

GENERAL INFORMATION & CAMP POLICY

Camp Squanto is owned and operated by the Old Colony Council, Boy Scouts of America. All questions, concerns and payments will be handled by the Old Colony Council Service Center located at: 2438 Washington St. Canton MA 02021

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VISITORS

Parents and friends are welcome on Sundays from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. You may tour camp, take advantage of our Trading Post and family picnic area. All visitors are required to sign in at the Camp Office.

Parents are welcome to visit on Wednesday evening for family night. Dinner is not available that night, but picnic areas will be made available.

CAMP TELEPHONE & TECHNOLOGY

Our business phones may be used in emergencies to contact parents with the permission of your troop scoutmaster. Cell phones are not allowed to be in the possession of campers while at Squanto. The camp office is not equipped to allow for personal internet use by scouts or scouters. Please plan accordingly and try to enjoy a technology free week.

TRADING POST

Our community store, the Trading Post, is open most of the day except meals. You will find a wide variety of items including T-shirts, patches, mugs, merit badge pamphlets, craft kits, candy, snacks and soda. Please be sure your Scouts have appropriate spending money as to not feel left out.

CAMP PICTURES

Your troop will have its picture taken by the Camp Photographer on Monday of your week. Pictures will be taken from 12 Noon to 2 PM. The cost per troop picture is **\$10.00**.

LEADERSHIP

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that at least two registered adult leaders (they must be on your charter's roster), one of whom must be over 21 years of age, are present for all trips and outings, which includes residential summer camp. This is the Leadership policy approved by the national Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America. Your cooperation and support is appreciated.

The leader fee schedule is as follows:

1-8	Scouts	one free leader
9-16	Scouts	two free leaders
17-24	Scouts	three free leaders
25-32	Scouts	four free leaders
33-40	Scouts	five free leaders
41-48	Scouts	six free leaders

This schedule applies to unit leaders at least 18 years of age. The fee for all leaders beyond this schedule is \$100.00 per week. This helps to cover food and other costs.

FOOD SERVICE

Everyone at camp is served wholesome, well-balanced family/cafeteria style meals in the dining hall. The dining hall and cafeteria system are explained at camp. Menus are approved by qualified dietitians. Units provide waiters for all meals.

MEDICAL OFFICER

The services of our Medical Officer at the Health Lodge are on a 24-hour basis. **ALL MEDICATION IS ADMINISTERED FROM THE CAMP HEALTH OFFICER. ABSOLUTELY NO MEDICINE OF ANY TYPE IS TO BE KEPT IN THE SITE WITHOUT PRIOR KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF THE CAMP HEALTH OFFICER.** There is no injury too small to be reported and treated. Each Scout and Adult is covered by insurance, but the insurance is valid only if the case is reported, treated, and logged in the Health Lodge records.

BUDDY SYSTEM

The National Boy Scouts of America require that all scouts utilize the "buddy system". This requires that two or more campers stay together at all times, day and night, while at Camp Squanto.

EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency, a siren will sound. Everyone will assemble on the Sports Field by troops, leaders must then do a head count of their scouts. A STEADY BLAST IS USED AS OUR EMERGENCY SIGNAL. To report an emergency, proceed to the Health Lodge and report your emergency to the Medical Officer on duty.

Back up alarm is the constant ringing of the camp bell.

SCOUT VESPERS

A Scout is Reverent. Scout Vespers will be held weekly at 5:15 PM at the pine grove on Wednesday. The camp memorial services will be held on Thursdays in the Memorial area. At that time we honor those Scouts, Scouters and volunteers who have passed away.

UNIFORMS

Each Scout should plan to have at least one complete summer uniform in camp. Uniforms are encouraged to be worn for the morning and evening meals. Comfortable clothes and a bathing suit should also be available for daily use during activities.

COLORS AND RETREAT

These ceremonies are conducted just before breakfast 7:45 AM and supper 5:45 PM. Be sure to bring your troop flag in order that Scouts may participate. Troop flags are displayed daily at the Parade Field. No other flags should be flown with your troops flags.

YOUR CAMPSITE

Each campsite has thousands of dollars worth of equipment in it. Troops are responsible for the care and up keep of all equipment. Any damage to your site that you discover upon arrival should be reported immediately to the Camp Commissioner. Units are financially responsible for any damage caused by its members to camp property and equipment. Have your Scouts keep their sites and the trails leading to it clean. (Assignments for clean-up will be made at the beginning of the week).

TAPS

Taps is played each night at 10pm. Campers are expected to be in their sites and quiet at this time. A scout that requires leaving the site for an emergency trip to the health lodge must be accompanied by an adult or camp staff member.

SHOWERS

The Camper shower house (for under 18 years old only) and Adult shower house (with separate male and female units as well as handicapped access units) is available each day from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. We ask that troops provide supervision for their campers when they are utilizing the camper's shower house. You will also be asked to help us keep the shower house clean by participating in a rotating schedule of cleaning the shower house.

PETS

Please remind parents and leaders that they cannot bring pets to visit or stay at Camp Squanto. This is especially important on Sunday and Saturday because of the number of visitors we have in camp.

VEHICLES

All vehicles must be kept in the main parking lot. Camp trucks will transport all unit gear to their sites, when the entire unit is present. Anyone with special medical disabilities which may require a vehicle for transport are required to notify the Camp Director in writing one week prior to arrival for approval;

a special pass will be issued as well as rules for compliance. If a troop has large equipment that they wish to transport, they may do so on Sunday morning, from **10:00 am to 11:30 am**. There will be no private vehicles allowed after 11:30 am Sunday.

FUEL STORAGE

Flammable liquids must be stored in our storage facility when not being used. Propane containers which are not connected to a stove or lantern, must be in our storage facility. Liquid fuel containers must be stored in our storage facility. All fueled devices, lanterns, stoves, etc. must be operated by adults or under adult supervision.

RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES

Be prepared for the worst. Please make sure that your Scouts have adequate rain gear and warm clothes. Encourage them to bring cards, checkers and other small games. Don't hesitate to bring your troop tarps.

LAUNDRY

Laundry services are available at laundromats outside of camp.

INITIATION OR HAZING

All Scouts have received proper initiation through the Scout induction ceremony. Hazing of any type is not permitted at Camp Squanto or anywhere in Scouting.

STRICTLY PROHIBITED ITEMS

Alcohol, drugs, straight blade knives, and fireworks are against Massachusetts Law and are strictly prohibited. Possession and/or use of any of these items will result in dismissal from camp. A report may also be filed with the local police and fire officials.

FIREARMS

Only camp-owned .22 caliber firearms and ammunition are permitted in camp. **Privately owned firearms and ammunition of any type are forbidden.** They present unnecessary risks and our firearms and ammunition will be provided free of charge. All personal Bows and Arrows must be checked at the Camp Office upon arrival. Please make sure your name and unit number is clearly labeled.

BICYCLES

Bikes are not allowed to ride on camp trails during summer camp. If they arrive with your troop they will be held until you depart on Saturday.