



Your Step-by-Step Guide to Summer Camp

Star-Spangled Safari • Summer 2026

A timeline checklist for families. Check off each item as you go!

What is Resident Camp?

Your Scout will spend a week at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation in Eden Mills, VT. They'll sleep in platform tents, eat in the dining hall, swim in Lake Eden, and take part in activities led by trained staff. Adult leaders are there the entire time. This isn't a drop-off — it's a supported, structured outdoor adventure.

REGISTRATION — Secure Your Scout's Spot

- Confirm your Scout is registered for camp**
Your unit leader handles the initial campsite reservation. Once registration opens in January, your next step is the deposit below.
- Submit the \$150 per-Scout deposit**
Holds your Scout's reservation and makes them eligible for financial aid. Pay online, by mail, or through your unit's Camp Coordinator.
- Apply for a campership by April 15 (if needed)**
Financial assistance packets due at Council Service Center by April 15. Visit scoutingvermont.org/camperships.html. The \$150 deposit must accompany the application.
- Attend a pre-camp Zoom meeting (highly recommended)**
May 21 or June 18, 7:30–8:30 PM. Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/89429336257 (Passcode: 214731). Recording posted online.
- Download the Annual Health & Medical Record**
Go to scouting.org — download the PDF FIRST, then fill it out. If you edit in your browser without downloading, entries won't save. Parts A, B, and C all required.
- Schedule your Scout's physical exam (Part C)**
Must be signed by a physician, NP, or PA. Book early — summer appointments fill fast!

BY APRIL 30 — Pay in Full for the Early Bird Discount

- Pay remaining balance to reach \$615 per Scout**
Paid in full by April 30 = early bird rate \$615. After April 30 = \$645. Pay online, by mail, or through your Camp Coordinator.
- Stay current on payments for merit badge selection**
Scouts BSA campers must be current to select merit badges when the portal opens May 30.
- Complete all medical forms (Parts A, B, and C)**
All three parts required for anyone staying 72+ hours. Immunization records can be attached.
- Know the cancellation policy**
After May 1: \$150/Scout forfeited. After June 15: no refunds except documented medical emergencies. Deposits can transfer to a new Scout.

MAY & EARLY JUNE — Medications, Merit Badges & Forms

- Fill out Routine Drug Administration form for each medication**
If your Scout takes ANY prescription medication, fill out this form before arrival. Available as a fillable PDF online.
- Gather medications in original pharmacy containers**
All medications presented to the Health Officer on Sunday in original labeled containers. No pill organizers or baggies.
- Continue your Scout's regular medication routine**
Scouts do best when their routine stays consistent. Consult their doctor before making any changes.
- Review the Merit Badge Guide (SBSA — available late April)**
Help your Scout choose badges. Some have prerequisites to complete before camp. MB books are \$6 at the



Trading Post. Note: Motorboating MB requires a Vermont boat license BEFORE camp.

- Submit copies of ALL medical forms by June 12**
NEW: Medical forms must reach the GMC Waterbury office (PO Box 557, Waterbury, VT 05676) by June 12. Email option: MNSRMedOfficer@proton.com. Each unit submits all forms together.

LATE JUNE — Pack & Final Prep

- Review the packing list (Camp Guide p. 31 or 38)**
Full Camp Guide and other resources: scoutingvermont.org/mtnorris.html. Key items: sleeping bag/pad, rain gear, closed-toe shoes, Scout uniform, flashlight, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle, swimsuit. Label everything.
- Have your Scout wear their swimsuit under clothes Sunday**
Every camper takes a swim test on arrival day. Pre-tests not accepted.
- Pack a brown-bag lunch for Sunday**
Lunch not served on arrival day.
- Cub Packs: bring your own cook gear**
Every Pack cooks one campsite dinner. Camp provides the food; Packs need their own equipment.
- Communicate dietary needs through Black Pug registration**
Include allergy/dietary requirements at registration. Contact the Camp Director before arrival. For significant allergies, your camper will need to bring food from home (storage and refrigeration provided).
- Bring coins for the World Fellowship Fund**
Small change for Wednesday's Vespers service.
- Confirm campsite assignment before sending mail**
Assignments are finalized by the Camp Director and may differ from what your unit leader indicated.
- Bring spending money (\$60–\$75 in small bills)**
Trading Post accepts cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover. MB books \$6 each.

ARRIVAL SUNDAY — July 5!

- Arrive at or after 1:00 PM as a unit**
242 Boy Scout Camp Rd, Eden Mills, VT 05653. Cars stopped at Trading Post for roster check. Speed limit: 5 MPH.
- Bring ALL medical paperwork and medications**
Bring originals even though you submitted copies by June 12. Medical team reviews at your campsite.
- Swim tests after medical check-in**
Can't swim-test until medical team clears your Scout. Troop Guide leads camp tour in the meantime.
- Flag ceremony on the Parade Field in full uniform**
Entire camp gathers for first flag ceremony and announcements.
- Dinner, leader meeting 7 PM, campfire 8 PM, lights out 10 PM**
Opening campfire welcomes the whole camp. Taps at 10:00 PM.

Payment: \$150 deposit → stay current for MB portal (May 30) → pay in full by April 30 = \$615 (after = \$645). Pay online, by mail, or through your Camp Coordinator.

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Tip: Print this and stick it on your fridge!