



2014 Trail to Eagle Scout & Parent Guide



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GREAT CAMP**

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We invite you to join us this summer for an adventure of a lifetime. Trail to Eagle Camp is for the mature 13 year old (by June 1) or older Scouts who want to get a jump start on their quest for Boy Scouting's highest rank. Our program takes considerable time and dedication on the part of the Scouts who participate to get the most out of the program. This picturesque 305 acre property has become one of America's premier Scout Camps. The key to the success of Camp Resolute is dedication to each Scout and the staff that

*supports them. Flexibility is our word to live by and we deliver the finest program available for your youth. At Camp Resolute **"We Do More!"***

The keys to the ongoing success of Camp Resolute are great facilities, great food and an outstanding staff that is dedicated to your Scout. Flexibility, caring and dedication are critical as we deliver the finest program available for Scouts.



Have Questions? We've Got Answers!

- 1) www.campresolute.org - Our Web Site has extensive information on it including this entire guide and more.
- 2) Scoutmaster - Your troop's Scoutmaster has the answer to many of your questions or concerns. In many cases he or she is an experienced Resolute camper.
- 3) E-mail - The e-mail address of Camp Resolute is wedomore@campresolute.org. The Camp Resolute Director Rick Riopelle's e-mail address is rick@campresolute.org.
- 4) Telephone - The Council Office can be reached at 508-872-6551. After June 30, call Camp Resolute directly at 978-779-2777.
- 5) Mail - Our Council Office address is Knox Trail Council, 490 Union Avenue, Framingham, MA 01702. Our camp address is Camp Resolute, 75 Hudson Road, Bolton, MA 01740.

What Will My Son Do at Trail to Eagle?

Your Scout will have an active, challenging and educational week at Camp Resolute. He will be living in a two person canvas tent erected on a wooden platform. Cots and 4 inch thick mattresses are provided. He will be in a campsite with the rest of the Trail to Eagle scouts.

Activities may include kayaking, swimming, shooting sports, Rockit, or the Iceberg. Most importantly he will be working on Scouting advancement by attending Eagle Required Merit Badge classes. While the scouts work very hard, we also provide non-required Merit Badges like Golf, Geocache, and Kayaking to blend hard work with good fun. We also include swimming, boating, shooting sports, pizza night and a movie for some fun and relaxation.

He will also sleep and eat. The food is great and there is lots of it. Boys start each date at 7:00 AM and lights out is at 10:00PM each evening. During those hours he will be having the time of his life in a tremendous setting with caring, qualified staff.



General Information

Pre-Camp Meeting

A pre-camp troop meeting is held on the Wednesday prior to our camp week for all registered Eagle candidates to introduce our volunteer Scoutmasters, establish troop leadership and patrols, and review the code of conduct and expectations. Health forms can be dropped off at this meeting. **Attendance at this meeting is mandatory.**

Scouts arrive in full uniform as defined in this document.

Additionally, the Advancement Committee runs a **Life to Eagle seminar for all candidates and their parents.** This is an important meeting, even if you have attended one in the past as the Eagle Project Workbook has been totally revamped effective Jan 2012.

Check-In

Please note that this time differs from regular camp weeks. Trail to Eagle Check in is at 2:00PM on Sunday. Scouts are required to arrive in their full class A uniform as described in this document. **No Exceptions!**

Family members are welcome to accompany scouts to their campsites and help settle their Scouts in. **Please no animals.** Most family pets are not accustomed to the volume of people and the level of activity that a camp of our size generates. For the safety of your pet and others at camp, please leave your pets at home when you bring your Scout to camp.

If you did not attend the pre-camp meeting, bring a copy of your summer camp health form with you and we will handle the health screening and take your camp photo orders at that time.

Check-Out

After a long and full week of merit badge work, our Eagle candidates are able to leave camp Friday morning before lunch. Most if not all will have completed their merit badge work by Thursday



evening. Daytime counselors are available for any make up work on Friday morning, but after that, Eagle candidates are ready to depart.

The scout and parent must check out with the volunteer Unit Leaders so we have an accurate account of scouts in and out of camp.

Please make sure that your Scout is being met by you or knows how he is getting home, and be prepared to transport personal gear from the camp site to the parking lot. No vehicles are allowed in camp.

Emergencies, Visitors, and Scouts Leaving Camp

Parents/guardians picking up Scouts during the week should do so by checking in at the Administration Building. All Scouts leaving must be signed out by one of their Unit Leaders. A Scout will not be dismissed from camp until one of his Unit Leaders sign him out in the Administration Building. This process lets the Leaders and the Camp know WHO picked up the Scout and when the Scout left camp. Our Unit Leaders should be made aware of any individual situations of the Scouts in their care and we depend on them to assist us in this very important area. Other than in a sudden emergency, your Unit Leaders should know about the departure in advance and should have your son ready to be picked up at the time you have requested. Upon his return, your Scout must check back in at the Administration Building

and will be returned to the care of his Leader. Special instructions or limitations must be presented to the camp director in writing.

All visitors during the week (excluding during Sunday check-in and Friday closing activities) must check in at the Administration Building and receive a Visitor badge which must be returned upon check out and departure. In the event of a home emergency, please contact your Scout by calling the Administration Building. Please do not contact or remove your Scout from camp without notifying the Administration Building!

CAMP OFFICE/EMERGENCY NUMBER: (978) 779-2777

All serious medical emergencies will be treated at the UMass Marlboro Hospital and parents/guardians will immediately be notified by the Health Officer, Camp Director, or his designee.

Telephone

Camp Resolute's phone number for incoming calls is (978) 779-2777. Please keep in mind that this is primarily a business phone, for the use of the camp administration. Non-emergency messages will be taken and delivered to the Scout's Unit Leader at the next mealtime. Scouts are strongly discouraged from phone use, and must have a note from their Scoutmaster to place a call. Outgoing calls must be made collect or with a calling card. Please do not send cellular phones to camp.

Mailing Address

Parents can send mail to their Scout while he is at camp, it is recommended to 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
Trail to Eagle
Camp Resolute
75 Hudson Road
Bolton, MA 01740



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. While we can pull copies from previous weeks, it is easier on our staff if you provide an additional copy. 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, 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.

Allergies

Please ensure that the adult leadership going to camp has familiarized themselves with your Scout's medical form. Camp leaders must be familiar with any allergies or special health conditions. Ensure that they are marked clearly on each Scout's medical form.

Special Requirements Including Diet

If your son has special requirements that you would like to discuss privately with the Health Officer please notify us as soon as possible and we will work with you on any concerns you may have regarding your son's stay at camp.

The menus at camp are well balanced meals approved by a dietician. We will also work with you to address any reasonable dietary restrictions and/or food allergies. Please make sure that these are indicated on his health form and are shared with the Unit Leader.

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 -

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/SafetyOutdoors>

CDC EEE Info

<http://www.cdc.gov/EasternEquineEncephalitis>

CDC Tick

http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html

Insects & Animals

There are insects such as mosquitoes at camp. We encourage Scouts to bring non-aerosol bug spray and long clothes to wear in the evenings. There are also small animals such as squirrels, raccoons, etc. and we discourage Scouts from keeping any food items at all in their tents. Talk to your Unit

Leader about care packages or snacks prior to your arrival at camp.

Alcohol & Drugs

Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or illegal use of prescription drugs are not permitted in camp. Anyone found to be in possession of or under the influence of such will be asked to leave camp. Legal prescription drugs must be stored at the Health Lodge.

Firearms/Archery Equipment

Personal .22 rifles, handguns and archery equipment are not permitted in camp. Please leave them at home.

Other Prohibited Items

In addition to items outlined above, the following items are prohibited in camp: sheath knives, aerosol bug spray, pets, fireworks, and chain saws.

Photographs

A photo of your Scout's troop is a great souvenir of camp! These color 8" x 10" troop photos will be taken on Sunday before retreat. Please see your Unit Leader for ordering details. Photos cost \$10.00.

Pocket Money and Other Costs at Camp

It is recommended that a Scout bring pocket money to camp to use for merit badge or program materials and for purchases at the Trading Post. A Scout should consult with his Unit Leaders to determine what materials are needed for selected merit badges and how much money will be needed. Refer to the appropriate Merit Badge Book or ask one of your Unit Leaders for advice.

Trading Post

Camp Resolute's Trading Post maintains a well-stocked camp store to serve everyone who is staying, or just visiting in camp. Items include Scouting literature, Merit Badge Books, mosquito nets, camp t-shirts, hats, patches, mugs, cold drinks, snacks, and program materials such as basket kits, seat kits, craft kits, and gimp required for completion of certain merit badges.

The Eagle Period

Time is set aside every afternoon to provide down time and fun activities for the scouts.



Uniforms

The Official BSA field uniform is **required** to be worn by all Scouts and adults during the evening meal, flag ceremonies, formal retreats, and Troop photographs. This consists of:

- **Scout shirt (short or long sleeved)**
- **Scout trousers or shorts**
- **Scout socks**
- **Scout belt.**
- **BSA cap (optional)**
- Shoes are required – **no open shoes** with uniform. Neckerchiefs are optional.

During the day all Eagle candidates are required to be in class B uniform consisting of:

- **Scout T-shirts only**
- **Scout shorts**
- **Belt**
- **Scout socks.**

Two Trail to Eagle T-shirts will be provided and then the balance can be made up of camp, troop, or high adventure T-shirts.

Order of the Arrow members are encouraged to bring their **sash for the weekly OA day.**

The Scout Shop in Southborough carries all uniform items as well as Merit Badge books.

There are no exceptions to this uniform requirement.

Lost and Found

Lost and found will be maintained in the Administration Building. Please check through it on your way out of camp and reclaim your Scout's "treasures." We cannot be responsible for items lost or stolen at camp. We cannot keep lost items for the entire summer. Please contact the camp as soon as possible in regard to lost items.

A Scout is Reverent

Camp Resolute offers a weekly Scout's Own vespers service which is open to all Scouts and leaders. We also provide a chapel for quiet reflection.

Showers

There are two shower houses for Scouts at camp. There is plenty of hot water and opportunity for Scouts to maintain good personal hygiene during their stay in camp. Each campsite is also equipped with a latrine and hand washing facilities. A Scout is clean.

Extra Weeks at Camp

Do you have a Scout who wants to stay longer than Trail to Eagle, wants to earn additional merit badges, or isn't able to go with your troop to a high adventure camp? Suggest Provisional Camping to him! We will introduce your son to Troop 244, the camp troop, who will include him in their activities during the week! Checkout dates for the weeks prior to Trail to Eagle.

Advancement

Camp Resolute offers variety of merit badges that fit the needs of all Scouts regardless of rank or experience. Once you decide which badges to take, you should obtain a current copy of the merit badge book for each badge. Merit badge books are available at our camp's Trading Post. Be sure that you read the requirements of the badge and complete any pre-camp requirements. The list of these pre-camp requirements is on the next page. You may need a note from your Scoutmaster stating that you have met your pre-camp requirements. If, for any reason, you don't complete all the requirements for a badge during your week at camp, you will receive a partial for that badge. This partial can be completed any time up to your eighteenth birthday.

Pre-Camp Merit Badge Requirements

IN ALL CASES, EAGLE CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THE MERIT BADGE BOOK AND REVIEW PRIOR TO CAMP

Merit Badge	Prerequisite	Recommended For	Pre-Camp Requirements	Cost
Athletics*	None	Any Scout		None
Camping@	Equipment for 7b	Any Scout	9a, 9b, & 9c	None
Citizenship Community@	None	Any Mature Scout	2a (bring a map of your town), 3a, 7a, 7b, 7c (bring Scoutmaster note that you have completed the 8 hours of community service)	None
Citizenship Nation	None	Any Mature Scout	2, 3, 6 (come prepared with the speech you will discuss), 8 (send letter to congressman, bring a copy to camp)	None
Citizenship World	None	Any Mature Scout	Read pages 1-29 in the MB Booklet, be prepared to discuss req 1-3 during the 1st class, and Req 7 (depending on which 2 you choose to do)	None
Communications	None	Any Mature Scout	4, 5, if you choose 7b and 7c requires photos which you need to bring to camp or start the web page development to access from camp. 8 requires securing your T to E Patrol Leaders Council approval	None
Cooking	None	Any Scout	7	None
Emergency Preparedness	First Aid Merit Badge	2 nd Year Camper	2c, 8c	None
Environmental Science^	None	2 nd Year Camper	3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 4	None
First Aid	None	2 nd Year Camper	1, 2d	None
Family Life	None	Any Mature Scout	2, 3, 4, 5	None
Geocaching	None	2 nd Year Camper	7, 9	None
Golf&	None	2 nd Year Camper	4c	\$55 greens fees
Kayaking	Swimmer classification			None
Lifesaving	Swimmer classification	2 nd Year Camper	1a and Swimming Merit Badge	None
Personal Management	None	Any Mature Scout	1, 2, 8, 10	None
Sports*	None	2 nd Year Camper	4, 5	None
Swimming	Swimmer classification	Any Scout	4, bring long pants and long sleeve shirt	None

^ - Environmental Science MB is very time consuming and will require scouts to spend time in an observation area and complete other work during personal time. Scouts are encouraged to familiarize themselves with all requirements and complete as many requirements as possible to complete this badge in camp.

*At the recommendation of the KTC Advancement Committee, this badge will be a partial with the Scoutmaster/Troop Advancement Chair confirming that the 90 day exercise and training requirements are met.

@Scouts are expected to bring a note from their Scoutmaster indicating they have completed some precamp work – Cit Community requires a note that 8 hours community service has been completed. Camping requires Scoutmaster's note that requirement 9a, b, and c has been completed. Failure to provide this will result in a partial on these badges.

&Clubs can be rented for a nominal fee

What to Bring to Camp

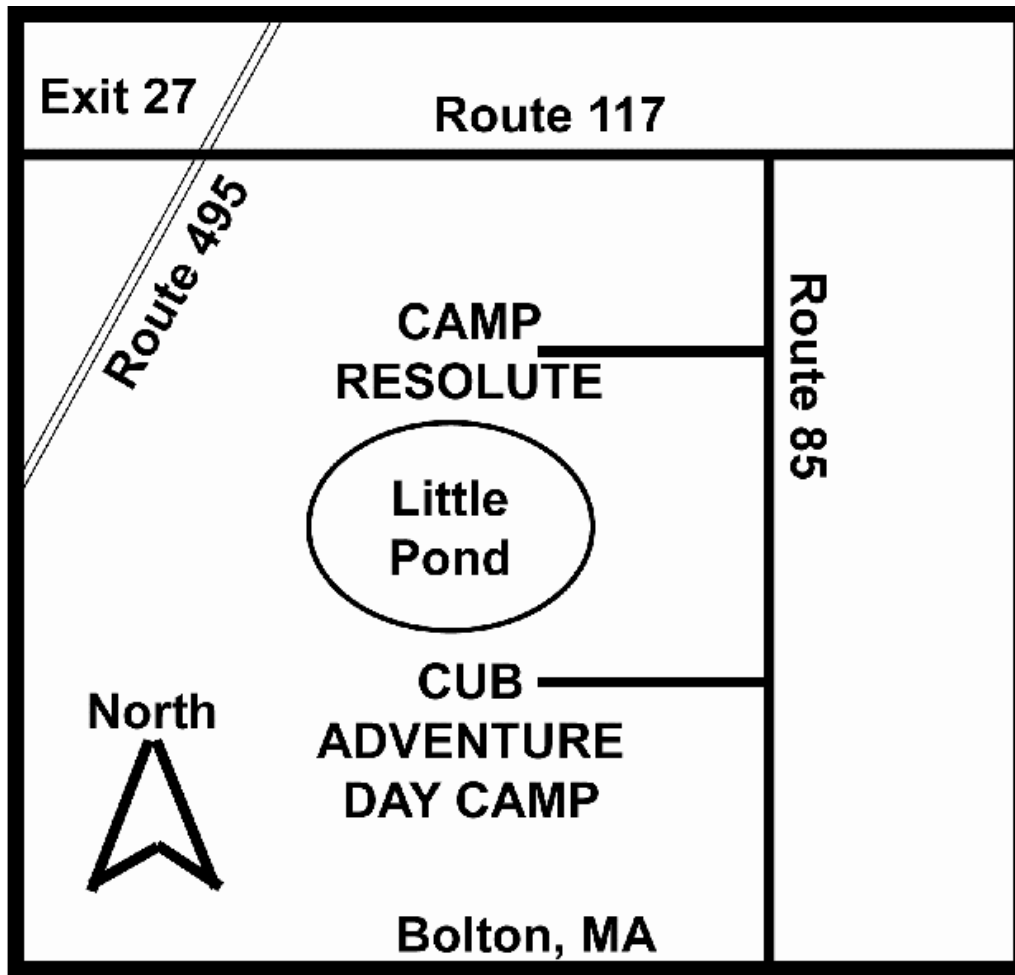
- ☐ Completed BSA Health Form (This can be turned in at the precamp meeting)
- ☐ Mosquito netting (Available at the Trading Post)
- ☐ 4-36" dowels for attaching mosquito netting to bunk (Available at the Trading Post)
- ☐ twine, nylon ties
- ☐ Mosquito repellant (crème or pump spray...no aerosols!)
- ☐ **Complete Boy Scout uniform – Scout shirt, shorts, socks, belt – worn to camp.**
- ☐ Extra Scout T-shirts, scout shorts, scout socks, underwear...enough for the week
- ☐ Water activity shoes
- ☐ Swimsuit (two pair = 1 to dry + 1 to wear)
- ☐ Raincoat/poncho
- ☐ Sweatsuit/pajamas
- ☐ Sweater/jacket – preferably plain or scout related
- ☐ Extra sneakers/shoes
- ☐ Moccasins/slippers
- ☐ Sleeping bag (3 warm blankets are a good alternative)
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Mattress cover (twin size works perfectly)
- ☐ Towels/washcloths
- ☐ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb/brush, shampoo...A Scout is Clean!)
- ☐ **Scout Handbook and Merit Badge Books**
- ☐ **Pen, pencil and paper**
- ☐ A few trash bags
- ☐ Flashlight, extra batteries
- ☐ Sunblock
- ☐ Length of rope – 15' to 20', and clothes pins
- ☐ Watch
- ☐ OA Sash if Order of the Arrow member
- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Swimming Merit Badge clothes (long sleeved cotton shirt with collar, jeans with belt)
- ☐ Pre-Camp Merit Badge requirements
- ☐ Sports team attire for Sports Night

Note: Please mark all belongings with Scout's full name and Troop # and town.

What Not to Bring to Camp!

- ☐ Non-BSA clothing except for the clothing items listed above
- ☐ Aerosol cans of any type.....they explode in fires, can cause eye injuries
- ☐ Bows, arrows, ammunition.....camp will provide when needed
- ☐ Sheath knives.....not approved for Scout Camps
- ☐ Any other weapon.....should not be needed in Camp
- ☐ Fireworks of any kindfire/safety hazard, illegal in Massachusetts
- ☐ Illegal drugs, alcohol, or prescription drugs in improperly/unmarked containers
- ☐ Double bit axes
- ☐ Cigarette lighters
- ☐ Traps
- ☐ Televisions, radiosiPods with headphones are permitted
- ☐ Cell phones
- ☐ Anything of real or sentimental value

Directions to Camp Resolute



From Route 495 take Exit 27 to Route 117 East heading towards Stow. Take the first right which will be Route 85 South. Follow Route 85 2/10's of a mile and turn right at the entrance sign to Camp Resolute.

For Cub Adventure Day Camp proceed another 1/10 of a mile South beyond the above entrance and turn right at the entrance sign to Cub Adventure Day Camp.



Camp Resolute

Permission Slip for Golf Merit Badge

(to be sent to camp with your Scout)

There will be a charge of approximately \$55 to cover the greens fees for 2 days. Club rentals are available at an additional cost. Your Scoutmaster has the details. If you wish to permit your Scout to participate in this activity, please complete the following permission statement:

"My son _____ of Scout Troop# _____ of _____,
Name Community

has my permission to participate in the Golf Merit Badge program and to leave camp with a qualified driver to get to the golf course."

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____





Camp Resolute Parental Authorization Form

Compliance with Massachusetts State Law regarding Authorized Use of Firearms by a Minor

The Knox Trail Council adheres to all applicable laws and operates under the governance of BSA National Standards as well as MA State Health Code. As a part of the Boy Scout Program the council operates several safe shooting sports ranges for Scouts to participate in rifle shooting, shotgun, and archery. In order to satisfy Mass General Law Chapter 140 section 130 the council requires parental permission to participate in such activities. Mass General Law Chapter 140, Section 130 stipulates the following:

Furnishing Child 15 or older with Rifle, Shotgun and Ammunition

“Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an instructor from furnishing rifles or shotguns or ammunition to pupils; provided however that said instructor has the **consent of a parent or guardian of a pupil under the age of 18.**”

The pupil must be under the direct supervision of a person (the range instructor) holding a valid Firearms Identification Card or a License to Carry Firearms.

Photo Release Statement

I hereby assign and grant to the Knox Trail Council the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made during my son's visit to Camp Resolute by the Knox Trail Council, and I hereby release the Knox Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication. I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Knox Trail Council and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

_____ I hereby authorize my child to participate in all events during summer camp including (if age appropriate) use of the shooting sports program areas (for rifle and shotgun under supervision of a FID instructor) and I agree to the Photo Release Statement outlined above.

_____ I do not authorize my child to participate in shooting sports activities. However, my child is authorized to participate in all other events and activities of the camp and I agree to the Photo Release Statement outlined above.

Scout's Name _____

Troop Number _____ Town _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

This form is required for every Scout and must be turned in along with the camp medical form.