

Summer Camp Leaders Guide General Information Section

Attention Strang Alumni!

Strang Alumni include anyone that has been a camper, staff member, supporter or visitor

The Camp Strang Staff Alumni group will be sponsoring a meet and greet at Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation on **July 5th, 2014**.

Afternoon activities may include opportunities for swimming, boating, shooting, camp tours and more! New James E. West members will be recognized and an update will be given on current projects and planned improvements to the facility.

The event will conclude after dinner with a campfire sure to stir memories of campfires from your summers at Camp Strang.

RSVP to: Housatonic Council, BSA, 111 New Haven Avenue, Derby, CT 06418 or kevin.bishop@scouting.org .
Find us on [Facebook](#)!





DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

DIRECTIONS TO EDMUND D. STRANG SCOUT RESERVATION

Located at 278 West Side Road in Goshen, CT.

- From the Lower Naugatuck Valley, follow Route 8 North towards Torrington.
- Take Exit 44 onto Route 4 West towards Goshen.
- Follow Route 4 West approximately 6 miles to Goshen.
- At the rotary, take a right onto Route 63 North.
- West Side Road is the first left past St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church.
- Follow West Side Road for Approximately one mile.
- The Main camp entrance will be on the right side of the road past the Rangers house.

All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot as directed.

A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.

- Lord Baden Powell



WELCOME TO EDMUND D. STRANG SCOUT RESERVATION

Owned and operated by the Housatonic Council B.S.A., located in the foothills of Litchfield County. Strang Scout Reservation's 186 acres of forests, fields and streams provide the backdrop to an exciting Scouting experience. Strang Scout Reservation offers a diverse program for Scouts of all ages.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Watch
- Toiletry items
- Daily change of clothes
- Field (Class "A") Scout Uniform with Socks and Belt
- Sleeping Bag or sheets and blankets
- Pillow
- Rain Gear
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Trunk and combination lock
- Scout Handbook
- Pen/ Pencil and paper
- Swim Suit and Towel
- Bug Netting with poles
- Hiking Shoes
- Laundry Bags
- Canteen or Water Bottle
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Bug Repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sun Screen

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Food to keep in site or tent
- Cell phone
- Fire works
- Tobacco Products

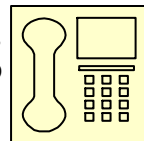
SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

Our Camp Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by a qualified health officer. Strang Scout Reservation meets or exceeds National BSA Camp Standards and Complies with Connecticut State Laws for youth camps.

No Pets are allowed in camp without prior authorization from the camp administration.

CAMP TELEPHONE

In case of emergency only, the telephone to reach camp is **860-491-2770**.



INSURANCE

Housatonic Council provides secondary health and accident insurance for participants, which covers costs not paid by the primary carrier. Non-Housatonic Council participants need to provide proof of council/ unit insurance.

MEDICAL FORMS

Please refer to the Medical Forms portion of the camp brochure. Please read it carefully and follow the directions.

SMOKING AND ALCOHOL

Use of tobacco products or alcohol on camp property is prohibited.

CAMP TRADING POST

The camp trading post offers everything a camper may desire during the week. Some of the items available for sale are T-shirts, craft supplies, soft drinks, ice cream, patches, candy and other goodies.



MAIL SERVICE

Mail can be sent to campers at the following address:

**Camper's name
Troop/Pack Number
Campsite name
C/O Strang Scout Reservation
278 West Side Pond Road
Goshen, CT 06756**

CAMP STRANG CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

Arrive between **3:00 PM** and 4:30 PM for check-in.

Check-in at the tent located in the parking lot area.

A Scoutmaster/ Staff member will be located at the registration area in the Handicraft section of the Tierney Building to check-in your troop/ pack. Scouts then receive their waterfront buddy tag. All personal gear can be taken to your campsite. If there is no buddy tag in the scoutmaster packet, then the scout must report to the Medical check-in station in front of the Health Lodge before reporting to the waterfront for a swim test.

A Swim Test will be conducted at the waterfront after check-in.

Scouts must arrive at camp ready to take the swim test!



REQUIRED MEDICAL FORMS

All troops/packs send in medical forms with their Scoutmaster a week prior, during the Pre-Camp Meeting. All scouts and scouters must have a completed medical form to spend the week in camp. A scout's health history must be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian within the past year and the medication signature must be within 90 days. The camp health officer will check and collect all forms not previously turned in, as well as medications during check-in.

PLEASE SUBMIT A PHOTOCOPIED HEALTH FORM

Scouts and scouters not meeting the medical examination requirements will not be permitted to remain in camp. This pertains to all participating scouts and leaders, no matter how long their stay in camp may be, **including temporary leadership.**

No medical examinations can be given at camp!

MEDICATIONS

All medications for scouts and scouters must be turned into the health officer during check-in. The Health officer will be located at the Medical check-in station in the Tierney building. All medications must have a **photo of the camper** attached. Each form of medication must have a date as well as a doctor's name on the container.



Medications must be in the original container with an attached photo!

Please bring only the amount of medication necessary for the week.

Non-prescription medication must also be left at the Health Lodge. **This is a state law.**

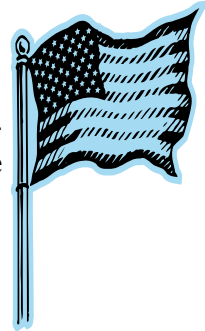


FAMILY PICNIC

All parents/visitors are invited to stay for our opening picnic. The fee is **\$8.00** for adults and **\$5.00** for children. Children under age 6 are free. Dinner is served at **5:00 PM**. **Field games will be organized so uniforms will NOT be required.**

RETREAT

Formal retreat will be held at **6:45 PM** in the Parade Field. Troop formation and location will be discussed upon arrival. **Uniforms are NOT required for this because of the picnic.**



CAMP TOUR

All campers, new and old will attend the tour after retreat. Each of the program areas visited will have a staff member who will explain the program and answer any questions. Please make sure you bring a flashlight with you.

OPENING CAMPFIRE

The opening campfire will occur after the tour.





BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP



ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

MERIT BADGES

The core of the scout's week at camp is the opportunity for advancement through earning merit badges and completing requirements for rank advancement. There are five sessions for scheduled merit badge classes per day with opportunity for others during free time. Certain merit badges also require prerequisites. It is beneficial to the scout to complete them **prior to the beginning of camp**. Scouts will need to show the work that they completed for the prerequisites to the assigned Merit Badge Counselor. However, some merit badges simply cannot be completed at camp. To be recognized at the Saturday Court of Honor for the completion of the merit badge, scouts must have proved that they have completed *all* the requirements.

Be sure that your merit badge pamphlet is up to date!!

RANK ADVANCEMENT

We recognize that many scouts will work towards advancing in rank during the week. The staff is committed to work with unit leaders to allow scouts to advance at camp and be recognized at the court of honor on Saturday Morning. One of the main goals of our First Year camper program is to work collaboratively with scout leaders to fulfill as many advancement goals as possible during their week at camp. More information will be provided at the pre-camp meeting and during your week at camp.





Special Awards



TROOP PROGRAM

THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER (SPL)

As the BSA is a **youth-led organization**, during the week at camp, the individual responsible for most troop activities and decision is the SPL. The SPL is charged with coordinating the troop's activities and ensuring the troop completes its responsibilities like campsite clean up and arriving on time to retreat. SPL's will be asked to attend frequent meetings with the program director to coordinate activities and discuss camp related issues.

TROOP ACTIVITIES

Troop activities will be held from 7:00 – 7:45 PM daily, except when special programming takes precedence. The following is a list of suggested activities for the evening program. Other ideas can be arranged and we always encourage inter troop and inter patrol competition.

Aquatics

- Troop Boating
- Troop Swim
- Greased Watermelon
- Canoe Tug of War
- Canoe keep away

Field Sports

- Rifle Shoot
- Archery Shoot
- Softball
- Capture the Flag
- Soccer
- One Pitch Wiffle Ball
- Volleyball
- Ultimate Frisbee

Outdoor Skills

- Orienteering Skill Instruction
- Fire Building Skill Instruction
- Totin' Chip Award
- Pioneering Skill Instruction
- Fireman's Chit Award
- Paul Bunyan Award
- Knot Relay

Ecology & Conservation

- Kayak to Beaver Dam
- Plant ID/Nature Trail Hike
- Conservation Projects

Handicrafts

- Plaque making
- Patrol Flag Making

OTHER TROOP PROGRAMS

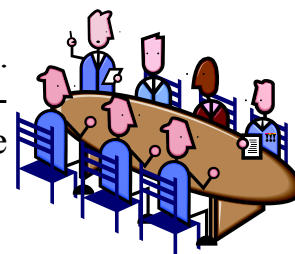
Service Projects around camp can be completed by troops, patrols, and individuals for fun or for rank requirements (except Eagle). Interested scouts, units, and leaders should contact the Camp Commissioner.

Campfires should be conducted by troops within their own campsites (observing quiet hours). If so desired, troops should invite staff members or other campsites to join in. Two camp-wide campfires will occur on Sunday and Friday evenings. The staff will run the campfire on Sunday. However, we strongly encourage troop participation in the Friday night campfire. Troops should start practicing their songs and skits early in the week and SPL's should inform the Program Director of their choices by Thursday at dinner.



Campsite Cooking is strongly encouraged. Especially at times when the dining hall is very full, troops may find it a nice change to cook one meal during the week in their campsite. If they so desire, troops should notify the camp administration at the pre-camp meeting. You are responsible for providing most cooking equipment. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the camp administration.

Patrol Leader's Council Meetings are also strongly encouraged. If the SPL would like assistance in coordinating one of these important meetings within his troop, the Program Director will be glad to help.



Baden Powell Patrol Award

This award is issued to Patrols who participate in all troop functions, display scout spirit, and complete a service project as a patrol. See your scoutmaster or SPL for details

Campwide Program

Campwide activities will occur at 8pm on Monday—Thursday and 9pm on Friday for our closing campfire. Campwide activities will be decided at the Sunday Senior Patrol Leader meeting.

BOY SCOUT SATURDAY PROGRAM

Saturday program will include breakfast served in the campsite, and a court of honor.

The schedule is as follows:

7:00 AM	Reveille
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Court of Honor



UNIT BREAKFAST

Breakfast can be collected from the dining hall at 7:30 AM to eat in troop sites. Please be sure to bring all trash back to the dining hall. We ask that all unnecessary gear and/or equipment be packed and placed in a central location in the unit site, so that the camp staff can move it out starting at 8:30 AM.

COURT OF HONOR

The court of honor will be held at **9:30 AM**. This court of honor will recognize all scouts for their hard work during the week. Troops have the option of being able to purchase merit badges that can be attached to all merit badge certificates handed out at the court of honor. It is the responsibility of the troop to pay for these badges in a reasonable amount of time.



Scoutmasters are responsible for picking up the advancement paperwork after the court of honor each week!!



REQUIRED FORM to attend camp!

(must be completed by parent/guardian for scouts under 18 years old)

Scout _____ Troop _____ Week(s) _____

This addendum to the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record is for scouts under 18 years of age and is required to meet Connecticut Department of Health requirements.

I give my permission for the camp Health Officer/Nurse to administer over-the-counter medications as directed by the Camp Physician in the Camp Standing Orders. The Housatonic Council's policies on medications at scout camp are written to comply with the National Standards of the Boy Scouts of America and the State of Connecticut Health Department.

If you do not wish to have any of the following over-the-counter medications administered, please cross out and initial.

Over-the-Counter Medications may include: (Generics may be substituted)

- Tylenol by mouth, per weight/age dosing as needed every 4-6 hours
- Advil by mouth, per weight/age dosing as needed every 6-8 hours
- Bacitracin/Neosporin/Hydrogen Peroxide topically as needed
- Hydrocortisone Cream topically every 6 hours as needed
- Benadryl by mouth, per weight/age dosing as needed, per package directions
- Claritin by mouth, per package directions
- Sudafed by mouth, per package directions
- Zantac by mouth, per package directions
- Sunscreen topically, as needed
- Bug repellent topically, as needed every 2-4 hours
- Solarcaine/Aloe Vera topically as needed every 2-4 hours

Signature _____ Date _____

****REMINDER** – Prescription medications must be in the original pharmacy container with label, this includes EPI-Pens. Please bring only amount needed for camp. Failure to comply will result in the inability for the medications to be administered at camp. Any medication not picked up with-in 1 week after scout leaves camp will be destroyed.

REQUEST FOR REFUND
Housatonic Council, BSA

Refund Policy for Housatonic Council

All requests must be received by August 31ST and must have the Unit Leader's approval (signature) to be considered for refund. If a Scout will be missing days during a Camp period, that Scout needs to notify the Camp Director at check in time. No refund will include the non-refundable \$25.00 deposit.

The only circumstances under which refunds will be granted are as follows:

1. Illness of Scout prevents his attendance at summer camp
2. Illness or death in the campers' immediate family prevents his attendance at camp
3. Family relocation making attending camp impractical
4. Mandatory attendance at summer school that is verifiable
5. A Scout leaves camp for medical reasons (home sickness is not considered a refundable medical reason) must be certified by the Camp Health Officer or Camp Director. In such cases, the Scout will receive a pro-rated refund for the unused portion of the camp fee. If the unused portion constitutes three or more days and the medical excuse is not due to horseplay or negligence of said Scout.

Absolutely no refunds will be granted for "No Shows"

Scouts name: _____ Troop/Pack # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Parents Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Camp Attending and Date(s): _____

Reason for Refund _____

Amount Paid for Camp: \$ _____ Amount Requesting: \$ _____

Scoutmaster/Cubmaster's Signature (required): _____

Office use only:

Camp Week: _____

Amount paid: _____ Verified by: _____

Amount of refund: _____ Authorized by: _____

Mail to:
Housatonic Council, BSA
111 New Haven Avenue
Derby, CT. 06418

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL FORMS

The Summer Camp Applications are located on-line at <http://www.houstonicbsa.org> Click on Summer Camp and then FORMS.

The medical form is also located on the Council Website or the Housatonic Council Office.

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