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2025 Dutch Oven Cookoff Nobscot Participant/Leader Guide



Nobscot Scout Reservation
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Directions to Nobscot

Nobscot Scout Reservation 1 Nobscot Rd

Sudbury, MA 01776

With mapping software/GPS, search for the address above.

From the east

Take I-90 W

Merge onto MA-30 W via EXIT 117 toward Framingham.

Take the MA-30 W ramp toward

Southborough/Framingham. Stay straight

to go onto Worcester Rd/MA-30.

Turn right onto Edgell Rd. Edgell Rd becomes Nobscot Rd.

Camp Entrance is .15 miles on the left

From the west

Take I-90 E toward Boston/Worcester

Merge onto Worcester Rd/MA-9 E via EXIT 111

toward Framingham. Take the ramp toward

Edgell Road/Main Street/Framingham.

Merge onto High St. Turn left onto Main St.

Main St becomes Edgell Rd. Edgell Rd becomes Nobscot Rd.

Camp Entrance is .15 miles on the left

General Information

Welcome:

Welcome to Nobscot. This booklet contains all the information your Unit will require to have a successful and fun time at this event. Be sure to read all the information carefully, all participants will be responsible to see that the rules are followed. There will be fun for all. The events are written to be easy to follow, but if you have any questions about them, please feel free to talk to anyone on the committee. There will be an emphasis on Scouts acting in the best ideals of Scouting.

Short Term NCAP:

All Mayflower Council events are run under the strict guidance of a Nationally accredited Short-Term BSA Camping Administrator. The National Camp Accreditation Program is the set of safety requirements that govern our day and resident camp programs.

Registration:

All participants must pre-register to attend. Registration is handled by the unit and not by individuals. Please note that the registration fee is \$30.00 per youth patrol and \$30.00 per adult patrol. Spectators \$5.00. No unit will be allowed to register at Event check-in. Registration closes November 4th.

More Information:

If you have any questions after reading this pamphlet, PLEASE bring them to the attention of the Event Chairman: Dick Clarke
rclarke1@rcn.com

Refund Policy

Mayflower Council Refund Policy (Events other than Summer Camp) All events are held regardless of the weather unless a state of emergency is declared or canceled by the Mayflower Council.

If the event date is more than 30 days away:
Reservations may be modified or canceled unless

stated otherwise for the specific event.

If the event date is within 30 days: Reservations are non-refundable and non-transferable. Exceptions may be made for medical reasons with a doctor's note or at the discretion of the Program Director but may still incur a \$50 administration fee regardless of the reason.

All refund requests must be made through the link on our website or by using this link: [Refund Request Form](#)

Hand Sanitizer Release:

All youth participants must have a signed hand sanitizer release form. Completed through CampDocs

Permission Slip:

No youth will be allowed to participate in events without a properly signed permission slip. Completed through CampDocs

Health Forms:

All Units must have a Part A & B (or better) Health Form filled out via the CampDocs system

Check In:

See Event Specific details, please do not arrive prior to this time. If you arrive prior to Check In, you will be asked to wait in the parking lot. – Check In posted on entrance post. One person per unit please.

Check Out:

See Event Specific details where patches and/or ribbons will be presented.

Emergency Plan:

If there is a camp-wide emergency, requiring an assembly of all present and an evacuation, we will meet by unit in the field in front of Henderson to await instructions. Please do not attempt to leave in your car to keep roads open for emergency vehicles. We will keep the road exiting camp clear until instructed by incident command to vacate the

property. Once instructed, adults will take charge of their units and proceed in an orderly fashion down the road and out to the parking lots.

First Aid:

All injuries must be reported to the Campmaster or event staff and will be treated on site. The First Aid Station will be set up in the Dining Hall.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL 911 – if needed, our health officer will make the call

In the event emergency services are needed, our First Aid Staff will make the call. If minor injury, but needing professional treatment, the closest Hospital is MetroWest Medical Center, 115 Lincoln St Framingham, MA 01702, and in the event of a serious injury emergency services will be called.

Youth Leadership:

For Cub Scouts, the adult leaders and parents are always in charge and responsible for the conduct of their members during the event.

Adult Leadership:

Each unit must always have two deep leadership on the grounds. These leaders are responsible for the proper conduct of his/her unit. Unit Leaders are to attend the evening shows with their units. Female units must have at least one registered female leader. It is mandatory that all Adult Leaders, registered or not registered with Scouting America, must have completed Youth Protection Training specific to their unit type. If camping overnight, all adults must be registered with the unit to stay over.

Scouting America Registration:

All youth attending must be registered with the Boy of America, so the youth are covered by insurance. It is permitted to invite a friend if they may be interested in joining.

Assembly:

See Event Specific details. The opening assembly will be held at the parade field prior to the start of stations.

Uniforms:

See Event Specific details. Uniforms are always welcome and help identify unit leaders. Parade uniform, field uniform or other attire is dictated by the event.

Clothing/Appropriate Attire:

See Event Specific details. Be prepared for cooler morning and afternoon temps as well as the chance for rain/snow.

Footwear:

Only closed toe shoes are permitted at camp, including the parking lot area. No flip-flops, sandals, etc. allowed. This applies to all people entering camp property, including adults.

Equipment Drop Off:

Units with heavy/large equipment can drop off items directly at Haydenland by using the far entrance to the Nobscot Reservation. The entrance is located just down the road past the main entrance and is a dirt road without signage. We will have a volunteer stationed here to assist with vehicles entering and exiting.

Parking:

Parking is allowed only in designated parking areas. Handicapped parking will be provided.

Camp Site Assignments:

See Event Specific details. One-day events use the standard campsite registration process. Overnight events will have sites assigned by the event Chair.

Camp Carts:

A limited number of gray plastic carts to transport gear from the parking lot to campsites are available. These are stored near the parking lot. Return carts

to the Lot after bringing your gear to your site.

Accommodations:

This is a one-day event, but units are welcome to reserve a tent site or cabin for the weekend. <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/camping/nobscot-reservation/facilities-reservations/>

Age-appropriate and separate accommodations for adults and Scouts are required.

No adult may share a tent with a person of the opposite sex unless he or she is that adult's spouse.

No youth may share a tent with an adult or a person of the opposite sex.

Youth members sharing a tent must be no more than two years apart in age (this applies even if the youth are relatives).

Separate tent accommodations are required for boys and girls.

Brother and Sister units sharing a camp site must set up tents at opposite ends of the site. Cub Scout events allow for family camping. For more information: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>

Fires:

Ground fires are allowed in established fire pits only. Use of accelerants is strictly forbidden by Scouts BSA. Color changing additives are not permitted in fires. ABSOLUTELY NO OPEN FLAMES IN TENTS. Fires are to be put out by 10:00PM and should never be left unattended. Units must ask the permission of the Campmaster and have a filled water bucket next to the fire ring before starting a fire.

Firewood:

To prevent the transportation of invasive insects, please do not bring firewood to camp. Firewood will be available at camp for your campfires.

Fire Extinguishers:

Fire extinguishers are required in each site if a fire is built. Remember that you must have the fire in a fire pit. NO GROUND FIRES ALLOWED.

Fuels and Stoves:

Stoves & lanterns using propane, white gas, or butane fuel may be used at events.

Help:

If help is needed, the Event Committee and Staff will help as much as possible. Ask for help at any time to solve misunderstandings. It is better than having hurt feelings.

Restrooms:

Facilities for this event are located at the parking lot and next to Webelos Woods, just past the water pump. Locations indicated on the event map.

Shooting Sports Release:

All youth participants must have a signed hand sanitizer release form. This release is part of the CampDoc process

Trash:

Trash must not be left in the campsites or tossed around the event area. Each unit should have trash containers or trash bags for their campsite. THIS IS ESSENTIAL!!! All trash must be carried out, so consider reducing packaging prior to leaving home. Dumpsters are located behind White Lodge.

Valuables:

Please do not bring valuables to camp. Occasionally belongings are misplaced, lost, or stolen. Mayflower Council or Event staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Lost and Found:

The lost and found should be turned into the event staff. Be sure that scouts and adults mark their belongings with name and unit to help facilitate return.

Pets:

No animals will be allowed unless they are service animals.

Photo Release:

All youth participants must have a signed hand sanitizer release form. This release is part of the CampDoc process.

Potable Water:

Water is available at the pump at Belden Way and Nipmuc Trail. Bring water jugs and a cart to haul.

Gray Water:

Gray water must be strained, and food particles thrown in the trash. The water should be spread out a proper distance from the campsite or Camporee field.

Smoking:

Cigarette smoking by Scouts is prohibited. Adults are required to use the designated smoking area located outside the camp gate. Smoking is not permitted in tents or any camp building. For those adults who smoke, please make sure you pick-up your butts. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems which simulates tobacco smoking.

Drugs and Alcohol:

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ILLICIT DRUGS OR OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ARE ALLOWED. EVEN THOUGH LEGALIZED IN

MASSACHUSETTS, THIS INCLUDES MARIJUANA USE BY ADULTS AND YOUTH!

Personal Firearms and Fireworks:

Personal firearms, archery equipment, and fireworks are not allowed at the camp at any time.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday November 22, 2025

11:00 AM	Check In
2:00 PM	Judging
2:30 PM	Group Tasting
3:00 PM	Awards
4:30 PM	Depart

***Schedule is subject to minor changes based on the weather/cooking completion of groups**

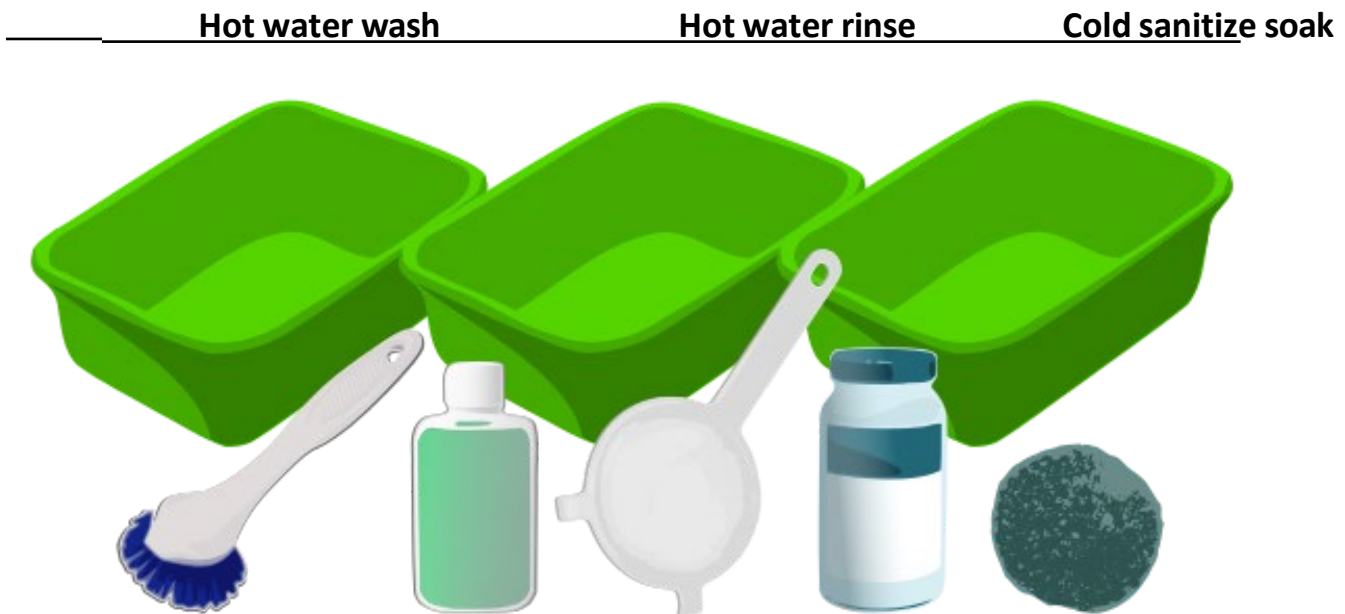
Event Program and Rules

- Patrols of up to 5 scouts (at least 1 must possess their Firem'n Chit)
 - 2 adult leader can register for 1 of 3 food categories: Dinner, Breakfast, or Cracker Barrel.
 - Adult Patrols are encouraged to enter our King of the Cast Iron - Open Menu Category.
 - Awards will be presented to the Top 3 in each category as well as a Fan Favorite Dish of the Day!
 - Each registered patrol will be provided with
 - o a fire pit for cooking
 - o serving bowls and utensils for judges
 - o 1 pack of tasting containers and utensils for spectators
 - o 1 box of gloves
 - o Sanitizer
- Patrols will need to provide
 - o their own cooking ingredients
 - o Charcoal
 - o fire extinguisher
 - o a 3-bin wash station complete with detergent, bleach, and sponge/scrubby (for non-cast iron tools)
 - o a stove to boil water for sanitization plus fuel needed
 - o Troop/Patrol Flags
 - o Trash bags
 - o Cooking Utensils
 - o And, of course, a Dutch Oven!

3 Bucket system for washing your dishes at campsite:

1. **Pre-Rinse** – each individual uses a little bit of drinking water to rinse out their dishes and utensils, before putting their dishes on the wash pile. Put any uneaten food in the trash.
2. **Hot Water Wash** (First bucket) using as little soap as possible, the dishes are washed. The cleanest dishes go first, the dirtiest dishes go last.
3. **Hot Water Rinse** (Second bucket) once all the soapy water has been shaken off the dishes they are rinsed in hot water.
4. **Sanitizing Soak** (Third Bucket) Put a capful of bleach in the bucket of water. Rinsed dishes go into a sanitizing soak.

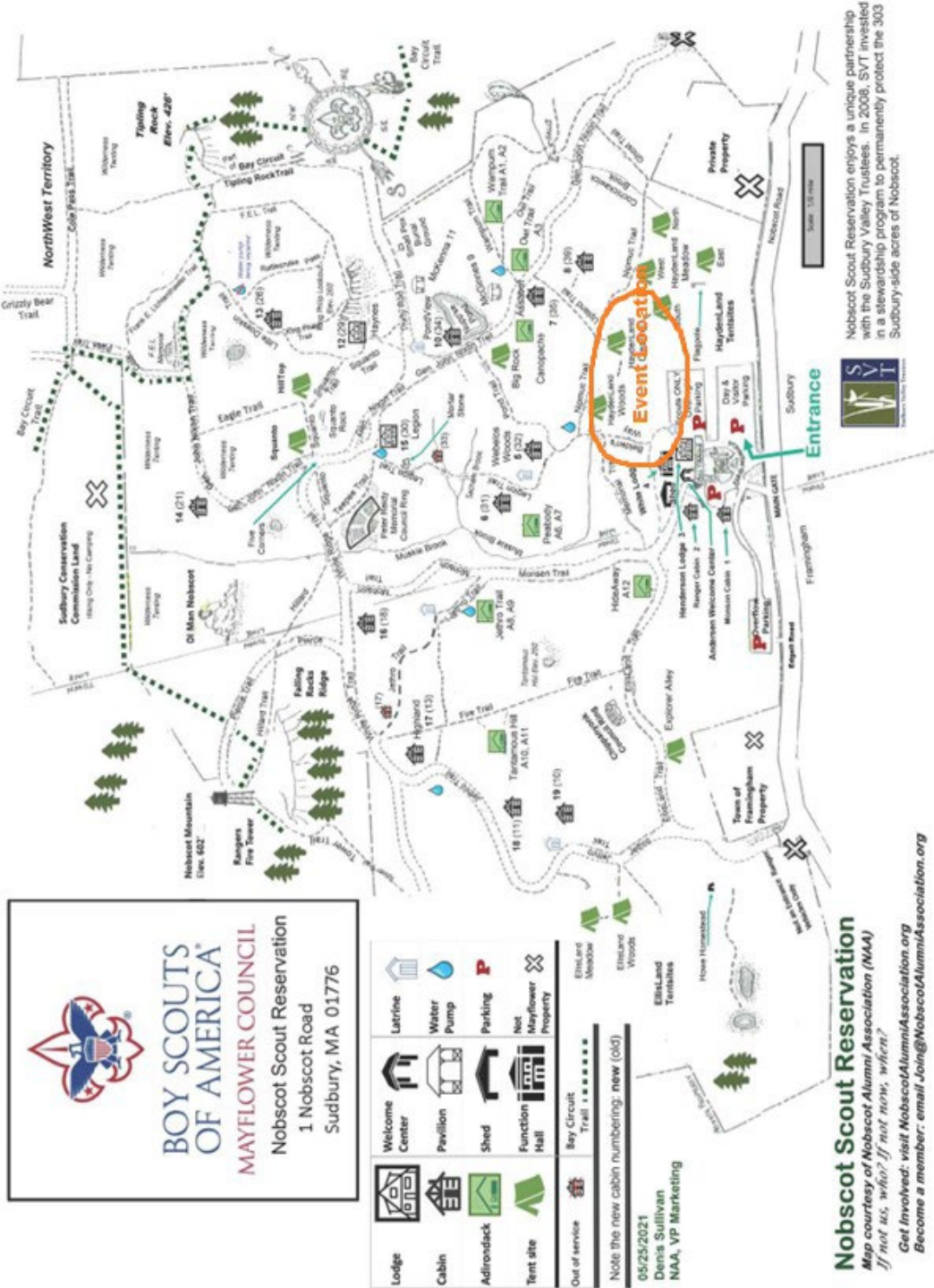
Once the dishes are clean, the dishwater is strained, and any remaining food particles are packed out in the trash.



Clean dishes keeps the Patrol from getting sick!

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Nobscot Event Map





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Milford, MA 01757
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