and parents leave the main field, they are asked to stop by the nurse's vehicle (located in the parking lot near the Administration Building) to pick up their medication.

Families are encouraged to attend the 10:00 AM retreat ceremony with their troop. During the ceremony, all camp recognitions will be presented, including various program awards, the Baden-Powell Patrol and John Coyle Troop recognitions, and the Ranger Jack Scoutmaster Award. The designated time for departure is 10:30 AM.

Living at Camp

Camp Wanocksett strives to immerse boys in the outdoor experience. While in camp boys will live in 9'x9' canvas wall tents on wooden platforms. Each boy will have a cot and mattress. There are no screens in the tent so mosquito netting is strongly recommended. Each boy should supply their own sheets and blanket, or sleeping bag and pillow. Each tent sleeps two boys. Tent assignments are left to the discretion of the individual troop. Footlockers, trunks, suitcases and backpacks are all appropriate for packing.

Each campsite includes a latrine and washstand. Hot showers are also available. Separate accommodations are made for youth and adults, as well as men and women.

Three meals are served, daily, in the camp's dining hall. The camp contracts the services of a professional food service to provide all meals. Menus are reviewed by a registered dietician and the local board of health. All dishes and utensils are provided. Meals are served family style. Boys will be asked to take turns serving as a waiter for their table of ten people. This involves 15 minutes of service before and after the meals.

Parent's Night

Wednesday night, friends and family are invited to camp for our famous cookout, songfest, and the Order of the Arrow Call-Out ceremony. Tickets are available for family and friends. Scouts at camp go for free. This is a great opportunity for parents to visit camp, see their son's progress, and enjoy the Wanocksett Experience themselves.

The Camp Wanocksett Program

Camp Wanocksett is committed to supporting the troop program and the patrol method. Our daily program offers activities for boys of

all ages, including special programs intended for younger campers and more challenging activities aimed at older boys. The camp has a fully equipped waterfront, staffed by certified lifeguards, that offers swimming, boating and sailing instruction, lifeguard training, open swim time each day and a variety of games and competitions throughout the week. The Nature and Scoutcraft areas provide both merit badge instruction and strive to teach boys to be conservation minded, and responsible stewards of the outdoors. Project C.O.P.E., our challenge course, and our climbing tower challenge boys both physically and mentally.

Merit Badges & Rank Advancement

Boys will have the opportunity to work on one or more merit badges during their stay at camp Wanocksett. Your Scoutmaster will help advise you as to which merit badges you should consider working on during your stay at camp. Younger scouts also have the opportunity to work on skills that will help them achieve their Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks.

Selecting a merit badge depends on a variety of factors – the Scout's age, abilities, and the troop's year round program. Each Scout's schedule should be challenging and push the Scout towards developing initiative, follow-through, and ultimately success with completion of the merit badge. We encourage the unit leaders to work with boys in selecting advancement opportunities that best serve their needs.

Partial Merit Badges

From time to time, circumstances cause a Scout to complete a merit badge with a merit badge counselor other than the one with whom he started the merit badge. When a Scout presents a "partial" to the merit badge counselor, the work previously done will be accepted after the counselor confirms the Scout's knowledge. A partial is good from the date the Scout earns it until he turns 18 years old.

Advance Work

We recommend that Scouts read over their merit badge requirements before arriving at camp. This will familiarize the Scout with the content of the merit badge, making it easier to earn the badge when they get to camp. Many merit badges require prior preparation. Scouts should review requirements to see what work they need or want to begin before arrival. Proof of completion of any requirement done before arrival should be brought with the Scout to his merit badge class to be reviewed by the counselor in order to receive a completion on a merit badge at camp.

Session Size and Quality

Staff members will make every effort to accommodate all Scouts for merit badge sessions. However, to ensure effective counseling of the particular skills required in the merit badge, we may limit merit badge classes to reasonable numbers. At the same time, we will work to establish another period of time that the Scouts could also work on the merit badge if they so choose. To assist in this process, unit leaders are asked to try and limit the number of their Scouts that they place in the same session at the same time.

Program Structure

Camp Wanocksett has two structured merit badge sessions in the morning and one more in the afternoon, followed by an open program format. During this afternoon program, merit badge times are interspersed with a variety of challenging and creative programs devised by the Wanocksett staff. Merit badge sessions are intended to be fun learning experiences, not lecture and classroom work. It is the responsibility of the individual Scout to complete any written requirements, field observations, or other work that cannot be completed in the formal sessions during their free time if they wish to complete the badge at camp.

Older-Boy Programs

Activities for older boys are available everyday in all program areas! This permits experienced Scouts the opportunity to explore different activities in different areas and to work on their own advancement.

In the aquatics area Scouts can work on and obtain BSA Lifeguard certification. This is an intense training and certification program designed to provide Troops with certified lifeguards for year round troop aquatic activities. Older boys may also enjoy kayaking on Thorndike Pond. Motor Boating merit badge will be an opportunity for older boys to enjoy a new skill.

In the Scoutcraft area, boys can learn about the Leave No Trace program, and advanced camping skills instruction. Scouts can also work on pioneering skills. In the ecology/conservation area, Scouts can earn the Hornaday Award by completing a rigorous set of ecology related requirements. Scouts can also climb Mount Monadnock on the Sunset Summit. The shooting sports area offers the Shotgun Shooting merit badge which will challenge the Scouts' marksmanship.

The Climbing Tower will offer several opportunities for Scouts to enjoy the skills and fun that it has to offer. Scouts will have the opportunity to take Climbing Merit Badge or enjoy open climbing in the afternoon.

Project COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. It is an outdoor experience that includes group initiative games, low course elements (12 feet above the ground and under), and high course challenges (between 15 and 40 feet off the ground). Some of the activities involve a group challenge, while others test individual skills. Participants climb, jump, balance, swing, and find many solutions to a variety of challenges.

Other Camp Wanocksett Facilities

Dining Services

Dining Services at Camp Wanocksett is committed to excellence in food preparation and presentation. The operating philosophy of the Wanocksett Dining Service is that no child will leave the dining hall with an empty stomach. This is the seventh year that we have contracted with the Café Services Food Service Company of Londonderry, New Hampshire. Our head chef, Mr. Rich Brunet, who has consistently received rave reviews for his attention to detail and customer service attitude toward the needs of Scouts, will be returning for his ninth season.

During the week, we serve three meals a day in the dining hall beginning with Sunday dinner through Saturday breakfast. We serve breakfast at 8:00 AM following morning Colors; lunch at 12:15 PM following the end of morning program; and dinner at 6:15 PM following Retreat.

Camp Wanocksett uses a “waiter” system in each troop to give Scouts an opportunity to learn and practice sanitary and considerate mealtime habits. Each troop is asked to send two waiters per table to each meal. Waiters arrive to the Dining Hall early; set the table for the meal; serve food to their table and ensure fair portions for all; and clean up following the meal. The waiter responsibility rotates throughout the week so that all Scouts share in this work equally.

A certified dietician has approved all meals on the menu to ensure that they provide an optimal level of nutrition and energy.

Camp Dining Services are able to accommodate specific dietary requests of a health or religious nature with sufficient notice. Please inform your Scoutmaster of any special needs as soon as possible.

Trading Post

The camp trading post stocks various Wanocksett souvenirs such as shirts, hats, mugs, and patches. The trading post carries official BSA uniform parts such as shirts, shorts, and socks, as well as basic camping gear such as flashlights, knives, and mosquito netting. Merit badge pamphlets, craft kits, and other supplies, needed for advancement work, are also available. Additionally, the trading post carries basic toiletries, phone cards and batteries. The trading post is perhaps best known for a wide variety of snacks, candy, fruit, water, juice, soda, and ice cream.

Trading Post Hours

Sunday: 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Monday: 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday: 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Friday: 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Camp Operating Policies

To ensure a Scout-like community among the troops in camp, Camp Wanocksett operates under the following policies that are interpreted and enforced by the camp administration. We expect camp leaders to follow these guidelines and ensure that their Scouts are following them as well. At all times, the Scout Oath and Law are our guiding principles.

Adult Behavior

Adults must be conscious of their behavior while they are in camp. Excessive yelling, verbal abuse or other inappropriate actions/behaviors will be grounds for removal from camp.

Aerosols

The use of aerosols in and around tents is strictly prohibited. Aerosol propelled insect repellants damage to the tent canvas and can also adversely affect some campers' lungs.

Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drugs

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages (including low-alcohol beverages) and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. Possession or use on camp property will be cause for removal.

Buddy System

The Buddy System is an effective tool that we can use to not only increase the fun that a boy can have at summer camp but also increase the level of safety. The buddy system is not only for the waterfront but extends to all aspects of the summer camp program. We will be vigorously encouraging the use of this system by all boys at camp this summer. Boys need to travel between programs, events and activities with at least 1 buddy.

Camp Equipment

Individuals and units will be charged for repair or replacement of camp property damaged as a result of misuse.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are NOT allowed in camp. The use of cell phones by boys in camp is strictly prohibited. Adults that need to use them are requested to use them out of sight of the boys and down in the parking lot area. Cell phones that are used by Scouts will be confiscated. Cell phones detract from the outdoor experience of Scouting and can complicate issues of homesickness.

Clothing in Camp

The official Boy Scout uniform is called the "Field Uniform" (sometimes nicknamed "Class A"), and consists of the official Scout uniform shirt, Scout web or leather belt, Scout shorts and Scout socks (knee, calf, or ankle; green with red top). This uniform is worn each day for evening Retreat and dinner, as well as for the Scout's Own Service. The "Activity Uniform" (sometimes nicknamed "Class B") consists of a camp, troop, or other Scouting t-shirt or polo shirt, Scout web or leather belt, Scout shorts and Scout socks (knee, calf, or ankle; green with red top). This uniform is worn at all other times – merit badge classes, open program, etc.

Other program areas (the waterfront, the climbing tower, the Project COPE course) may have other clothing requirements that are appropriate for those specific program areas. At all times, the content of all clothing and hats should be consistent with the principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

Cutting Trees

No living or dead trees are to be cut without specific permission of the Camp Director or Ranger. A \$15 per inch diameter or \$100 penalty, whichever is greater, will be enforced.

Firearms

Scouts and Leaders are discouraged from bringing their personal firearms to Camp Wanocksett. However, if one seeks to bring personal firearms to camp, the Shooting Sports Director and Camp Director must be notified prior to its arrival. Personal firearms cannot be used on camp property without specific permission from the Shooting Sports Director. His decision is final. The only personal firearms

allowed would be either a rifle or shotgun.

Fireworks

Possession or use of fireworks in camp is prohibited and is cause for removal.

Hazing

Initiations or hazing of any type is in violation of the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection policy. Any violations must be reported to the Camp Director who is obligated to report that information to the Scout Executive.

Lost and Found

Bring any items with an unknown owner to the administration building and give them to the staff on duty. There is a box for missing items on the porch. Missing items of value may be locked in the office. Speak with a member of the Administration staff for assistance.

Mail

Parents may choose to send mail or packages to their son at Camp Wanocksett. Please realize that letters may sometimes cause homesickness. Please advise parents to mail letters/postcards prior to the Thursday of their son's week at camp, so it will arrive in time. All items must have return addresses to prevent them from being left at camp after the Scout leaves.

Mail should be addressed in the following manner:

Scout's Name
Troop Number and Town
Campsite
Camp Wanocksett
642 Upper Jaffrey Road
Dublin, NH 03444

Parking

There are two approved parking areas in camp. In order to park in these areas over your stay at camp, you must acquire a week long parking pass from the administration. One is the main parking lot, located by the administration building, and the other is a small area by the Rotary and Apache campsites. Private vehicles are not allowed in campsites or on camp roads except with prior permission from the Camp Director. Vehicles parked outside of a designated parking lot may be removed at the owner's expense.

Personal Items

All personal gear should be clearly labeled or marked with a waterproof marker. The camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items. We recommend that electronic equipment and other valuables be left at home. Scoutmasters should discuss with parents and Scouts the appropriateness and necessity of different items for camp. It is recommended that parents and scoutmasters inspect the campers gear before arrival in camp.

Religious Services

Each Scout is invited to attend our all-faiths, Scout's Own Service conducted at Chapel Point, on Thursday evening. The Scout's Own Service may not meet the specific worship requirements of an individual Scout. Concerns about how your Scout can best fulfill his duty to God while at camp may be directed to the Camp Director and Camp Chaplain.

Scouts Leaving Camp

Any Scout leaving camp for any reason must be accompanied by an adult leader, parent or legal guardian, and must sign out at the administration building. The medical forms must include the names of anyone other than the parent or legal guardian who is authorized to remove the Scout from camp, or the person picking up the Scout must show a notarized letter signed by the parent or legal guardian giving permission for the person to pick up the Scout. The camp office will also ask for a photo ID for positive identification.

Sheath Knives

Sheath knives are not to be carried by campers or leaders. For all other knives, the rule of thumb is that if it is bigger than your hand, it does not belong in camp. Troops may enforce more stringent standards consistent with their program

Showers

A centrally located shower house provides hot water showers for all. Scouts using the showers must have responsible supervision from adults in the troop. Youth Protection guidelines must be followed at all times.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited on Camp Wanocksett property per order of the Nashua Valley Council Board of Directors. Smoking is permitted on the public road by the main parking lot, out of sight of the campers.

Telephone Usage

The camp business phone number is (603) 563-8550. This phone is used for camp business and for emergencies. An adult leader must accompany Scouts wishing to use the phone in the Administration Building. The camp fax number is (603) 563-9980. The camp fax number is for business use only. The camp telephone cannot be used to access the Internet.

Additional Information***Camp Staff / Counselor in Training Program***

One of the key contributors to the Wanocksett Experience is the camp staff; the dedicated men, women, and youth who spend their summers working so that every troop in camp has the richest experience possible.

Counselor in Training (CITs) and camp staff positions are available each season to qualified Scouts, Scouters, and skilled adults among a wide variety of administrative, program, and support functions. Camp Wanocksett is always looking for new Counselors in Training to insure the quality of the Wanocksett Experience for years to come.

This program is for those Scouts who will be 14 years old by June 22, 2009. It includes a program of training for your older boys that not only prepares them for camp staff, but also makes them stronger leaders for your troop. Song leading, merit badge counseling, program instruction, safety awareness, leadership essentials, and more will be taught over a five-week period. Each Scout must attend Staff Week for training with the whole camp staff prior to Week 1, and then will spend two weeks at Camp Wanocksett and two weeks at Camp Split Rock during the summer (scheduling may be flexible). For more information, or for an application, please contact the Camp Director or Council Service Center.

Camp Staff positions are applied for in the fall of each year, with interviews during school holiday breaks in November and December. Applications for Camp Staff are available at the Council Service Center or in the Administration Building at camp.

Provisional Camp

Provisional camping is a great opportunity for your Scout to continue the Wanocksett Experience beyond their week with the troop. Scouts who attend camp on a provisional basis work on merit badges, go to campfires, participate in flag ceremonies and have all the fun that they did with their troops. They will attend camp as part of provisional Troop 1, Wanocksett, with Scouts from all over the council (and beyond!).

The provisional troop is lead by a Scoutmaster who is a member of the camp staff. The camp provides an experienced leadership team to lead the Provisional Troop during the week. Each Scout stays in a cabin with electricity, is with boys his own age, and is with boys from his own troop if others are attending Provo that week. There are no age limits to Provisional; boys from age 10 – 17 are eligible to attend. It's a GREAT DEAL: A Scout who attends camp with their home troop and then attends a week of provisional is only charged \$330 for the second week of the Wanocksett Experience. To sign up for additional weeks of Camp Wanocksett, contact the Council Service Center, or see any member of the camp staff during your week in camp.

Youth Protection

Camp Wanocksett and Nashua Valley Council adhere to all Youth Protection guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

Summer camp is an important part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. It is in the camp atmosphere and in the outdoor program that the character-building and citizenship purposes of the Scouting program are best taught. It is also at camp that the responsibility for caring for Boy Scouts becomes a 24-hour-a-day duty.

In meeting your leadership responsibilities, you may be confronted with situations alien to your experience. Child abuse is one such situation, and regardless of your background, you are responsible for the physical and emotional safety of the Scouts in your care. Child abuse is the injury of a child by an adult or older child, which might not be intentional, but is not accidental. It is usually classified as physical, emotional or sexual abuse. **IF A CHILD REPORTS BEING ABUSED OR IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE, CONTACT THE CAMP DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH OTHER SCOUTS OR LEADERS.** The following barriers to abuse within Scouting are used at camp to ensure the safety of our youth campers.

- Two deep leadership is required at all times.
- Each adult who enters onto camp property for the purpose of assisting the troop and/or will be exposed to Scouts must have completed the BSA Youth Protection Certification Training.
- Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, and intrude only to the extent that immediate health and/or safety issues are at risk. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- No secret organizations are allowed in the Boy Scouts of America. All aspects of the program are open to observations by parents and leaders.
- Appropriate attire: Proper clothing is always required; e.g., skinny-dipping is not appropriate in Scouting.
- Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- Constructive Discipline must always be used in Scouting. Corporal punishment is never allowed.

The following youth protection policies are National Camp Accreditation standards. Please review them carefully. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Intrusion of Unauthorized Persons

- Leaders should stop in to their campsites throughout the day, noting anything out of the ordinary.
- All visitors must report to the administration building to sign-in and sign-out. This book will be monitored by the camp administration.
- All adult leaders who will be staying at camp for any length of time and/or will be in contact with a Scout must receive either a visitor's pass from the camp administration or be wearing a weekly Wanocksett leader's badge.
- If an unauthorized person is suspected, the nearest staff member must be notified. The staff member will make contact with the camp office and stand by to give or receive further instruction.
- The camp office will notify the Camp Director who will proceed with the Program Director, or other adult to question the destination of the individual in question.
- Camp program will continue unless the Camp Director, or in his absence the Program Director, determines the situation warrants a camp wide emergency assembly, which would be signaled by the siren.
- An assessment is made to the severity of the problem and the need to call the police. The Scout Executive is notified of the situation.

Leaders should train their Scouts in the above procedures. Most importantly is that Scouts do not approach the person in question; rather, they are to find an adult immediately.

The buddy system is enforced at all times.

Verification of No-Shows

If a Scout listed on a troop roster fails to show up at camp, the camp leadership must verify the reason for his absence. Troop leaders must also report, for verification, any additional names of Scouts not listed on rosters who were supposed to be attending. The camp administration will telephone each Scout's home to ensure that his parents or guardian know that their son is not at camp.