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**Camp Resolute**  
*We Do More!*

## 2017 Leader's Guide



A Knox Trail Council Camp

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# Dedication

This guidebook is dedicated to the Camp Resolute Alumni Association! Founded in 2009, the CRAA supports the camp with financial support for projects – Gaga pit, new mattresses, flag pole illumination, camp map at entrance as well as annual contributions to the annual campership drive.



# CAMP RESOLUTE

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Dear Scouter,

Welcome home to Camp Resolute! If this is your first year here at Camp Resolute, we're confident that you'll find plenty of great activities for you and your Scouts to enjoy. If you're returning to us for another great season, we hope you'll create some great new memories that will last for many years. Either way, you're sure to have a great time, since this will be one of the best seasons that Camp Resolute has ever seen!

So why is this season going to be so great? There are many reasons why, and first and foremost is our program. Our motto "We Do More" keeps us striving to make our program better. Our afternoon programs have been enhanced, so that you can find great things to do every afternoon. Specialty Week has added a new program Frontier Camp; which is a very unique specialty camp. We're continuing to add to our program offering with new merit badges, a Friday afternoon Cirque du Resolute and some of the great events that we recently started are getting better. Read through this guide to find out all of the great programs that we have to offer!

Last year's staff was the most energetic and enthusiastic staff that we've seen in a long time. With many of them returning for another great summer, expect your Scouts to leave on Friday eagerly awaiting 2017. We take pride in our staff, and the 2017 crew will prove to be another fantastic team.

We expect a lot of ourselves this summer. Feel free to come to us with any questions or concerns you have, so that we can continue to make Resolute a better place. We hope that you and your Scouts have a great summer!

This is the 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Camp Resolute and we are glad you are here to help us celebrate!

Yours in Scouting,

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## Note About This Guide

In the past, this guide has been a tool for Leader who are coming to camp to get themselves familiarized with the camp before and during camp. We are still hoping you will use the guide this way. Every year at camp we make many changes to our program. We change afternoon programs, update our merit badges, change our pre-requirements list, etc... Although we try our best, we occasionally forget to make these changes across the board. For example, did you know that in 2016 you could get a copy of our daily camp schedule in our Leader's Guide, Parent's Guide, and in our Merit Badge Schedule forms? Depending on which of those forms your copy of the daily camp schedule came from, you would be told that Polar Bear Swim started at either 6:30am, 6:45am, or 7am!

In an attempt to fix this mistake, we have decided to make sure that there is only one version of our important documents like our merit badge schedules or daily schedules. That is why you will often find instructions in our guide to see our camp website, [campresolute.org](http://campresolute.org), instead of having the information right in the guide. We want to make sure that everyone is on the same page.

In an attempt to cut down on waste, you will also find many documents missing that used to be in this guide (Honor Patrol Application, Taunkacoo Honor Camper Form). Many times, throughout the summer, in an attempt to be prepared, the camp leadership will make copies of this form for every leader at camp. Often these leaders will already have their own copies of the form. If there are 10 leaders in camp, the leadership will make 10 copies of the form, which are not needed as our prepared leaders have 10 forms of their own. At the opening meeting of camp on Sunday, every leader will be provided with a folder that will contain a copy of every form that they will need throughout their stay at camp. If throughout the week you need additional copies of any of these forms, we will be glad to get them to you. Just ask any member of the leadership team or swing by the Admin office.



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# Camp Resolute History

In the first three years of the Council, it had grown from two towns, Framingham and Marlboro, to nineteen towns. We had had makeshift camps the first three summers, so the Executive Board decided it was time to search for a permanent campsite. Two committees were appointed, the President, Hon. Edward F. Brown and Ralph Whitman to search the northern area and John M. Merian and Joseph Mundy of Framingham to search the southern area.

Ed Brown and I were lucky to look over what is now Camp Virginia on West Pond, Bolton, but we told the owner, Mrs. Hamilton; "This is not large enough for our needs." She responded, "My sister, Mrs. Townsend owns 150 acres across the way on Little Pond." We made an appointment to see it, and it was a case of love at first sight. On the following Sunday afternoon, the Executive Board met on the plateau in the rain, looked out on the pond and voted unanimously to purchase it.

If my memory serves me right, the price was \$60 per acre, or \$9,000 for the 150 acres. In the present market one shoreline lot would be worth more than that.

This was about April 1<sup>st</sup>, and it gave us a challenge to get a building ready for the camp opening on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I sent to National Headquarters, then in New York City, and they sent me a plan for a 40-foot x 48-foot dining hall with a big stone fireplace on one end. It so happened that, while in high school, I had studied architecture at the Marlboro Public Library, so I automatically became the architect of the hall.

Two years before, while I was at church in Northboro with the Scouts, Hugh Smith came to me at the close of the service and offered to build a stone fireplace in honor of his school mate in England, Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting. I asked him if his offer was still good and he said, "Yes, absolutely." Within a few days, he was camping out at Little Pond, and the Scouts (mostly Troop 4, of Marlboro) aided by an army mule and a stone drag were bringing from our own walls the 50 tons of stone needed. As the fireplace progressed, the men of this Council, including President Brown, Russell Frye, President of the Marlboro Peoples National Bank, Henry Warren of Ashland, inventor of the Telechron clock, and many others put in the rest of the foundation.

Gar Bason, District Governor of the Kiwanis Club and our first Council Commissioner laid the floor. He then got the Framingham Kiwanis Club to send up Jern Howards a carpenter to frame the building and tie it into the fireplace. This done, the leaders, Scouts, and I boarded it in and roofed it. Most of the shutters came from the Mount Waith Camp meeting grounds in Framingham, the gift of Rev. Henry Bray.

On the day that we were to top the big fireplace, it was 100 degrees in the shade and speaking both for Mr. Smith and myself, I suggested that we postpone the topper. "Nothing doing," was Mr. Smith's reply. "This is the perfect day to top the chimney." So it was completed, and at the Dedication it worked beautifully.

Waldo B. Fay, a member of the Executive Board from Southboro, called and said they were rebuilding their kitchen at Fay School, and offered us a large hotel range and a huge refrigerator. These we installed in the basement kitchen, the food went up in a dumb waiter or small elevator.

The Charlestown Navy Yard sent out notices of the sale of surplus navy tables and benches. We bought the whole lot and sold one-third to the Greater Lynn Council, and one-third to the Greater Worcester Council (now Mohegan), and our third cost us very little.

We were fortunate in our water supply, because we could drive a well point at most any spot and come up with nice spring water. For the latrines, the gritty section of sandy gravel made wonderful cement.

Scoutmaster O'Connell, of Marlboro, a lineman for the Marlboro Electric Company got his pals to help him run the line from Route 85 to the dining hall. The only cost being for the pole, wire, and fittings.

The Council did not have to pay one cent for labor for the whole camp project except the \$50 a week I was receiving as Scout Executive.

With the water front layout completed and the boats coming from Maine, we were ready to open camp. Kiwanian, Arthur Young, head of the Framingham Coal Co. (in the quiet season) sent up men, horses, plows, and harrows and they laid out and seeded an athletic field.

The Camp Committee decided to have the Scouts compete in naming the Camp, and to give a free week at Camp to the winner. The yacht "Resolute" had just won America's Cup, and Kenneth Post of Troop 2, Marlboro, entered that name. "Resolute" it was and Post had his free week, and "Resolute" opened its first session, a successful one.

Running the whole width of the property is an abandoned embankment, which was supposed to carry the Hudson and Lancaster Steam Railroad.



In 1924, Normand Lindsay, Scoutmaster of Troop 1 of Marlboro, built a building for the washing of mess kits, with plenty of running hot water.

The Council purchased 6 1/3 acres of the Ordway land along the road heading into Camp, and had a public beach for the people of Bolton and Hudson, and on the other end (nearest camp) a large bunk house for the subdivision. This is now the site of the caretaker's cabin.

When it was rumored that a dance hall was to be built on the end of the pond nearest to Route 85, the Executive Board voted to buy a 40 to 50 foot strip along that section.

Later, when the 20 or more acres of the Sargent property came on the market, the Council was not in a position to finance it, so the Scout Executive got a group of interested men to take one or more shares and formed the Little Pond Associates. This formed part of the southeast section of the shoreline, and contained about six cottages. One end was reforested by the Scouts with white pine seedlings, which are now large trees. This section was soon taken over by the Council. This purchase left only one small section of the shoreline owned by the Persons family.

At the Camp, a large wing was added to the dining hall, which contains a modern kitchen, with a walk-in refrigerator, and underneath are garages.

Also, a very fine Administration Building has recently been completed. In 1969, the cottage across the pond was dedicated to one of our finest presidents, Andy Maish of Framingham. In 1971, the large dining hall was dedicated to Ralph H. Whitman, founder and builder of Camp Resolute.

A new open air pavilion, Buster's Place, was constructed in 2005 to house the handicraft program of the camp.

The summer of 2006 saw the debut of a brand new waterfront feature - AquaLaunch which proved very popular with campers and leaders alike.

The summer of 2008 saw the completion of Magee Village comprised of four staff cabins behind the Administration Building. The waterfront also received new boat docks and the dining hall floor was replaced.

In 2009 the dining hall tables and benches were replaced and bulletin boards dedicated to Bob Clausen, long time staff member, were erected in each campsite. The summers of 2009 and 2010 were highlighted with the complete renovation of our two shower houses into state-of-the-art facilities complete with individual stalls. Camp Resolute was honored to be the only New England Boy Scout Camp to feature the Rock It! water amusement in 2010 and it instantly became a camper favorite.

The summer of 2011 was the camp's eight's summer receiving a perfect score on the Boy Scouts of America National Visitation. A new waterfront feature the Iceberg was added to our water amusements and our AquaLaunch was moved to the Cub Adventure Day Camp and repurposed as an AquaSlide. This summer also saw a 6.5% increase in the size of Camp Resolute with the dedication of the Haskins Preserve at Camp Resolute. This 20 acre parcel as made possible thru a bequest left to the Knox Trail Council by Joyce Haskins.

During the 2012 season Camp Resolute became the 8th Boy Scout Camp in the nation to be accredited by the American Camping Association. The summer also saw the start of the latrine replacement program with all-new latrine facilities in the Mitapo and Smokey Pines campsites. New latrines were added to Apache and Charmur in 2013, Nomolos was be updated in 2014. New row boats, kayaks, standup paddleboards were also be added as well as a fishing dock for Resolute.

In 2014 a Day Camp Waterfront Tower was constructed as well as the Papa Smurf Pavilion, a resident camp archery pavilion, and two GaGa ball pits. When campers arrived in 2015 they will find new tent platforms, tents, cots, and mattresses. Our American Camping Association accreditation was renewed in the fall of 2015 as well. Campers can expect upgrades to the dining hall and an additional renovated latrine in the summer of 2017.



# Before You Arrive at Camp

## Administrative Information

The Camp Resolute administrative staff works year-round to ensure the program provided during your week at camp is the best experience possible. Questions about summer camp can be directed to Rick Riopelle at the Knox Trail Council Office, 508-217-4613, ext. 1013 or during the summer at 978-779-2777 or via email anytime at [rick@campresolute.org](mailto:rick@campresolute.org).

## Camp Fees



For a full listing of our prices and fees, please see our forms and manuals page at the camp website. [Campresolute.org/forms](http://Campresolute.org/forms)

A \$40 early bird discount applies to those paying their balance before May 1. New Scouts and Webelos crossovers submitting their application with their fee always get the early bird discount.

Provisional fee applies to first week present in the camp. If camper is in his second week in the camp he gets the discounted rate.

## Settling Your Account by May 1st

Unit leaders need to settle their account on or before May 1, 2017. Payments made before that date will receive a \$40 early bird discount per Scout. Please check your online troop account to be sure we have your latest camper count and all your fees have been submitted and recorded.

## Camperships

It is the policy of the Knox Trail Council that a Scout shall not miss the opportunity to attend summer camp because his family lacks the ability to pay the full camp fee. A limited number of partial camperships are available. The necessary form requiring certification from both the unit leader and parent/guardian can be found on our camp website, [campresolute.org/forms](http://campresolute.org/forms)

Campership applications should be submitted by June 1. After that date availability of funds cannot be guaranteed.

## Refunds

There is a non-refundable administration fee of \$50 for each registered program or session. After June 1 refunds are issued for medical reasons only. All refund requests must be made no later than August 31, 2017 using only the online form located at [www.campresolute.org/refundrequest](http://www.campresolute.org/refundrequest); after that date no refund requests will be processed.

## Adult Leadership

It is required that each troop provide full time supervision for Scouts by TWO or more adults. In accordance with the present National Boy Scouts of America policy regarding troop leadership, the primary troop leader must be at least 21 years of age and registered with the Boy Scouts of America. The second adult must be a registered Scouter 18 years old or older, or the parent of a participating unit member. The camp strongly encourages troops to enlist the help of at least one adult leader (over 21) who will stay with the troop for the entire week. Units may meet these requirements on a "rotating" basis. Rotating leaders must sign the log book at the Administration Building each time they enter or leave camp. Anyone planning to spend the night must have a current health form on file in the Health Lodge. All leaders, whether registered or not, must be screened with a CORI check. See Appendix for more info.

Units are allowed 2 adults free of charge. Additional leaders (minimum age of 18) are welcome in accordance with the following schedule:

1-16 Scouts	2 free leaders
17-24 Scouts	1 additional free leader
25-32 Scouts	2 additional free leaders
33-40 Scouts	3 additional free leaders
(same ratio continued for larger troops)	

Leaders in excess of this ratio will pay \$75 per week for meal costs.

## Medical Forms

**Every adult and Scout in camp MUST have a completely filled out medical form on file in the Health Lodge in order to stay at Camp Resolute.** All participants must have a physical exam every year. All medical forms must be retained by camp, so please make any copies you might need for other activities. Your physician must sign the camp medical form – no signed attachments will be accepted. Make certain that both the parent's signature and physician's signature sections are filled out and a copy of the health insurance card is attached to the form. Every person, youth and adult, attending camp must also complete the immunization history. Units with Christian Scientist members will need to provide a special medical form, located at [campresolute.org](http://campresolute.org), pertaining to their faith's medical policies.

*Upon arrival in camp, the Health Officer will perform a medical recheck and collect all prescribed medications. (Bee sting kits and asthma inhalers may be kept at the site or with the Scout if necessary.) Medications must be in their original containers with a valid/current prescription label that bears the name of the drug, the dosage, the name of the prescribing physician, and the name of the individual for whom the drug was prescribed. This information must also be on the camp physical form. Containers*





with more than one drug, or improper labeling, will NOT be accepted. The health officer will then dispense medications as prescribed. **These requirements are mandated by law for camps. This applies to all youth AND adults.**

### Campers with Special Needs

The camp staff will accommodate Scouts with special needs so long as it can be done without detracting from the quality of program available to others. Campers with special needs must be able to function independently or be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The Reservation Director should be contacted for special arrangements when the special needs require the presence of a caregiver.

Campers with special needs which are not explained on their medical form will be separated from camp until a corrected medical form and/or adult caregiver is provided.



### Unit Leader's Pre-Camp Planning Meeting

Unit Leaders are *strongly* encouraged to attend the Pre-Camp Meeting that will be held at 7:00 p.m. the Wednesday evening prior to the unit's stay at camp. The adult who will have the primary responsibility for the troop in camp and the SPL for camp should attend. The meeting location will be given to you when you arrive to accommodate for any weather. The agenda will include Troop program planning, collection of medical forms, a review of opening day procedures, "late breaking" news and answers to questions that you might have.

Please bring:

- A listing of all Scouts who will be attending camp with your troop
- Completed medical forms **including immunization record signed by a Doctor.**
- A list of special requirements such as dietary or religious food restrictions, Scouts with special needs, etc.
- 2017 Camp Resolute sign-up form and check for \$250

Prior to your check-in on Sunday your medical forms will be reviewed by the Camp Health Officer. The Unit Roster will be used to create buddy tags so they are ready at your check-in on Sunday. These two items are tremendous time savers

and help to assure a smooth check-in for your Troop. Units that attend this meeting and have their paperwork in order will be processed on Sunday ahead of those who do not make the meeting or have incomplete paperwork.

### Week of Camp & Pre-Camp Meeting

Week 1 (July 9-14)	July 5
Week 2 (July 16-21)	July 12
Week 3 (July 23-28)	July 19
Week 4 (July 30-Aug 4)	July 26
Week 5 (Aug 6-11)	Aug 2

If attendance at the Pre-Camp Leaders' Meeting is not possible, you may arrange to submit and process the unit paperwork by making an appointment with the Camp Management Team. The appointment should be scheduled for completion on or before the Pre-Camp Meeting date. Please call Camp Management Team at 978-779-2777 to make arrangements.

### Your Troop's Own Camp Planning Meeting

We suggest you hold a meeting for your Scouts and parents in the spring to review camp advancement opportunities, personal equipment needs, arrival and departure information and other relevant issues. This might be your best opportunity to collect medical forms.

### Troop Photographs

Troop photographs will be taken on Sunday before the evening meal. The schedule will be announced at your pre-camp meeting. Troop leaders should plan to turn in orders at the photo session. Each 8" x 10" color photo is \$10.00. Make checks payable to TOP Photography.



### Campsite Changes

If a Unit registers in numbers significantly above or below the capacity of the campsite that they have reserved, the camp leadership reserves the right to switch, or to ask a Unit to share, campsites. Every effort will be made to avoid this, but capacity may dictate the need. We thank you for your cooperation with this.



### **Southern Bar-B-Que**

Friday night will feature a feast celebrating the end of the week. We will be serving southern favorites including pulled pork, beans, corn bread, and other excellent selections.

To aid us in the preparation of the Friday night feast, make sure that parents know that they and other family members are welcome! The barbecue is a major component of the closing ceremonies and campfire - something the whole family will enjoy. There is no charge for the Scouts and adults



attending camp. All other guests may purchase tickets at the Trading Post after checking their sons in on Sunday, or you may purchase guest tickets as a group at Sunday Night's Leaders' Meeting.

### **Merit Badge Sign-Up**

Unit leaders will be responsible for signing their Scouts up for merit badge classes on our camp reservation and merit badge selection web site. Unit leaders will no longer need to complete and submit blue cards for their Scouts. At the end of each week the camp will provide digital blue cards for each Scout. Log-in information for our website will be provided to the unit leader.

### **Merit Badge Pre-Requirements**

Many of our merit badges require tasks to be completed before your scouts arrive at camp, please make them aware of our list on our camp website, [campresolute.org](http://campresolute.org)

### **Food Allergies**



It is important that the Camp Health Officer and Camp Chef be made aware of any food allergies. We can accommodate most requests for menu adjustments, but they must be made prior to arriving at camp. Please fill out a Dietary Accommodation Request Form at our forms page on the camps website, [campresolute.org](http://campresolute.org). Please also stop in to our kitchen on Sunday and speak with our head chef to make sure that everything is all set.



# Your Troop's Arrival and First Day

## Unit Leader Arrival

Unit Leaders may arrive earlier than 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of setting up their campsite. Important: ALL vehicles MUST be out of Camp by 11:00 a.m. Please note the speed limit in camp is 5 mph. Please limit yourself to only one vehicle per troop. No vehicles will be allowed in Camp while Scouts are in Camp. Staff members are not available to assist Unit Leaders prior to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

## Camper Arrival

### Sunday at 1pm

Units will be allowed in camp at 1:00 p.m. Units should assemble in the parking lot. The Unit's Site Host will greet the unit at 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot. When everyone is together, the troop, accompanied by their Site Host may proceed to their site. Your site host will have prepared your site for your arrival, accounted for the existence and condition of necessary equipment, and will assist you through the rest of the check-in process according to a pre-assigned itinerary.

## Lunch

We advise campers and parents to eat before arriving at camp. For those who choose not to, our trading post offers snacks and refreshments.

## Parking

ALL vehicles must be parked in the Camp's parking lot. Vehicles are not allowed in the campsites. No vehicles other than Ranger and emergency vehicles will be allowed into the camp after 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Please observe all parking restrictions and parking personnel.

## Once Campers Arrive

Assemble your unit in the parking lot, and then proceed to the site assigned to your troop accompanied by your Site Host. Your Site Host will confirm with you that all equipment in your site is in place and in good condition, then he/she will guide you through the camp orientation program.

## Camp Orientation

Orientation sessions have been set up so that once your unit checks into camp your Scouts will be able to learn the rules of the camp. Your site guide will bring you on a tour of the camp with brief sessions to go over some rules in areas like the shooting ranges, dining hall, and parade field. Scouts should be prepared to take the swim test after the orientations are complete if the unit has not submitted a pre-camp swim test classification sheet.

## Hold A Troop Meeting

Upon returning to your campsite you should hold a meeting with all your campers. Discuss items which you feel are of

importance to your campers. The camp strongly recommends that you include these issues in your meeting (many of these items are covered in various sections of this guide, please review in advance.):

- ✓ Sunday's schedule
- ✓ Daily schedule and routine
- ✓ Campsite cleaning duties
- ✓ Health and safety rules
- ✓ Importance of a clean camp
- ✓ Use of the buddy system at all times
- ✓ Dining hall procedures, manners, and food serving
- ✓ Your personal expectations of your unit's members
- ✓ Emergency procedures
- ✓ Early morning, siesta, and lights out are "quiet time" in camp
- ✓ Encourage your Scouts to talk with the camp staff
- ✓ The availability of the provisional troop for Scouts who want to stay at camp after your troop's scheduled stay.

## Formal Parade and Retreat

The camp holds an elaborate flag ceremony to truly start the week off. We will begin at 5:45 in front of the Dining Hall. Please be sure to arrive no later than 5:30 so that our staff can get everyone into position. Class A uniforms should be worn, and be sure to bring your Troop flag to show off! Dinner will take place directly following the ceremony. Waiters are not needed until after the ceremony.

## Camp Meeting

At 7:30 on Sunday there is a mandatory camp meeting. This meeting will cover our emergency protocols and will also cover rules for the waterfront's usage. We will proceed directly into our opening campfire from this meeting

## Opening Ice Cream Social

Be sure not to disappear after the opening campfire, as ice cream will be served on the black top directly following the campfire!



# Health, Safety & Sanitation

## Illness and Accidents

Report ALL accidents and illnesses to the Health Officer, who is responsible for the welfare of all and advises the Reservation Director on these issues:

- At the first sign of illness or injury, bring the Scout to the Health Lodge.
- When serious accident or illness occurs, parents of the Scout will be notified immediately by the camp director or his designee.
- In case of emergency, Scouts will be taken to UMass Marlborough Medical Center. Unit leaders may be requested to drive the Scouts to the hospital.
- When a Scout is confined to bed in the Health Lodge, his parents will be notified and advised that if his condition persists for more than 24 hours, he should be returned home to recuperate.
- Night emergencies should always be referred to the Health Lodge.

## Latrines

Campsites have latrine and sink facilities centrally located. Troops are responsible for the daily cleaning of their latrine and sink. Latrine cleaning supplies and toilet paper will be available from the Quartermaster Store underneath the Dining Hall.

## Personal Hygiene

### A Scout is Clean

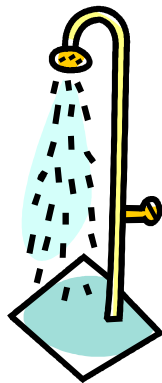
Unit leaders are asked to assure that your Scouts take frequent showers for personal hygiene and out of respect for others. For the same reasons, plus to teach by example, leaders should follow the same practice. A Scout is Clean!

### Showers and Bathrooms - Scouts

Scout showers are located on the left fork near Smoky Pines campsite and on the right fork near the Sassamon campsite and should only be used by Scouts between reveille and taps. As previously stated, out of consideration, respect and for reasons of hygiene, Scouts should be encouraged to shower often.

### Showers and Bathrooms - Adult

Adult showers are opposite the Dining Hall. These showers are for adult leaders and camp staff only. Scouts are not permitted to use them. Adults are permitted to use the Scout showers (located on the left fork near Smoky Pines and on the right fork near Sassamon) as well.



We also recommend that campers and leaders wash their hands before each meal.

## Camp Safety...

### Use common sense

**Barefoot Walking** in camp is dangerous and therefore is not allowed! Scouts may only be without their shoes in the immediate waterfront area, camp showers and in their own tents.

**Running** is not allowed anywhere in camp...except on the sports field.

**Clotheslines** should be strung out of the way of foot traffic and should have something hung on them to indicate where they are. Tent outriggers are not to be used as clotheslines.

**Saws and axes** must be used only in the campsite's axe yard. They must be stored in either the axe yard or the equipment tent.

**Buddy system** must be used by all campers wherever they go in camp. This is a basic safety precaution even for experienced campers.

**Liquid Fuel** stoves or lanterns can only be used after permission is obtained from the Reservation Director. National B.S.A. regulations state that all bulk liquid fuel containers must be stored by the Ranger. A shed has been made available for that purpose, near the main storage sheds. Propane may be used when underwriter approved cylinders are used. DO NOT place empty cylinders in the trash; take them home. **Remember: No flames in tents!**

**No flames in tents...**the only safe way to illuminate the inside of a tent is by flashlight. No burning flames or enclosed lanterns in tents.

**Pocket knives** with blades 4" or longer are prohibited in camp.

**Vehicles** will not be permitted beyond the camp parking lot. (With the exception of the camp truck and necessary camp vehicles approved by the camp director.) The preservation of a sound camp environment is most important in this regard. Under no circumstances will passengers ride on the beds of trucks. In addition all riders must be wearing seatbelts.



## Banned Items

The camp leadership reserves the right to confiscate any prohibited items from either campers or adults. Prohibited items include:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Narcotics or prescription drugs in unmarked or improperly marked containers
- Fireworks
- Bow or arrows, guns or ammunition, or any other kind of weapon
- Sheath knives
- Double bit axes
- Aerosol cans of ANY type
- Traps
- Televisions
- Any item determined by the camp leadership to be unsafe or used in an unsafe manner.

Unit leaders responsible for the supervision of their unit's youth are not to leave camp for the purpose of consuming alcoholic beverages nor return to camp after consuming alcoholic beverages.

## Smoking...not near Scouts

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.



## Youth Protection Policy

Camp Resolute has a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all who camp there. Camp leaders and staff must be alert to several types of abuse: physical, emotional, sexual, and neglect.

A BSA statement on this matter can be found at the council service center. Massachusetts state laws require that suspected incidents of child abuse must be reported to local law enforcement authorities. All suspicions should be brought to the attention of the Reservation Director.

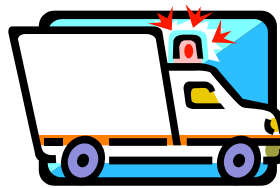
A close examination of this matter could identify some troops' "initiations" or hazing of new campers as child abuse. Please be aware that hazing and initiations will not be permitted or tolerated. Troops or individuals engaging in such activities may be asked to leave camp without the advantage of a refund.

## Emergencies...

### Stay Calm, Act Quickly but Safely

Camp Resolute has a written Emergency Plan that will be reviewed in detail with each leader upon arrival. ANY EMERGENCY (lost Scout, fire, injury, etc.) MUST be reported to the Camp Administration Building IMMEDIATELY. In the event of a home emergency and a

parent wishes to contact his/her Scout at camp, they may do so by contacting the camp office. All Massachusetts General Law for Children's Camps and the policies of the BSA are in force whether listed within this guide or not. You may reference the Guide to Safe Scouting for answers to many common questions.



# Emergency

**Fire:** Send two runners immediately to the camp office with the following information:

1. The location of the fire;
2. The type of fire;
3. The severity of the fire;
4. And, what type of personal injury has occurred if any.

When fire call is sounded on the loudspeaker system, all Scouts, leaders, and visitors should report immediately to the Parade Field and await instructions from a staff member. A runner will be sent to the camp office with a head count as soon as it is safe to do so. DO NOT GATHER ON THE BLACKTOP IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE TRAVELING THROUGH THAT LOCATION - STAY BACK FROM THE CAMP ROAD AFTER REACHING THE PARADE FIELD UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE BY A STAFF MEMBER.

A fire drill will be conducted Monday morning at 11:50am.

**Lost Swimmer:** The waterfront will be cleared immediately. Some adults may be requested to assist. At the sound of the LBD (Lost Bathers Drill) alarm, all Scouts, and unit leaders will report to their campsite where attendance will be taken by the unit leader. The unit leader will notify the camp office immediately, by runner or cell phone, of any missing personnel. The camp office will continue the LBD alarm until such time as the missing swimmer is located.

**Lost Camper:** The unit leader will report any suspected lost camper to the camp office. The camp staff will then institute the appropriate search procedures.

**Extreme Heat:** In the case of extreme heat, the camp administration will declare a heat alert and program activities will be adjusted accordingly. Unit leaders and Scouts are reminded to watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion and sunstroke. Watch especially for Scouts wearing inappropriate clothing and/or not taking adequate amounts of fluid.

**Lightning or Severe Storms:** The waterfront will be cleared immediately. All watercraft will return to shore. Scouts will report to their campsites unless otherwise



instructed by a staff member. Avoid open fields. Any other needed instructions will be issued by the camp office.

**Natural Disaster (Earthquake, Flood, Etc.):** In the event of a natural disaster all Scouts and adults should remain in the activity area they are in or go to the nearest campsite and await instructions from a staff member. If this is the area that is affected then all personnel should move to the nearest safe area and await instructions.

**Wildlife:** Campers, staff and visitors are cautioned to avoid contact with wildlife on the reservation at all times. Any injury caused by contact with wildlife must be reported to the Camp Health Officer as soon as possible. The Camp Health Officer will notify the Camp Office and the necessary local authorities as required.

**Major Accidents & Death:** In the event of a major accident or death, the camp administrative team is to be notified by reporting the accident to the camp office by runner or cell phone.

**Child Abuse:** The Reservation Director must be notified of any incidence of child abuse. The report must include as much supporting information as possible. The report is to be kept confidential. Tell only those who have a need to know. Above all, protect the dignity and privacy of the victim.

**Chemical Spill:** In the event of a chemical or hazardous waste spill, a person should be stationed to keep all campers or visitors away from the spill and the camp office must be notified by runners or cell phone.

**Camp Office/Emergency Number: (978) 779-2777**

All serious medical emergencies will be treated at the UMass Marlborough Medical Center and parents/guardians will immediately be notified by the Reservation Director or his representative of all details as they become available. In order to reduce miscommunication of information, we do ask that leaders carrying cellular phones do not notify parents of accidents without authorization from the Reservation Director or his designee. It is of great importance that each camp leader understands this and passes this information along, not only to the parents, but also to the Scouts as well.

**Camp Roads**

The camp roads are not thoroughfares. All vehicles must remain parked in the main parking lot. No vehicles will be allowed in or around campsites or program areas. Please discuss special needs with the Reservation Director.



**Campers' Bill of Rights**

Dear Camper:

We want to make sure that your stay at camp is a pleasant one, and that you will carry home lots of great memories of your time at Resolute. Your troop's camp leader and resident staff will help you in every way they can to make this a great experience. But we need your help, too. Therefore, we have written up a few rules which you should follow while in camp.

1. The Scout Law is the law of the Camp. We mean it!
2. Wherever you go or whatever you do, go with a buddy...never go by yourself.
3. Leaders and staff are permitted to inspect your tent for cleanliness, but otherwise, your tent is yours and your friend's, and no other boy or adult has the right to stay with you in your tent. You should sleep only in your tent or in the Camp Health Lodge if you are sick.
4. Obey the instructions given by adult leaders and staff at all times, providing they are not in conflict with your own values and beliefs.
5. Be polite and courteous to other Scouts, leaders, and staff at all times. Say "Hi" when passing them on the trail.
6. Respect your body. Only Camp Medical Personnel are allowed to touch you when an illness or medical problem requires treatment.
7. When caught breaking a rule, you have the right to a fair hearing. But once your leaders have heard you, you are to accept disciplinary action without argument.
8. When participating in certain activities, always wear protective or safety equipment prescribed for that activity.
9. If you feel abused or misused by an adult, report this immediately. At the Administration Building, ask for "Rick."
10. Some other rules will be explained during your Sunday camp orientation and will be posted in your site.
11. The Scout Law is the law of the Camp. We mean it!



### **Camper Security Policy**

The security and safety of the youth in our charge is an extremely heavy responsibility. We must ensure that they are protected from unauthorized and unwarranted exposures, at the same time providing the freedom that is so essential to their maturing process. With this as our goal the following procedures apply:

1. At no time will youth be allowed alone beyond reasonable jurisdiction of staff members. When going from one area to another they shall travel in groups of no less than two.
2. Campers will be briefed to report all sightings of strangers to a staff member who will immediately report that information to the Reservation Director.
3. All activities beyond parameters of the main camp will be furnished with means of communication to the Administration Building.
4. Campers will be released only to those individual(s) listed on the registration form or the Scoutmaster who will assure responsibility for same.

### **Intrusion of Unauthorized Persons**

Any Scout, leader, or staff member suspecting intrusion of an unauthorized person shall be instructed to report immediately to their leader or staff member of the area they are currently working. Leaders and staff shall be instructed to give a brief salutation if possible and direct them to sign-in at the administration office. If you are uneasy about approaching the individual or are given an inappropriate response, they will be instructed to notify the Reservation Director of his/her designee immediately. The Reservation Director shall assess situation and ask person to leave camp or notify authorities if appropriate.

### **Camper Release Policy**

Unit leaders are asked to inform the Reservation Director in advance of any Scout who intends to leave camp during the week.

The safety of our campers is a shared responsibility. Please ensure the Reservation Director is informed of any situation which could result in a Scout being released to someone other than an authorized adult. Child custody disputes are especially sensitive and should be relayed to the Reservation Director.

Before a Scout can leave camp the adult escort must be identified by the unit leader. If the escort is not the Scout's parent, a letter from the parent authorizing release of the Scout is required. The adult taking a Scout out of camp must first sign-in at the Administration Building and be identified, a picture ID is required. The Scout and a unit leader should meet the visitor at the Administration Building.

When identity or authorization to pick up a Scout cannot be determined, the camper's family will be called to get authorization to release their son to the person at camp.

### **Verification of "No Show" Policy**

In the event of a no-show at check-in, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The unit leader should verify why the Scout did not arrive at camp and inform the camp director.
2. The Reservation Director or Business Manager will call the Scout's family to verify the reason(s) of his absence from camp.
3. If you know a Scout will not be going to camp, please cancel his registration before check-in.

### **Sign In & Out Policies**

Adult leaders arriving or departing from camp during the week are required to sign in and sign out using the in/out book in the camp office. During regular office hours the book will be located inside the Camp Administration Building. Should an emergency situation occur, camp administration must know who is in camp at any time. Leaders leaving camp should make sure that proper coverage is provided during their absence.

Peanuts are not served in our dining hall, but some products we use come from a facility that also produces peanuts. Some items in our trading post do contain peanuts.

### **Visitors in Camp**

All visitors to camp must sign-in and sign-out at the Administration Building. Please remind all visitors to sign in immediately upon their arrival at camp and before proceeding to campsites or program areas. All visitors must clearly display the appropriate visitor pass.

### **Camp Resolute Alumni Association**

The purpose of the Camp Resolute Alumni Association (CRAA), as part of the Knox Trail Council, is to establish a social and professional network of past and current staff and adult leadership from all areas of the reservation, as well as friends of the camp, to support current camp staff, assist camp and council leadership with capital programs on the reservation, and to support promotion of E. Paul Robsham Jr. Scout Reservation – Camp Resolute and the Cub Adventure Day Camp. The Camp Resolute Alumni Association (CRAA) was founded in 2009 and is open to staff, leaders, and campers 18 years of age and older. The CRAA is credited with providing WiFi to the dining hall, picnic tables, the camp map at the gate, LCD projector in the dining hall, waterfront lighting and flagpole illumination and GaGa ball pits. The CRAA has also pledged funds to future construction and signage projects at camp.

If you care about the future improvement of Camp Resolute and the Adventure Day Camp, consider joining the CRAA today! Visit us on [www.campresolute.org/alumni](http://www.campresolute.org/alumni) to join.



Follow us on Facebook – Camp Resolute Campfire, and look for information about our 2017 family reunion this summer!

### **George W. P. Magee Memorial Trust**

Have you ever noticed how many of our facilities have “Magee Foundation” signs and wonder “who is Magee”? George W. P. Magee was a theatrical agent and manager who most notably managed Boston's Grand Opera House from the 1890s through 1916. Being very involved in the community, he saw Scouting as a program making significant

positive impact on the lives of young men. He turned this belief into a permanent commitment to Scouting, by establishing a trust upon his death. The trust benefits Massachusetts Boy Scout Councils only, and distributes over \$210,000 annually for the improvement of camp programs and infrastructure. In honor of his contribution to our camp, the Aquatics Meet is dedicated to Mr. Magee and all that he and his foundation have done in support of our camp. Cake served during week 5 will be in celebration of George Magee's birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>.





# Program Related Information

## Uniforms

### Looking the part

The official B.S.A. field uniform is to be worn by all Scouts and adults during the evening meal, flag ceremonies, formal retreats and Troop photographs. This consists of a Scout shirt (long or short sleeved), pants or shorts, BSA socks, a belt, a buckle, shoes, and proper insignias in proper locations. Neckerchiefs are optional.



## Telephone Use

Personal calls are discouraged. If a call is absolutely necessary, it should be kept short. Please use good judgment and make only vital calls. Ask the person in charge at the Administration Building before calling. Campers are strongly discouraged from making calls, as they can easily heighten homesickness. All outgoing calls should be collect or credit card calls. Scouts are required to have a unit leader present to make a call.

## Mail

Outgoing mail should be placed in the mailbox outside the Trading Post or in the Administration Building. Incoming mail arrives in the late afternoon and may be picked up by an adult leader at the Administration Building. Parents should send mail early in the week or even prior to the week to make sure it

arrives in camp prior to the Scout's departure on Friday. Send mail to:

Your Scout's Name  
Troop # and Campsite  
Camp Resolute  
75 Hudson Road  
Bolton, MA 01740

## Radio Communication

Key camp staff use two-way radio communication to avoid disturbing the camp on the PA. If you happen to come across the Staff Radio code, please change your signal.

## Camp Pranks

It is the policy of the camp and council that camp pranks are not part of the Scouting program. In the past some troops have conducted and condoned pranks. Due to the inherent liability and risk to Scouts, staff, leaders, camp and personal property we ask that troops refrain from any and all pranks in camp. Once again, the main reason for this rule is the safety of everyone in camp. Camp Resolute is dedicated to the safety and security of every person within its premises.

## Daily Morning Meetings...

### Keeping you informed, listening to your comments

Each morning various members of Camp Leadership will hold an informal meeting with Unit Leaders. It is strongly recommended that at least one adult leader from each unit attend. The purpose of these meetings is to communicate important information and to address the immediate needs of our campers, leaders, and program. We ask that you bring reasonable items of concern to our attention at these meetings. We cannot solve issues of which we are unaware. Note; the SPL meeting's purpose will be to exchange information between the troop and the camp. Patrol leader's councils as well as direct meetings with the adult leadership will transfer this information back to the troop developing the troop's boy leadership.



## Senior Patrol Leaders' Council

### Stay informed!

Each unit's SPL is a part of the camp SPL's Council, which meets daily 8am on the back porch. At this meeting, camp-wide events are organized and other concerns will be addressed. SPLs should listen carefully to members of their Troop prior to attending the SPL's Council meeting in order to share his troop's experiences. He should pay particular attention to how merit badge classes are going. He should also listen for any additional activities his unit may want and report these as well. The SPL is the spokesperson for his unit's activities.

## Senior Patrol Leader's Role at Camp

The SPL, along with the Troop Guide, should be working with the new Scouts, helping them to determine what merit badges to take and what activities will help them have a good experience. The SPL should be a role model for all Scouts in his unit, and can advise the uninitiated on what to expect from camp. The SPL should be encouraging his patrols to be involved in and plan for the camp wide games, Aquatics Meet, Resolute Quest and the Apache Relay Race. He should be available to coach the Scouts on their roles in each of these meets during the week so that they will all know their respective roles the day of the event.

The SPL should be involved in the planning for evening activities that is done during the SPL Council meeting each day. He should be sure that his Unit is represented at campfires with a song and/or a skit. The SPL should be the first to arrive at camp, along with the Scoutmaster. The SPL should be involved in the assigning of tents and be available to settle any disputes. He should be involved in the preparation



of the duty roster for service and cleanup patrols, as well as for the roster of waiters for each meal.

The SPL is a vital link between the Units and Camp Staff. It is an important position within the unit. If the unit's SPL is not attending camp, care should be taken to elect a camp SPL who can fulfill the requirements of the position and take a leadership role during his week at camp. The SPL should be listened to by Scoutmasters and by the Camp Staff. By the same measure, the SPL should be the first Scout of his Unit to support the directions given by his Scoutmaster and/or Camp Staff.



### Leaders' Coffee and Tea *We'll keep you going!*

The coffee is always hot and fresh for you and your adult leaders at the Dining Hall. Feel free to enjoy it anytime.

### Keeping the Whole Camp Clean *We're known for a clean camp!*



A Scout is clean and it is expected that he keeps his site and the whole camp neat and clean. Your troop is expected to do the Resolute Good Turn daily towards keeping the camp clean. Scoutmasters are urged to remind Scouts that they are responsible for keeping Camp

Resolute the cleanest camp around!

### Off-Limits Areas

The following areas are considered to be off limits to Scouts and Leaders during the following times:

- Bolton Beach at all times
- Staff sites including Magee Village at all times
- Aquatics areas when closed
- Project C.O.P.E. when closed
- Kitchen at all times - please contact Steward with needs
- Rifle range when closed

### Retreat Ceremonies

We will gather Monday - Thursday at 5:15pm for a formal flag lowering ceremony. The Camp Resolute Formal Parade and Retreat Ceremony will be held at 5:45 p.m. Sunday and at 7:15 p.m. on Friday at the Parade Field. We ask that all units arrive on time so that we can start promptly and arrive at the dining hall at 5:30 for dinner. On parade nights troops are encouraged to bring their troop and American flags. Please help us to make the parade something of which to be



proud by encouraging your Scouts to participate in full dress uniform.

### Quartermaster Store

The Quartermaster Store is located under the kitchen next to the training room. Office hours will be posted. Toilet paper, latex gloves and latrine disinfectant are available here.

**Warning: Be very careful when handling the disinfectant. If you spill it on your skin or clothes, flush with water and report to the Health Lodge. If you pour disinfectant down the latrine openings, it causes the latrine odor to become stronger.** A limited supply of tools for activities/training at your campsite and for service projects are available. Please sign these tools out and return them when finished, other units may have need of them. Please arrange to have all tools returned to the Quartermaster Store by Friday at noon. Tools that are not returned to the Quartermaster Store will be assumed lost and billed to the borrowing unit.

### Conservation

Please take care of the natural resources at Camp Resolute. Scouts are not to cut any living tree, shrub or bush. Be careful with fires in your area. Make sure that they are attended until out and that the ground has been cleared the proper distance around it. Do not clear away the pine needles other than around your fire ring. The needles help protect against the effects of erosion and should be left as they are. All sites should be "naturalized" each morning before the unit starts their schedule. These details will contribute to a favorable inspection score when the Commissioners check your site, so be sure to mention these procedures to Scouts in charge of the campsite each day.



### Good Turns

Each day units are asked to clean up various areas of camp. We ask that your Unit does its good turn right after breakfast. In addition, units are assigned an area of camp to police and maintain for the week. This Commissioner assigned area should be policed in the morning. Both of these assignments will be reflected in the score of the daily inspection as applicable for each unit. A list of good turns will be provided at camp.

### Campsite Daily Duties

It is recommended that units develop a duty roster that distributes the following tasks fairly among the entire unit:

**Fire Warden:** Makes sure that the rake, shovel and broom are hung properly. The site's fire pit should be neat and the firewood neatly stacked.



**Latrine:** Pick up trash, sweep floor, wash seats with brush and disinfectant, clean sink with disinfectant, rinse seats, sink and floor. Hang tools and hose when done. **DO NOT POUR DISINFECTANT INTO THE LATRINE!**

**Waiters:** One waiter should be assigned per table for lunch & dinner daily. They must arrive 15 minutes before the meal.

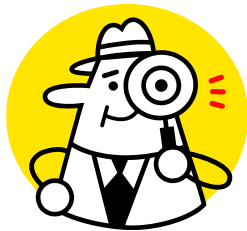
**Campsite:** Stow unit gear and police site for litter.

**Tents:** Sweep all tent floors every day. Tent flaps should be rolled inward unless told otherwise at announcements. Personal gear should be stowed and trunks/suitcases locked. All gear not stowed (shoes, moccasins, etc.) should be aligned under the bunk. The bunks should be neatly made. Nothing

### Dining Hall

**An uncommonly good eatery!**

**Special Dietary Needs:** If you are aware of any such needs in your unit, please ask the member's parent(s) to fill out a Dietary Accommodation Request Form at our forms page on the [camp website](http://www.campresolute.org), [campresolute.org](http://campresolute.org).



**In the Dining Hall:** Breakfast and lunch will be served buffet style. Dinner is served family style. Unit leaders are responsible for portion control and the good manners of their unit's table(s). One adult leader is required at each table your unit occupies. Hats are not to be worn in the Dining Hall.

**Adults and older Scouts should set the example for younger members by participating** in songs and activities after meals and urging their unit to join in.

### Visitor and Guest Meals

Guests and visitors may eat with their unit. Meal tickets can be purchased at the Trading Post. Meal costs for visitors and guests are:

Breakfast	\$4.00
Lunch	\$7.00
Dinner	\$7.00

### Trading Post

Camp Resolute runs a well-maintained "general store" called a Trading Post. For sale are items from the exclusive Resolute Line of custom camp merchandise such as: T-shirts, hats, mugs, and patches. In addition we stock handicraft supplies, Scout supplies, merit badge pamphlets, toilet articles, stamps, post cards, candy, ice cold Pepsi, Blue Bunny Ice Cream, refreshing slush, and other goodies. The amount of money your Scouts bring to camp is an individual matter between the Scout and his parents.

should be hung on the tent frame. Tent lines should be taut. If a unit is using a tent for Troop equipment storage, all contents must be safely and neatly stored at all times.

### Campsite Inspections

Campsites are inspected daily by the Camp Commissioner. These inspections are primarily to assure site safety, sanitation and equipment care. You will be provided with a copy of the inspection form that you may wish to post on your bulletin board so that your campers will know what is expected of their unit. Please make sure that you have assigned the necessary pre-inspection duties to your campers. Troops that use duty rosters have less trouble getting Scouts to do their fair share!

### Are You Tired of Camp Laundry?

New this year!! Disposable bed linens! That's right, disposable! New this year in our trading post, Laundry-Free Linens® are INNOVATIVE sheets that may be used up to 2 WEEKS and discarded or COMPOSTED instead of laundering. For more information go to [www.campresolute.org](http://www.campresolute.org).

### The Buddy System

**24 hours a day, seven days a week**

The buddy system is used at all times at Camp Resolute. No Scout should be outside of his campsite without another Scout as his buddy. Scoutmasters are asked to enforce this important rule.



### Religious Services

**A Scout is reverent**

A Scout's duty to God is his first obligation and is a very important part of the Scouting program. A Scout's Own service will take place on Tuesday evening at 6:45pm. All campers and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.

### Know Your Parents

The camp assumes that all campers are in camp for the entire week. If a camper is to depart before the end of the week, please identify the adult removing the Scout from camp to the Reservation Director as the Scout's parent and the one who has legal custody.

When Scouts are being picked-up at the end of the week, be certain that you know the person picking up the Scout as the one who is legally able to and will likely provide safe transportation home.

### Merit Badge Partial

If a boy has completed only part of the requirements for a merit badge, he may be given a "partial" stating which requirements have been met as well as those which have not



been met. This “partial” will be valid until the Scout is 18 years old. Merit badge counselors may, however, reserve the right to review material with the Scout when they have completed the remainder of the requirements.

### Adult Opportunities in Camp

No summer camp program could be successful without the assistance and cooperation of the Unit Leaders. Adult Volunteers are always welcome to help with any aspect of the program. If you or an adult in your unit has some unique skill or is willing to counsel a Merit Badge outside of the standard offerings, please contact the Assistant Reservation Director Program to make arrangements. If you, or anyone you know, are willing to help out please contact the Assistant Camp Director Program. Your assistance is a welcome and important part of the summer camp program.

**Training Courses:** We will be offering a variety of supplemental training opportunities for adult leaders during their stay at camp. These include Climb on Safely, Trek Safely, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, Swimming and Water Rescue, and Paddle Craft Safety. Additional courses may be available upon request or may be offered. This is a great opportunity to get some additional training without any additional nights out.

**C.O.P.E./Climbing:** Leaders are encouraged to assist with C.O.P.E./climbing sessions. Volunteers will be trained by the area director in the necessary safety practices and activities.

**Hikes:** Leaders are asked to assist the staff with supervision.

**Merit Badges:** We invite and encourage Scout Leaders to visit program areas and talk with the Merit Badge Counselors about the progress of their Scouts. Past experience has shown that Units with the best advancement records have had leaders who have visited all programs to make sure that their Scouts are where they are supposed to be. Progress tracking sheets are available to check in the Administration building.



### Scout Leader Cook-Off

Unit leaders start leafing through your recipe books today! On Tuesday unit leaders will gather with their ingredients to begin cooking the top culinary Dutch oven meal at Camp Resolute

Unit leader is responsible for bringing all of the ingredients and need to produce a minimum of 5 sample size portions for the judges. If you have a favorite Dutch oven bring it along with you, however, we do have some if you need to borrow ours.

Cooking must conclude by 4:00. A select group of Camp Resolute staff members will serve as judges for this competition.

### Unit Accounts

Unit accounts are not available at camp.

### Advancement Awards

Advancement awards, badges of rank, Resolute awards, merit badges that have been offered at camp, etc., will be available from the Trading Post. The Trading Post will also have the mile swim and polar bear awards for the Scouts who have earned them.

### Order of Taunkacoo

At the end of the week, the Scouts in your unit should elect one honor camper through a private ballot managed by the Unit Leader. Unit Honor Campers are usually those Scouts that best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law. Unit Leaders, notify the Administration by lunch on Friday who your honor camper is, while keeping it a secret from the rest of the unit. Recipients will be honored at the Friday evening campfire.

### Discipline in Program Areas

Each Area Director has been instructed to implement discipline in their area as long as it agrees with BSA and Knox Trail Policies. Leaders will be notified of any discipline issues and together, with the Area Director and/or Assistant Camp Director Program, decide upon any discipline to be taken. If you have any problems with the decision made, please see the Reservation Director.

### New Program Idea!!!!

Got an idea for a new program? Talk to the area director and Assistant Camp Director Program and we'll see what we can do. We're always open to thoughtful suggestions!

### Leader's Lounge

As a special treat for the leaders in camp the Administration Building features several comfy chairs for leaders to use to relax and “get away from it all.” Complimentary beverages and wireless internet access is also provided as well as plugs to charge computer and cell phone batteries.



### Flag Ceremonies in your Campsite

We strongly urge each troop to have a formal Flag Raising and Retreat each day in the campsite. Scouting does not approve of rigid militarism or of stuffy formality, but these ceremonies should be conducted with a dignity and order fitting our respect of the American Flag. It is recommended that the Flag Raising be conducted immediately before the troop leaves for breakfast, and the Retreat before leaving for the campwide Retreat.

### Campsite Equipment

Scouts are provided with a tent, platform, cot and mattress. Sites have a dining fly, picnic table, and a trash barrel. Each site has a latrine that is equipped with a latrine brush, broom, rake, hose, shovel, and fire bucket. Units are supplied with



latrine disinfectant, rubber gloves and toilet paper from the quartermaster store. **Units are responsible for all equipment and campsite facilities.** Please take responsibility for these items. If they are missing upon your arrival, let your Site Host know so that he can arrange to have them made available for you.

### Oh-No! Whoops!

Each year hundreds of dollars and countless hours are required to repair damage or correct conditions caused by Scouts who probably don't realize the problems their carelessness or prankish actions are causing. The impact of one incident per week per Scout times 1,500 Scouts per year results in an overwhelming maintenance burden. Following is a list of the problems most frequently encountered:

- Slashed mattress covers and tents
- Litter dropped on trails
- Trash (cups, cans, etc.) in latrines
- Broken roof shingles or punctured roofing. Please keep off the lean-to roofs
- Pranks of all kinds usually result in lost, broken or abused property
- Cots and mattresses moved from lean-tos or lodges

Please ask your Scouts to help keep their camp clean and in good shape and correct any behaviors which may cause undue wear and tear to the camp facilities/resources. The Camp belongs to each of us. Let's keep it in great shape.

### Planning the Troop Program

The basic principle of Scouting is that boys teach boys. This is the ideal in the Troop and is the ideal in camp. Your own older boys should do as much instruction in camp as possible, especially in basic Scout skills. In camp, of course, we have a trained staff who are able to do all the teaching — but think how much better off your Troop would be if you used our staff to train your trainers, rather than doing the job themselves. Remember the proverb, "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach him to fish, you feed him for life." Keep this in mind as your Troop plans its program, especially in step 5 below.

A good Scoutmaster does not run his Troop — he helps the boys run their Troop. As your Troop Leaders' Council plans the camp program, remember that it is their Troop, and they should be able to do what they want and need. Your guidance and suggestions are important, and they need them — but even if you might rather do it a different way, let them do it theirs. Help them avoid the big mistakes that would cut down on their fun at camp, but let them make little mistakes, because they will learn from them. (What we adults think are mistakes might not really be, anyway!)

There are seven simple steps to good program planning:

1. **Explain to the Scouts what the camp has to offer.** Review this manual with them, and let them share their own past experiences at camp.
2. **Determine what your Scouts NEED.** Camporee results, recent Troop programs, and your advancement records will be your most valuable tools in finding out what they need for advancement.
3. **Determine what your Scouts WANT.** Have the Patrol Leaders find out what the boys in their Patrols want to do, and have them report at the Troop Leaders' Council meeting. Some things they will want to do on their own, some by Patrol, some by Troop, and some with the whole camp. A balanced mix of all 4 is best.
4. **Plan what to do.** In a Troop Leaders' Council meeting, list all the ideas on which they have agreed. Be sure to allow enough free time for the individual boys to meet their own needs and wants.
5. **Make preliminary instructor assignments.** Decide which program items you want your own boys to lead, and determine who the leaders will be. If they need training or "brush-up", be sure to arrange to do it or to have our staff do it.
6. **Just before camp, finalize your plans.** After you have completed the preliminary plans, you may find that new ideas have come up or that there are changes which the boys would like to make. Hold a Troop Leaders' Council meeting a week or so before leaving to review the program and to make any last-minute changes. Schedule your program day-by-day, but not minute-by-minute. Adjustments in schedule will probably be desirable when you get to camp, anyway.
7. **When to sign-up.** Troops can sign up for program at your pre-camp meeting on the Wednesday before you come to camp, and at the Leaders' meeting on Sunday of your stay.

A GOOD PROGRAM IS A FLEXIBLE  
PROGRAM.

*Don't miss out on a good opportunity because  
it crops up at a time  
that you are too tightly scheduled  
to take advantage of it!!*



# Program Areas

## 2017 Program at Camp Resolute

We offer over 50 merit badges in our 7 different program areas. We offer 3 merit badges in the morning, as well as 1 period in the afternoon. The program areas will also host a number of different programs throughout the week.

**Scoutcraft:** Located in Mohawk Village, this is the area of camp where scouts can practice all the skills that are needed to be a scout.

**Waterfront:** Be it canoeing, sailing, or swimming. This is the area where you can go to get access to Little Pond. We have a fleet of rowboats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, and stand up paddle boards, as well as 2 inflatable attractions for you to experience.

**STEM:** This is the area of camp where you can learn about the sciences while having fun. We offer drones for you to fly, as well as letting you learn and use dry ice! There will be all sorts of programs around science that you can do!

**Ecology:** This is the area of camp where you can learn about the outdoors and all that inhabit it. If you want to take a hike around camp, this is the place to go.

**Resolute Art Center:** Creativity is the key here. Alongside all their fun and exciting merit badges, you will be able to create whatever your mind can think of in this area.

**Field Sports (COPE/Climbing):** Our camp has a full climbing wall, plus a high and low ropes course. You can experience all the high flying thrills available here. There will also be sport challenges throughout the week including the soccer tournament and the Little Pond Triathlon

**Shooting Sports:** This is the area to go to shoot things! We offer Archery, .22 rifles, Shotgun, and new to this year, chalkball and multi gun airsoft.

## 2017 New Shooting Sports

We are excited to offer two new shooting sports; chalk ball and multi-gun airsoft. Chalk ball is very similar to paintball but less harmful to our planet. Multi gun airsoft is a combination of CO2 powered pistols, rifles, and shotguns that shoot plastic pellets at high velocity. These two new programs are going to drastically expand our shooting sports area at camp.

## STEM Program Area

Introduced in 2016, we are excited to be expanding on our STEM program. This year's big focus is going to be on electricity and how it effects our lives. Come learn some exciting ways to play with electricity.

## How It Works

Each area in camp offers a different program. In the morning every area offers 3 periods of merit badges. The afternoons at Camp Resolute offer two activity periods. During these periods, Scouts have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities covering all the program areas in camp, from Ecology to the Rifle Range, to the Waterfront. Each area is open to Scouts for additional merit badge work and assistance, to build skills in a specific area (such as instructional swim), or for the special interest programs. Scouts do not have to preregister for additional merit badge assistance or skill building time. The Scout should schedule those times with the counselor directly.



# Afternoon Activities

## Opportunities Abound

In the afternoon, Camp Resolute becomes a hub of skill development and fun. We continue to build the Scout's citizenship, character, and fitness through two periods of afternoon activities that take place in the various program areas. We also offer specialty programs for adults, older Scouts, and younger Scouts alike.

## BSA Snorkeling

This very popular afternoon activity is offered through the Waterfront. This class will allow the participant to achieve the BSA Snorkeling award. Participants may bring their own snorkeling gear or use gear provided by the camp.



## Resolute Soccer Tournament

Take the opportunity to get together a patrol or troop team for some fast paced 5v5 action on the ball field. Teams participate in a 10 minute round robin matches to see who can claim the title of the best soccer players at Resolute!

## C.O.P.E.

C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) is a program designed to teach self-confidence, trust and teamwork. It is a program that challenges Scouts to work closely together throughout the week building a strong team spirit as they work to accomplish a series of physical and mental challenges. The highlight of the program is the challenging high ropes confidence course. The C.O.P.E. program is offered in the afternoon. It will require all afternoon periods for the duration of the week. The age requirement this summer is Scouts must be 14 years of age by the beginning of camp to participate in this program. Adult volunteers are also invited to participate in the C.O.P.E. program. Special training will be provided for these volunteers to allow them to assist the C.O.P.E. Director in running the program. This training will take place during the week. Think you might have Scouts interested? Sign up online prior to your arrival at camp.

## Little Pond Triathlon

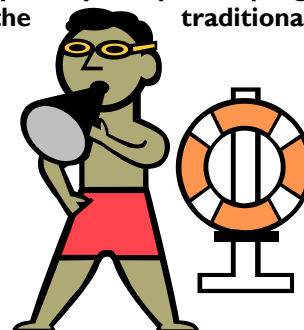
This event will take place on Thursday evening and will involve swimming, biking, and running. Scouts wishing to participate will need to condition during the week. Completed entry form is due by Friday breakfast.

## BSA Lifeguard

During the week of August 13 to August 18, we will offer a week long BSA Lifeguard Camp. Recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as only 1 of 3 lifeguard

certifications, this program is for boys and leaders ages 15 and older (Scouts under the age of 15 cannot be certified as lifeguards). A real benefit for all troop water activities or the scout who wants to work at the local pool, this program is one of the most demanding physical and mental tests that Scouting has to offer! Fewer Scouts receive BSA Lifeguard than do Eagle Scout. Considered equal and more challenging to other Guard certifications by professional organizations (YMCA, American Red Cross, etc.), this is one Certification that is worth the work! Certification is acceptable for employment as a lifeguard. Come and take the challenge! Scouts are encouraged to have earned or be taking Lifesaving Merit Badge.

Interested Scouts should talk to the Waterfront Director about enrolling in our week long BSA Lifeguard specialty camp! This program is not offered during the traditional troop weeks.



# Evening Programs & Opportunities After Dark

## Monday Aquatics Meet

This event is held weekly on Monday. From Canoe Swamping to relay races, this is one event guaranteed to get you soaked! Come on down for this patrol led competition and see who is the best patrol of the water! The meet is dedicated to the memory of George W. P. Magee for the support his memorial trust provides to the Boy Scout camps of Massachusetts Boy Scout Councils! (see page 15)

## Tuesday Night Vespers & Troop Night & Pizza Night

Following dinner we will have a Scout's Own "vespers" service at the Memorial Chapel at 6:45pm followed by troop night. Troop Night gives a troop an evening to setup a special program, hold a PLC meeting, host an intertroop campfire, or enjoy smores as a troop. If you need assistance planning something special, want to invite your Scout's favorite staff member, or need some help with the activity and would like to have some staff give a helping hand contact the Assistant Camp Director Program for possibilities.

Troop swim will begin 15 minutes after Vespers and will end by 8:30 p.m. unless daylight ends earlier.

Troops will have the opportunity to order pizza and soda for their troops at a nominal cost and have it delivered to your campsite.

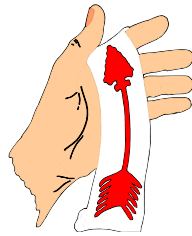


## Wednesday Resolute Games

Form patrols and compete against other troops to see which will come out the leader.

## Order of the Arrow Day

On Wednesdays all OA members are asked to wear their sashes to dinner and to partake in the special event(s) taking place. Make sure that the OA members of your unit are 'prepared' to participate in this event.



## Thursday Evening Apache Relay

Tradition holds true for the greatest competition ever to grace the shores of Little Pond. Join with a unit team, create an inter-troop team, or just come down and join the festivities to see the "The Apache Relay" 4 runners, 2 canoers, 1 rower, 1 passenger, and 3 swimmers combine to make any team one to be reckoned with. Think you're ready for the big leagues? Challenge the staff to the race!

Thursday's night free swim will begin 15 minutes after the Apache and will continue for 30 minutes unless daylight ends.

## Friday Afternoon Little Pond Triathlon

This event will take place on Friday Afternoon and will involve swimming, biking, and running. Scouts wishing to participate will need to condition during the week. Completed entry form is due by Thursday dinner.

## Friday Night Closing Campfire

Bringing to you the very best in campfire entertainment, the Camp Resolute Staff! See the staff perform outrageous skits, song, and cheer in front of a live audience including parents and friends!!!





# Special Programs

## Polar Bear Swim

We're up at 6:30 am. How about you and your Scouts! Come on down to the Waterfront for the daily polar bear plunge! Come Monday through Thursday and be eligible for the Polar Bear Club patch! 6:30 AM, on the dot! Be there! If any leaders or older Scouts would like to volunteer and assist the Waterfront staff in this fantastically early morning activity, feel free to come on down! Leaders please keep track of your Scouts and be aware that Polar Bear Swim ends at 7:00 AM.



Unit leader is responsible for bringing all of the ingredients and need to produce a minimum of 5 sample size portions for the judges. If you have a favorite Dutch oven bring it along with you, however, we do have some if you need to borrow ours.

Cooking must conclude by 4:00. A select group of Camp Resolute staff members will serve as judges for this competition. The Cook-Off crown will be awarded to the King or Queen of the competition at the closing campfire.

Criteria will consist of taste, presentation, preparation, and campout viability.

## Pizza Night

Tuesday night is pizza night! When you arrive at camp, our business director will present you with an order form. You will be able to order pizza and soda which will be brought right to your campsite for you to enjoy.



## Friendship Campfires



To promote friendship and Scouting fellowship, unit leaders are encouraged to host a Friendship Campfire in their campsites.

It's easy! It's fun! And your Scouts will take home a special memory from camp.

Here's what you do...

- Determine that your Scouts are interested in hosting a campfire.
- Invite a troop to your site for a campfire
- Feel free to invite staff to your campfire, they like to perform.
- Plan a short program to have fun and promote fellowship.

## Intertroop & Staff Challenges

The staff is raring to get into gear for the season. They have been working out in the off-season getting ready. Want to show that unit from out of town a thing or two? Talk to the Assistant Camp Director Program and, challenge them!

*Note about staff challenges - We ABSOLUTELY LOVE challenges! It's what the staff lives for! When a challenge is offered we often find it hard to decline, yet we must also make it work with the program. Because of the depth of Resolute Program we may ask for a postponement to a time more convenient to the staff. Happy Challenging!*

## Scout Leader Cook-Off

Unit leaders start leafing through your recipe books today! On Tuesday unit leaders will gather with their ingredients to begin cooking the top culinary Dutch oven meal at Camp Resolute.



# Resolute Recruits

## Resolute Recruits

The Resolute Recruits program seeks to give First-year Scouts a boost in their scouting skills and put them on the track towards First Class. Skills from a range of areas will be taught by a common instructor to help maximize the progress of your scouts.

## Purpose

The purpose of the first year camper program is to give first year campers the foundation of Scouting skills and to teach them things they will remember for the rest of their lives.

## Procedure

Scouts will meet at Scoutcraft to learn Scout skills and have fun in a safe environment, and from there will travel to the different program areas as needed. Here will be able to work on Scout skills like Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit, and many fun camp games. We will be visiting different program areas throughout the week so the campers can be exposed to different aspects of camp and learn things they may not be able to if they go to these areas alone. There will be active involvement in the program by the staff members of the areas in which we visit.

## Skills to be Learned

- Totin' Chip
- Firem'n Chit
- Basic knots
- Fire building
- Hiking
- Basic first aid
- Having fun at camp
- Many more in each program area.

## How the day will run

### Morning

The first year Scouts will be encouraged to take merit badges from a designated list of merit badges that have been selected as adequate merit badges for first year Scouts. This will give the first year Scout the opportunity to gain 3 merit badges during his stay at camp, and also by encouraging them to partake in these merit badges from the list they will develop a strong foundation for their Scouting career and also their Trail to Eagle.

Suggested merit badges include:

- First Aid
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Sports
- Nature
- Woodcarving
- Leatherwork

### Afternoon

During the two afternoon periods (2:00-4:00) Scouts will meet with the Resolute Recruits instructor and learn the valuable skills of the day. Each scout in attendance will have a tracking sheet that will be presented to the Troop Leader at the end of the week. Books will not be signed off directly by the instructor during the week. The daily schedule will be posted in the Resolution and given to troops upon their arrival.



# Advancement & Merit Badges

## Rank Advancement

The camp staff will be happy to help your Scouts work on individual requirements that may fit into their area of expertise. All you have to do is ask them and they will work with you to find a time to work on it.

Staff members will not sign off on anything directly (blue cards/scout books) but they will be more than happy to provide certification to the Troop leaders that the requirement has been done in full.

## Merit Badge Listing

We offer more than 50 merit badges at Camp Resolute. Every year we spend time changing our listing to offer a comprehensive and interesting listing of merit badges. We try to remove badges that were not heavily attended, and we are always on the lookout for new and exciting badges that we have not tried before. Our full listing can be found at our camp website, [campresolute.org/forms](http://campresolute.org/forms).

## Merit Badge Caps

Several of our merit badges have limits on the amount of scouts that can take them at one time. For the most part these caps are based off of either physical requirements of the badge (we have 12 stand up paddle boards, so only 12 scouts can use them) or the mental limitations of our staff. (1<sup>st</sup> Aid merit badge is easier to teach to 20 scouts than it is to teach 50). We do this to make sure that each scout is getting the most out of their merit badge time.

Merit badge registration is open until Sunday night of the camp week. Just because a badge was filled in March, doesn't mean that it will be filled the week before camp starts. Work with your unit leader to get registered.

## Pre-Requirements

Many merit badges cannot be done in just one week. Some require work either before or after camp. Please be sure to check over our list of pre-requirements after you have chosen your merit badges. It is very unlikely that if you do not do the pre-reqs, that you will be able to earn the merit badge during camp.

Our list of pre-requirements can be found on our camp website, [campresolute.org/forms](http://campresolute.org/forms).

## The Resolute Merit Badge Program

Every merit badge counselor in camp has gone through a week of training in his or her area. They are using the National Camp School Syllabi or their own syllabi approved for use by the Assistant Camp Director Program and Reservation Director. Occasionally, you as a leader may be of assistance to the merit badge if it is in your area of expertise. We invite you to help (we're never one to refuse help!). Please see the Area Director of the merit badge if you feel you may be of assistance and are willing to lend a helping

hand. Any questions about the merit badge or its instruction should go through the following channels: Merit Badge counselor, Area Director, and Assistant Camp Director Program.

Each Scout will be challenged to pass their merit badges during their week at camp, however, we cannot guarantee that a Scout will complete the requirements. If for any reason it appears that a Scout will not be able to complete a merit badge the counselor may contact you so that there are no surprises for the Scout. If you have a question as to why a Scout is not being signed off on a requirement please see the Merit Badge Counselor. If you are not satisfied please see the area director or program director and we will meet and discuss the requirements. You will be notified of any disciplinary action by the counselor at their earliest convenience.



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**Outdoor Fire Policy**

*The purpose of the Outdoor Fire Policy stated below is to limit the size of all outdoor fires used in conjunction with BSA related program elements on properties owned and operated by the Knox Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America.*

The rationale for this policy is summarized as follows;

- To protect the health and safety of all Scouts, Scouters and visitors participating in programs requiring the use of a fire or fires on the aforementioned properties.
- To reduce the risk of damage to the property as well as the properties of our abutting neighbors and the associated liability resulting from such damage.
- To conform to state fire regulations as they pertain to outdoor fires.
- To conform to all EPA and OSHA regulations as pertaining to outdoor burning and incineration of materials that may be considered hazardous.

**Outdoor Fire Policy**

**1. Fire Lay**

No fire lay in excess of 6' in diameter and 5' in height will be permitted on properties owned and operated by the Knox Trail Council, BSA without the express written permission of the Council Camping Committee and the appropriate property superintendent (Ranger/Caretaker).

The Ranger/Caretaker will have the right to restrict the use of fires on the property for whatever reason deemed appropriate.

**2. Combustibles**

All combustibles used in construction of any fire lay for use with Scouting related program element will be natural and clean. Combustibles that have been contaminated by paint, solvents, creosote or other preservative chemicals may not be used.

**3. Fire Starters/Accelerants**

In accordance with BSA policy, *the use of liquid or chemical fuels to start or accelerate any fire is prohibited.*

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Council Camping Committee



## Camp Resolute Graces

### Breakfast

Gracious giver of all good,  
Thee we thank for rest and food.  
Grant that all we do or say  
In thy service be this day.

### Lunch

Father for this noonday meal,  
We would speak the praise we feel.  
Health and strength we have from thee,  
Help us, Lord, to faithful be.

### Dinner

Tireless guardian on our way,  
Thou has kept us well this day.  
While we thank thee, we request  
Care continued, pardon, rest.





## Camp Resolute Wildlife Plan

With the safety of campers, leaders and staff in mind, a few areas have been identified as concerns in terms of wildlife in camp. A number of measures can be taken to prevent both injury and disease that may result in contact with wildlife in camp. Two basic areas should be addressed including animals and insects.

### Wild Animals

Wild Animals such as skunks, raccoons and foxes potentially represent possibility of either injury or rabies. The best possible plan involves prevention of exposure to reduce risk. Preventative measures may include:

- Hiking only on designated trails
- Maintaining a clean campsite
- Storing smellables properly
- Maintaining a distance from animals that may be encountered
- Avoid feeding of animals (both intentionally or not)
- Avoiding direct contact with animals, including new offspring

Any sightings that are recurring should be reported to the unit leadership and administration. This is especially of true nocturnal animals, sighted during the day, which seem to be exhibiting any behavior that may be deemed unusual. In the event of direct contact, particularly a scratch or bite, the Health Officer should be notified immediately.

### Insects

Insects also present the possibility of personal injury but also disease: mosquitoes and ticks present the largest threat. Measures of prevention include regular application of insect repellent and the appropriate clothing being worn on hikes and activities in heavily wooded areas. Both tick and mosquito bites have the potential of transmitting disease to people. While prevention is preferable, insect bites may be unavoidable in certain situations. Any questionable amounts of mosquito bites and embedded ticks should be referred to the Health Officer.

### Awareness

Scouts and their leaders should be aware of the potential hazards that exposure to wild animals. Prevention and awareness is the key to safe camp experience.

**IMPORTANT: The United States Centers for Disease Control, Knox Trail Council, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health 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 Outdoor Safety](#)

[CDC EEE Info](#)

[CDC Tick](#)







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