

NYLT GUIDEBOOK

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WELCOME!

Welcome to NYLT at Camp Squanto!

Thank you for choosing to participate in one of the most exciting and active leadership programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America: National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). The course is being held at Camp Squanto, a nationally recognized camp that provides excellent facilities and environment for course participants and staff. Courses range in size, with the participants organized into a troop with multiple patrols.

During your week at NYLT, you will have an opportunity to develop and broaden your skills in the art and science of effective leadership. We say that this is an opportunity because it is up to you to make the most of it. You will gain from this course what you put into it. You will discover that leading yourself and leading others requires a vision - a picture of what future success will look like that is clear enough and purposeful enough to give direction to others.

The NYLT staff is committed to making NYLT a very special experience for you. You will live in a team setting where you will learn leadership skills to resolve exciting and challenging scenarios. The week will conclude with a closing challenge for each of you to build upon the legacy of Scouting's leaders and benefactors.

NYLT will equip you to be a better leader in your unit and in your life. It will help guide your journey to become a true servant leader, able to develop all members of every team you lead. It provides life skills for now and for the future.

Please review the enclosed information and share it with your family and unit leader. Please read the checklist located on page four, and make sure you complete all steps before leaving for the course at Camp Squanto!

We are pleased that you will be among the youth who will participate in NYLT, and we look forward to meeting and serving you. If you have any questions, please reach out to squantoNYLT@gmail.com.

Yours in Scouting,

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About the Course

The NYLT course represents a month in the life of a typical linked troop. YOUR FULL participation throughout the week will be required for course completion. We will have troop meetings, patrol leader council meetings, and a major troop event towards the end of the week. This is going to be an exciting journey full of discoveries, adventures, and friendships. Your youth and adult staff are here to guide you throughout the week. Your staff is a talented resource and ready to help you in any way you need. Each of the youth staff was selected from top participants of their course to return and lead you. Next year it could be you on Staff!

NYLT is run by youth leaders under adult supervision. Adults perform administrative services and ensure guidelines are met, including health and safety. The course presentation and instruction are the responsibility of the senior youth leaders who act as the senior patrol leaders. The SPL's staff (troop guides and others) serve as instructors, for the primary presentation of sessions.

NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges.

NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on leadership training program. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order to get the most benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking, and have an ambition to serve in leadership roles.



NYLT Pre-Participation Checklist

- Read this NYLT Guidebook. It contains important information about your NYLT course.

- Complete your CampDoc profile.
 - You registered for the course using the Blackplug & CampDoc system. As part of your course preparation, you need to complete the CampDoc equivalent of the BSA annual health and medical record known as parts A, B and C, Informed Consent Release Agreement and Authorization, electronically in your CampDoc profile. Mayflower Council is **NOT** accepting paper copies of any of the required documents, and a complete CampDoc profile is a prerequisite of Saturday check in.

- Complete and return your [unit leader letter of recommendation](#) no later than Monday, June 17th. Your unit leader should email the recommendation to squantonylt@gmail.com.

- Remember to bring and continue to take prescription medication during your course. This must be in an original container with dosage/pharmacy information, and your name on it.
 - Make the time to review the equipment list in your guide so you are prepared for the week.

 - Have your parent/guardian register for the Zoom parent meeting on June 11th at 7pm through the Blackplug registration.



Post-NYLT Opportunities

NAYLE – National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience is an exciting program that enhances leadership skills and expands upon the team-building and ethical decision-making skills learned in National Youth Leadership Training. NAYLE emphasizes leadership, teamwork, and selfless service, using the core elements of NYLT to help youth strengthen these skills. The NAYLE course is now available at all four national high-adventure bases. The material presented is basically the same at all four venues but is specific to the unique environment of each site. Scouts must be 14 but not yet 20 years old, hold a unit leadership position, and have completed NYLT.



NYLT Leadership Academy

The NYLT Leadership Academy is a course designed to develop and teach NYLT graduates how to be outstanding presenters, evaluators and model leaders in their community, nation and world. The focus of this program is on inspiring and enabling participants to deliver effective, world class National Youth Leadership Training courses in their local councils with special emphasis on improving presentation skills, evaluation skills, and on learning in more depth the NYLT leadership skills.





Course Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct will be discussed and signed by all Participants on Day 1 of the Course.

1. I understand everyone has the right to live and study in an environment free from discrimination or harassment based on race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, or citizenship.
2. I understand that it is my responsibility not to engage in behaviors that constitute discrimination or harassment.
3. I understand it is my responsibility to report instances of discrimination or harassment (directed at me or another participant) to my NYLT Course Director or any adult on my NYLT course.
4. I will not have my phone with me during the course unless I have permission from the Course Director.
 - a. If a staff member sees me with my phone, my parents/guardians will have to come pick it up at Camp.
5. I will remain in my assigned campsite between 10:00 pm and sunrise.
6. I will follow the Scout Oath and Law as my guide throughout NYLT.
7. I will keep myself properly dressed in BSA Field or Activity Uniform.
8. I agree to follow all directions given by staff members and will participate in all Course programs and activities. I will stay with my patrol unless given permission by my Troop Guide or another staff member.
9. I agree to follow the Buddy System at all times. I understand that my buddy must be in the same patrol.
10. I agree to be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear organized and neat.
11. I understand that use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs will be grounds for immediate dismissal.
12. I will avoid comments and conduct that might be perceived as offensive, such as:
 - a. Using vulgar language.
 - b. Threatening another participant or staff member or making derogatory comments.
 - c. Mocking or telling jokes based on race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, or citizenship.
 - d. Displaying degrading photographs, posters or objects.
 - e. Reading out loud about degrading acts.
 - f. Touching (e.g., brushing, patting, hugging, rubbing, pinching) other staff members or participants.
 - g. Staring or leering at participants or staff members.
13. I agree to follow the Outdoor Code and not harm any plants or wildlife during the course.
14. I understand that NYLT is an intensive team based training program and visitation is restricted to emergencies only!
15. I understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from the NYLT course and that all decisions of the Course Director will be final.



Arrival Information

CHECK-IN

- The check in process will be at the Silver Beaver Welcome Lodge
- Please plan to arrive in the camp parking lot **no later than 12:45 PM** on Saturday, the first day of the course.
- Please arrive in your complete Scouts BSA, Venturing or Sea Scout Field (Class A) Uniform, with your scouting activity shirt underneath.
- Please eat prior to checking in at camp.
 - Please eat your morning and afternoon meals BEFORE you arrive at the course.
- Please have all medications listed in your CampDoc profile on hand and in the original prescription containers.
- The NYLT course begins promptly at 1:00 PM

EARLY ARRIVAL

- Due to travel constraints, some participants may need to request early arrival ahead of the prescribed check in time. Please make arrangements with the course staff prior to the course at squantonylt@gmail.com.
- Note that food is NOT provided until course day one dinner.



Departure Information

DEPARTURE

- The course will conclude on Thursday, June 27th at approximately 6:45 PM.
- Please plan your departure on the final day of the course (Thursday) between 6:45 PM and 7:00 PM.
- There will be a NYLT Closing Ceremony, starting at 6:00 PM, where all participants will be presented with their NYLT certificates and patches.

CLOSING CEREMONY

- All family members and Unit Leaders are welcome to attend the Closing Ceremony!
- **Please arrive no later than 5:30 PM for the ceremony** in order to have ample time to park and walk to the amphitheater.
- You will be directed by Staff Members to the amphitheater for the Ceremony.
- The Ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00 PM, so please be ON TIME!



General Information

CAMP LIVING

- NYLT living arrangements are similar to our council summer camps. Each participant will be provided a tent to share (with someone of the same gender) and a cot.
- You will prepare some of your meals in your site.
- You will spend much of your time outdoors and should be prepared for various types of inclement weather.
- Showers are available at camp.

UNIFORM

- The Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scout field uniform must be worn during check-in, the closing ceremony, and other course activities as communicated to participants.
- During the rest of the course, participants and staff will wear the Scouts BSA activity uniform (Class B t-shirt, official BSA shorts or pants, official BSA socks, Scout belt).
- You will receive two activity t-shirts and a cap on course day one.

SPECIAL MEALS

- The NYLT course has the capability to meet certain medical, religious, and personal food choice dietary needs.
- Please make sure you include these food choices in your CampDoc Profile. If you have food allergies, make sure it is included in your food choices AND allergies sections of your CampDoc profile.
- Please note that while the Mayflower Council attempts to provide food that addresses the most common issues (nut allergies, etc.), we may not be able to address all dietary restrictions. If we are unable to meet your needs, you will need to bring food with you that meets your unique needs.

MAILING ADDRESS

- The NYLT Course is shorter than a standard week at camp, and we do not recommend sending mail or packages as it may not reach your Scout

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE

Phone: 617-212-9465 or 508-541-1029



NYLT Packing List

MEDICAL

- Completed CampDoc Profile
- Any prescription medication in the original container clearly marked with your name
 - o **these will be turned into the health officer at check-in**

UNIFORM

- BSA Field Uniform (Class "A")
- (3) Scouting Activity shirts (Class "B")
- (2) BSA Scout shorts or pants
 - o **No Kilts, Skirts or Skorts**
- (1) BSA Scout belt
- (3) BSA Scout Socks
- (1) Hiking Sock

NYLT SITE GEAR

- Backpack
 - o **NO trunks, laundry baskets, suitcases, trash bags**
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow (optional)
- Mess kit
 - o Plate/Bowl/Cup
 - o Spoon/Fork/Knife
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- (2) Water Bottles (32 oz each)
- Small lightweight folding backpacking chair

CLOTHING

- (6) underwear
- Sleeping Wear
- Jacket or Sweater
- Knit Cap
- (1) Rain jacket and (1) rain pants
- (1) Hiking boots
- (1) Camp shoes (closed toed)
- Day Pack

PERSONAL

- Towel & washcloth for shower
 - o Shower shoes if desired
- Soap & shampoo
- Toothbrush & toothpaste /floss
- Deodorant – no aerosol
- Sunscreen
- Hair tie – if needed
- Bandana or neckerchief
- Chapstick
- Personal first aid kit
- Watch (non-rechargeable)
- Feminine hygiene products

LEARNING

- Notebook
- Pen or pencil

REQUIRED OVERNIGHT CAMPING GEAR

- Multi day Backpack
 - o **NO TRUNKS!!**
- Backpack Rain cover
- Tent (2-4 person) **NO HAMMOCKS**
- Ground Cloth for Tent
- Sleeping pad
- Backpacking stove, fuel (if you have one)

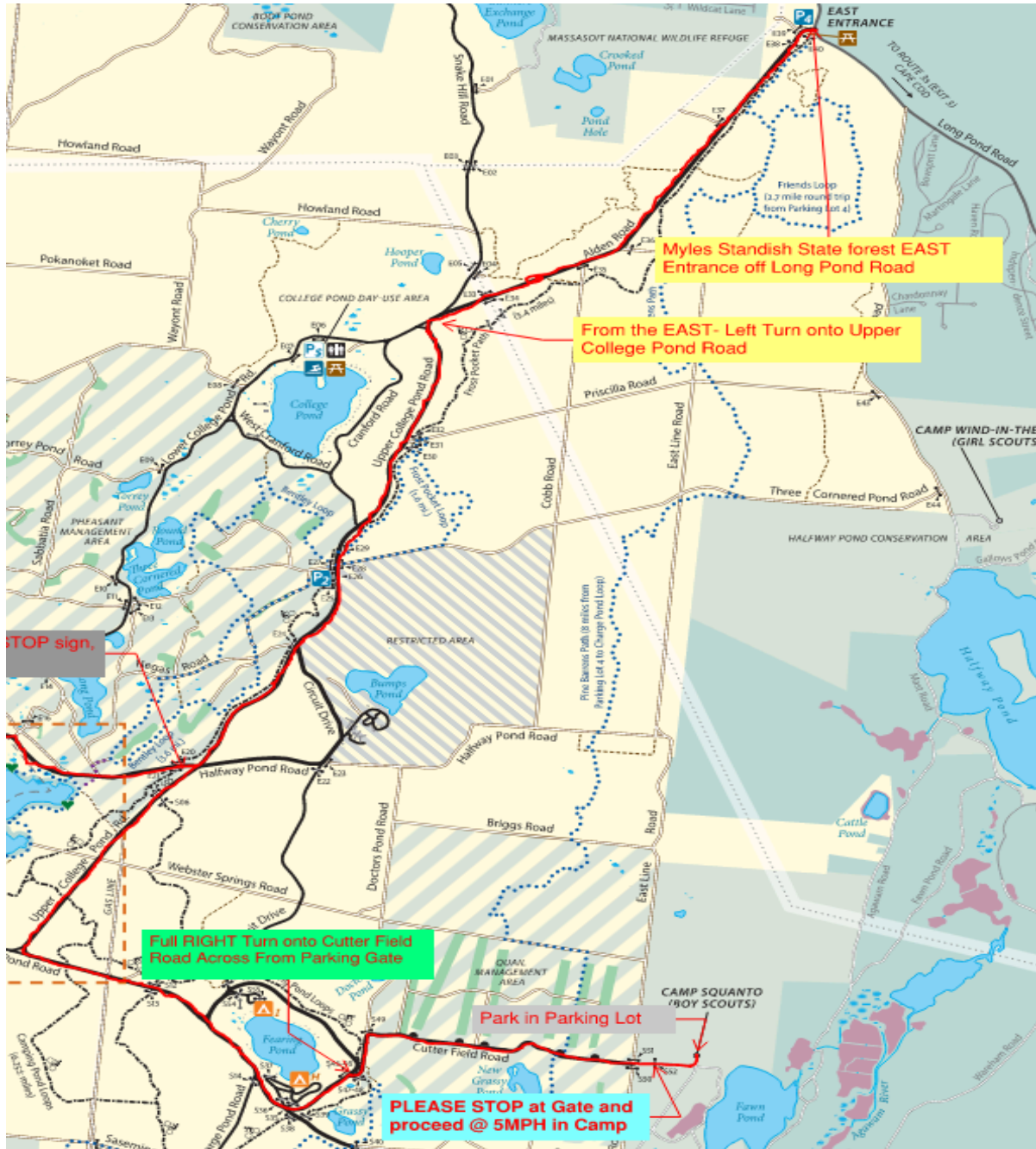
OPTIONAL

- Hawaiian Shirt (for Theme Night)
- Sunglasses
- Camera (Not Phone)
- Money for Trading Post (if available)
- Insect Repellent (non-aerosol if possible)
- Change of shoes
- Work Gloves
- Whistle
- Compass
- Hanger for BSA uniform
- 12 Foot small rope for tent close line
- Bug net for tent
- Scout Folding knife (NO fixed blade knives)



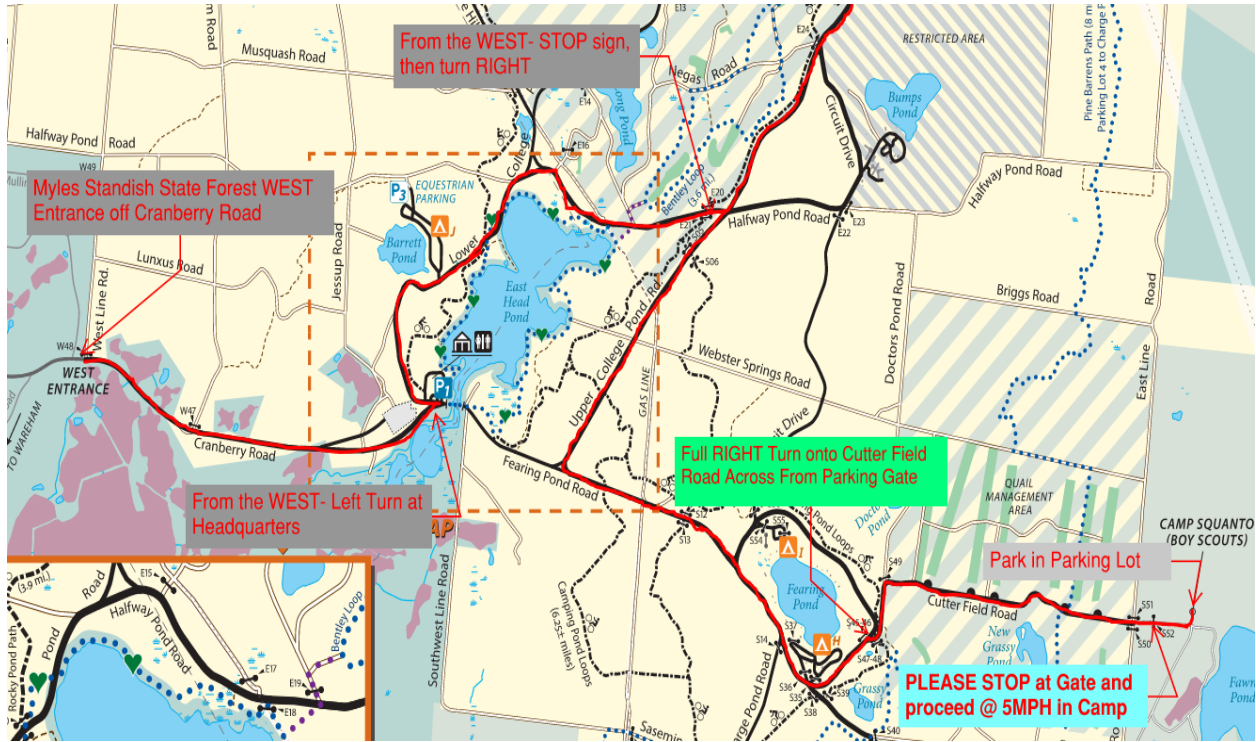
Myles Standish State Forest

From the East



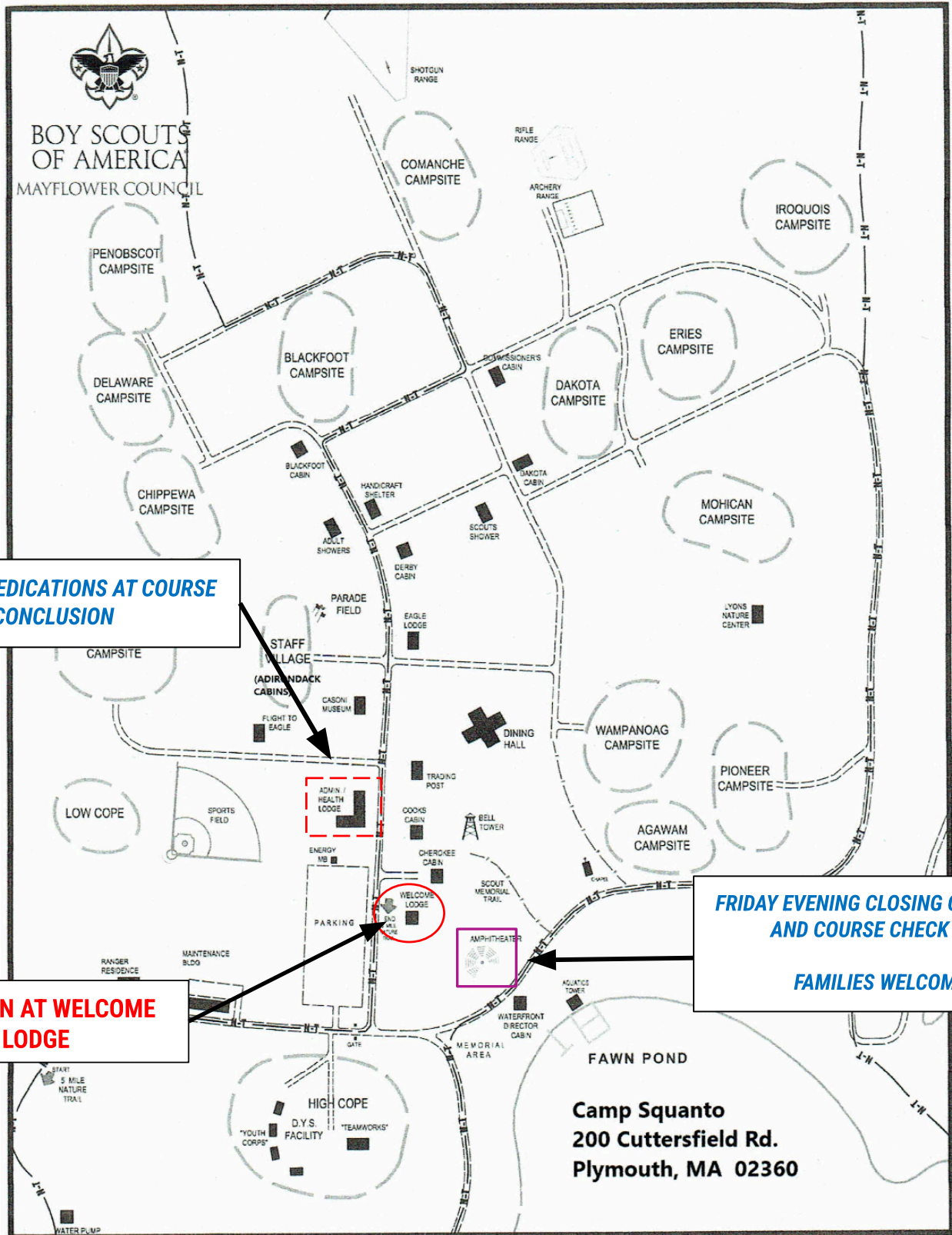


From the West





Camp Squanto Map



COLLECT MEDICATIONS AT COURSE CONCLUSION

CHECK IN AT WELCOME LODGE

FRIDAY EVENING CLOSING CEREMONY AND COURSE CHECK OUT
FAMILIES WELCOME