

TROOP 6 SUMMER CAMP '25 PARENTS' INFORMATION SHEET

IMPORTANT DATES

July 13-19th – Summer Camp!

WHEN WE LEAVE

We will depart for the JN Webster Scout Camp in Conn. on SUNDAY, July 13, 2024
We will meet in front of the church, in the school yard at **TBD!!!!** Make sure you follow the instructions on what to wear and what to have handy for departure day.

WHAT TO WEAR TO CAMP

Each Scout will present themselves in their bathing suit and a tee-shirt, have their scout shirt on a hanger, have their spending money out, and any medicines they take, in a Ziploc bag with his name, Troop 6 Quincy, and Site: TBD. It is a LAW that the Camp Nurse administers all medications and if your scout has an EpiPen or asthma inhaler, you need to fill out the form for them to be able to carry it. The Camp doesn't care that your scout takes their own medicine at home.

HOW DOES THE SPENDING MONEY WORK?

The Troop Leaders hold all spending money in a 'bank'. Your scout may withdraw as much as necessary for Scouting kits, books, etc. They will be given only enough for a can of soda and a candy bar each day, until their money runs out. We suggest around \$30. On Saturday morning, the accounts are closed and any money not spent is turned over to your scout or returned to their account. Many scouts have already earned \$30 spending money through participation in the bottle drives.

WHAT ABOUT MEALS?

We will most likely stop for lunch on our way out on Sunday and the remainder of the meals are provided as part of the camp fee. The last meal the Scouts eat with us is Saturday Breakfast.

WHEN DO THE SCOUTS GET BACK?

We should arrive back at the Church around 11:30 AM. on Saturday, July 19th. Please be there to greet them. They will be tired and will need a ride home. We will send an email and/or call when we know what our exact ETA is.

CAMP FEES

The fee for camp this year is \$610. The money is due no later than June 30th. If you want to use money in your scout account, please send me an email to authorize the withdrawal. This fee includes a Troop Photograph, which is a wonderful memento of the week. It also covers our pig roast, merit badge books, badges, and other items that the Troop provides. There is a **\$200 payment due by June 2nd**. This deposit can come from the scout accounts, if there is enough money. **Scout parents must confirm that their scout is going before May 1st or the fees will increase to \$635.**

CAMP PHYSICALS

This is the most painful part of camp prep every year! We need your physical form filled out, signed by a physician and **a copy of your medical insurance card**. These are required by June 30th as well. There are also forms for inhalers, epi-pens, and food allergies as necessary.

CAN I WRITE TO MY SCOUT OR SEND THEM STUFF?

The answer is yes, except for food. No food is permitted in the tents--this is the woods and there are animals that will search it out....the address is:

Scout's Name
Troop 6 Quincy
C/O June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation
231 Ashford Center Road Ashford, CT 06278

If you do write, please make sure the letter gets mailed by Tuesday. The mail service is kind of slow. Make sure your return address is on the envelope.

HOW DO I CONTACT MY SCOUT IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY?

Camp Telephone: (860) 429-9918

It will probably take an hour or so to get a message to us if there is an emergency because we are spread out all over the camp. We recommend that you call either Mr. Gordon or Mr. Berry instead.

WILL MY SCOUT CALL HOME?

The answer is an emphatic NO. You will be contacted only in the case of an emergency or if special arrangements are made prior to leaving. This has been Troop Policy for 80 years.

WHAT TO BRING

The following is absolutely necessary. It should be packed in a foot locker, duffel bag, backpack or in a Hefty Bag. Everything should be labeled. Make sure the mark is unique.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Shirt(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Troop T-Shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Bath Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Tee Shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Sweatshirt or Jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bathing suits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Pairs of Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag or sheets and blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Boots (If you have them) or second pair of sneakers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight with fresh batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra set of batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty Clothes Bag (Cloth) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Net | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day back pack (light) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> OA Sash (if member) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Kit |
| Soap | Comb |
| Toothbrush | Toothpaste |
| Deodorant (not optional!!) | Hand Towel |
- Anything needed to complete their merit badges – see list of prerequisites!!!

THINGS THAT ARE OPTIONAL

____ Compass
____ Hat

____ Fishing Gear (Fresh Water)
____ Bible or Prayer Book

ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME

The following items are to be left home. If we find any of the following items at camp, they will be confiscated.

____ Fireworks	____ Non-Prescription Drugs
____ Firearms and/or Ammunition	____ Bows and Arrows
____ Electronics of any kind (except flashlight)	____ Controlled Substances
____ Sheath Knives	____ Squirt Guns
____ Alcoholic Beverages	____ Un-Scout like Literature
____ Food – The camp has plenty, and we don't want critters in your scout's bags!	

Cell phones: So... The troop rules have always been that we don't want phones at camp. We really, really, don't want scouts to call home during the week on them since it is an almost guarantee to set off home sickness if you scout is susceptible. (As mentioned above) Furthermore, the tents are not secure, we don't have any place to charge them, and cell coverage is terrible. Oh, and did I mention the inevitable rain? However, we do understand that today scouts use their phones as cameras and so on, and we are not fully outlawing them. Please understand, however, we will take no responsibility if a scout loses or breaks his phone, and if any scout is seen playing video games, wearing headphones when he is supposed to be listening, or doing anything else that goes against why we are out in the great outdoors, we will take their phones and lock them in one of the vehicles for the rest of the week.

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

If you have a question or a problem, don't hesitate to call us:

--Rob Gordon 617-543-1797
--Mike Berry 617-592-5897