

# Camp Squanto Summer 2017

## Parent's Guide

\*\*\*The topics covered in this guide are only a *brief* overview and it is suggested that you also consult with your unit leader and the 2017 Leader's Guide in order to prepare for your son's week at Camp Squanto.

### Camp Squanto Contact Information

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[www.campsquanto.net](http://www.campsquanto.net), for  
directions as GPS is often  
incorrect

All visitors must check in at the main office immediately upon arrival to receive a visitor's wristband. This is for the safety of all Scouts, Scouters, and Staff in Camp. The main office is the first building on your left as you walk up the main road.

Welcome to the Camp Squanto family! On behalf of all Camp Squanto and Old Colony Council Staff, we welcome you. It is our mission to provide a safe, educational, and exciting week-long program for all Boy Scouts looking for an adventure. We take pride in our Camp, keeping it clean and filled with the Scouting Spirit. The hard working, lively, and helpful attitude of our staff means our program is always stimulating, unique, and catered to the needs of all Scouts who attend. We offer a first-year camper program in the mornings, called Flight to Eagle. Our other merit badge and activity areas are: Aquatics, Handicraft, Life & Sciences, Nature, Scoutcraft, and Shooting Sports. Advancement opportunities are plenty, but we offer a program that is so much more (A brief daily program list is available on the back of this document). A week at Camp Squanto gives Scouts not only an opportunity to learn, but to have fun, meet other Scouts, and experience the great outdoors. From our Waterfront on Fawn Pond to our five mile Nature Trail, there is much to enjoy, especially when surrounded by our vibrant staff. We hope you enjoy being a part of the Spirit of Squanto.

On Sunday, check-in will begin promptly at 1 pm and **no sooner**. Please consult with your unit leader for their standard arrival procedures. The Trading Post will be open all afternoon, if you wish to stay for a little while with the troop. **PLEASE, NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN CAMP**. Also, please note that there is NO smoking at Camp Squanto, including electronic cigarettes. We ask that if your son takes medication that you stay until his medical check-in is complete, should the nurse have any questions for you.





## Scout Safety

### Contacting Your Scout

You should be aware of the unit leader(s) designated to spend the entire week with your Troop; they will be your main contact at camp concerning your son, especially if your son does not have a cell phone. You can call the Camp Office (phone number on previous page) and we can write a note to leave in the Troop's mailbox, but that is not as quick as calling the unit leader directly. Send mail to:

[Name of Scout]

[Troop # and Campsite]

Camp Squanto, BSA

P.O. Box 931

S. Carver, MA 02366

### Release of Scout

Sometimes a scout must be released from camp for a period of time such as a dental, doctor, or family reason. Massachusetts law mandates that we fill out a form releasing the scout, which is signed by his troop leader and the parent picking up the scout upon arrival at camp. Identification is required to be documented on this form. If someone other than the parent is picking up the scout, a letter by a parent **MUST** be presented to the office for this release. Please organize this in advance with the troop leader if possible to save time trying to find the leader during the day's activities. The release procedure happens at the camp office.

## Discipline and Youth Protection

Our primary concern at Camp Squanto is your son's well-being. Camp Squanto requires that all scouts and adults comply with the Guide to Safe Scouting, which contains information on every general safety policy in the Boy Scouts of America. Camp Squanto Administration is available for advice and guidance, but the following pieces are important to know in relation to safety and discipline at Boy Scout Summer Camps:

- **Inappropriate use of cameras, imaging, or digital devices is prohibited.** While most campers and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it has become very easy to invade the privacy of individuals. It is inappropriate and unacceptable to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected by participants. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action, as described below.
- **"Units are responsible for enforcing Youth Protection policies....** Adult leaders of Scouting units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and interceding when necessary. In the event of serious misconduct by a scout (which includes any violation of the BSA's Youth Protection policies), unit leaders are required to promptly report the incident to the Camp Staff. In the event of a report of an incident of serious misconduct, the Camp Management Team will promptly investigate and, if it appears that the incident has, in fact, occurred, promptly notify the parents or guardians of the scouts involved, as well as the parents or guardians of any scout affected by the incident. A scout involved in an incident of serious misconduct may result in consequences where appropriate, immediate exclusion from Camp Squanto. Any violations of the BSA's Youth Protection policies must immediately be reported to the Scout Executive.

All Camp Squanto Staff is trained in Youth Protection; they know to report any possible Youth Protection issues or other incidents of serious misconduct to the Camp Management Team, who will then inform the leadership of the Troop and the parents of the scout(s) involved. Camp Management will call Rick Stritzinger, the Old Colony Council Scout Executive, who will, if necessary, notify the appropriate authorities; he is a mandated reporter.

Rick Stritzinger, Old Colony Council Scout Executive, (413) 329-7877

**\*\*\*The behavior of all Scouts, Staff, and Leaders is expected to be in accordance with the values of the Scout Oath & Law.**

Guide to Safe Scouting is available for download here: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>

## Medical Information



Camp Squanto's Health Lodge is attached to the Main Office; the nurse on duty is there to provide first aid and distribute medication to youth. **Everyone staying overnight at camp is required to have a completed medical form.**

- Be sure to sign your son's medical form where indicated
- Include all allergies, immunizations, and dates
- If your son takes medication, the container label must match the health form exactly, or a new order from the doctor must be attached
- All medications for anyone under 18 are kept at the nurse's office
- Keep prescriptions in original containers, and any over the counter medications like Advil or allergy medications must come in **unopened** containers and given to the nurse to keep
- Don't forget a copy of the insurance card, both front and back!
- The physical examination section must be complete, or a standard form from the doctor's office must be attached
- Make sure to double check, or even triple check, that your son's medical form is filled out completely in order to avoid any issues that may slow down the check-in process, and in case of any emergency where medical information is needed

**\*\*\*Again, please consult the Leader's Guide and talk to your unit leader for more information**

## WHAT TO BRING

Your Scoutmasters will go over what to bring to Camp, but this is a reminder of the basics. Don't forget a sleeping bag, pillow, and all your son's toiletries; don't forget bug spray with DEET to keep away ticks, which have increasingly been a problem. Sunscreen and a reusable water bottle are HIGHLY recommended. Dehydration and sunburns are summer's WORST offenders! Some classes require the purchasing of kits and the Trading Post is open during class hours and 7-8 most evenings, so make sure your son has enough money. For trunks to be able to fit under the bunks, they should be less than 14 inches tall. If your Troop allows cell phones, please know that all electronic devices and valuables are your son's responsibility. There is no electricity in the campsites and secure charging stations are not available.

## Daily Program

Every day the Camp Staff provides merit badge classes, as well as an evening camp-wide program.

- Sunday evening is our opening Campfire, consisting of skits and songs to get the Scouts excited for the week ahead.
- Monday evening is time for the troops to bond in their campsite.
- Tuesday evening is our George Magee Theme Night, an evening full of themed games, costumes, and fun. Your unit leader will have more information.
- Wednesday is Apache Relay. Many parents visit their sons for this, but dinner is not available to visitors.
- Thursday is the Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony.
- Friday is our closing campfire to wind down the week.

Saturday morning is our Closing Ceremony and all families are welcome. We will gather on the Parade Field and begin around 9:30.

## The Spirit of Squanto

Squanto, or Tisquantum, was a Native American of the Patuxet Tribe, born in the vicinity of what is now the town of Plymouth. In the early 1600s he was captured as a slave and taught English in order to serve as an interpreter. He remained in Europe for quite some time before finally returning to his home, only to discover that his tribe had been decimated by plague, most likely smallpox. The stories say that Squanto was introduced to the Pilgrims at Plimoth Plantation and helped them grow crops to survive the harsh winter by burying fish around the corn to fertilize it. While on a mission for Governor William Bradford, he was captured again, this time by the Wampanoag, who began to mistrust his dealings with the Pilgrims. When relations between the tribe and the settlers were patched and Squanto was released, he fell ill on his journey home, and died November 30, 1622. He is thought to be buried in Plymouth, at Burial Hill. We honor Tisquantum's helpfulness, bravery, and strong spirit.

As we say here at Camp Squanto:

## THE SPIRIT LIVES ON

