

# 2020 Camp In A Box Not Your Typical Summer Camp

Looking for a new way to have camp this summer while staying safe from COVID? Introducing Camp in a Box! We have partnered with five other councils to bring you this awesome program! Individuals or troops can sign up to be a part of this historic program! We will have Scouts from at least 4 different states all joining in the fun.

Each Scout gets to choose up to 5 merit badges or programs from 45 different options. For the low price of \$135, we will ship you a box of everything that you'll need for the week including camp swag, program materials, and more to be ready for the action! This is sure to be Not Your Typical Summer Camp! Click [here](#) to download the Camp Guide.

Click [here](#) to sign up today!

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## Scouts BSA Resident Camp Cancelled

Dear Scouting Family:

It is with great disappointment that the Mayflower Council announces that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will not allow resident camp programs to be conducted before the summer of 2021. As we stated from the initial decision to move forward, we would only do so if we could conduct a safe program, within the guidelines of national, state, and local

authorities. Based on this latest information, we will not be able to provide a resident camp experience to our Scouts this summer.

We appreciate your continued patience and understanding over the past 7 weeks, as we pursued all available options and program modifications to offer a safe resident camp experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff was looking forward to greeting you and bringing you another year of fun, but this will have to wait until next year. All along, our first priority has been the health and safety of our Scouts, their parents, our leaders, staff and all their extended families and communities.

While this news is disappointing, we are providing a Scouts BSA virtual camp option offering each Scout the opportunity to choose up to 5 merit badges or programs from 45 different options. Plus, we will ship you a box of everything that you'll need for the week including camp swag, program materials, and more to be ready for the action! Click [here](#) for all the information and to sign-up.

We will be issuing full refunds to each troop by the end of the month and there is no need to contact the council service center for the refund of the camp fees paid. We ask for your patience as we work through processing all of the refunds. Check our council COVID-19 website for additional updates.

This decision by the Commonwealth does not affect our ability to operate our Cub Scout Adventure Day Camp at Camp Resolute. We are continuing with our plans to offer that program for our Cub Scouts.

We know you are eager to get back to our camps, which is why we have already begun planning bigger and better resident camp programs for next year.

Take care and be well,

Mike Rotar  
Council President

Joshua Paulin  
Council Commissioner

Bryan Feather  
Scout Executive / CEO

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## Scouts BSA Summer Camp FAQ

This is the one spot where you will find the most up to date answers to your frequently asked questions regarding our Mayflower Council resident camp.

[Click here to download as a PDF](#)

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## Camp Resolute & Camp Squanto Summer Camp Update

May 18, 2020

Hello Scouting Families,

As you've proven over the last few weeks, our Scouting communities are resilient, prepared, and able to adapt to any situation. Now, as we look ahead to the 2020 camping season, the question on everyone's mind is, "What is Scouts BSA

resident camp going to look like and is it safe to attend?"

To alleviate some concerns, we thought it would be helpful to share with you our current decisions as well as modifications to our pre-camp preparations and to the camp experiences offered this summer.

First and foremost, the health and safety of our Scouting families, volunteers and staff remains our number one priority as we continue to adapt to this unprecedented situation. Our council continues to develop new plans and review existing procedures that will keep our Scouts and volunteers safe.

The decision to operate our council camps will be based on our ability to operate safely within the CDC's summer camp guidelines, in addition to recommendations from local, state and BSA authorities. **Rest assured that the council will only conduct camp if it is legal, safe, and practical to do so.**

This summer may not look like all the summers that have come before or any of the summers that will come after. What we do know is that camp plays a vital role in the lives of our Scouts and Scouters. At this time, we are taking steps to determine how we can best serve our Scouting community this summer.

**As of today, May 18, 2020, we are announcing the following decisions:**

The following camps and programs have been **cancelled** for 2020.

- Resident camping at Camp Resolute. All troops will be accommodated at Camp Squanto.
- National Youth Leadership Training: June 28 – July 4 at Camp Squanto
- Trail to Eagle Week: July 19 – 24 at Camp Resolute
- Venture Week: July 19 – 24 at Camp Resolute
- National Youth Leadership Training: August 2 – 7 at Camp Resolute

Scouts BSA resident camping at Camp Squanto has been **postponed** to later in the summer. The modified schedule is as follows:

- July 12 – 18
- July 19 – 25
- July 26 – August 1
- August 2 – 8
- August 9 – 15

The following Scouts BSA resident camp **modifications** will be made:

- Weekly attendance will be capped at 250 campers
- Tent occupancy will be limited to one camper
- Leaders will need to remain in camp for the whole week

For those that had signed up for any of these events, you will receive an additional email with steps regarding refunds, transfers, and additional information about the event. For any event cancelled you will receive a 100% refund.

### **So what can you expect this summer?**

Just because some of our planned outdoor experiences cannot happen as expected, we are still committed to helping you and other families experience camp in a safe environment. We understand the importance of an outdoor in-person experience, and we will find ways to help your family experience the fun of camp this summer. It will look different from a traditional camp and that is ok. In the coming days you will see us roll out the opportunity to participate in a virtual Scouts BSA camp this summer, for those not comfortable with the in-person experience.

Allow us to share a glimpse of some of the additional elements of what “safely operating” our camps in this new environment will entail. While this list is not comprehensive and our review is an ongoing process, you can expect some significant updates to many of the following:

- **Check-in Screening** – Upon arrival at our camps, staff and participants will be screened and their temperature will be taken. Those with temperatures above 100.4 will not be allowed entry; those who travelled with them will also not be allowed entry.
- **Food Service** – We will be eliminating all self-service options during meals (including beverages and salad bars) and all serving will be done by trained staff.
- **Sickness at Camp** – Participants presenting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home.
- **Visitors** – Will not be allowed into camp.
- **Sub-camps** – Units will be divided into sub-camps within Camp Squanto to reduce exposure risk for participants. A number of activities will be managed within each sub-camp or on a scheduled rotation where cleaning can be done between groups.
- **Family Day & Closing Campfire** – Will NOT be held this summer.
- **Hand Washing** – Participants will be directed to wash their hands often. Additional hand washing and sanitizing stations will be available.
- **Accommodation Cleaning** – Camp provided lodging, such as tents and cabins, will be disinfected before new participants arrive.
- **Shower Houses & Restrooms** – Shower houses and restrooms will be cleaned 3 times a day.
- **Protective Gear** – We will be reviewing best methods for use of gloves, masks, etc., while on our properties.
- **Camp Equipment** – We will properly sanitize all community and reusable program equipment after each use.
- **Social Distancing** – We will avoid activities where appropriate social distance cannot be maintained.

These items and many more are all under review as part of the comprehensive evaluation now underway of our standards and policies. As we move forward, you can expect a comprehensive list complete with instructions.

We thank you for your continued commitment to Scouting and for helping us prepare and adapt to any situation. We will continue to monitor the situation daily and relay any updates as they become available on our council website and through our social media channels. If you have specific questions please email them to [covid19@mayflowerbsa.org](mailto:covid19@mayflowerbsa.org) and we will respond to them as quickly as possible.

Please stay safe and keep Scouting!

Mike Rotar  
Council President

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Scout Executive / CEO

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# Cub Scout Summer Camp Update

May 18, 2020

Hello Scouting Families,

As you've proven over the last few weeks, our Scouting communities are resilient, prepared, and able to adapt to any situation. Now, as we look ahead to the 2020 camping season, the question on everyone's mind is, "What is Adventure Day Camp going to look like and is it safe to attend?"

To alleviate some concerns, we thought it would be helpful to share with you our current decisions as well as modifications to our pre-camp preparations and to the camp experiences

offered this summer.

First and foremost, the health and safety of our Scouting families, volunteers and staff remains our number one priority as we continue to adapt to this unprecedented situation. Our council continues to develop new plans and review existing procedures that will keep our Scouts and volunteers safe.

The decision to operate our council camps will be based on our ability to operate safely within the CDC's summer camp guidelines, in addition to recommendations from local, state and BSA authorities. **Rest assured that the council will only conduct camp if it is legal, safe, and practical to do so.**

This summer may not look like all the summers that have come before or any of the summers that will come after. What we do know is that camp plays a vital role in the lives of our Scouts and Scouters. At this time, we are taking steps to determine how we can best serve our Scouting community this summer.

**As of today, May 18, 2020, we are announcing the following decisions:**

The following Cub Scout camps and activities have been **cancelled** for 2020.

- Adventure Overnight Week: August 2 – 5
- Adventure Overnight Week Plus: August 6 – 7
- Camp Norse Day Camp: Cancelled by the Narragansett Council

The Adventure Day Camp has been **postponed** to later in the summer. The modified schedule is as follows:

- July 13 – 17
- July 20 – 24
- July 27 – 31
- August 3 – 7



- August 10 – 14

The following Adventure Day Camp **modifications** will be made:

- Weekly attendance will be limited to 36 participants
- There will be no bus service to/from day camp

For those that had signed up for any of these events, you will receive an additional email with steps regarding refunds, transfers, and additional information about the event. For any event cancelled, you will receive a 100% refund. If you are interested in signing up for Adventure Day Camp we suggest doing so soon, as we anticipate camp selling out given the reduced capacity.

### **So what can you expect this summer?**

Just because some of our planned outdoor experiences cannot happen as expected, we are still committed to helping you and other families experience camp in a safe environment. We understand the importance of an outdoor in-person experience, and we will find ways to help your family experience the fun of camp this summer. It will look different from a traditional camp and that is ok. In the coming days you will see us roll out the opportunity to participate in a virtual day camp this summer, for those not comfortable with the in-person experience.

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- **Check-in Screening** – Upon arrival at our camps, staff and participants will be screened and their temperature will be taken. Those with temperatures above 100.4 will not be allowed entry; those who travelled with them will also not be allowed entry.

- **Sickness at Camp** – Participants presenting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home.
- **Visitors** – Will not be allowed into camp.
- **Group Size** – group size will be reduced from 10-12 participants last year to 5-6 this year
- **Family BBQ & Closing Campfire** – Will NOT be held this summer.
- **Hand Washing** – Participants will be directed to wash their hands often. Additional hand washing and sanitizing stations will be available.
- **Restrooms** – Restrooms will be cleaned 3 times a day.
- **Protective Gear** – We will be reviewing best methods for use of gloves, masks, etc., while on our properties.
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# We're Excited to Welcome You to Camp!

Dear Leaders:

We all learned early in Scouting that every Scout should Be Prepared. Who would have thought it would be as relevant as it is now during the COVID-19 situation? Scouting has helped prepare us to be ready for challenges. We're all learning new ways to work, teach, learn, and play. The Mayflower Council is doing everything we can to adapt to the times so Scouting can carry on and continue to be a vital part of our and the Scouts lives. This includes getting ready for summer camp. Our teams at Camp Resolute, Adventure Day Camp and Camp Squanto are excited to welcome you this summer and we anticipate a fantastic experience. The pre camp meetings have been held and if you were unable to attend, a recording of one is available at the Mayflower Council website. That recording is available here: [Camp Kickoff](#)

Right now, our rangers are continuing with planned maintenance and set-up for you. The camps are coming back to life after the winter and camp directors are putting together the best camp staffs ever. We are planning an epic year at our council camps in an effort to put all the uncertainties we are facing today behind us. All we need is you!

Registration is open right now and will remain open. Since our units aren't meeting in-person, we know that collecting

deposits and payments for camp is a bit more challenging so we've adjusted our deadlines. The early bird registration discount for Adventure Day Camp and Adventure Overnight continues until May 15 and for the Scout resident camps until May 31.

Camp is something all Scouts should be able to experience and we are here to help you find ways to make that happen. For families that need assistance, our campership program is available. Please visit our campership form, Mayflower Campership , to apply in confidence.

There is no risk for families and units of losing money by signing up for Mayflower Camps now. In the event that camp does not open or has a shortened season due to COVID-19 and your troop or campers are unable to attend during your scheduled time, all camp fees paid will be refunded.

Part of being prepared is minimizing risks, and we are updating camp operations to minimize threats such as COVID-19. As we learn more, we continuously update policies and procedures to comply with local and national directives. As camp gets closer, we will review those policies and procedures and will clearly communicate changes or adjustments to you. This may require help from units even before you arrive at camp so please check our website for the very latest updates concerning the Mayflower camps. The Mayflower Council continues to update Mayflower Council COVID-19 Information so check in regularly.

In the meantime, stay home, stay well, and stay tuned for further updates.

Yours in Scouting,

Camp Directors

Chris Thorp, Adventure Day Camp

Rick Poirier, Camp Resolute

Rich Carlson, Camp Squanto

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# Resolute 100th Anniversary Camporee Update

*Message from the Camp Resolute 100th Anniversary  
Camporee Chair*

Thank you all for registering your units for the Camp Resolute 100th Anniversary Camporee. As most of you are already aware, the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus remains a serious concern in Massachusetts.

There is a strong possibility due to the danger of the virus, and presence of a healthy mosquito population at Camp Resolute, participation at the 100th Camporee may be limited to a Saturday only event. The organizers believe this would be a prudent compromise in the event Camp Resolute does not experience a frost prior to the date of the event. Participants should be aware that the town of Bolton's risk level has been assessed as "moderate" by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Obviously this is not an ideal situation, but all of the activities are currently scheduled for Saturday and while removing the overnight component of the outing would be disappointing, we believe the program will still be top-notch. There may be minor schedule changes necessary such as moving the scheduled campfire to a bit earlier, but that aside, all of the program activities, awards, contests, and fun will still occur.

We will continue to monitor the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus situation and update as new information becomes available. Even as a day only event, the "Camporee" promises to be a wonderful celebration of Camp Resolute history and a

great time for your Scouts.

Gary Bernklow

Camp Resolute 100th Anniversary Camporee Chair

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## **Service Center Closure – Nov 23/24 ,2017**

The Council Service Centers will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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## **Youth Protection Training Update**

As of September 1, 2017, Youth Protection Training is required for all adult leaders at the time of registration. Paper applications from new leaders must be accompanied by a Youth Protection Training completion certificate, which must be filed with the application.

Because completion of YPT is now required for all leaders at the time of registration, unit leaders must obtain copies of the completion certificates from the leaders who register online before approving their application.

With the upcoming renewal cycle, the Internet Rechartering system will be updated so that units cannot submit the registration renewal of any adult who does not have current YPT as of the effective date of the renewal. Completion of YPT as part of the online registration system will be required in a future update. Additionally, council registrars will no longer be able to override the registration system to register any leader whose Youth Protection Training is not current.

Effective for the 2018 BSA summer camp season, any adult accompanying a Boy Scout troop to a residence camp or other Scouting activity lasting 72 hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a CBC and YPT, even if they are the parent of a youth on the trip.

Please Note: Although YPT is strongly encouraged for adults attending any overnight activity, at this time, the requirement applies only to individual adults staying three or more nights at a resident camp.

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## **Taste Of Scouting**

**Registration Closes at 7:00 pm on  
Thursday, June 15th – Sign Up Now!**

Bring your family and come get a Taste of Scouting at Camp Resolute! Experience all the fun that Scouts have like fishing, shooting sports, gaga, and a campfire with S'mores! For Scouting families this is a two day overnight event and all activities count towards advancement! June 17th and 18th.

## **Enjoy the great outdoors at Camp Resolute!**

Scouting is “Outing” so join us at Camp Resolute for some exciting outdoor activities, the opportunity to earn awards and camping! Fun for the whole family!

Are you a new Scouting family? Or have you been involved for a while? This activity is for you and the entire family. We have something for everyone!

Activities being offered include: Archery, BBs, Fishing, First Aid, Hiking, Knots, Map & Compass, Gaga Ball, Kickball and more! Siblings, ages 6-11 can sign up for all of the same programs as their Cub Scout brothers!

All Cubs and family members will receive a commemorative patch and will receive their awards as they complete each activity.

If your child already has their compass patch from a previous Taste of Scouting event, they should bring it with them to the event and they will receive their new segments. First time participants will receive their compass patch at registration.

Schedule for the Weekend

Event Activity Map

Rules & Regulations

Medical Form

What to Bring

Event Flyer

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**