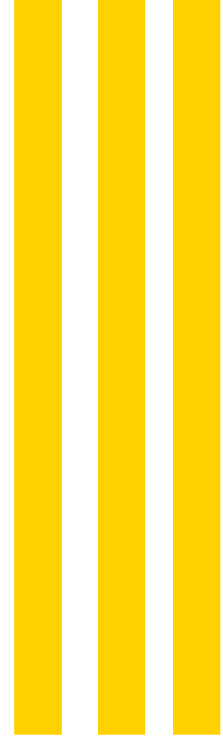


The Helpful Guide to

WATCHUNG DAY CAMP

Mountainside NJ



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DAY CAMP

Welcome to Watchung Day Camp

Outdoor adventure is at the heart of the Scouting program –and day camp is where the fun really comes to life! Campers will have the chance to climb our bouldering wall, test their balance on the slack line, work together on the basketball court, and try their aim in our exciting range and target sports.

This guide is here to help you and your child make the most of an amazing summer at Watchung Day Camp.

Our counselors, staff, and directors can't wait to welcome your camper for an unforgettable week packed with nonstop fun, new skills, and big adventures. Get ready to try new things, make awesome friends, and create core memories that will last forever!



PPC Outdoor Programs



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Get Ready!

CAMP FEES

Early Bird Pricing Ends 04.15.26 - per session

Regular Pricing Begins 04.15.26- per person

DISCOUNTS

Register for **multiple weeks** and save 20% on each additional week

Sibling Discount - register siblings for any PPC Camp and receive \$25 off each child.

Military Discount - available for active duty military

SCHOLARSHIPS

Patriots' Path Council strongly believes that every child should be able to go to camp. The Thomas A. Pepe Scholarship was created to help financially. Visit the website for more details.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Camp is located at the Scout Camping Area in Watchung Reservation. The address for the reservation is 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092. It is highly recommended you search for the "Scout Camping Area" on your gps.

BUSING

Bus transportation is available this summer. Please visit the website for more information. Note: The bus driver can only wait 5 minutes past the designated time and then they will continue on their route. If you are running late, please meet at the next stop or drive to camp.

PICK UP/DROP OFF

Pick up and drop off are located at the double pavilion in the Scout Camping area. Please follow the single car road that runs along side of the Trailside Nature Center. Active hikers and children are in the area, so proceed slowly.

Drop off times are between 8:30 AM and 8:45 AM. Pick up time is 3:45 PM.

A note is required if child is expected to be dropped off later or picked up earlier.

What to Pack!

Campers should always wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes with socks. (Wear clothes, shoes & socks that can get dirty. Camp is outdoors!)

Backpack, water bottle, lunch and snacks!

Rain gear - camp is rain or shine, so please plan accordingly.

Sunblock and bug spray - apply the first round before arriving at camp.

Bathing suit and towel - Wednesday is pool day! It is always a good idea to pack both everyday. On hot days, campers will have the opportunity to cool off with water fun: sponge races, sprinkler, water balloons and more.

THINGS THAT SHOULD BE LEFT HOME

Cell phones, apple watches, other electronic devices, pocket knives, money.

A good rule to follow, if it could get broken or lost, camp is not a good place for it.

Camp is not responsible for any lost items.



Daily Schedule Pool Day



GROUP REQUESTS

Campers are grouped primarily by grade, age, town. We try to accommodate requests but campers may be in different groups depending on many factors. Camp is about making friends! Requests are not guaranteed.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 AM- 9:00 AM - Arrival
- 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM - Opening/ Flags
- 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM - Den Time/Snack
- 9:50 AM to 10:30 AM- Activity
- 10:35 AM - 11:30 AM - Activity
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Lunch
- 12:05 PM - 12:55 PM - Activity
- 1:05 PM -1:55 PM- Activity
- 2:05 PM -2:55 PM - Activity
- 3:05 PM- 3:30 PM - Group Activity
- 3:35 PM- 4:00 PM - Closing/Flags



Activities include: Cub advancements, archery, BBs, climbing, crafts, STEM, slack line and more.

POOL DAY

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Jersey Aquatics in Berkeley Heights! Campers will enjoy a fun filled day at the pool every week as part of the camp experience.

On the pool day, campers will be dropped off & picked up at camp as usual. We will do our morning flags and announcements, and some activities before lunch. After lunch, campers will head over to Jersey Aquatics for an afternoon of fun. Campers will return to camp around 3 PM for afternoon flags and departure. Campers that don't want to go in the pool, can do a STEM project or a craft. The pool is supervised by the Jersey Aquatics aquatics director and lifeguards. The campers will be allowed in the pool up for **3ft.** Floating vest are available for our use.

Any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Look for an email on Monday night (the week your child is attending) for additional details.

Rainy Day Schedule

RAINY DAY SCHEDULE

Camp is rain or shine. On rainy days, campers will remain under the pavilions until the weather clears. Campers will work on STEM projects, arts & crafts, legos, and board games.

It is recommended that kids wear shoes that can get wet and pack a poncho. Once the rain has stopped, programs in the field will continue.

Emergency Procedures

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of a storm that causes wind and flooding, campers and staff will move to shelter located near the Master Gardeners. The building has flushable bathrooms and offices.

Parents will be contacted via text alert and email. Buses may also be called early to pick up the children and shelter them as needed. If your child is picked up by car, you will use the Trailside Science & Nature Center parking lot. A staff member will meet you and direct you to the closest pick up location.

This is a very rare occurrence, but it is important to have a safety plan in case of bad weather. Any questions should be directed to camp at 973-765-9322 x421 or via email at campdirector@campwatchung.org

REMIND Text Alert System

Sign up for Remind text messages: We will send text message alerts to inform you of camp-wide notices, such as information about campfires and busing. To sign up, click the link for the corresponding week(s) or send a text message to 81010 with the message corresponding to the week(s) your scouts will be attending camp.

Week 1 (7/6-7/10): @26wdc1

Week 2 (7/13-7/17): @26wdc2

Week 3 (7/20-7/24): @26wdc3

Week 4 (7/27-7/31): @26wdc4

Week 5 (8/3-8/7): @26wdc5

Interactive Map

Check out our new interactive google map of Watchung Day Camp. The location for pick up and drop and of the safety shelter can be found here.



Required Forms

MEDICAL FORMS

Each camper must complete a BSA Annual Health and Medical form via CampDocs before their first day. It does not require a doctor's signature; however, a copy of immunizations and any applicable Allergy Action Plan(s) must be attached.

You will receive information via email regarding creating a CampDocs profile upon completing the summer camp registration. If you plan to attend multiple sessions, your medical form is valid for the whole summer and will be kept on file.

Questions? Contact David Kopsa @ david.kopsa@scouting.org

If you are attending with your first grader, you will also need to fill out a medical form and complete Safeguarding Youth Training at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>. Please bring a printed copy with you the first day of camp.

HEALTH SUPERVISION & MEDICATION

Any severe or unusual health-related issues or concerns should be discussed with the camp director at camp so that we can create a safe and healthy environment for your camper. All medication brought to camp, prescription and over-the-counter, must be in the original container with a prescription label if applicable and documented on the camper's medical form with a parent's signature. All medications must be left with the camp director.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Any camper's food allergies, including peanut and tree nuts, should be documented on their medical form.

An Emergency Action Plan must be attached to the medical form for life-threatening allergies.

Safety is our first priority, and every effort is made to maintain a safe environment for your camper while at camp.

Refund Policy

CHANGES TO REGISTRATION

Any changes made after the initial registration must be processed through the Outdoor Program Group by calling 973-765-9322 x 225 or via email. Please see website for details.

Patriots' Path Council, Scouting America, puts much planning and purchasing into the camp program well in advance. These plans include but are not limited to staff, food, program materials, patches and awards, rental and purchase of equipment, and sometimes clothing items such as T-shirts that are given as part of a program fee. When an individual or group makes a reservation for an activity or program, these items are included in ordering materials and staffing for that event.

CANCELLATION/ REFUND REQUESTS

Refunds: Individuals or groups that cancel a program reservation 30 days before the event date will receive a refund of fees paid, less a 15% administrative charge. No refunds will be made after the 30-day cancellation deadline unless there is a medical or other emergency.

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO STEPHANIE LAFONTAINE at stephanie.lafontaine@scouting.org

Contact Information

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