MATTATUCK
SCOUT RESERVATION



2026 Scouts BSA Leader Guide

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MATTATUCK SCOUT RESERVATION

Welcome to Mattatuck Scout Reservation!

We are incredibly excited for you to join us 'neath the summit of Mt. Tobe this season, which will be our 88th since we opened in 1939. We look forward to building on this history of service to Scouts and Scouters while innovating and creating new, exciting programs for you all to enjoy as we deliver on the mission of Scouting America and fulfill the aims of Scouting.

We sincerely hope that you find this guide to be informative, useful, and invigorating for you and your units as you plan your week here at camp. On the previous page, you found a table of contents, which will help you navigate this guide. Further information is also available at ctscouting.org and campmattatuck.org. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

We can't wait to see you!

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Registration Steps and Procedures

BlackPug, an online system, is being used to process registrations. Unit Leaders should reserve a spot for their unit as soon as possible, as there are incentives for units that sign up earlier (Please see the final page of this document for the full Fee Schedule). Registration is open: scoutingevent.com/066-102136

Once a registration has been made for the unit, Scouts and Adult Leaders can be added through the online system. As a reminder, all units are permitted two adult leaders to attend for free, plus an additional adult leader for every ten youth attending.

Merit badge registration will become available in BlackPug around April, and will close on the Saturday before you report to camp at 11:59 PM EDT. Parents can be given access to add merit badges for their Scout by using the "Parent Portal" function on BlackPug. To make changes to a badge schedule during the week at camp, please have either an adult leader or the Scout themself report to the office.

For any registration questions or concerns, please contact Connecticut Rivers Council Program Executive Michele Soboslai at michele.soboslai@scouting.org.





Camperships

The Connecticut Rivers Council is pleased to offer camperships to all Scouts in need of assistance, both inside and outside of the council. The application for camperships can be found at t.ly/B8Ck1, and they must be submitted no later than May 15th, 2026.

Once all applications are received, a committee of volunteers and professionals will review them and decide to whom camperships will be awarded and in what amount.

Camperships are made possible largely through individual donations through the council's Camp4All campaign, plus some important corporate partners.

Thank you to all donors! To contribute, please visit t.ly/MgRBP.

CAMP4All

Program Planning



On the Tuesday night at 7:30 PM EDT before your week at camp, a "Program Planning" session will held at the Harold Leever Training Center, which is the first building on the right as you drive onto our property. We ask that at least one adult leader and at least one youth leader attends. The youth leader is ideally the Senior Patrol Leader, though they may be joined by other youth leaders as well.

At this meeting, all program areas will introduce their programs and then make themselves available to sign up for troop programs. In-council units may also sign up for an Order of the Arrow election for their week at camp. Approved out of council units may request to have their candidates called out at this time as well.

While youth leaders are planning program, adult leaders will receive insight into less youth-oriented details, like a review of check in procedures, tips on controlling wildlife, campsite assignments, and more. A member of the staff will also be available at this time to review Annual Health and Medical Records to assure a smooth check in process on Sunday.

For units unable to attend in-person, a Zoom link will be sent out a few days prior. Adults and youth should join on different devices so that the youth can be taken by a member of the staff to plan program and the adults can listen to the adult leader information.

Check In Procedures

There are a few steps to check in to your week at Mattatuck, and a staff guide will be with you for them to ensure success. Unit Leaders may transport equipment, trailers, and any other supplies to their campsite on Sunday from 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

At your assigned check in time (which you'll receive at your Program Planning meeting), you'll meet with a member of the staff in the pine grove, right in front of the main parking lot. They will serve as your guide for the week, to give you a miniature tour of camp as you make your way to your campsite. Your guide will serve as your point of contact if you have any small, easily fixable issues throughout the week.

After you get to your campsite, you'll be met by a Health Officer and other members of the staff, who will process Annual Health and Medical Records (for more information about health and medicine while at camp, please see page 11).

After the health team has departed, you'll be guided to the waterfront to receive a boating orientation and undergo swim checks. To speed up this process, we recommend that participants either arrive in their swimsuits or change into them once in the campsite.

At 4:30, there will be a mandatory meeting for all Senior Patrol Leaders in the ampitheater with the Program Director. At this meeting, SPLs will sign up to raise and/or lower the flag at meals, receive information about various programs, and more. At the same time, each unit must send at least one adult leader to the carport behind the dining hall to meet with Reservation Director. While only one adult is required to attend, we encourage as many adult leaders as possible to attend this meeting. Leaders will learn detailed emergency procedures, their dining hall table assignments, and about adult leader programs that happen during the week.

Leaving Camp

During the Week

If, at any point during the week at camp, a Scout has to leave the property, both the person taking them and a unit leader must be physically present with the Scout and sign them out in the office. **It is the responsibility of the unit leader present during sign out to verify that the person taking the Scout is allowed to do so.** If a Scout needs to leave after hours for a non-medical reason, please alert office staff members in advance. The Scout must sign back in when returning. Either an adult leader or two other youth members should go to the office when the Scout is expected to return to assure compliance with the buddy system. If a Scout is returning when the office is closed, please alert the office staff of this if possible. In this case, unit leaders should personally verify that the Scout has returned and then message that they have returned in Band.

At the End of the Week

Units can check out on either Friday night, immediately after the campfire (at approximately 8:40 PM), or on Saturday morning after breakfast is over at 8:30 AM. In either case, the unit leader is to report to the office to sign the unit out and collect their exit packet. This packet will include the unit's formal photos and several flyers for offseason events.



Communication

Pre-Camp

Email is the principal method of communication between staff members and leaders before camp starts. Contact information for key individuals is included on page 4 of this document, and we encourage unit leaders to start there with questions. When emails are sent from camp staff to unit leaders proactively, it is most often done so to the "registration contact" included in BlackPug. To ensure your receipt of these emails, please assure that your email address is correct in the online system. To make sure emails don't go to spam, include "connecticutriverscouncil@247scouting.com" in your contact list.

During Camp

The main method of communication between staff and leaders during camp is Band. Band is an app that allows for messages to be sent and replied to. Note that everyone in the Band is generally able to see all messages. To prepare for this, unit leaders should download the "Band" app to their phones by searching for it in their app store. Instructions to join that week's band will be distributed during Program Planning and the 4:30 adult leader meeting on Sunday. No youth or adult program participants should be in Band.

Emergencies

In general, emergencies are communicated through the Grover Memorial Bell with details sent through Band. A demonstration of the bell is conducted at breakfast on Monday morning and detailed emergency procedures will be distributed at the 4:30 adult leader meeting on Sunday.

Health Lodge

Mattatuck Scout Reservation's number one priority is the safety of all participants, and we strive to ensure the highest quality health lodge. There is a health officer in camp continuously while any youth are present.

Before you arrive at camp, make sure you have filled out parts A, B1, B2 and C of Scouting America's Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR), as well as the Connecticut Rivers Council-specific addendum, "Part D". All of these forms can be found at campmattatuck.org/ahmr. Please note that part C of the AHMR is required to be filled out and signed by a licensed health care provider. Additionally, please understand that we cannot accept any other form of physical examination in place of part C of the AHMR. **Only the official Scouting America form is accepted, not a school physical or any other type of exam.**

If you or any of your Scouts require the regular administration of medication, please bring them with clear dosage instructions signed by a licensed health care provider, in their original containers, and noted on the forms above. While all youth and adult program participants must store regular medication in the health lodge, the health officer who checks you in may allow individuals serving as an adult leaders to store medication on your person. This ability is not guaranteed, and is ultimately at the discretion of the health officer. Inhalers or epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPens) are generally carried by the necessary individuals, but may also be stored in the health lodge.



Friday Night

Each week on the last day of camp, there are several festivities. First is Visitor Night. Beginning at 5:30, parents and other guests are welcome to the reservation to take in its beauty, talk with their Scouts, and enjoy a barbecue dinner in the dining hall. Beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday, there is no need for guests to sign into the office. To secure tickets for dinner, guests may visit the Trading Post and purchase one for $10 per person.

Court of Honor

At 7:00 PM on Friday, a camp-wide court of honor will be held surrounding the Deacon Flag Pole. At this time, Scouts' accomplishments will be celebrated and awards will be given after the flag is retrieved. Both individual and unit level awards will be given. This court of honor, as with all programs on Friday night, is combined with our Cub Scout Program.

Campfire

At 8:00 PM, a campfire will be held and will last about 40 minutes. At this time, Scouts will sit on a separate side of the Marston Ampitheater from their guests. Units and patrols (as well as adult leadership, if interested) will be able to share fun skits and songs, with the staff also providing program. Adult leaders will be recognized at this time as well. Skits and songs must be approved by the Program Director.

Departure

We typically forecast that the campfire will conclude by around 8:30 PM, although this is subject to change depending on how many skits or songs are in our campfire program. Please refer to page 9 for departure procedures.

For more information, please see the Program Guide!

Maintenance

Mattatuck has a dedicated Ranger Staff that looks forward to maintaining the property throughout the summer and the rest of the year. Anybody can easily put in a maintenance request by visiting the homepage of campmattatuck.org, clicking on "Maintenance Request", then filling out the form.

Maintenance requests are for big issues, like if a shower isn't working, a wasp nest is discovered, or anything that is best resolved by the maintenance team, not just by any staff member. If your site needs some more soap, for instance, you should just talk to your guide or any staff member.

Doing Your Part

Each campsite is assigned a litter area each week (posted at the dining hall and communicated at the SPL meeting on Sunday afternoon). We ask that units patrol these areas after breakfast each morning.



Dining

All meals at Mattatuck Scout Reservation are cooked and served at the Rotary Dining Hall. If alternate meals are required for religious or dietary reasons, please inform us at Program Planning. We will do our best to accommodate.

Breakfast

Breakfast is served family style at 8:00 AM each morning, following flag at 7:55. Waiters should arrive at the dining hall at 7:40 in order to set their tables. Afterwards, they are to stay and clean up their tables until released by the Dining Hall Steward.





Lunch

Lunch rolls, buffet style, from 11:30-1:00 daily. It is up to the unit how they want to conduct this. Leaders may require the whole group to eat together, each Scout to check in with them at the dining hall, or nothing at all.

Dinner

Dinner is served family style on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Tuesday and Friday, dinner is buffet style to accommodate pictures and family night, respectively. For family style dinners, waiters should arrive at the dining hall at 5:40. Field uniforms are a must!



Accommodations

Mattatuck campers, generally, will stay in standard issue two-person canvas wall tents, like the one shown below, for their week at camp. Leaders will generally stay in four-person canvas tents with a canvas tarp attached. There are some nylon tents in camp as well, particularly for four-person tents.

In each tent, there will be Coleman camping cots with stretched canvas. Note that fitted sheets will not fit on these bunks. These have a weight limit of 250 lbs. If any participant requires a different type of bed, we will happily provide it for you.





All campsites will have at least one metal carport/canopy. The reservation has nine sites available for Scouts BSA unit use during the summer, plus one site for our Trailblazer program and one site for Cub Scouts.

Every Scouts BSA site except for Hawthorne, Polaris, and Cougar has its own showers, and there are latrines available in each site except for Polaris and Cougar. Polaris and Cougar share one set of showers and latrines.

Miscellany

Photos

Photos are taken each Tuesday night by a professional photographer. The photographer is to be paid directly for photographs in the amount of $10 each. He accepts cash, check, or Venmo. Photos will be distributed to each unit as they check out of camp.





Lost and Found

The reservation's lost and found is based in the Trading Post. Stop by any time to see if an item you're looking for has been turned in!

Visiting Camp

In general, all visitors are required to sign into the office whenever they come to camp during the week. The sole exception to this is on during Visitor Night from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Please alert any guests you anticipate of this, though there is a sign reminding them. All visitors are required to wear their wristbands at all times while on the property.

Wifi/Internet Access

Mattatuck offers high speed internet access at no cost to participants. Just connect to "Mattatuck Public WiFi"! We also have solid cell service from major providers.



Reservation Office

The office is located in Lovett Lodge, which is the closer of two stone buildings to the main parking lot. The office is where participants, units, and visitors should sign in and out of camp. Additionally, merit badge schedules can be printed and adjusted here, and outstanding balances can be paid. Please call or come in with any immediate (non-medical) issues you need solved. Stop by or call during any of the hours listed!

Office Hours (Beginning Week 1):

Sunday: 12:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Monday: 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Office Phone Number: (860) 283-9577

Trading Post

Tuttle Lodge serves as the reservation's trading post. In addition to hosting our lost and found, the trading post has plenty to satisfy any food and drink needs, with ice cream, snacks, Avery soda, popcorn, as well as healthy options. It also stocks uniforms, merit badges, other insignia, and other pieces from the National office. There are lawn games outside, like giant chess, giant Jenga, and cornhole. The trading post accepts cash, personal check, all major credit and debit cards, mobile payments (like Apple Pay and Google Pay), and Cash App.

We estimate that most Scouts spend $40-$50 in a week.

Trading Post Hours:

Sunday:
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM, 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Monday - Thursday:
8:45 AM - 5:00 PM, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Friday:
8:00 AM - 7:45 PM, 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Saturday:
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM



Mail/Packages

Mattatuck Scout Reservation receives mail and delivery packages daily, except for federal holidays and Sundays. To send a package or letter to camp, please address it in the following manner:

[Recipient Name]
Troop [Number]
Mattatuck Scout Reservation
221 Mt. Tobe Rd.
Plymouth, CT 06782

Generally, mail is delivered in the afternoon, and packages are delivered sporadically throughout the day. Mail and packages will be available for pickup in the office.



2026 SUMMER CAMP FEES

CAMP MATTATUCK – J.N. WEBSTER SCOUT RESERVATION

Scouts BSA Weeklong Resident Camp

Camp Fees:

Troop SAVE-ASPOT Campsite Deposit Fee	**$100**	One-time fee per Unit to **SAVE-A-SPOT**
Early Bird Fee *Before May 1*	**$585***	If the balance is paid in full by **May 1, 2026,** the fee will be **$585.** * *Troops who deposited a Unit Campsite SAVE-ASPOT before September 15, 2024, will be assessed **$575** a Scout per the incentive program.*
Regular Camp Fee	**$599**	Paid after **May 1, 2026**
Webelos / AOL Crossovers	**$585**	These Scouts are always afforded the lowest possible camp fee rate.
New Scout Fee	**$585**	For Scouts who join the troop as new Scouts between May and the beginning of the troop's week at camp.
National Youth Leadership Training	**$450**	
Councilor in Training	**$225**	One-time fee, May be selected to return at no additional charge.

Free Adult Leaders Chart:

# of Youth Attending Camp	# of Free Leaders
5-10 Scouts	**2**
11-20 Scouts	**3**
21-30 Scouts	**4**
31-40 Scouts	**5**
41-51 Scouts	**6**

Discounts:

Encore or 2nd Week Camper Fee	**$430**	The registration process will require identifying the Scout's other camp/week. To qualify, a scout must have already spent a week in a **BSA Scout Weeklong Camp** (Any Council), **Philmont, or National BSA High Adventure Base,** and the **$155** discount applies to a second week at one of the CRC's camps, *AFTER* the other program/camp. Programs must be after June 1, 2026.
Sibling Discount *(Per Child)*	**$25**	A $25 discount will be given to help those families with siblings attending Resident Camp. The $50 discount will be applied to the second Scout in BlackPug.

Adult Leader Fees:

Two Adult Leaders	**FREE**	Two adults are required for minimum supervision per Youth Protection Guidelines. Additional **FREE** Leaders per the chart. Names of leaders are not required until May.
Additional Unit Leaders (**Week**)	**$180**	Leader Fee (by the Week)
Additional Unit Leaders (**Day**)	**$35**	Leader Fee (By the Day)