

2024

Adventure Day Camp/Teen Outdoor Experience Parent Guide



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About Us

The Mayflower Council, Boy Scouts of America, provides educational programs that build character, teach participatory citizenship, and develop personal fitness.

We are ready to help both boys and girls complete their Cub Scouts as well as Scouts, BSA rank requirements.

Campers (boys and girls ages 6 to 10), Scouts BSA (boys and girls ages 11 to 18), Venturers (boys and girls and girls ages 14 (or 13 and completed the 8th grade) through 20) and Learning for Life (boys and girls and girls ages 6 to 17), participate in action-oriented programs that fulfill the aims of Scouting. Exploring (boys and girls and girls ages 14 through 21) focuses on career choices, such as law enforcement, firefighting, medicine or other areas.

To find out more about the Scouting Program, visit the Mayflower Council [website](#).

Facilities

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

Area-Served

The Council's geographic area includes 61 cities and towns in Massachusetts. Approximately 4000 young people participate in Council Scouting programs on an annual basis. More than 2,000 adult volunteers provide leadership for 200 units — Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA troops and Venturing crews. Units are licensed or chartered to community organizations, such as schools and churches. In addition, we host campers from outside the Mayflower Council community.

Our campers are not limited to the communities we serve and we welcome hundreds of campers from surrounding communities annually.

Adventure Day Camp

The E. Paul Robsham, Jr. Scout Reservation – Adventure Day Camp and Camp Resolute are American Camp Association Accredited, the 1st Scout Camps to be ACA Accredited in New England.

The Day Camp Program introduces Scouting's Outdoor Program. Activities are conducted in an outdoor setting, close to home and during daylight hours. Our day camp programs are designed for boys and girls completing grades 1 through 8.

The program provides an opportunity for continuation of the Camper program and advancement throughout the summer. Program activities include swimming, boating, fishing, crafts, hiking, biking, nature study, games, field sports, team building activities, archery, and BB gun shooting. Older campers partake in age-appropriate activities as well, like Stand-Up Paddle Board and Merit Badge Classes.

Campers participating in Day Camp are better prepared and eager to accept the challenge of residential camping. Adventure Day Camp is not attended as an advancement camp. Instead, through supervised activities, boys and girls develop self-reliance and resourcefulness, learn age-appropriate skills, establish new friendships and, of course, have lots of FUN.

Camp activities are age-appropriate. Campers will be placed in dens with boys or girls of the same age and with campers from their home units whenever possible. We strongly encourage dens to participate in the week-long activities together, with their den leader.

The Mayflower Council offers six weeks of Adventure Day Camp. Campers may attend any week they choose. Programs operate Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Extended day program is available.

Dates and Rates

Sign up for several weeks or the entire summer and enjoy all the weekly themes. All weeks are conducted at the beautiful Adventure Day Camp at Camp Resolute in the E. Paul Robsham Scout Reservation in Bolton, Massachusetts. Dates below for ADC all 5 weeks, TOE 1-4. There will be a Trail to Eagle Camp Week 5.

Week 1	July 8-12
Week 2	July 15-19
Week 3	July 22-26
Week 4	July 29 -Aug 2
Week 5	Aug 5-9 (ADC Only)

How Do I Sign Up?

Register Online: [Click here](#) to use our secure registration form for ADC, [Click here](#) to register for Teen Outdoor Experience.

Confirmation Package: The email receipt you receive after you complete your registration is the only confirmation you will receive. No further email confirmations will be sent.

Financial Assistance: Available to eligible campers. Please complete [this form](#) online. Deadline to request is

CAMP RESOLUTE REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be issued for any reason through May 30, 2024. After June 1, 2024, refunds will be issued for medical reasons only. There is a non-refundable administration fee of \$50 for each registered program or session applied to all cancelations, regardless of date. All refund requests must be made no later than August 20, 2024 using only the online form located at the link below. No refund requests will be processed after this date. Online form located at [refund request](#).

Extended Day Program

This is the option to sign up for early drop off (8AM M-F) and late pickup (6PM – M-F). If you register without extended day and find you need to add later you can log into your BlackPug account and add or email us at Adventuredaycamp@mayflowerbsa.org. Morning is \$40 per week; afternoon is \$80 per week.

Camp Photo

Camp photos are taken on Tuesday after morning colors. The photo count ordered is based on the number of campers in the photo. If your camper isn't in attendance on Tuesday, no photo is ordered for him/her. We will hand out T-shirts that morning.

Does my child need a medical form?

Every child attending needs a Medical Record, parts A & B to camp with us. This is done through CampDoc and you should have an email from Mayflower Council, BSA via CampDoc <noreply@campdoc.com>. This must be completed online prior to camp and your insurance card uploaded. If not completed by day 1, you will need to park and complete prior to the camper being allowed to attend. As we review the medical needs and allergies for all campers prior to opening, it is important that this step be completed the week prior to attendance.

Should my child bring a lunch?

Each child is expected to provide their own lunch. The lunch should be brown bag style. We do not have access to on-site refrigeration; it is strongly recommended not to use any mayonnaise products in your child's lunch. We cannot offer a means for microwaving meals as well.

Please do not bring coolers. Plenty of water will be provided during the day's activities and be sure to mark lunch boxes with your camper's name.

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

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

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

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

What Will My Camper Do at Day Camp?

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

The Teen Outdoor Experience participants select Merit Badge classes they would like to attend and will attend those sessions every day at the same time. The lessons are geared towards completing as much of each merit badge as possible during the week.

What if my child needs medication?

All medication must be turned in to the camp health officer upon arrival at camp. It must be in its original packaging with the original prescription label intact. Authorization to administer medication must be given by signing the appropriate section of the camp medical form in CampDoc. Medications may only be administered by the camp health officer. Exceptions may be made for asthma inhalers and similar medications at the discretion of the camp health officer.

We will bring any prescription meds to the parking lot for Friday check out.

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

Parents are requested to contact the camp at 978-779-5514 or by emailing adventuredaycamp@mayflowerbsa.org if your camper will not be able to attend camp for one or more days. If we do not hear from you, we will call after the opening flag ceremony to make the well-being check. Please put our phone number in your contacts so you will recognize and take our call.

The camp staff will not release a camper into the custody of any person except the parent or legal guardians whose names appear on the camp medical form without written authorization from the

parent or legal guardian. If your camper is signed-up for bus transportation and is getting a ride home from another parent, including a volunteer staff member, we must receive that request in writing.

All campers are issued an ID Tag and the driver receives a dashboard placard with the matching ID number. Campers are matched to the car by those tags and every week has a different color/number for campers attending more than one week.

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

We ask that you contact the camp at 978-779-5514 in advance by telephone, in writing, or email to adventuredaycamp@mayflowerbsa.org. This will allow minimal disruption to our program. For the safety of our campers, any early dismissals must be before 3:30pm to minimize the volume of moving vehicles in the parking lot. Call us on arrival with your camper number and we will bring them to the car.

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

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

What if it rains?

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

Can I volunteer?

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

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

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

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

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

What if I can't afford camp and can't volunteer?

Camperships are available; application can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

Do you have snack time?

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

How many boys and girls are in a den?

8-10

Will my camper receive awards?

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

If I volunteer can I bring my other children?

No, we do not have accommodations for children who are not entering the 2nd through 12th grade (would need to register to attend)

Can I visit camp before I sign-up?

Our open house is in April but if you can't attend, we can give a separate tour prior to camp opening.

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

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

What if I have special concerns?

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

Does your camp comply with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations?

Mayflower Council Camps comply with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430) and we are licensed by the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

Is your camp an American Camp Association accredited camp?

Yes, the Adventure Day Camp and Camp Resolute at the E. Paul Robsham Scout Reservation received their ACA accreditation in November 2012 and were re-accredited in 2015 and was re-accredit in 2019. We were the 1st scout camp in New England to be ACA Accredited.



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

Why wonder...call us! Questions about our camps can be emailed to adventuredaycamp@mayflowerbsa.org or contact the Mayflower Council Service Center, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. 508-872-6551. Our staff checks voicemails on the other days and will get back to you. You can call the camp at any time – voicemails are forwarded to our director and during the camp season please contact the camp directly: 978-779-5514.

General Information

Our Camps offer some of the finest outdoor experiences a Scout, their friends, and parents can enjoy anywhere and here's why:

Staff

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

Facilities

All our camps feature facilities in natural surroundings. Our Adventure Day Camp, and TOE program are held at locations that are inspected for safety, cleanliness, and program suitability.

Program

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

Insurance

Mayflower Council maintains an insurance policy which covers all campers while at camp. This policy is an excess policy, which means that benefits are paid in excess of the benefits paid by any other insurance which the individual or group may have. To summarize, if your Scout is injured at camp, your

personal insurance becomes primary for coverage with the camp insurance picking up any remaining amount. If no other insurance is available, the council's policy will cover expenses.

Accreditation

Each of our camps undergoes one or more safety inspections prior to and during operation. Our camp was certified as Nationally Accredited by the BSA during the 2018 summer camp season. We are also an American Camp Association Accredited Camp since 2012.

Cancellation of Programs

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

Non-Discrimination Policy

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

Confirmation Packets

The email receipt you receive after you complete your registration is the only confirmation you will receive. No further email confirmations will be sent. We will send a welcome email with final instructions and information the week prior to attendance.

The week prior to your camper's attendance, you will receive an email with any final instructions and reminders.

Safety and Compliance

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

As required by MA DPH 105 CMR 430:190 (C) and (D), these our camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local board of health. Parents may request copies of background checks, health care and discipline policies, as well as procedures for filing grievances.

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

Medical Forms

Every adult and Scout in camp MUST complete through CampCoc.

All medical forms must be retained by camp, so please make any copies you might need for other activities. Units with Christian Scientist members will need to provide a special medical form, located at campresolute.org, pertaining to their faith's medical policies.

Medications

State regulations cover the storage and dispensing of medications. All medication must come to camp in the original containers and be stored by the health officer in locked compartments in the camp health lodge. Exceptions to storage by the health officer are authorized for medications for treatment of allergies and asthma. Questions about these medications should be raised with the camp prior to the child's arrival. To ensure a smooth transition, we recommend that your child continue the medications he needs during the school year at summer camp. If prescription medications are brought to camp, the container must have a pharmacy label showing the prescription number, patient's name, date filled, physician's name, name of medication and directions for use. This information must also be on the camp medical form. Any camper coming to camp with a prescription Epi-pen or inhaler must bring two of either, one for the health lodge and one for the unit. The health officer dispenses medication according to the directions. If a camper refuses to take prescribed medications, this refusal is documented in the health log and the parent/guardian is notified.

Health Care Consultant

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

Health Officer

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

Health Care Policy

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

Care of Mildly Ill Campers

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

Care of Campers who have an Illness/Accident at Camp

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

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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

[CDC Camping Outdoor Safety](#)

[CDC EEE Info](#)

[CDC Tick](#)

This camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the local board of health.

Discipline

Campers attending Camp Resolute are expected to always maintain appropriate behavior. Respect for all members of the camp community and Resolute facilities is always expected. All discipline shall have as its intent the modification of behavior to within acceptable parameters. Discipline shall be limited to counseling, close supervision/monitoring, and restriction from selected activities. At no time will discipline be administered by a staff member under 18 years of age unless the actions in question pose a safety hazard to the offender or another individual. Then action appropriate to remedy the situation may be employed. Discipline shall be constructive or educational in nature, and may include

such measures as diversion, separation from problem situations, talking with the camper about the situation, or praise for appropriate behavior.

Prohibitions:

- Corporal punishment, including spanking, is prohibited.
- No camper shall be subjected to cruel or severe punishment, humiliation, or verbal abuse.
- No camper shall be denied food or shelter as a form of punishment.
- No child shall be punished for soiling, wetting, or not using the toilet.

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

Questions

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Massachusetts Department of Public Health

This camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430.000), and be licensed by the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, Ayer, MA. Information on 105 CMR 430.000 can be obtained at 617-983-6761.

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Severe Weather

With summer comes the chance of thunder storms and high temperatures. We follow very strictly, the guidelines set forth by the Boy Scouts of America to ensure the safety of our campers and staff. All of our staff completes a Weather Hazards course as part of their mandatory training. Our camp leadership receives alerts from "Weather Call" when severe weather is within 6 miles of camp.

Thunder Storms

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

Heat Advisories

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

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

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

Scouts Leaving Camp

Parents/guardians picking up campers during the week should do so by coming to the parking lot. We will be there at 4PM to match campers to the tag in the parent's car. If you need to pickup early, call or email ahead of time and then call when you arrive at the parking lot and we will escort the camper to you.

CAMP OFFICE/EMERGENCY NUMBER: 978-779-5514

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

Telephone

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

Prohibited Items

Do not send your camper to camp with aerosol bug spray, pets, or pocket knives. While our program may include Whittlin' Chip, we will provide the implements needed to teach the class. No shooting sports equipment like bows and BB guns, we supply these

Trading Post

The Day Camp Trading Post maintains a well stocked camp store to serve everyone who is attending, or just visiting camp. We stock ice cream novelties, 100% fruit juice based slush, popcorn, chips, and assorted candies that are popular with this age group. We also have Resolute logo items, and novelty toy items.

Our Trading post clerk marks all items with nuts as such to avoid scouts choosing items they cannot eat.

Extra Weeks at Camp

Do you have a Camper who wants to come for another week? You can log into your Blackpug account and add more weeks to your registration.

Swim Tests

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

As required by Christian's Law, all camper will be tested to the standard American Red Cross Swim Levels – details of those requirements will be added to the website www.cubscoutcamps.org as well as direct communication to parents.

Staff Hiring Practices

All parents have a right to know what our staff hiring practices are. All applicants are subject to a Criminal Offender Registry Inquiry, Sex Offender Record Inquiry and a check of the National Public Sex Offender Website. They are required to provide 3 written references as well. For more information on our hiring procedures, refer to <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/camping/summer-camp/summer-camp-employment/> Staff Opportunities

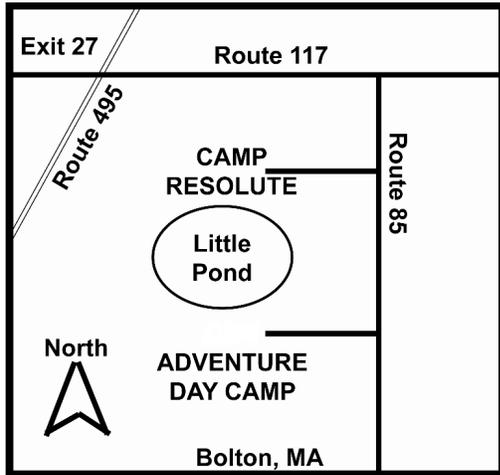
Directions to Camp

Our address is 129 Hudson Rd, Bolton, MA

From Route 495 take Exit 27 to Route 117 East heading towards Stow. Take the first right which will be

Route 85 South. Follow Route 85 2/10's of a mile and turn right at the entrance sign to Camp Resolute.

For Adventure Day Camp proceed another 1/10 of a mile South beyond the above entrance and turn right at the entrance sign to Adventure Day Camp.





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