

2025 Leader's Guide

Camp Wanocksett

Heart of New England Council, Scouting America



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From the Director

To the Troops and Crews who have chosen the Wanocksett Experience,

It is with immense pride that I write to you in preparation for the 101st Anniversary of camping at Wanocksett. In the early spring of 1924, the gentleman from Leominster who visited the property on Thorndike Pond known as the historic Bullard Farm set into motion what would become the "Wanocksett Experience".

The 2025 senior staff has been working hard since being hired in November to carry on the commitment of those original pioneers. We have an amazing group of young men and women coming together for our 100th anniversary staff; all of our senior staff members having served on staff before and well over half of our junior staff. This summer, Wanocksett will be home to scouts from seven states including a returning contingent from Arcadia, Florida. The staff is 100% in place and ready for an incredible summer of programming and fun.

Please read and review the leader's guide in preparation for your time at camp. It is important that all adults who are attending camp become familiar with the leader's guide. During your week, adults will meet in the boathouse each morning at 9:30 a.m. for conversation and coffee. This meeting is both social as well as heavily informational. At Wanocksett, we pride ourselves in our open communication and collaboration with both adults and campers to ensure that everyone has the time of their lives.

In closing, we want to thank you for volunteering to be a leader in your troop or crew. Whether you are an in-council troop or you are camping with us from another council, on behalf of the Heart of New England Council, Scouting America, thank you for choosing Camp Wanocksett.

Yours in Scouting,

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About the Wanocksett Experience

Mission Statement of Scouting America

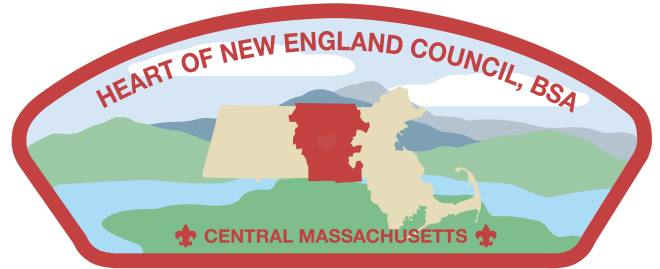
The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

About Heart of New England Council

New England is characterized by close-knit communities, a pioneering spirit, and both the values of independence and fellowship. The cities and towns of Central Massachusetts, carved out of the frontier by the earliest pioneers, shaped during the birth of the Republic, tempered through industrial innovation, and now, evolving to meet the challenges of the 21st century, epitomize the spirit of New England.

These same characteristics find easy complements in Scouting. New England's near four hundred year-old history of town meetings and direct democracy are echoed in Scouting's aim to help young people become active, responsible, and participating citizens. Our long tradition of close neighborhoods and community involvement reflect a Scout's responsibility to help other people at all times. The work ethic and innovation that drove the growth of our mill towns during the Industrial Revolution – and today drives a boom in entrepreneurship, technology, and healthcare – is the evolution of the values we've inherited that seek creative solutions to common challenges, and is mirrored in the Cub Scout Motto – Do Your Best.

Located at the crossroads of most major arteries, our Council is the heart of the region. Drawing on our shared history, tradition, and the values that make New England strong, Heart of New England Council, will give all the youth of our communities the opportunity to realize the Promise of Scouting and inspire their hearts to become the leaders of tomorrow.



Mission Statement of Camp Wanocksett

The mission of Camp Wanocksett is to instill the values of Scouting within each Scout who attends. This will be achieved by combining attention to detail and the pursuit of excellence with a high degree of professionalism. Each Scout will leave a better citizen prepared for life.

About Camp Wanocksett



Camp Wanocksett is owned and operated by the Heart of New England Council, Scouting America. A full-time camp director and ranger administer it, each trained and certified by a National Camping School of Scouting America. The Council Board of Directors, through the Council Camping Committee, supervises the camp. The camp is inspected by the Department of Health and is licensed by the State of New Hampshire. Each year, the Council Camping Committee and an Area Camp Visitation Team inspect Camp Wanocksett. It is rated as a Nationally Accredited Camp and has met 100% of standards for the past 30 years. Copies of inspection reports are available at the Heart of New England Council Service Center.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Heart of New England Council of Scouting America operates in compliance with all relevant laws, codes, ordinances, statutes and regulations. The Council does not unlawfully discriminate with respect to employment, volunteer participation or the provision of services, on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, or disability status, veteran status, marital status, or political affiliation. The Council policy forbids sexual harassment. The council has the right to exclude membership to those whose behavior is inappropriate for the defined mission and values of the Council.

2025 Senior Staff

Administration

Daniel F. Megan, Camp Director
Andrew Collins, Asst. Camp Director
Nick O'Connell, Program Director
Ethan Graham, Asst. Program Director
Adam Morse and Anne Souza, CIT Director
Jacob Rodger, Communications Director

Daniel Fuller, Business Manager
John Mayo, Ranger
Paul Megan, Asst. Ranger
Kathy Megan, Executive Assistant
Branden Morris, Chaplain
Laura Fuller - Executive Assistant

Area Directors

Tom Giuffree, Adventure Team Director
Connor Clough, Aquatics Director
Diana Kneeland, Archery Director
Jack Anderson, Brownsea Director
Eric Gravelle, Climbing/Rappelling Director
Kira Blacquiere, Dining Services Director
Stella Cahill, Ecology/STEM Director

Colin White, Field Sports Director
Betsy Hoff, Handicraft Director
Anderson Dallaire, Provisional Scoutmaster
Abby Bennett, Provisional Scoutmaster
Robert Mbrice, Scoutcraft Director
Will MacDonald, Shotgun Director
Graham Wall, Rifle Director

Senior Staff

Tom Johnson, Asst. Adventure Team Director
Peyton Sanborn, Asst. Adventure Team Director
Kaiden Slowek, Asst. Adventure Team Director
Kenny Kromer, Asst. Aquatics Director
Angelina Luongo, Asst. Aquatics Director
Charlie Maxwell, Asst. Aquatics Director
Nick Hoff, Asst. Aquatics Director
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Jonathan Gougen, BSN, RN, Camp Nurse
Samantha Kelley, BSN, RN, Camp Nurse

Jack DeMeritt, Asst. Ranger
Paul Megan, Asst. Ranger
Cameron Pilgrim, Asst. Dining Services Director
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Lily Caulfield, Senior Staff
Dylan Morrison-Ilvonen, Senior Staff
Maddy Mulhall, Senior Staff
RJ Tucker, Senior Staff



Preparing for Camp

As the Scout motto says "Be Prepared". Here you will find basic information about fees, refunds, pre-camp orientation meetings for leaders, and how to make reservations.

Camp Fees

Camper Fees

Camp fees for the 2025 summer camping season are:

	Through May 1, 2025	After May 1, 2025
Camper Attending with Unit	\$565	\$595
Camper Attending Provisional	\$565	\$595
Encore Camper	\$565	\$595

Scouts who join the unit after the early bird deadline (Webelos, etc.) will only be charged the early bird fee.

The Provisional Unit is for Scouts not attending when their home unit attends, or attending additional week(s) before or after their home unit attends camp. The camp staff provides qualified adult leadership for the Provisional Unit.

Encore campers are those who have attended camp for one week and want to return for an additional week(s) of camp.

Adult Leader Fees

Two adult leaders are required to be in camp at all times with every unit; two adult leaders therefore may attend Camp Wanocksett for free. Additional free adults are offered to units based upon the number of youth in camp. Other additional adults may spend the week in camp at a significant discount of \$150 per person. À la carte meals are available for purchase by partial week adults, visitors, and guests for \$10.00 each.

Scouts	Free Adults
0-20	2
21-30	3
31-40	4
41-50	5
51-60	6

Refunds

The following information applies to all summer camp programs at Camp Wanocksett. Campsite deposits are non-refundable, but may be either applied to the balance of camp fees due, or rolled over to the following year.

- Refund requests must be submitted to the Heart of New England Council Service Center and the Camp Director at least two weeks prior to the start of the camp week for which you have registered.
- Requests must include the Scout's name, unit, the camp session, and an explanation for their absence.
- Refunds will not be given for cancellations after this date except under extenuating circumstances (serious illness, family death, summer school, custody issues, and reasons that don't involve choice).
- A Scout who becomes ill or injured during camp may receive a prorated refund as determined by the Camp Director.
- Refunds will not be granted for scheduling conflicts, no-shows, weather, or behavioral issues.
- Refunds will not be granted to Scouts who leave camp by their own choice, or are asked to leave camp because of behavioral issues.
- Summer camp registrations may be transferred to an alternate session, if space permits, without penalty. Fees may be transferred from one Scout to another within the same unit.
- The Heart of New England Council reserves the right to withhold an administration fee of \$50.00 for any refund given.
- Refunds will be made to the unit (or if attending Provisional to the individual) who made the original payment.



Reservations & Orientation

Reservations

To reserve a week of camp for your unit, a \$100 deposit, accompanied by a Unit Reservation Form, should be given to the Camp Director (while at camp) or to the Council Service Center by October 1st of the year preceding your desired attendance. Please note that units who had secured a reservation through a deposit prior to October 1st, and later choose to withdraw forfeit their right to a refund.

Camp Wanocksett has sites designed for units of all sizes. A unit in a particular site and week this summer will be given priority for that site and week next summer. Although every effort will be made to accommodate your preferred choice of campsite, **we reserve the right to relocate units** to a campsite that will better accommodate the number of Scouts attending camp from that unit. Keep your unit's size in mind when consulting the size chart for our camp below. Sites will be confirmed after the pre-camp meeting two weeks prior to your arrival.

Campsite Size			
Campsite	Max Size	Campsite	Max Size
Abnaki	26	King Philip	32
- Upper	8	Kiowa	20
- Lower	18	Merrimac	24
Apache	48	- Upper	12
Arrowhead	20	- Lower	12
Blackfoot	34	Monadnock	14
Chippewa	10	Nipmuc	24
Crow	28	Rotary	36
Iroquois	48	Sioux	52
- Upper	34	- Big	34
- Lower	14	- Little	18



Online Registration

We encourage all unit leaders to register their youth and adults online if possible, though paper registrations are still available. Unit rosters (including adults) and merit badge choices must be submitted at your arrival at camp. You can find the online registration form template on the last page of the leader's guide. If you submit your registration online, you are able to update your submissions online no later than midnight the night before your unit arrives at Camp. You can also submit rosters and merit badges by emailing info@campwanocksett.org or hard-copy paper forms at arrival; please use the camp templates.

Pre-Camp Orientation Meetings

Ten-days before your arrival at camp, we invite Unit Leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders to attend a pre-camp orientation meeting with the Camp Administration at 7:00pm. The meeting will take place in a hybrid format; you can attend via Zoom or in-person at camp. Prior to this meeting, Unit Leaders must submit copies of their medical forms. Failure to submit all medical forms at least four weeks before check-in will result in delayed processing. If we do not have your forms prior to your scheduled pre-camp meeting, your unit will be the last to be medically screened and the last to complete swim checks, regardless of the order in which you arrive at camp. The Camp Administration will discuss any final information that you will need for the upcoming week of camp. The dates for these meetings are:

Session of Camp		Pre-Camp Orientation Meeting	Medical Forms Due
Week One	June 29 – July 5	Wednesday, June 25	Sunday, June 1
Week Two	July 6 – July 12	Wednesday, June 25	Sunday, June 8
Week Three	July 13 – July 19	Wednesday, July 2	Sunday, June 15
Week Four	July 20 – July 26	Wednesday, July 9	Sunday, June 22
Week Five	July 27 – August 2	Wednesday, July 16	Sunday, June 29
Week Six	August 3 – August 9	Wednesday, July 23	Sunday, July 6
Week Seven	August 10 – August 16	Wednesday, July 30	Sunday, July 13

Virtual Pre-Camp Check-In

Unit leaders have an opportunity to complete most of their check-in prior to arriving at camp. This check-in is done virtually through video conference and can involve any number of adults in the unit (unit leader, summer camp coordinator, treasurer, health form coordinator, etc.). During this check-in, the camp administration will complete all financial matters with you and send you a checklist of items to prepare for drop off when you arrive at camp. By completing this pre-camp check-in, your unit leaders will be provided a fastpass and can skip the check-in line at the office to drop off all documents. This process is optional for units. A sign up link to pick an appointment for a virtual pre-camp check-in will be provided to unit leaders during the pre-camp orientation meeting 10 days before your arrival at camp.

Camperships

No Scout shall miss the opportunity to attend summer camp because their family lacks the ability to pay full price. A limited number need-based financial assistance camperships are available directly from Heart of New England Council for this purpose. We strongly encourage Unit Leaders 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. Camperships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. An application can be found on the camp website at CampWanocksett.org. All applications must be received no later than April 1. Campership recipients and their unit leader will receive notification by April 15.

Packing List

While at camp, Scouts stay in two-person canvas wall tents on wooden platforms. Each Scout will have a bunk and mattress. Any specialized equipment needed for specific activities is provided. Scouts will be responsible for their own personal clothing and equipment.

Please make sure that all personal items are labeled with the Scout's name and hometown. This makes it much easier to identify lost items.



Items to Pack

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout uniform | <input type="checkbox"/> Old clothes & shoes (for muck walk) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet, pillow, pillowcase | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & container |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Mattress cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towel & wash cloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rugged pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb, brush. Mirror |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes or boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocketknife | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending Money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater and/or jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen or water bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent (non-aerosol) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swim suit | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito netting & poles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho or rain gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |

Suggested Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing pole & tackle | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything needed for merit badge work (see merit badge comments) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twine or rope | <input type="checkbox"/> Board/card games | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen, pencil, and notebook | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handkerchiefs or bandana | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | |

Please do not bring...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phones | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Firearms (see note in Range and Target Sports program section) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable music players without headphones | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything of value that may be damaged by being outside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers/Video Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets/Domesticated Animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol, Tobacco, or Nicotine products | |

Campers are responsible for their personal possessions. Lost & found items may be turned in and retrieved at the Administration Building. Heart of New England Council and Camp Wanocksett are not responsible for lost, stolen, or missing items.

Important Dates

While your unit will be attending camp during the summer, leaders who are responsible for organizing their unit's visit to camp find that there are a number of key dates they should be aware of.

Late January/Early February

Attend the Kick-Off Meeting - Your unit leadership should attend the kick-off meeting to find out what is new about camp.

Late Winter

Appoint Summer Camp Coordinator Team - The unit committee and Scoutmaster/Advisor should appoint an adult and youth who will be responsible for coordinating the unit's trip to camp. The adult could be the Scoutmaster/Advisor or another adult who is only responsible for summer camp plans. The youth could be the SPL/President or a Scout/Venturer who is looking for a leadership role. The adult should be the point of contact with the camp on the unit's reservation. Changes to the adult point of contact can be emailed to info@campwanocksett.org.

Promote Camp - Notify your Scouts and families about the dates for camp this year. Encourage families who have a need for financial assistance to complete the campership application and notify the summer camp coordinator.

March 1

Determine Adults Going to Camp - Units need a minimum of 2 adults age 21 or older to attend camp. You want to ensure consistency throughout the week to minimize poor behavior by Scouts.

April 1

Campership Applications are Due - A simple need-based financial assistance request form is located on the camp website CampWanocksett.org. If internet access is a challenge, a unit leader can fill out the form on behalf of the Scout's family.

Begin Accepting Payments from Scouts - Build in enough time to deposit payments to the unit's treasury from families and get a check written from the treasurer. Remember that some Scouts may not be around for April vacation week.

April 15

Counselor-in-Training Applications are Due - The application form can be found at CampWanocksett.org and is designed to give Scouts an opportunity to experience what it is like to apply for a job.

Campership Award Notifications - Heart of New England Council's campership committee will communicate need-based financial awards to parents and the summer camp contact on record. This helps to prevent an overpayment by the unit.

May 1

Early Bird Payments are Due - Please include one check from the unit payable to "Heart of New England Council" with the financial submission form located at the end of this guide. Payments must be received by May 1 to be considered for the early bird rate. Contact info@campwanocksett.org with questions about the financial status of your unit. It is suggested that you only pay for Scouts at the early bird deadline; payment for additional adults or other items should be paid closer to your arrival date at camp and after a financial check-in is conducted with the camp office.

June 15

Camp Office Document Transfer - On June 15, documents and files located at the Rutland Service Center are packaged up and transferred to the Dublin Camp Office. After June 15, send all payments and correspondence to the Dublin Camp Office.

June 21

Camp Office Opens - In the afternoon of June 21, the senior staff begin arriving at camp and the camp office is staffed.

August 18

Camp Office Closes - The evening of August 18, the camp office begins to shut down for the season. Files are boxed and supplies packed up for the winter season.

August 22

Camp Office Document Transfer - Files from the season are transferred to the Rutland Service Center.

October 1

Reservation Deposits Locked - Units who attended this summer have until October 1 to retain "squatter's rights" on the same week next summer. After October 1, new units can take priority.

Camp Staff, CIT, and Campership Applications Open for the Next Summer - Time to start thinking about next summer!

Pre-Arrival Checklist

Before arriving at camp, the summer camp coordinator has a number of tasks to complete.

30 Days Before Your Arrival at Camp

Confirm Scouting America Registration Status for all Youth and Adults - All youth and adults attending camp must be currently registered members of Scouting America. Check your my.scouting roster report to ensure everyone going to camp is listed. If someone is missing from the list, contact your council's registrar. All adults must be current with their council's Youth Protection Training requirements before arriving at camp.

Submit any NH DCYF Third Party Checks - Any adult attending camp who either currently lives in the State of New Hampshire, or has lived in the State of New Hampshire at any point in the past seven years must complete a Central Registry Check from the State of New Hampshire. A copy of this request form is located at the end of this guide. The form must be notarized before being sent to the Division for Children, Youth and Families. Don't delay as processing can take as long as 3 weeks. Completed forms will be returned to the individual adults and must be collected for check-in.

Collect Medical Forms - Start early!

28 Days Before Your Arrival at Camp

Copies of Medical Forms Received at Camp - Your unit's packet of medical forms must arrive 28 days prior to your unit's arrival at camp. Only submit **COPIES** of your medical forms as they must be retained to comply with state law. Label your medical form packet with your unit and the week you are attending (i.e. Troop 123 Anytown, MA - Week 3). After reviewing the forms, the nurse will contact you with any concerns or questions.

10 Days Before your Arrival At Camp

Attend the Pre-Camp Orientation Meeting - Your unit's leadership is invited to attend an orientation meeting at 7pm either on Zoom or in-person. This meeting should be attended by the top unit leader attending camp, the summer camp coordinator, and the top youth leader. The meeting is not intended to be attended by every person attending camp with the unit.

Sign Up for a Virtual Pre-Camp Check-In (Highly Recommended) - Appointment availability opens for pre-camp check-in meetings with the camp administration. You can sign up online using a link provided during the pre-camp orientation meeting or by contacting the camp office.

Begin to Collect Updated Medical Forms - Challenges the camp nurse identifies with your medical forms will be communicated to you at the Pre-Camp Orientation Meeting. The camp nurse will be available to answer any questions about these challenges. Contacting parents as soon as possible helps to resolve any challenges as quickly as possible.

7-3 Days Before Your Arrival

Complete Virtual Pre-Camp Check-In (Highly Recommended) - Unit Leaders are highly encouraged to complete a pre-camp check-in virtually with the camp administration in the week before their arrival. This meeting speeds up your check-in process on arrival day.

Collect Updated Medical Forms - Compile any updates to medical forms. Forms can be received in-person, via fax, or mail; we can not accept any medical forms via email. Most units bring the updated form with them to check-in day.

Arrival Day At Camp

Confirm all Scouts and Adults Have Arrived - As the summer camp coordinator, you are responsible for ensuring all Scouts and adults arrived to camp successfully. You can use the camp phone to verify any no-shows.

Complete Check-In at the Camp Office - Once you have confirmed all Scouts and Adults have arrived, or are going to be arriving shortly, the camp coordinator should head to the camp office. The following items should be brought to the check-in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Copies of Unit Financial Documents if you completed Pre-Camp Check-In | <input type="checkbox"/> my.Scouting Roster report with Scouting America IDs for everyone attending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check for Camp Fees | <input type="checkbox"/> NH DCYF Third Party Check Results (If Applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Final Unit Roster with Youth & Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Count & Payment for Unit Photo Order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merit Badge Registration | |

Tuesday Morning of Your Week

Close Out Unit Financials - Confirm with the camp office that all financials for the unit are closed out and there is no balance due on for the unit. Any refunds that have been requested will be processed after this.

Confirm Next Year's Deposit - Most of the time units will rollover their deposit to the same week for the following year. A reservation form will be provided at check-in. You want to leave camp knowing your spot in camp is secured for next summer.

Camp Wanocksett Program

We support the unit program. Our schedule should not be used as a substitute for your unit program. In fact, the daily or weekly schedule is not a program. It is an instrument for planning and for administering the unit program. It is a timetable for certain formal activities and a list of opportunities. The schedule provides a means for mobilizing the program resources of the camp and constructing a balanced experience for each Scout.

The key words are accommodation and customer service. What can we do for you this summer? That is the Wanocksett Experience. Baden Powell once said that the patrol was the secret to success in Scouting. The Patrol method is central to good Scouting. There must be certain activities over which the patrol has complete responsibility. The patrol method develops the Scout's teamwork and leadership skills and can increase Scout spirit.

At Camp Wanocksett, we believe in the truth of this point so much that we include specific opportunities designed to facilitate the strengthening of the patrols in your unit. The purpose of the camp is to provide experiences for the unit that will make it better able to plan and conduct its own program. The services of the camp staff are of a consulting and empowering nature. The central camp staff and the unit leaders develop the program cooperatively. The unit is responsible for its own program in camp, as it is in its town.



Program Structure

Camp Wanocksett has two structured merit badge sessions in the morning followed by Patrol Centered Programming. A third merit badge session occurs in the afternoon, followed by an open program format, which continues until retreat & after dinner.

Merit Badge Sessions

Merit Badges are the core of the Camp Wanocksett Program. Every day, Scouts will go to three sessions of merit badges. They can earn these badges in any area of camp. Some badges require additional supplies, outside work, or have age/weight requirements. These are listed for each badge in the Program Areas section.



Selecting Merit Badges – “On the Grid”

Selecting a merit badge depends on a variety of factors – the Scout's age, abilities, and the unit'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. Units can register online or with a paper form found at the back of this guide. This makes it easier for the camp to process the sign-ups and best serve the needs of each Scout. Scouts always receive their choice in badges, though we may move periods to reduce class sizes for the best instruction possible.

The online registration form must be filled out before your arrival at Camp. The form can be found at [CampWanocksett.org](https://www.campwanocksett.org).

Extra Help

If a Scout is having trouble with any merit badge, we will give them the help they need. Leaders are encouraged to visit each Scout's merit badge counselor on a daily basis. Counselors will share with the unit leaders each Scout's progress and attendance record at classes. It is important that any problems with a merit badge be brought to our attention as soon as possible. It is impossible to remedy a situation Friday afternoon that began on Tuesday. We want to work with unit leaders and Scouts to make sure merit badge instruction is as complete as possible.

Partial Merit Badges

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. Partial badges can be worked on during regular merit badge times when said badge is offered, or during scheduled times during open program. Each situation is handled differently, so discuss the partial with the Program Director or an area director.

Bonus Merit Badges

The three class periods provide the bulk of our merit badge program, but Scouts will have the opportunity to earn other badges during open program time. Most of these badges take multiple classes, but they will always take place during the open program block. They are held in different areas throughout camp. This allows Scouts a more flexible schedule to earn badges they might not otherwise be able to.

Session Size and Quality

Staff members will make every effort to accommodate all Scouts for merit badge sessions. We will never close a class due to size, but instead will open a second or even third section of the same badge in a period to ensure the most effective class size and instruction quality. Our merit badge registrar may also reorder a Scout's badges so they get the same badges they selected but with a more manageable class size. This ensures each Scout receives the badges they want. To assist in this process, unit leaders should try and limit the number of their Scouts that they place in the same session at the same time.

Patrol Time

One of the eight methods for achieving Citizenship, Character and Fitness is the Patrol. Patrols give Scouts experience in practicing citizenship and developing character. Each day patrols will meet after the morning flag ceremony before breakfast and decide on a Patrol Time activity, which will take place after the second merit badge period of the day.

Open Program

After the third merit badge period in the afternoon, Scouts go to open program. The entire camp is open for a multitude of opportunities. Each day, new and exciting programs are offered. Apart from being posted on up-to-date schedules around camp, area directors will announce programs and any changes at meals.

Evening Programs

Every evening, a camp-wide program allows all Scouts & leaders in camp to come together for "Fellowship on the Thorndike."



Sunday

Chapel & Opening Campfire 7:30pm - After dinner, Scouts can return to their sites quickly and then gather at the Chapel for a Scout's Own service led by our camp chaplain. This service allows Scouts to reflect on the week ahead. After the brief service, units will file into the Jack and Ruth Kennedy Memorial Amphitheater to be entertained with skits, songs, stunts, and vespers.

Monday

Friendship Fires 8:00pm - Scouts can enjoy an hour of open program from 7:00pm-8:00pm and then head out to one of three designated sites for in-site friendship fires. Units volunteer to host at the Senior Patrol Meeting on Monday and invite their neighbors to come sing songs, and make new friends. Staff members will also attend friendship fires.

Tuesday

Sunset Summit 3:00pm - During the afternoon, the staff prepares for the Monadnock Hike. After ensuring all Scouts are adequately prepared, the group starts up to the summit, which they reach just before sunset. They are provided with a bag dinner and after the magnificent view, the hike down returns between 8:00pm-10:00pm. Due to the strenuous nature of the hike, the Sunset Summit requires Scouts to be at least a second year. The trek leader, and camp nurse, will make a judgment call on all youth and adults looking to hike. For those not participating, program areas are open from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Brownsea Evening Adventure 8:00pm - For the younger Scouts, and anyone who likes s'mores, the Brownsea Staff will host a small campfire and lead songs, skits, and cheers while cooking up s'mores for all who attend.

Wednesday

BBQ Night 6:00pm - On Wednesday, our dinner is a barbeque, which is served outside. Games and activities will be set up on the Main Field and around lower camp for Scouts and Leaders to play at their leisure. Following the evening's activities, a board and card game night will be offered in the Boat House, Handicraft, and Memorial Lodge.

Events are as follows:

- 6:00pm – Flag Ceremony
- 6:15pm – Barbeque Dinner (Buffet style)
- 7:15pm – OA Call Out Ceremony
- 8:00pm – Game Night

Thursday

OA Ice Cream Social 8:00pm – Following open program, Scouts are invited to enjoy a make-your-own sundae party provided by the Order of the Arrow.

Friday

Rocket Launch 7:00pm & Closing Campfire 8:00pm – Our last night of program begins with a rocket launch after dinner at 7:00pm down on the Waterfront. From there, units will again assemble to enter the Jack and Ruth Kennedy Memorial Amphitheater for the Closing Campfire.



Venturing Program



As the Venturing Program has expanded over the last two decades, the Camp Wanocksett staff has worked to incorporate programming for Crews. Venturing Crews that choose Camp Wanocksett are able to create custom programming that fits their needs and abilities. Working with our Adventure Team and other program staff, Crews are given the opportunity to build custom week-long experiences that are independent from our Boy Scout programs. Crews can enjoy everything we have to offer at a more advanced skill level. Oftentimes this includes COPE activities, our high ropes course, kayaking, first aid instruction, shooting, and hiking Mt. Monadnock. Prior to your arrival and during Sunday check-in, our program staff will work with your crew to create a Wanocksett Experience you'll never forget.

Special Events

Camp Wanocksett Alumni Association

The Camp Wanocksett Alumni Association is active in planning events during summer camp and in the off-season. Visit the camp website and social media pages to find out more about the alumni association and events taking place.

Order of the Arrow

OA Outpost – The Order of the Arrow hosts the OA Outpost, an evening event with fellowship, and a cracker barrel for all OA members and candidates one evening at the Waterfront.

Call Out Ceremony – Throughout the week, Catamount Lodge will schedule small call out ceremonies with Units to recognize new candidates who have been elected into the Order of The Arrow.

Camp Wide Ice Cream Social – The OA sponsored ice cream social is a time for fellowship among everyone in the camp.

Service Day

Each year, the Heart of New England Council Properties committee organizes a Service Day to help with the setup of the camp property after the winter season. Join with other Scouts and volunteers in the spring for a few days of cheerful service. Contact chris.burgoyne@hnescouting.org for more information.

CW Flag World Tour

Throughout the year, members of the Wanocksett family travel the globe with one of the camp flags. Check out their adventures on social media by searching #CWWorldTour or visiting our pages @CampWanocksett.



Camp Program Areas

Camp Wanocksett features a wide variety of open program opportunities at our program areas, supported by key staff members with particular expertise in their program. Listed on the following pages are just some of the enjoyable program options offered in each area. At camp, watch for announcements about what each program area is offering each day.

Aquatics

Located on the beautiful Thorndike Pond, the Camp Wanocksett Waterfront is an integral part of the Scout's camp experience.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Canoeing	Moderate	Must pass the Scouting America Swimmer test
Kayaking	Moderate	Must pass the Scouting America Swimmer test
Lifesaving	Difficult	Must pass the Scouting America Swimmer test. Two period class. Recommended age of 14.
Motorboating (Bonus Badge)	Moderate	Must pass the Scouting America Swimmer test.
Rowing	Moderate	Must pass the Scouting America Swimmer test.
Small-Boat Sailing	Difficult	Must pass the Scouting America Swimmer test. Two period class.
Swimming	Moderate	Must pass the Scouting America Swimmer test.
Water Sports	Difficult	Must pass the Scouting America Swimmer test. Recommended age of 14.



Instructional Swim - Instructional swim time is available for any Scout who needs help improving their swimming skills. Both beginners and weak swimmers are encouraged to participate in this program any afternoon starting at 3:00pm

Polar Bear Swim - Each day at 7:00am, the beginner's area will be opened for those Scouts and adult leaders who enjoy taking an early dip. This is strictly a "for fun" program.

Free Swim - Each day at 4:30pm, the swimming area will be open so that Scouts and leaders have an opportunity to have fun, cool off, and enjoy a swim in the afternoon.

Mile Swim - The mile swim award is given to those Scouts who can swim a mile in one attempt. Scouts begin the program at 7:00am on Monday morning. This requires attendance every morning at practice

to help prepare oneself for the Friday morning swim at 6:00am.

Water Basketball/Volleyball – This program provides an opportunity for patrols to have fun, stay cool, and enjoy camaraderie on the waterfront. Patrols & Units are encouraged to challenge one another, or use this for an inter-patrol activity.

The Iceberg – A favorite of older Scouts attending camp, The Iceberg is a floating inflatable located just outside the Swimmer's area of the waterfront. Can you and a buddy scale to the peak? If so, you'll get a view of the waterfront that not many other Scouts do. Plus you'll get to slide down the backside into the lake once you are done. Sign ups take place throughout the week, so don't delay in securing your spot to Seek the Summit!

Open Boating – Each day, the waterfront opens to Scouts and leaders to have the opportunity to go boating. Canoes, rowboats, sailboats, kayaks, and paddle boards are available. Water skiing and tubing times on the motorboats are also available for fun, or extra practice for those taking the Water Sports merit badge. Use of the sailboats requires attendance at a sailing orientation on Sunday night or Monday morning.

Fishing – Those Scouts who would like to go fishing are invited to use the fishing equipment located at the Waterfront. Fishing is limited to the area by the chapel, extending towards the Ranger's beach. Scouts must always be with a buddy, especially when they are fishing.



Brownsea Adventure

Brownsea Adventure is a unique area in camp that helps new and younger Scouts master the skills they need to complete the Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. Scouts learn the basic Scout skills they need for advancement, as well as enjoy special programs available only for younger campers. In the afternoons, campers of all ages come to Brownsea for activities centered on Scout skills, often involving Scout-made delicacies.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Scouting Heritage (Bonus Badge)	Moderate	Requirements 4 and 6 must be completed outside of Camp. Bring a dozen or more Scouting related patches to share with class.
Fire Safety (Bonus Badge)	Easy	Field Trip Required

Rank Classes Offered

- Scout/Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class

Camp Wanocksett Philosophy on Rank Advancement - We will make sure our training of each young Scout is held to the highest standards – we will teach the Scouts the skills, but we will not sign books. It is up to the Unit Leader to validate the Scout's knowledge of the particular skill in question before he/she signs off the requirement. At the end of the week, each troop will receive a sheet with a list of skills that each Scout completed during their time at Brownsea.

How It Works - The first year camper program at Camp Wanocksett is called "Brownsea Adventure" in honor of Brownsea Island, the location of Lord Baden Powell's first camp for Scouts where he introduced them to Scout skills. Scouts can sign up for one, two, or three Brownsea sessions as if they were merit badges. Scouts then learn the skills needed to advance from Tenderfoot to First Class. We support the unit in however they wish to deliver their program, but recommend that it is optimal for the Scouts to not take more than one session of Brownsea. This session should be of the rank the Scout has yet to earn and has the most work left to complete.

A Scout working below their level or spending too much time in Brownsea misses out on the rich range of program opportunities at Camp Wanocksett.



Climbing/Rappelling

The Climbing Merit Badge is fun for those Scouts who are up for a little bit of a challenge. "Open Climbing" is open to all Scouts who want to try their skills at climbing, with three different walls ranging in difficulty.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Climbing	Moderate	May involve out of class practice depending on the Scout's ability level.



Afternoon Programs – Stop by the climbing tower any afternoon for a number of great activities to test your climbing skills. Bouldering, speed climbing, and rappelling will keep you in the air all afternoon.

Bouldering Wall – Bouldering is a great activity to practice the technique of climbing without needing to be tied in to a belay system. Stop by the Camp Wanocksett Bouldering Wall with a friend to work on your technique, strengthen muscles for climbing, and have some fun.

Ice Climbing – Want to experience the thrill of ice climbing in the summer without any of the snow or cold? Come by our tower to climb our faux-ice wall using ice picks and crampons.

Ecology and STEM

Camp Wanocksett contains over 200 acres of prime New England wilderness for Scouts to explore while they learn about the workings of the natural world and our place within it.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Astronomy	Moderate	Scouts will stay up late with Ecology staff one night to observe celestial bodies.
Animal Science (Bonus Badge)	Easy	Requires a field trip to a local farm.
Aviation	Moderate	Requires field trip to local airstrip
Bird Studies (Bonus Badge)	Easy	
Chemistry	Moderate	
Drafting	Moderate	
Electricity	Moderate	
Electronics	Easy	
Engineering	Easy	
Environmental Science	Difficult	Two Period Class
Forestry	Easy	
Geology	Easy	
Mammal Study (Bonus Badge)	Easy	
Mining in Society	Easy	
Plant Science	Easy	
Pulp & Paper	Easy	
Robotics	Moderate	Two Period Class
Space Exploration	Easy	
Soil and Water Conservation	Easy	
Weather	Easy	



Robot Wars - Come compete against your patrol mates or the ecology staff in Camp Wanocksett's annual robot KO contest!

Design Challenge Day - Challenge gravity to build the tallest towers and design other effective devices!

Sappy Sodas - Come to the nature den to make homemade soda from elements of nature.

Leave-No-Trace – Does everybody know and live the Outdoor Code? A great way to learn how to live it in practice every time you go camping is to learn low impact camping skills. This program stresses not damaging the

environment we use for our Scouting experience and in our everyday lives.

Experiment Extravaganza – Flying fire, bombs and rockets, jellied water and dissolving packing peanuts? Come down to the Nature Den for some amazing science demonstrations, hands-on experiments, and loud explosions.

Earn Awards – Spend your week working on conservation projects or just having fun in the Nature Den and you could earn the Golden Acorn award. Your patrol can also work together to earn the Arthur Polanski Patrol Conservation Award. Speak to the Ecology Director about these opportunities on Sunday or Monday.



Field Sports

Field Sports

Camp Wanocksett is blessed with two great field sports facilities for Scouts to use during their camp stay. The camp sports program provides an excellent opportunity to teach valuable skills like sportsmanship, and teamwork.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Athletics	Easy	Due to requirements 3, 5, 6b this badge cannot be finished at camp.
Chess (Bonus Badge)	Difficult	
Game Design	Moderate	
Personal Fitness	Difficult	Due to requirements 8 this badge cannot be finished at camp.
Sports	Moderate	Due to requirements 4 & 5 this badge cannot be finished at camp.

MacCauley Sports & Games Complex – Come play sports at MacCauley Field! Enjoy our basketball court, volleyball pit, gaga ball pit, tetherball court, batting cage, & giant board games. Challenge another unit or play a pick-up game with other Scouts.

Athletics Field – Our Athletics Field allows teams of Scouts the ability to challenge each other in a number of sports. Soccer, lacrosse, ultimate, and dodgeball are just a few of the many activities available.

The George Magee Memorial Field Day – Once a week in the MacCauley Sports and Games Complex come and enjoy a field day where teams will compete in a myriad of events to determine who are Camp Wanocksett's best competitors.

The Lucien Theberge Triathlon – A unique tradition, the weekly Lucien Theberge Triathlon is one that will challenge the most athletic of Scouts. A ¼ mile swim in the Thorndike is followed by a strenuous 4 ½ mile bike ride around the lake. The final leg of the journey is a ½ mile run back into camp. Those who finish as medalists are recognized in a ceremony at evening retreat.

Bicycles – Scouts and leaders may bring their bicycles with them to camp. Upon arriving at camp, please inform your unit guide. We may lock it for safekeeping during your stay at camp. Bicycles can only be used for the Lucien Theberge Triathlon as well as bike rides scheduled by the staff. Use of bicycles within camp to ride between program areas and campsites or as general transportation is not allowed.

Range and Target Activities

The Camp Wanocksett Range and Target Activities program prides itself on teaching Scouts to safely and responsibly handle firearms. Ranges are staffed by NRA and NCS certified instructors and operate in accordance with the strictest safety rules.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Archery	Difficult	Challenging skill requirements.
Rifle	Moderate	
Shotgun	Moderate	Recommended age is 13.



Rifle Range – Scouts and adults use .22 caliber rifles on our range as they work towards awards or the merit badge. The range is open in the afternoon for Scouts who want to use a rifle for the first time or for those who want to practice their shooting skills to meet the badge requirements. As always, Scouts learn safe shooting practices and new shooting styles.

Shotgun Range – Come to the shotgun range to enjoy the thrill of shooting a 20-gauge, or 12-gauge at clay targets. Challenge your friends to a friendly, safe competition.

Archery Range – The archery range offers the opportunity for instruction with standard target arrows and 12-35lb bows. Enjoy the challenging sport in a safety-oriented atmosphere. Test your skill against your friends or another unit. The 3-D Course is also available during the week for a unique skill challenge.

Please note as of 2025, Scouting America no longer permits Scouts and Leaders to bring Personal Firearms to Camp. This is a change from Previous years.

Handicraft

At Handicraft, every Scout can develop their creativity through performance and hands-on activities and projects.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Animation	Moderate	
Art	Easy	Requires Field trip to a local museum
Fingerprinting (Bonus Badge)	Easy	
Graphic Arts	Easy	
Leatherwork	Easy	
Model Design & Build	Easy	
Movie Making	Moderate	
Music	Difficult	
Painting (Bonus Badge)	Easy	
Photography	Moderate	Digital cameras are provided but Scouts are encouraged to bring their own (phone cameras don't meet requirements).
Pottery	Moderate	
Textile (Bonus Badge)	Easy	
Sculpture	Easy	
Wood Carving	Moderate	



Tie-Dying - It's great fun to dye all your favorite clothes in a multitude of colors – pink, purple, orange, red, blue, green, and yellow. Come down and dye some clothes in time for them to dry before the end of your week at camp. You can bring your own t-shirt or purchase in the trading post.

Patrol Flag and Sign Making - Patrols can go to Handicraft to work on making a Patrol Flag or Sign. Use these flags to promote the patrol method within the unit. Show them off at flag ceremonies during the week at camp, or have your sign hung in the dining hall with many other historical signs.

Open Crafts – Scouts can make creations out of popsicle sticks, Perler beads or work with a variety of art supplies every day during open program.

Cardboard Cosplay – Scouts can unleash their creativity and transform simple cardboard into epic costumes, props, and accessories! Whether you're crafting a superhero suit, medieval armor, or a sci-fi helmet, this hands-on program lets you design, build, and bring your imagination to life.



Ranger Corps

The Camp Wanocksett Ranger Corps is the heart of the camp staff. They work to keep the camp looking its best and functioning during your week, all while teaching valuable skills to Scouts in camp.

Adult Leader Projects – A dedicated team of adult volunteers assists our camp ranger with maintaining the property year-round. Multiple projects are always taking place and adult leaders with knowledge in a trade skill can volunteer to assist the ranger during their week of camp. Skills including electrical, plumbing, framing, automotive, masonry, and painting are always needed to keep Camp Wanocksett looking its best.

Scoutcraft

Scoutcraft is at the heart of a Scout camp; it is what makes a Scout camp different from any other camp. All a Scout needs to know about camping can be learned at Scoutcraft.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Camping	Moderate	Cannot be completed at camp due to Requirements 4 & 9a & 9c. Scouts must present a camping backpack and gear for inspection. 9b must be completed during open program
Cooking	Difficult	Prerequisite: Requirements 4 & 6. Home cooking, and on the trail cooking is required. First Class scouts and above recommended
Geocaching	Easy	A camp GPS unit is supplied.
Pioneering	Difficult	Two Period Class.
Signs, Signals & Codes (Bonus Badge)	Moderate	
Wilderness Survival	Easy	Scouts will sleep out in a shelter one night. Survival Kit Materials are required.



Map and Compass Skills - Getting lost in the woods is not fun. During this demo, each Scout will learn to read and orient a map, as well as acquiring some basic compass skills. The high point of the program puts these skills to practice on an actual compass course. Also, Scouts will have the opportunity to find hidden objects using our GPS devices.

Pioneering Projects - Help to build a monkey bridge, gateway, or tower using lashings. Scouts love building pioneering projects, and the skills they learn go well beyond knots & lashings, to include teamwork and problem solving.

Dutch Oven Cooking – Some of the best meals prepared in the camp setting are made using dutch ovens and hot coals from a campfire. Stop by Scoutcraft to prepare the fire and cook some amazing food to bring back to your campsite, or get involved with using an open fire to cook!

Fire Building - Have you ever had a problem building a fire after it rains? Do you have a hard time building a good cooking fire? Would you like to learn how to start a fire without matches or a lighter? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then sign up for this demo and learn all there is to know about firebuilding. We will cover different methods of fire building and fire starting, including flint and steel, fire by friction and many others.

Ropework Mastery - Just think of how much more fun you'll have on your next camping trip utilizing more advanced knots, lashings and splices. We will cover basic knots, advanced knots, lashings, splices, whipping, and even making your own rope.

Tomahawk Throwing - Come by Scoutcraft to use the fourth range at Camp Wanocksett. At our tomahawk range, Scouts will have the opportunity to throw our tomahawks into large wooden targets and compete for king of the range.

Older-Scout Programs, The Wanocksett Pioneers

You may be asking, "How do I keep the older Scouts in my Unit interested?" Activities for older Scouts 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.

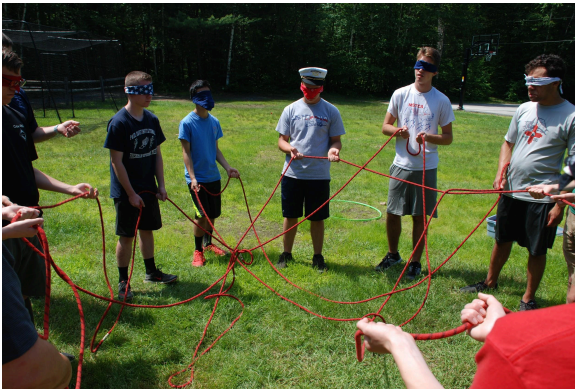
Eagle's Nest

The Eagle's Nest is a program dedicated to helping Scouts on their trail to Eagle. These badges will require a serious commitment from Scouts who are looking to take the next step towards Eagle. Scouts may have to spend additional hours with counselors to complete all requirements.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Comments
Citizenship in the Nation	Difficult	Cannot be completed at camp due to Requirements 5 & 8.
Citizenship in the World	Difficult	Cannot be completed at camp due to Requirement 7.
Communications	Difficult	Cannot be completed at camp due to Requirement 5. Some work must be done outside of the normal class period.
Emergency Preparedness	Moderate	Cannot be completed at camp due to Requirements 2c, 8b
First Aid	Moderate	

The Wanocksett Adventure Team

The Wanocksett Adventure team offers a number of Pioneer activities for older Scouts (ages 14 and up) attending Camp Wanocksett. Mountain bikes, mountain boards, COPE, kayaking, and a number of other high adventure activities are available during the formal Adventure Team time in the morning. During the afternoon open program the staff lead open sessions of more accessible high adventure programming.



Morning Program – The Wanocksett Adventure Team runs each morning from 9:00am until 12:00pm – taking place during the first two merit badge classes as well as Patrol Time. This program is a unique one in that participants are able to work together to plan their own program for the week.

After a day of initiative games, participants spend at least two days of the week on the low and high COPE courses. The low course includes elements at most 12 feet above the ground, while the high course elements are 15

to 40 feet high. Solutions to challenges often require a combination of athleticism and out-of-the-box thinking. Our trained staff strives to push participants to grow and step out of their comfort zone, while operating in a challenge by choice model, allowing participants to opt out of any individual element they do not wish to attempt. The activities are not designed to be competitive, or a race against time, but rather a means to learn the values of leadership, trust, teamwork, self-esteem, problem solving, communication, and decision-making.

Afternoon Program – The Adventure Team offers a number of activities for Scouts of all ages in the afternoon. These programs may include mountain boarding, bike rides, COPE games, and more.



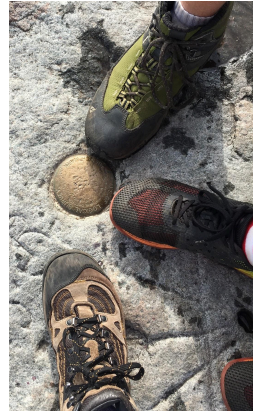
Off-Site Trek Programs

Scouts and adult leaders can enjoy a number of off-site trek programs offered during their week of camp. Trips are organized by a dedicated staff member and follow all Scouting America requirements for off-site programs. Additional trek programs may be organized on a weekly basis based on interest.

5 Mile Hike – Offered by the Brownsea Staff, this special hike is a great opportunity to see the Grand Monadnock from a different perspective and also to cover requirements for rank advancement. Conducted in a safe manner, this program exposes Scouts to the whole Thorndike Pond while they learn the proper way to hike on the road and use compasses for navigation.

Sunset Summit – Offered by the Ecology/STEM staff, what better way to celebrate a week at camp than climb a mountain for the sunset? Join the staff in this fun event that is sure to enlighten everyone. Due to the strenuous nature of the hike, the Sunset Summit requires Scouts to be at least a second year Scout. The Director will make a judgment call on participation for all youth and adults looking to participate.

Muck Walk - Offered by the Ecology/STEM staff, for those on the adventurous side, wade your way through the unique environment of the Camp Wanocksett swamp. Leave camp nice and clean, and return covered with muddy, slimy filth! This is always a great way to spend the afternoon with friends.



Awards at Camp Wanocksett

Individual Scouts & Leaders, Patrols, and Units have the opportunity to earn a number of awards at Camp Wanocksett. Information about all of the awards can be found in the check-in packet each unit receives on Sunday, and in the Administration building any time. **Bold titles are official Scouting America Awards.**

Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit

To encourage proper use of tools and fire safety, training on the instruction on skills required to earn both the Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit are available in our Brownsea area.

Baden Powell Patrol Award

To promote the patrol method, patrols can work together to complete a number of activities during their week at camp to earn the Baden Powell Patrol Award. Among the requirements: patrols must make a patrol flag, use a patrol cheer during the week, participate in patrol activities at 11am, challenge another patrol to a sports competition, and perform a conservation project.

John Coyle Unit Award

To unite patrols in a troop or all of the members of a crew, the John Coyle Honor Unit Award has members of a unit participate together in a number of activities during camp. Among the requirements, each patrol must earn the Baden Powell Patrol Award, the unit must attend all camp-wide activities, participate in a number of activities, and make an improvement to camp.

Arthur Lomax III Marksmanship Award

Arthur Lomax III was an Eagle Scout from Troop 165 Charlton. From 1990-1997 he served on Camp Wanocksett Staff. He was awarded Vigil Honor from The Grand Monadnock Lodge #309, a proud member of the Iron Workers Union, and a great friend of Camp Wanocksett. To complete this marksmanship award, an individual must achieve high scores in competitions at each of the three shooting ranges in camp.

Golden Acorn Award

Living in the shadow of the most summited mountain in the world is a unique experience. Scouts who make a contribution to the Ecology/STEM program at Camp Wanocksett will receive the Golden Acorn award.

Arthur Polanski Patrol Conservation Award

Patrols who embody the ideals of Leave-No-Trace and conservation at camp can earn the Arthur Polanski Patrol Conservation Award. To earn the award, patrols must complete a conservation project approved by the Ecology director, write an article for the Wanocksett Times about a conservation issue at camp, participate in the recycling program, and partake in the Ecology/STEM program.

Adult Leader Programs

There is something to do for everyone at Camp Wanocksett. Apart from watching out for your Scouts, Camp Wanocksett provides you with opportunities of your own.

Daily Adult Leader Meeting

Every weekday starting at 9:30am, adult leaders are invited to the Dublin Boathouse to attend the Daily Adult Leader Meeting. During this meeting, the camp administration shares key operational and program information with the adults in camp. Coffee and tea is available in the boathouse prior to the meeting. This is your opportunity to bring up any concerns or publicly thank a staff member for going above and beyond in service. The meeting typically lasts no more than 40 minutes to an hour. WiFi is available for adult leaders in the boathouse during the meeting as well as when the building is not being used for programs with Scouts.

Adult Leader University

Our area directors are National Camp School Certified in many different areas of the Scouting program, and during the week there are opportunities for them to pass on their knowledge to you. These training sessions can help to enhance your unit program outside camp. The sessions offered are:

- Leave-No-Trace
- Climb On Safely
- Trek Safely

Adult Awards

Camp Wanocksett takes pride in recognizing the hard work and dedication of our adult leaders. For those that go above and beyond, there are two awards you can receive:

The Ranger Jack Unit Leader Award – This award honors a long time Scouter, Ranger, and friend of Camp Wanocksett, Ranger Jack Kennedy from Boxborough MA. Our amphitheater is named after him and his wife, and the award dedicated to him is for outstanding Unit Leader service in the program.

Adult Service Corps – At the start of every summer, the staff sets up the facilities of Camp Wanocksett. As the program starts, the staff's attention shifts to the Scout. Our facilities upkeep is largely maintained by the Ranger Corps and adult volunteers who come every week. Any adult who performs **10 or more hours of work will be recognized for the Adult Service Corps**, reserved for those who go above and beyond to make our camp a better place.

Unit Leader Shotgun Shoot

A tradition at Camp Wanocksett is the weekly Unit Leader shoot. Adult leaders are invited to the Shotgun range to compete in a competition against each other. Test your skills against this formidable team. Not a frequent shooter?...Never shot before?...Don't worry! Our range and target sports director offers time to practice earlier in the week and can help you shoot for the first time.

Club Wanocksett

As a staff, our mantra at Camp Wanocksett is "We are here to have the time of our lives". In that spirit, we provide a number of opportunities for adult leaders to engage in the wide array of recreational pursuits we have available. Adult leaders may participate in everything from free swims and bike rides, to open boating and COPE. More details about the potential activities available to you will be found in your Sunday check-in packet.

Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to programs for adult leaders, there are also numerous opportunities for adult leaders to assist our staff in delivering excellent programs to the Scouts. These include but are not limited to speaking to Scouts about merit badges relevant to your profession or life experience, driving to and chaperoning field trips, and assisting at the waterfront. More information about these opportunities will be made available at daily adult leader meetings.



Additional Programs

Camp Wanocksett strives to be the best of the best in all aspects of the summer camp experience. Here are some additional programming items available to you.

Outpost Camping

Outpost camping is available at Camp Wanocksett. This is a great opportunity for you and your Scouts to spend some nights sleeping in Adirondack shelters far from the hustle and bustle of camp. Hike up for a night of relaxation, cook your own meals with ingredients provided by Dining Services, and then hike back in the morning in time for morning program. The Program Director can schedule your unit during your week stay for an evening at the Outpost.

Unit Activities

At any time during the afternoon, units may schedule demonstrations and activities in the program areas. Please work out the arrangements with the area director as to the time and location.

The Order of the Arrow at Camp Wanocksett



The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society, based upon the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Scouts may be elected to the Order of the Arrow by their peers in their unit once they have achieved rank advancement for their program, proven themselves as a camper, and have demonstrated that they live the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The Order of the Arrow has been instrumental in the growth and development of Camp Wanocksett.

In recognition of this, members of the Order of the Arrow are urged to wear their OA sashes with their Scout uniforms all day on Wednesday. Catamount Lodge, our council's Order of the Arrow lodge, will perform an Order of the Arrow Call-Out ceremony to recognize those Scouts who were elected to membership in the Order of the Arrow. Units from Heart of New England Council wishing to hold Order of the Arrow elections should contact their district's unit election chair before camp: **Catamount Lodge does not hold Order of the Arrow elections during summer camp.** Visit OACatamount.org for more information and to schedule a unit election.

The Lodge will also call out Scouts from other councils, although our lodge cannot conduct unit elections for units from other councils. You will need to have a valid election conducted by your home lodge, and bring a copy of the official election report with you to Camp Wanocksett in order to have your Scouts called-out. We will then be happy to recognize your Scouts during our Call-Out ceremony.

Mount Monadnock

While you are thinking of different things to do, don't forget the majestic Mount Monadnock that watches over our camp. Mount Monadnock is one of the most climbed mountains in the world. The availability of the extensive trail network on this historic mountain is one of the unique features that set Camp Wanocksett apart from other Scout camps. All trails on the mountain are challenging, but there is one for every age group of Scouts. The 3,165-foot summit offers spectacular views of six states; you can even see the Boston skyline on clear days. Monadnock's 2,000-foot vertical rise offers a rewarding experience for beginning and advanced hikers alike.



Depending on which trails you take, the trip can be completed in about four or five hours. Our Sunset Summit program is held on Tuesday nights, but if you want to host your own hike, accommodations can be made. Units usually leave immediately after lunch, and return by supper. You can request bag lunches or food to cook in your site for supper if you want to allow more time. Units are required to file a hike plan with the Program Director prior to leaving camp.

Sample Weekly Program Schedule

Camp Wanocksett Weekly Schedule

*Each Patrol will devote one hour of Patrol Centered Skill Instruction or Troop Development Time to an approved conservation or service project.

**An Adult Leader Daily Briefing will take place at 9:30AM Monday-Friday in the Boathouse.
A meeting for all SPLs & Crew Presidents will take place Monday immediately after Lunch at the Weston Overlook.**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00AM		Orientation-MS-PB	Mile Swim / PB	MS (6:45) / PB	Mile Swim (6:30) / PB	Mile Swim (6:00)	Gear Pickup Starts
7:45AM		Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors
8:00AM		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00AM		Merit Badge Session #1	Merit Badge Session #1	Merit Badge Session #1	Merit Badge Session #1	Merit Badge Session #1	Campsite Cleanup
10:00AM		Merit Badge Session #2	Merit Badge Session #2	Merit Badge Session #2	Merit Badge Session #2	Merit Badge Session #2	Closing Ceremony
11:00AM		Patrol Centered Skill Instruction*	Patrol Centered Skill Instruction*	Patrol Centered Skill Instruction*	Patrol Centered Skill Instruction*	Patrol Centered Skill Instruction*	Camp Dismissed
12:15PM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:00PM		Troop Development Time					
2:00PM	Check-In: 2 PM - Medical Check - Swim Check - Camp Tours - Orientations - Unit Photo	Merit Badge Session #3	Merit Badge Session #3	Merit Badge Session #3	Merit Badge Session #3	Merit Badge Session #3	
3:00PM		Open Programs & Demos 3:00-5:30	Open Programs & Demos 3:00-5:30	Open Programs & Demos 3:00-5:30	Open Programs & Demos 3:00-5:30	Open Programs & Demos 3:00-5:30	
4:00PM		5 Mile Hike (3pm)	Sunset Summit Meet at 3:15PM Memorial Lodge	Lucien Theberge Triathlon (3pm)	Bike Ride To Kimballs (3pm)	Open Programs & Demos 3:00-5:30	
5:30PM	Retreat	Retreat	Retreat	Retreat	Retreat	Retreat	
6:00PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	BBQ	Dinner	Dinner	
6:15PM							
7:00PM	Sailing Orientation	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Rocket Launch	
7:30PM	Chapel					Campsite Cleanup	
8:00PM	Opening Campfire	Friendship Fires	Brownsea Evening Adventure	OA Callout Ceremony/game night Wilderness Survival (10:15pm)	OA Ice Cream Social 8:00	Closing Campfire	Wanocksett House of Pizza

Sample Daily Program Schedule

Time	Nature	Waterfront	Brownsea
Patrol Time 11:00-12:00	Lego Robot Sumo Wrestling Conservation Projects	Splash Zone Patrol Open Boat Patrol Water Tubing	Cheesy Monday
Open Program 3:00-5:30	Muck Walk 3:15pm Robot Wrestling Open Nature Display Leave No Trace & Conservation Challenge 4:00pm	Iceberg 3:00 – 4:00 PM Open Boating 3:00 – 4:15 Snorkeling 3:30-4:30 Open Swim 4:30 – 5:30 Motorboating MB 4:30-5:30 (1 of 2) Water Sports	Five Mile Hike Open Skills Instruction
Evening Program 7:00-8:00	Mammal Studies MB	Paddleboarding Motorboating MB (2 of 2)	Fire Safety Merit Badge (Pt. 1/2) Scouting Heritage Merit Badge (Pt. 1/3)
Time	Scoutcraft	Shooting Sports	Climbing and Rappelling
Patrol Time 11:00-12:00	Tomahawk Range	Archery: Team Shoot Rifle: Patrol shoot Shotgun: Pioneer shoot	Climbing and Bouldering
Open Program 3:00-5:30	Make a Rope Monday Tomahawk Throwing Fancy Firebuilding and Fancier Foods Open Skill Instruction	Archery: Open Shoot Rifle: Open Shoot Smiley Face Challenge Shotgun: Fruit Shoot Open shoot All: King of The Range	Climbing and Bouldering Waterfall Climb King of the Tower
Evening Program 7:00-8:00	Pioneering Palooza	Archery: 3-D Course Rifle: Open Shoot	Climbing and Bouldering
Time	Field Sports	Handicraft	Adventure Team
Patrol Time 11:00-12:00	Dodgeball at Athletic Field	Popsicle Stick Project Mania Crazy Catapults Patrol Signs and Flags	—
Open Program 3:00-5:30	Home Run Derby at Macauley field 3:00 – 4:30 PM HorseShoe & Tetherball 4:30-5:30 PM	Textile Merit Badge (3:30-5:00) Music Merit Badge (3:30-5:00) Perler Beads Open Crafts	Mountain Boarding on the Main Field 3:00-4:30 Paddleboard COPE Games 4:30-5:30
Evening Program 7:00-8:00	Chess Merit Badge at Macauley field (Part 1 of 2)	Open Painting Painting Merit Badge	COPE Games on The Bouldering Wall

2025 Merit Badge Offerings

2025 Camp Wanocksett Merit Badge Offerings

Scouts sign up in advance for badges offered during Periods 1-3. Afternoon bonus badges are open enrollment and don't require pre-enrollment.

	Aquatics	Brownsea	Eagle's Nest	Ecology/STEM	Handicraft	Health Lodge	Scoutcraft	Sports
1st Period 9am- 9:50am	BSA Guard Canoeing Lifesaving A Sailing A Swimming Water Sports	Scout/Tenderfoot Second Class First Class	Cit in the Nation Communications	Drafting Electricity / Electronics Forestry / Plant Science Robotics A Enviro. Science A	Animation Pottery Wood Carving	Emergency Prep.	Camping Cooking Pioneering A Wilderness Survival	Archery Climbing Personal Fitness Rifle Shotgun
	Aquatics	Brownsea	Eagle's Nest	Ecology/STEM	Handicraft	Health Lodge	Scoutcraft	Sports
2nd Period 10am- 10:50am	BSA Guard Canoeing Kayaking Lifesaving A Lifesaving B Sailing A Swimming Water Sports	Scout/Tenderfoot Second Class First Class	Cit. in the World Communications	Astronomy / Space Exploration Engineering Enviro. Science A Enviro. Science B Robotics A	Art / Sculpture Graphic Arts / Photography Model Design	First Aid	Camping Cooking Pioneering A Wilderness Survival	Archery Climbing Game Design Rifle Shotgun
	Aquatics	Brownsea	Eagle's Nest	Ecology/STEM	Handicraft	Health Lodge	Scoutcraft	Sports
3rd Period 2pm- 2:50pm	BSA Guard Kayaking Lifesaving B Rowing Swimming Water Sports	Scout/Tenderfoot Second Class First Class	No Offerings	Chemistry Enviro. Science B Geology / Mining in Society Soil and Water Conservation / Weather	Moviemaking Leatherwork Wood Carving	First Aid	Camping Cooking Geocaching	Archery Climbing Sports / Athletics Rifle Shotgun

Merit Badges followed by an "A" are two-period badges required to meet for both of the first two periods (from 9:00am-10:50am)

Merit Badges followed by a "B" are two-period badges required to meet for both of the last two periods (from 10:00am-10:50am & 2:00pm-2:50pm)

The Wanocksett Adventure Team takes place from 9:00am - 12:00pm (1st and 2nd Periods & Patrol Time).

Afternoon Bonus Merit Badge Offerings

Scouts do not need to sign up for these badges in advance

Animal Science	Chess	Mammal Study	Painting	Signs, Signals, & Codes
Aviation	Fingerprinting	Motorboating	Pulp and Paper	Textile
	Fire Safety	Music	Scouting Heritage	

Camp Operating Policies

Leadership at Camp Wanocksett

The Role of Your Unit Leadership

Scouting America runs on adult leadership. Camp Wanocksett provides a high-quality program thanks to those adults who bring their Scouts to camp. Scouting America policy requires that:

- At least two adults age 21 years or older are present in camp at all times
- Adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training.
 - At your pre-camp meeting, units must submit a copy of their roster generated from [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) showing all adults and youth are registered members of the unit.
- All adults must hold a valid certificate of Youth Protection Training



Adults attending camp who currently live in the State of New Hampshire or have lived in the State of New Hampshire at any time in the past seven years must complete a DCYF Third Party Check and submit the results to the camp office during check-in. These requests must be made by the individual and can not be requested by the camp office. Requests must be notarized before being submitted and can take up to three weeks to process.

Additional unit leadership should reflect an awareness of the unit size, skill level, and special needs. Camp Wanocksett strongly recommends a ratio of two adults for up to twenty Scouts, and one additional adult for every ten Scouts past twenty. A leadership roster indicating the anticipated arrival and departure times of all leaders spending time in camp must be left with the camp office, and updated throughout the week if plans change. The Unit Leader is responsible for confirming that each adult has been trained in Youth Protection. Youth Protection Training is offered regularly by Heart of New England Council, and is always available online at [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

The Role of the Camp Staff

The Camp Wanocksett staff is here to assist you in delivering an exceptional summer camp experience. We have employed highly skilled, well-rounded staff members who are no strangers to the Scouting program and its ideals. Those who provide the Wanocksett Experience are chosen because they believe in Scouting, believe in Camp Wanocksett, and want to make a difference in the life of a Scout.

We will make mistakes and errors in judgment, as everyone does, but they will be honest mistakes. With your help, we will avoid these same mistakes again, and overcome any challenge. Together we can all make this a better experience for the Scouts. By helping, assisting, and accommodating you as leaders, we will not take over your unit, but provide an arena for a fun, safe, and unforgettable summer camp experience.

Arrival & Departure

Arriving at Camp Wanocksett

Each program week, arrival time is between 2:00pm and 3:30pm on Sunday. The gate will be closed before 2:00pm and parents are not to drive to individual sites as the staff will be busy preparing for your arrival. When the gate is open at 2:00pm, parents and leaders can begin entering the parking lot where they will be directed to gear drop off, and then further to parking. Gear will be placed under designated signs in Memorial Lodge to be later driven up to your sites. Unit Guides will be waiting to meet with you and guide your unit through the check-in process:

Check-in Process

- Health Lodge Check In
 - Med Forms Check (Medical forms are required four weeks prior to check-in)
 - Medications drop off
- Waterfront Orientation & Swim Checks
- Unit Pictures
- Dining Hall Etiquette/Waiter Orientation
- Campsite Set Up

Our check-in process is always tentative, and the staff works together to keep the process quick, but if your unit needs to be accommodated in any way, it will be done. The Trading Post will be open during arrival times. Uniform parts, Wednesday Night Barbecue tickets, snacks, cold drinks, and much more will be available to purchase. After check-in, Units are encouraged to

nest and get settled in the campsite until our retreat ceremony at 6:00pm Complete Scouting America uniforms are requested for all evening ceremonies. Dinner is served at 6:15pm, and following dinner is our opening campfire at 8:00pm.

Some tips for an efficient check-in

- Arrive as a unit **at 2:00pm; no earlier**
- Wear swimsuits underneath Class A uniforms, or at least keep them accessible
- Drivers should remain in cars during gear drop off; our staff will handle the baggage while you proceed directly to parking
- Leaders should link up with unit guides as soon as possible
- If your unit is waiting for more Scouts, wait on the OA field to the left of the parking lot, not inside Memorial Lodge
- Be sure to bring copies of your medical forms to the pre-camp meeting

Departing from Camp Wanocksett

Friday, the last full day of program, ends after the closing campfire at 8:00pm Unit guides will be up to your site with merit badge paperwork. Please review this carefully and bring any concerns to the Administration building after breakfast on Saturday. Saturday's schedule looks like this:

- 7:45am - Colors
- 8:00am - Breakfast
- 8:30am - Units return to site to pack up. When the unit is all packed up, notify the staff, and a truck will arrive to transport your gear.
 - Area directors can be found in the Administration building to answer with Merit Badge questions.
- 10:00am - Closing Ceremony on Main Field
 - Here the troops will receive awards and any photographs they ordered.
- 10:30am - Camp Dismissed

Your unit's gear will be in Memorial lodge for pick up. The nurse will return medications at the closing ceremony. The Trading Post will be open for last minute purchases and sales. Please be careful driving home; it will have been a long and fun, yet tiring week.

Camp Wanocksett Services

Dining Services

Dining Services at Camp Wanocksett is committed to excellence in food preparation and presentation. The operating philosophy of the Camp Wanocksett Dining Service is that no one will leave the dining hall with an empty stomach. For over two decades, we have contracted with the Café Services Food Service Company of Londonderry, New Hampshire. Café Services has consistently received rave reviews for their attention to detail and customer service attitude toward the needs of Scout. During the week, we serve three family-style meals a day in the dining hall beginning with Sunday dinner through Saturday breakfast:

- Breakfast at 8:00am following morning Colors
- Lunch at 12:15pm following the end of morning program
- Dinner at 6:15pm following Retreat.



Waiters

Camp Wanocksett uses a "waiter" system in each unit to give Scouts an opportunity to learn and practice sanitary and considerate mealtime habits. Each unit is asked to send two waiters per table to each meal. Waiters arrive at the Dining Hall 15 minutes early to 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. During our pre-camp meeting, we will share with you the menu for your week. A sample menu can be found in the back of this leader's guide.

Camp Menus

The camp menu runs on a two-week cycle. The specific menu that your Scouts and adults will be served will be confirmed at your unit's pre-camp meeting. Changes to the menu take place during the late spring in consultation with the food service director, chef, and camp administration. The menu is approved by a registered dietician.

Dietary Restrictions

Camp Dining Services are able to accommodate specific dietary requests of a health or religious nature with sufficient notice. Communication is key; questions about allergies and food restrictions can be directed to info@campwanocksett.org. Once

camp opens in late June, the chef and camp director are available to discuss any restrictions. Please contact the camp office to arrange a time for the chef to talk with the Scout and their parents; the camp kitchen is busy around meal times so the chef may not always be available by phone if you call camp.

Sample Camp Menus

Cycle 1

Odd Numbered Weeks

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast	X	French Toast Ham Syrup	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Home Fries Corn Bread	Pancakes Bacon Syrup Apple Compote	Wraps Scrambled Eggs Tater Tots Sausage Cheese Salsa	French Toast Ham Syrup	Bagels Cream Cheese Blueberry Bread
Lunch	X	Chicken Fingers French Fries Veggie Sticks Cookies	Tacos Rice Corn Chips Salsa Assorted Taco Toppings Fudge Bars	Chicken Patties Buns Chips Lettuce Tomato Pickles Cookies	Ham & Salami Provolone Sub Rolls Chips Lettuce Tomato Mustard/Mayo Cookies	Hot Dogs Mac n' Cheese Condiments Cookies	X
Dinner	Pizza Corn Chips Ice Cream Sandwich	Roast Pork Loin Roasted Red Potatoes Gravy Carrots Apple Sauce French Bread Cake	Hunters Chicken Mashed Potatoes Peas Mushroom Gravy Rolls Cake	Pulled Pork Hamburgers Hot Dogs Chicken Wings Sausages Potato Salad Pasta Salad Cole Slaw Potato Chips Watermelon	Roast Turkey Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Gravy Rolls Pie	Ziti & Meatballs Green Beans Bread Cake	X

Cycle 2

Even Numbered Weeks

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast	X	French Toast Ham Syrup	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Home Fries Corn Bread	Pancakes Bacon Syrup Apple Compote	Wraps Scrambled Eggs Tater Tots Sausage Cheese Salsa	French Toast Ham Syrup	Bagels Cream Cheese Blueberry Bread
Lunch	X	Meatballs Sub Rolls Chips Veggie Sticks Cookies	Chicken Fajita Wraps Onions & Peppers Rice Cheese Salsa Sour Cream Fudge Pop	Chicken Patties Buns Chips Lettuce Tomato Pickles Cookies	American Chop Suey Corn Rolls Cookies	Sloppy Joes French Fries Veggie Sticks Roll Cookies	X
Dinner	Pizza Corn Chips Ice Cream Sandwich	Roast Pork Loin Roasted Red Potatoes Gravy Carrots Apple Sauce French Bread Cake	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Rolls Cake	Pulled Pork Hamburgers Hot Dogs Chicken Wings Sausages Potato Salad Pasta Salad Cole Slaw Potato Chips Watermelon	Roast Beef Baked Potatoes Peas Rolls Gravy Pie	Ziti & Sauce Chicken Parm Green Beans Rolls Cake	X

To be served with all breakfasts: four choices of cold cereal, milk, fruit juice, fruit, hard boiled eggs, one hot cereal, coffee, and tea.

To be served with all lunches and dinners: Salad bar, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Assorted Drinks, milk, and juice.

Special dietary requests for dietary restrictions must be pre-arranged with the chef.

Trading Post

The camp Trading Post stocks various Camp Wanocksett souvenirs such as shirts, hats, mugs, and patches. The Trading Post carries official uniform parts such as shirts 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. The Trading Post is perhaps best known for a wide variety of snacks, candy, water, juice, soda, and ice cream.

Trading Post Hours

Sunday	2:00pm – 5:30pm
Monday	3:00pm – 5:30pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday	3:00pm – 5:30pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday	3:00pm – 5:30pm and 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Thursday	3:00pm – 5:30pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday	3:00pm – 5:30pm
Saturday	8:45am – 10:45am

The Trading Post is open to Scouts only at the times listed above, but adult leaders may enter during the morning periods. Scouts are not allowed into the Trading Post during the mornings, with the exception of Mondays before first period in order to purchase merit badge supplies. Scouts are not allowed to put money "on account" in the trading post. Budgeting and personal management are values that we believe every Scout should learn. Parents, friends, family members, and others can send campers and adult leaders a care package through our online store at CampWanocksett.org.

Postal Mail Service

Each campsite has a designated mailbox in the administration building. Leaders should check these daily for any letters, packages, and care packages ordered by Scouts' families. All outgoing mail can be dropped off at the administration building. Friends, parents, and family members who wish to send mail to their Scout (or adult leaders) should address their letters, postcards, and packages as below. Plan ahead to make sure mail is received at camp by Friday before your Scout departs.

Format

Name - Unit Type, #, and Town - Week #X
Camp Wanocksett
642 Upper Jaffrey Road
Dublin, NH 03444

Sample

Johnny Tenderfoot - Troop 123 Anytown, MA - Week 3
Camp Wanocksett
642 Upper Jaffrey Road
Dublin, NH 03444

Provisional Camp

Provisional camping ("Provo") is a great opportunity for your Scout to continue the Wanocksett Experience beyond their week with the unit. 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 would with their units. They will attend camp as part of provisional Troop 1 Wanocksett, with Scouts from all over New England. Provo is a very interesting part of the Wanocksett Experience as it is a great way to earn more badges, try out more programs, and meet new friends.

The Provisional unit is led by a Scoutmaster and an experienced leadership team, all of which are trained members of the camp staff. Each Scout stays in a cabin with electricity (when available), is with Scouts their own age, and is with Scouts from their own unit if others are attending Provo that week. There are no age limits to Provisional, Scouts from age 10 – 17 are eligible to attend. It's A GREAT DEAL! A Scout who attends camp with their home unit and then attends a week of provisional is charged a reduced rate for the second, or encore, week of the Wanocksett Experience. To sign up for additional weeks of Camp Wanocksett, contact the Council Service Center, register online at CampWanocksett.org, or see any member of the camp staff during your week in camp.

Remember, you don't need to come with your unit to be a Provo camper. Many Provo campers are from units who don't attend Camp Wanocksett during the summer, but wish to attend a camp with a great program and a quality staff.

Medical Standards

Medical Staff

In compliance with the standards of Scouting America, as well as state and local regulations, Camp Wanocksett employs a medical staff to oversee all health needs. In addition to our full-time, on-site registered nurse, we also employ a number of other registered nurses and EMTs on staff to provide additional care as needed.

Medical Forms

Scouting America standards and New Hampshire laws require accurate medical records for campers and staff. They are Critical to ensure timely, effective care should you or your Scout become sick or injured while at camp. All campers, adult leaders and staff **MUST** complete the Scouting America annual health and Medical Record form. Copies of this form are available for download from the camp website at CampWanocksett.org.

Scouts and adult leaders must submit a Scouting America Health and Medical Record that lists a physical within the past 12 months. Medical forms are valid through the end of the 12th calendar month from the date of the physical. (i.e. if a physical was completed on July 8th, the medical form is valid until July 31st of the following year). Physical exams are not available at camp.

Medical forms will be collected at the appropriate pre-camp meeting and will not be returned at the end of camp. NH law requires us to retain the medical forms. Please only submit copies and retain the **ORIGINALS**, as medical forms will not be returned.

Without a completed medical form, Scouts, Leaders, parents, and visitors can not participate in many camp activities including (but not limited to) swimming, boating, climbing, COPE and sports. Scouts are not permitted to remain in camp overnight without a complete medical form and adults may not remain in camp longer than 72 hours.

The following highlight a summary of the medical forms:

- **Part A:** This page contains important risk advisory, informed consents and release. The Scout and parents (if the participant is under 18) must sign to acknowledge the information on this page. This page also includes space to list adults who are authorized (or prohibited) to take the Scout to/from camp.
- **Part B1:** This page contains the participant's contact and insurance information as well as general health history:
 - A copy of your insurance card must be attached.
- **Part B2:** This page contains information about medications, allergies, and immunizations. All medications, including over-the-counter, must be administered by the nurse according to NH state law.
 - A complete immunization record (not just the most recent dates) must be attached to the medical form in accordance with NH law. A Tetanus shot within the last 10 years is a requirement by Scouting America. Exemption from immunization requirements must comply with both Scouting America National policy, as well as NH Law. Please contact info@campwanocksett.org for information on the requirements.
 - Permission to administer over-the-counter medications must be signed by the parent/guardian.
 - If prescription medications are being administered, both the parent and health care professional (M.D., Nurse Practitioner, etc.) must sign to authorize their administration. A note from the doctor's office listing medications and times to be given along with their E-signature can be used in place of the MD signature on B2.
- **Part C:** Part C is the annual physical.
 - If your health care professional generates a form for their office that is used for sports, schools, or camp that includes their E-signature and it is attached to the medical form, the MD does NOT have to sign part C.
 - 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 and any new medical information has been updated.
- **Part D-NH:** Part D-NH is unique to Camp Wanocksett. This page provides permission to possess & use epinephrine autoinjectors and/or asthma inhalers if prescribed to a Scout. The Scout's health care professional and the parent/guardian must sign the bottom of this page. This is required by NH state regulations.
- **Part D-MA:** This part is for Treasure Valley Scout Reservation. Do not fill it out if you are attending Camp Wanocksett.



Personal Medication at Camp

All medications, both over-the-counter and 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 their person during the week. Unless otherwise determined by the nurse, all medications must be stored at the Health Lodge. Important reminders about prescriptions:

- **Must be** in the original container
- **Must only** include the number of pills the Scout needs for the week of camp
- **Must bear** the pharmacy label that shows:
 - Prescription Number
 - Date Filled
 - Physicians Name
 - Directions for Use
 - Patient's Name
- **Must match** the medical provider's order, which should accompany the medical form.
- Orders signed by the medical provider, and the parent/guardian **must** be submitted for the nurse to administer prescription medication. This is found in Part B of the medical form. **Important** – Please check forms and remove any medication orders that will not be given at camp that year.



Insurance

Heart of New England Council maintains an insurance policy, which covers all Heart of New England Council members while in camp. This policy is an excess plan. This means that if your Scout is injured at camp, your personal insurance policy becomes primary for coverage, with the camp insurance picking up any remaining amount. It is the duty of all leaders and Scouts to report accidents to the camp nurse. Out of council units are required to be covered by a similar council policy, be their own unit insurance, or by insurance carried by the individual.

Injuries and Illnesses

All injuries must be reported to the Health Services Director so that appropriate records may be kept. Should an emergency occur, leaders should apply first aid, if appropriate, and then contact the Health Lodge for further assistance for the evaluation of the injury or illness.

Trips to the Hospital

Unit leaders will be responsible for providing transportation for unit members requiring services from a doctor or hospital. Youth Protection guidelines must be followed. If the unit is unable to supply both adults required under the Youth Protection guidelines, then a member of the staff will be utilized for this purpose. If the unit cannot supply an appropriate vehicle, a camp vehicle or staff vehicle may be used. The leader must take the

injured member's health form, first aid kit, and fire extinguisher in the vehicle. Directions to the hospital are available from the Health Lodge.

Accommodating Individual Needs

The Camp 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 unit.

Camp Safety Policies



General Rules

Buddy System

The buddy system is an effective tool that can be used to not only increase the fun that a Scout 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 Scouts at camp this summer. Scouts need to travel between programs, events, and activities with at least one buddy.

Emergency Procedures

A camp that is well prepared has few emergencies. Should one arise, it is very important that all people react calmly and efficiently so as not to spread panic. When a Scout or Scouter hears the camp siren, they must quickly, but safely, travel to the Order of the Arrow Field and form by unit to take attendance.

Fire Alarm Boxes

If a Scout or Scouter sees a fire, they must head towards the nearest firebox, pull the lever and then proceed to the Administration Building to report the fire to the person in charge. The fire alarm boxes are located at the: Dining Hall, Health Lodge, Administration Building, Aquatics Tower, and Trading Post.

Campsite Fire Safety

All fires in campsites must be kept contained within designated fire rings and appropriate fire fighting equipment must be readily available prior to any fire being lit. No flames will reach more than 5' from the ground and only appropriate materials will be used. All unnatural materials and accelerants are prohibited. Adult supervision is required at all times. The camp ranger and/or local fire warden may amend or restrict these rules at any time.

Personal Firearms & Bows

Per Scouting America policy, The use of personal firearms and personal ammunition is prohibited in all Scouting programs at a camp property. Please leave your Shotguns and Rifles at home. Scouts may still bring their bows, however it is discouraged. If a scout does bring a personal bow, It must be in a locked case. The bow will be locked up during the day, and they may request to use it while at the range.

Animal Control

Animals, chiefly raccoons and skunks, may be attracted to your campsite at night if food or food wrappers are left out to attract them. These animals can quickly become a nuisance. Animals shouldn't be encouraged by feeding or leaving food out.

Domesticated Animals

Domesticated animals (dogs, cats, etc.) are not to be brought to camp by Scouts, leaders, or visitors with the exception of service animals.

Road Crossing

Scouts are asked to refrain from crossing the road except at existing locations for the Scouts' safety. Scouts and units are also reminded to not march down either road and instead use camp trails.





Showers

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

Quiet Hours

A Scout is courteous and kind. After 9:00pm and before 7:00am, all Scouts and Leaders are expected to observe quiet hours. Campsites are often within close proximity to one another and sound can often carry well.

Personal Bicycles

Scouts and leaders may bring their bicycles with them to camp. Upon arriving at camp, please inform your unit guide. We may lock it for safekeeping during your unit guide.

We may lock it for safekeeping during your stay at camp. Bicycles can only be used for the Lucien Theberge Triathlon as well as bike rides scheduled by the staff. Use of bicycles within camp to ride between program areas and campsites or as general transportation is not allowed.

Lost & Found

Lost items are often turned into the camp staff and we do our best to return all items to whom they belong. Small and valuable items will be kept under lock and key in the camp office. Larger items such as clothing, backpacks, and similarly sized items will be held in the general Lost & Found next to Memorial Lodge in the Parking Lot.

Prohibited Items and Unacceptable Behavior

Drugs and Alcohol

Scouting America prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverages (including low-alcohol beverages) and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by Scouting America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. This includes all illegal drugs in the State of New Hampshire, including marijuana, and THC. Possession or use on camp property will be cause for removal. Camp management will not hesitate to involve local law enforcement as necessary and will remove the party from the property.

Aerosols

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

Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones are NOT allowed in the general areas of camp where Scouts from different units interact. In the unit campsite they are recommended to not be allowed, though usage is at the discretion of the unit leader. Adults that need to use them are requested to use them out of sight of the Scouts and down in the parking lot area. Mobile phones detract from the outdoor experience of Scouting and can complicate issues of homesickness.



Cutting Trees

One of the things that makes Camp Wanocksett magnificent is the abundance of mature tree growth on its property. 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. Importation of firewood from outside of Camp Wanocksett is prohibited per the Heart of New England Council Board of Directors. This assists in the prevention of invasive species, including the Asian Longhorned Beetle and Emerald Ash Borer, from destroying our mature trees. Ample firewood can be found around your campsite in the form of fallen dead wood, and a limited supply of split cordwood is available at the maintenance shop.

Fireworks

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

Fuels

Flammable liquids are generally prohibited from use in camp. This includes fire-starting liquids and gels. No flames of any type are to be used inside a tent. It is the responsibility of the adult leaders to ensure that any excess fuel that is not currently attached to a stove or lantern is stored in the fuel storage shed located in the ranger's maintenance area. Do not dispose of used fuel canisters in a campfire, as the heat may cause them to explode.

Hazing

Harassment and hazing of any type from Scouts, leaders, staff and visitors is prohibited at Camp Wanocksett. This includes, but is not limited to verbal, physical, sexual, initiations, etc. All local, state and federal laws will be enforced. Persons found to have engaged in such will be removed from camp immediately and proper authorities notified. Withholding knowledge of hazing is considered to be an equally serious offense. Any violations must be reported to the Camp Director, who is obligated to report information to the Scout Executive.

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. Units may enforce more stringent standards consistent with their program.

Smoking

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

Youth Protection



Camp Wanocksett and Heart of New England Council adhere to all Youth Protection guidelines of Scouting America.

Summer camp is an important part of the program of Scouting America. The outdoors are the ideal environment for developing citizenship, character, and fitness, the core goals of Scouting. It is also at camp that the responsibility for caring for 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 unit and/or will be exposed to Scouts must have completed the Scouting America 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 Scouting 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.



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

Adult Behavior

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

Scouts Leaving Camp

Scouts leaving camp for any reason must be accompanied by an adult leader, and parent/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.

Intrusion of Unauthorized Persons

- Leaders should stop into 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 are 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 Camp 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 another administrator, or other adult to question the destination of the individual in question.
- Camp program will continue unless the Camp Director, or their designee, 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 unit roster fails to show up at camp, the camp administration must verify the reason for their absence. Unit leaders must also report, for verification, any additional names of Scouts not listed on their pre-submitted rosters who were supposed to be attending. The Camp Administration will telephone each Scout's home to ensure that their parents or guardian know that their Scout is not at camp.



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 to ensure every unit in camp has the richest experience possible.

Counselors 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 ensure the quality of the Wanocksett Experience for years to come.

This program is for those Scouts who will be at least 14, but not older than 15, at the start of the camp season and have not participated in the program before. It includes a program of training for your older Scouts that not only prepares them for camp staff, but also makes them stronger leaders for your unit. Song leading, merit badge counseling, program instruction, safety awareness, leadership essentials and more will be taught over a three-week period.

Each CIT will attend Staff Week for training with the whole camp staff prior to Week 1, and then will spend three weeks at Camp Wanocksett during the summer (scheduling is flexible). CITs have the ability to take up to 2 merit badges during each of the weeks they are in the program, and get to participate in special CIT only programs including kayaking, hikes up Monadnock, and bike rides. An online application is available for the CIT program at CampWanocksett.org. Applications open in early January and close in mid-April. For more information, please contact the CIT Director (cit@campwanocksett.org).

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 online at CampWanocksett.org.



The Camp Wanocksett Wish List

This camp is run for one sole purpose: to support your unit's program. We want to do all we can to support your efforts to deliver the Scouting program through your unit. Just like your unit, we are always looking for materials that will help us to better serve the needs of the Scouts. If you are able to help us with any of the materials/items listed below it will help us to more effectively deliver the Camp Wanocksett Program. In addition to the list below, the camp also maintains an [Amazon Wish List](#) with various items needed to support the summer program. . Thanks in advance for all you do to make the Wanocksett Experience possible.

- Office Supplies
 - Reams of white paper
- Program Supplies
 - Bass Wood (Carving)
 - Frame Canopies/Carports
- Maintenance Supplies
 - Construction Wheelbarrows
 - Garden Tools (Rake, Shovel, Broom, etc.)
 - Wood Chips - Delivered
 - 3/4" road base - Delivered
 - Benjamin Moore Exterior Semi-Solid Latex Stain – Oxford Brown Color*
 - Pressure Treated Lumber for Picnic Tables, Tent Platforms, and Cabin Renovations*
 - Tongue & groove Lumber for cabin renovations*
 - New Vinyl replacement windows for cabin renovations*
 - New Green Metal Roofing for cabin renovations*



*=Contact chris.burgoyne@hnescouting.org for specific details Camp Forms

Master Forms

Camp Wanocksett's operation has been known to make a few forms every now and again. A formal "Master Forms" collection is maintained by the camp administration for use in the operation and program delivery of the camp. Below are the most frequently requested forms that Unit Leaders need to have access to. As the season approaches, additional forms will be updated to this list.

Operations

- [Camp Medical Form & Instructions](#)
- [Unit Roster & Merit Badge Selection \(Electronic\)](#)
- [Unit Roster \(Paper\)](#)
- [Camp Map](#)
- [Unit Financial Submission Form](#) *(Include with all payment submissions)*
- [NH DCYF Third Party Check Form](#)
- [Online Trading Post](#)
- [2025 Campership Request Form](#) (Due Date of April 1)

Program

- [First Year Camper Program Supplement](#)
- [Wanocksett Pioneer & Venturer Program Supplement](#)
- [Merit Badge Selection \(Paper\) - If not using Electronic template](#)

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