2021

Adventure Day Camp Parent Guide





About Us

The Mayflower Council, Boy Scouts of America, provides educational programs that build character, teach participatory citizenship, and develop personal fitness. To find out more about the Scouting Program, visit the Mayflower Council website at (mayflowerbsa.org). Our Camps offer some of the finest outdoor experiences a Scout, their friends, and parents can enjoy anywhere.

Facilities

The Council's three camps, the E. Paul Robsham Scout Reservation (Camp Resolute & Adventure Day Camp), Nobscot Scout Reservation, and Camp Squanto offer Scouts more than 1450 acres of beautiful, forested land and wilderness for a wide variety of outdoor programs including camping, hiking, swimming, boating, rappelling, rock climbing, ropes courses and ranges.

Area-Served

The Council's geographic area includes over 60 cities and towns in Massachusetts. Mayflower units are made up of packs, BSA troops and Venturing crews. Units are licensed or chartered to community organizations, such as schools and churches.

Adventure Day Camp

The E. Paul Robsham, Jr. Scout Reservation

Adventure Day Camp and Camp Resolute are American Camp Association Accredited.

The Day Camp Program provides an introduction to Scouting's Outdoor Program. Activities are conducted in an outdoor setting, close to home and during daylight hours. Our day camp programs are designed for boys and girls who are entering grades 2 through 5 in the fall of 2021.

The program provides an opportunity for continuation of the Camper program and advancement throughout the summer. Program activities include swimming, boating, fishing, crafts, hiking, biking, nature study, games, field sports, team building activities, archery, and BB gun shooting.

Campers participating in Day Camp are better prepared and eager to accept the challenge of residential camping. Adventure Day Camp is not attended as an advancement camp. Instead, through supervised activities, boys and girls develop self-reliance and resourcefulness, learn age-appropriate skills, establish new friendships and, of course, have lots of FUN. Camp activities are age appropriate. Campers will be placed in dens with boys or girls of the same age and with campers from their home units whenever possible. We strongly encourage dens to participate in the week-long activities together, with their den leader.

Dates and Rates

Sign up for several weeks or the entire summer and enjoy all the weekly themes (TBD). All weeks are conducted at the beautiful Adventure Day Camp at Camp Resolute in the E. Paul Robsham Scout Reservation in Bolton, Massachusetts. Camp runs Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm with the option of early drop off and extended day. Sessions run from July 12- August 20.

Session 1- July 12-July 16 Session 3- July 26- July 30 Session 5- August 9-August 13 Session 2- July 19-July 23 Session 4- August 2- August 6 Session 6- August 16-August 20

	Early Bird <i>Paid by May 15</i>	Full Price	Optional Additional Fees	Cost
One Week Package	\$340	\$380		
Two Week Package	\$630	\$670	Early Drop off - Morning (8am-9am)	\$40/wk
Three Week Package	\$920	\$960	Extended Day – Evening (4pm-6pm)	\$80/wk
Four Week Package	\$1,210	\$1,250	Additional T-shirts	\$10
Five Week Package	\$1,500	\$1,540	(Campers receive 1 free t-shirt (for the summer), additional shirts may be ordered at registration)	
Six Week Season Pass	\$1,620	\$1,660	Campers receive a free photo for each week of camp attendance.	

How Do I Sign Up?

Register Online: Click here to use our secure registration form.

Confirmation Package: The email receipt you receive after you complete your registration is the only confirmation you will receive. No further email confirmations will be sent. **Please keep this for our tax ID number at the bottom of your receipt.**

Financial Assistance

Please complete this form, only online submissions accepted. Camperships are available. In order to give as many camperships as possible, it is the policy of the Mayflower Council not to give 100% camperships and to only give camperships for one week of camp. Each family is expected to share part of the expense of camp. The amount granted is made on the basis of need and availability of funds.

To apply for a campership, the below application must be submitted no later than June 1, 2021. The committee will be meeting to distribute available funds on a rolling basis beginning in early spring. The earlier an application is submitted, the better chance the applicant has of receiving assistance. There is no guarantee of campership awards and applications will not be accepted after June 1, 2021.

Refund Policy

Refunds will be issued for any reason through May 30, 2021. After June 1, 2021, refunds will be issued for medical reasons only. There is a non-refundable administration fee of \$50 for each registered program or session applied to all cancelations, regardless of date. All refund requests must be made no later than August 20, 2021 using only the online form located at the link below. No refund requests will be processed after this date. Online form located at refundrequest.

Where is the camp located and where can I find directions?

The camp is located at 129 Hudson Road in Bolton, Massachusetts. E. Paul Robsham Scout Reservation is owned and operated by the Mayflower Council. See the last page of this guide for directions.

Does my child need a medical form?

Every child attending Adventure Day Camp is required to bring a BSA Health and Medical Record, parts A & B to camp with them on the first day DayCamp Medical Form Medical form instructions .Very Important! Every camper must bring a completed medical form with them to the first day of camp. DO NOT MAIL THE MEDICAL FORM TO CAMP OR THE MAYFLOWER OFFICE! We are required by the Boy Scouts of America to accept this form only. We CANNOT accept the doctors print out. All immunization dates MUST be completed on the BSA form and signed by a parent/guardian.

These forms must be retained by camp, so **keep a copy at home** for use at other activities. Campers who must take medication while at camp must also have the authorization section of the form completed.

What if my child needs medication?

All medication must be turned in to the camp health officer upon arrival at camp. It must be in its original packaging with the original prescription label intact. Authorization to administer medication must be given by signing the appropriate section of the camp medical form. Medications may only be administered by the camp health officer. Exceptions may be made for asthma inhalers and similar medications at the discretion of the camp health officer. Be sure to pick up medications from our health officer when you arrive on Friday.

Health Care Consultant

The health care consultant (HCC) is a licensed physician. The HCC assists in the development of the camp's health care policy; develops and signs written orders for the health care supervisor; and is available for consultation at all times. The health care consultant is not present at camp.

Health Officer

An Assistant Health Officer, who is at least 18 years of age and is present at the day camp at all times. The Health Officer shall be 21 years of age, a Massachusetts licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse The health officer is, by regulation, present at the camp at all times. The health care consultant authorizes the health officer to be in charge of health matters at camp on a

day-to-day basis and to dispense medications.

Health Care Policy

Complete health care policy for Camp Resolute is available to a parent or guardian upon request to Mayflower Council, 83 Cedar Street, Milford, MA 01757

Care of Mildly III Campers

Each camper or staff member is responsible for reporting any signs of illness to the health officer (HO), who assesses each situation. The HO may administer over-the-counter medications he/she believes are warranted if they are authorized by the parent/guardian. If the HO determines the child should be sent home or seen by the health care consultant, he/she informs the reservation director and arrangements are made. In both situations, the parent/guardian is contacted as soon as possible.

Care of Campers who have an Illness/Accident at Camp

Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible should a camper be taken to the doctor's office/hospital for an injury or health condition and if medication has been prescribed by the camp's health care consultant. The health officer or camp director will notify parents/guardians of any persistent conditions or ailments. Parents/guardians should notify their doctor and health care provider of any health condition or accident/injury occurring at camp for follow-up visits and billing purposes.

Camp Photo

Camp photos are taken during lunch. The photo count ordered is based on the number of campers in the photo. If your camper isn't in attendance on picture day, no photo is ordered for him/her. It's always nice if our campers wear their camp t-shirt on picture day.

Should my child bring a lunch?

Each child is expected to provide their own lunch. The lunch should be brown bag style. We do not have access to on-site refrigeration; it is strongly recommended not to use any mayonnaise products in your child's lunch. Please do not bring coolers. Plenty of water will be provided during the day's activities. Be sure to mark lunch boxes with your camper's name. There is no lunch to purchase this year.

What should I pack for my child's week at camp?

All of the equipment needed for the various activities that boys and girls will take part in during the day is provided. Boys and girls will only need to bring a few items with them each morning. Please make sure that all personal items are labeled with your camper's name and hometown. This makes it much easier to identify lost items. Items each camper should bring to camp include:

- A rain jacket is a must!
- Campers should bring their own lunch.
- Filled water bottle
- A swimsuit (one piece for girls, trunks for boys) and towel are needed to participate in swimming and boating activities.
- The camp trading post is well stocked with souvenirs, snacks and drinks. Campers should bring their own spending money.
- Fishing will be available on certain days. If a Camper owns their own pole it is permitted for them to bring it. Poles are also available at Camp.
- Please do not bring knives.
- We advise not bringing any electronic devices and cannot be responsible for them.

A day at camp is full of running and playing, hiking, and exploring the outdoors. Open-toed shoes and sandals are not appropriate footwear for these activities and should not be worn.

Program- What Will My Camper Do at Adventure Day Camp?

Our program provides a variety of activities to help the Camper on their advancement trail. Boys and girls will swim every day. There is a rotating schedule during the week to work on their BB and Archery skills, play sports, work on nature and scout skills, and crafts. Each week we also plan a theme day with special program and

costumes.

It's easy to see the benefits of the programs we offer. Of course, fun is the top priority of every camper. But, while delivering the fun, we manage to add in equal amounts of citizenship, fitness, self-esteem, and character development that are the hallmarks of Scouting.

What is the camp's No-Show and Dismissal policy?

Parents are requested to contact the camp at 978-779-5514 in the event that your camper will not be able to attend camp for one or more days. The camp staff will not release a camper into the custody of any person except the parent or legal guardians whose names appear on the camp medical form without written authorization from the parent or legal guardian. If your camper is getting a ride home from another parent including a volunteer staff member we must receive that request in writing.

What do I do if I need to pick my camper up early from camp?

We ask that you contact the camp at 978-779-5514 in advance by telephone or in writing. This will allow minimal disruption to our program. For the safety of our campers, any early dismissals must be before 3:30 pm to minimize the volume of moving vehicles in the parking lot.

What if it rains?

We will continue all activities, unless there is severe weather in the area. Make sure your camper has all his or her rain gear in case.

Can I volunteer?

Yes, you must register your camper online and indicate that you are willing to volunteer by May 1st. All volunteers are required to attend a mandatory orientation. Volunteers will be notified of dates and times. The scheduled dates will be the only opportunity to complete the training. Once you complete your volunteer service, your camp fee will be refunded.

I'm a Den Leader with a Den Chief. Can he or she come to camp with us?

Your Den Chief is welcome to come to camp with you and your den as a volunteer. He or she must complete a volunteer application, sign a letter of agreement, and complete the mandatory volunteer training. They will also need to provide a BSA Health Form. The Den Leader is responsible for the Den Chief while in camp.

My camper has a friend or sibling who isn't a Scout, can he or she come?

Sign them up! They will just have to Register online.

Do you have snack time?

We have no special time set aside for snack but, your camper may bring a snack and eat it at any time. Please pack it separately from their lunch.

How many boys and girls are in a den?

10-12

Will my camper receive awards?

Each camper will receive a list of achievements for the week they attend. You will receive a printout with your picture at the end of the week. Scouts should turn these into their leader to receive credit.

If I volunteer can I bring my other children?

No, we do not have accommodations.

Can I visit camp before I sign-up?

Adventure Day Camp will have an open house. Stay posted for the date (usually in April). Meet our staff, play games, enjoy refreshments, win free prizes and see how camp operates on a day-to-day basis. You may also email the camp director to set up a tour.

Does my camper have to swim if he or she doesn't know how?

We do encourage all boys and girls to go in the water. All boys and girls take a swim test on the first day of camp to check their ability.

Staff

Each of our Camping programs is administered by a Nationally Certified Camp Director and all key staff are trained in their areas of responsibility. Our staff members are carefully selected and reflect the principles of Scouting.

Facilities

Our camps feature facilities in natural surroundings. Our Adventure Day Camp, Camp Resolute Scouts BSA and Camp Squanto resident camp are held at locations that are inspected for safety, cleanliness, and program suitability.

Insurance

Mayflower Council maintains an insurance policy which covers all campers while at camp. This policy is an excess policy, which means that benefits are paid in excess of the benefits paid by any other insurance which the individual or group may have. To summarize, if your Scout is injured at camp, your personal insurance becomes primary for coverage with the camp insurance picking up any remaining amount. If no other insurance is available, the council's policy will cover expenses.

Cancellation of Programs

The Mayflower Council reserves the right to cancel any program. Youth having made reservations for any cancelled program will be given the opportunity to make reservations for any other program being offered or receive a refund.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The programs of the Mayflower Council are available to all boys and girls without regard to race, color, religion, disability, or national origin. Any youth member may attend any age appropriate camp conducted within the council.

Confirmation Packets

The email receipt you receive after you complete your registration is the only confirmation you will receive. No further email confirmations will be sent. The week prior to your camper's attendance, you will receive an email with any final instructions and reminders.

Check In

When the boys and girls arrive on Monday, our staff is waiting to check them in and provide a den assignment. Additional staff is on hand to escort new campers to their den site.

Check Out

After the closing flag ceremony, campers are lined up to be signed out. The authorized person picking up must present a photo ID and will sign the camper out with a member of our staff. On Friday staff members are on hand to direct you to your camper's den site. The Den Leader will have a sign out sheet for you as well as camp photos and advancement sheets.

Discipline

Campers attending Camp Resolute are expected to maintain appropriate behavior at all times. Respect for all members of the camp community and Resolute facilities is expected at all times. All discipline shall have as its intent the modification of behavior to within acceptable parameters. Discipline shall be limited to counseling, close supervision/monitoring, and restriction from selected activities. At no time will discipline be administered by a staff member under18 years of age unless the actions in question pose a safety hazard to the offender or another individual. Then action appropriate to remedy the situation may be employed. Discipline shall be constructive or educational in nature, and may include such measures as diversion, separation from problem situations, talking with the camper about the situation, or praise for appropriate behavior.

Prohibitions:

- Corporal punishment, including spanking, is prohibited.
- No camper shall be subjected to cruel or severe punishment, humiliation, or verbal abuse;
- No camper shall be denied food or shelter as a form of punishment.

No child shall be punished for soiling, wetting or not using the toilet.

The camp director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when, in the director's judgement, the camper's behavior interferes with the rights of others, prevents the smooth functioning of a group or activity, or violates the camp's principles of conduct.

Safety and Compliance

Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of every camper. Our camp follows all safety and risk management guidelines set by the Boy Scouts of America, the local, state and federal boards of health, and the American Camp Association, a national camp organization that sets high standards for both the health and safety of campers and staff, and the delivery of quality programs. All camps in Massachusetts must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430.000). In addition, the Bolton Board of Health licenses our camp.

As required by MA DPH 105 CMR 430:190

- (D) Our camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local board of health. Parents may request copies of background checks, health care and discipline policies, as well as procedures for filing grievances.
- (E) Each of our camps undergoes one or more safety inspections prior to and during operation. Our camp was certified as Nationally Accredited by the BSA and is an American Camp Association Accredited Camp.
- (F) Information on 105 CMR 430.000 can be obtained at 617-983-6761.

American Camp Association (ACA) accreditation means that Camp Resolute cares enough to undergo a thorough annual review of its operation—more than 250 standards from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross and other youth service agencies to assure that current practices reflect the most up-to-date, research based standards in camp operation. A health officer staffs the camp health lodge and a local physician is on call.

At the request of the Department of Public Health we have included fact sheets on our website. Campers attending a camp are not considered to be at an increased risk. The United States Centers for Disease Control, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Mayflower Council encourage everyone to be safe outdoors. Diseases associated with ticks and mosquitoes are growing threats in Massachusetts. When outdoors, please take necessary precautions as suggested by the Centers for Disease Control.

CDC EEE Info CDC Tick Meningococcal disease

Severe Weather

With summer comes the chance of thunderstorms and high temperatures. We follow very strictly, the guidelines set forth by the Boy Scouts of America to ensure the safety of our campers and staff. All our staff completes a Weather Hazards course as part of their mandatory training.

Thunder Storms

Our key staff receives a cell phone alert when there is lightening within 6 miles of our camp. We are also much attuned to hear distant thunder. In both cases, our staff will clear the water of swimmers and boats and seek shelter. Two buildings in the camp are designated as safe locations as they have windows, doors, and grounded plumbing. Our staff will lead the campers in games, crafts, sing alongs, or show a G rated movie. Normal activities can resume when there has been 30 minutes since the last audible thunder.

Heat Advisories

In cases of extreme heat, extreme humidity, or the combination of both, all regular program areas will be shut down. Fifty percent of the campers will be allowed to swim, while the remaining campers will be in an open-air pavilion to watch a movie. We will then flip the camp and get the other half in the water while the first group enjoys a movie.

PLEASE NOTE: While every attempt is made to get the remaining campers in the water, this type of weather is frequently accompanied by thunderstorms. If this occurs, we may not be able to get everyone in the water. They will, instead, be brought inside for board games and puzzles.

We are on a well system which prevents us from running lawn sprinklers as a means of cooling down.

Emergencies, Visitors, and Scouts Leaving Camp

Parents/guardians picking up campers during the week should do so by checking in at the Administration Building. All campers leaving must be signed out by one of their parents/guardians or their approved designee. Non-parental adults picking campers up must be prearranged by the parent with a written authorization. A camper will not be dismissed from camp until one of his or her parents signs them out in the Administration Building. All visitors during the week must check in at the Administration Building and receive a Visitor badge which must be returned upon check out and departure. In the event of a home emergency, please contact your camper by calling the Administration Building. Please do not contact or remove your camper from camp without notifying the Administration Building!

Adults picking up at camp will be required to present a photo ID.

Camp Office Emergency Number: 978-779-5514

All serious medical emergencies will be treated at the UMass Marlboro Hospital and Parents/guardians will be notified immediately by the Health Officer, Camp Director, or his/her designee.

Telephone

Adventure Day Camp's phone number for incoming calls is (978) 779-5514. Please keep in mind that this is primarily a business phone, for the use of the camp administration. Non- emergency messages will be taken and delivered to the camper's den leader. We strongly suggest that campers leave cell phones and other expensive electronics at home.

Prohibited Items

Do not send your camper to camp with aerosol bug spray, pets, or pocketknives. While our program may include Whittlin' Chip, we will provide the implements needed to teach the class.

Trading Post

The Day Camp Trading Post maintains a well-stocked camp store to serve everyone who is attending, or just visiting camp. We stock ice cream novelties, 100% fruit juice-based slush, popcorn, chips, and assorted candies that are popular with this age group. We also have Resolute logo items, and novelty toy items. Our Trading post clerk marks all items with nuts as such to avoid scouts choosing items they cannot eat.

Swim Tests

At the start of the camp week, we are required by the Boy Scouts of America to test every camper for swimming ability. We do keep records on those tests for campers returning for multiple weeks. We encourage all campers to test to the highest ability they are comfortable with and do provide instructional swimming during the week. Campers MUST pass the swimmer's test to use the water inflatable. In addition to ability testing, all campers participate in a waterfront safety orientation.

As required by Christian's Law, all campers will be tested to the standard American Red Cross Swim Levels – details of those requirements are available on our website as well as direct communication to parents.

Lost and Found

Each week we have an accumulated pile of towels, bathing suits, water bottles, etc. We strongly encourage parents label all items with their camper's name to aid us in returning items. We will make every effort to match the items to the scouts. Additionally, all items collected over the week are folded and displayed on a table on the side of Jewett Lodge. Please be sure to look through the piles for any items belonging to your camper.

At the end of the summer all unclaimed items are washed and donated to local charities.

Staff Hiring Practices

All parents have a right to know what our staff hiring practices are. All applicants are subject to a Criminal Offender Registry Inquiry, Sex Offender Record Inquiry and a check of the National Public Sex Offender Website. They are also required to provide 3 written references as well. For more information on our hiring procedures, refer to our website under Staff Opportunities.

What if I have special concerns?

It is our goal to make sure each camper has the best experience possible. Please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your needs!

What if I have other questions that weren't answered here?

Why wonder...call us! Questions about our camps can be <u>emailed</u> to Lisa or contact the Mayflower Council Service Center, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm 508-872-6551. You can call the camp at any time – voicemails are forwarded to our director and during the camp season please contact the camp directly: 978-779-5514.

Directions to Camp

Our address is 129 Hudson Rd, Bolton, MA

From Route 495 take Exit 27 to Route 117 East heading towards Stow. Take the first right which will be Route 85 South. Follow Route 85 2/10's of a mile past the entrance sign to Camp Resolute. For Adventure Day Camp proceed another 1/10 of a mile South beyond the above entrance and turn right at the entrance sign to Adventure Day Camp.

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