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Information Packet

# OUTER SPACE ADVENTURE

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## Key Information



- **Orientation** is a time to visit our camp and learn about what your camper will be doing each day. This is also a good time to meet the staff and turn in all forms to ensure his first day of camp goes as smooth as possible. Please refer to page 2 for more details.

- **Required Forms** are a must for all campers. The Annual Health and Medical Form and the Pool Waiver Form can both be found on our website: <http://www.camps.ppbsa.org/camps/watchung/Forms.htm>. Without a medical form, a camper will not be able to participate in any activities. Without a pool waiver form, a camper will not be able to participate in the pool trip.



- **Campfire** is an event held on Thursday evenings for the entire family. This year the family campfire will begin at 7:00 pm. We encourage families to come participate in the campfire the campers have worked hard to put together. More information can be found on page 9.



- **Text Alert System** is new for the 2015 summer camp season. This system will be in addition to our Facebook, phone, and email communications to families. If a bus is running late, or we have an emergency in camp, we will use this system as another way to communicate to parents. Parents must register for this service. Numbers are not automatically added to the system when you register for camp. Details can be found on page 8.



- **Den Assignments** are completed with the hopes of placing each Scout with friends from their pack. *However, due to health and safety standards, we cannot guarantee any request will be met.* Both families must agree to the request as well. More information can be found on page 4.



- **Camper Release Form** has been created for those families who have multiple individuals picking up a child from the bus stop or camp. Please complete the form and return prior to your camp week.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS...

June 2015

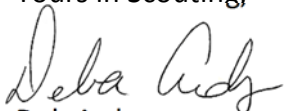
Welcome to day camp! Thank you for selecting Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp as part of your summer experience. We are looking forward to an adventurous week of Cub Scouting activities revolving around this year's theme "Outer Space Adventure."

As our camp continues to grow we welcome back many returning campers and staff as we embark upon the new Cub Scout program, "Cub Scouts 2015."

We hope you take the time to read through this guide thoroughly as it will answer many of your questions and provide you and your Scout with the information to have a successful week.

Please know that we work around the clock to ensure each camper goes home with a new skill, a smile, and a memory each day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time!

Yours in Scouting,

  
Deb Ardry

Camp Director

  
Bill SanFilippo

Assistant Camp Director

  
Jimmy Foy

Program Director



## Orientation

Orientation will be held at Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp on Thursday June 25, 2015, Sunday June 28, 2015, Wednesday July 1, 2015 and Wednesday July 8, 2015. Orientation is highly recommended for new and returning campers. It simplifies the process for both families and the camp staff. Drop in with your Cub Scout anytime between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Please bring all completed forms. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and footwear. Orientation is held rain or shine.

You are welcome at any of the sessions before your first week at camp. The earlier sessions tend to be the most crowded. If you cannot attend an orientation session, please make sure all of the forms from the confirmation packet have been completely filled out, signed and are sent with your son on the first day of camp. **\*Scouts who arrive without all completed forms will not be able to participate in activities until all the forms are in.**



## Changes to Registration and Cancellation/Refund Policy

Any changes made after the initial registration will need to be processed through the Outdoor Program Group by calling 973-765-9322 x222.

Patriots' Path Council, BSA, puts a great deal of planning and purchasing takes well in advance. These plans include, but are not limited to, staff, food, program materials, patches and awards, rental and purchase of equipment, and in some cases, items of clothing such as T-shirts that are given as part of a program fee. When an individual or group make a reservation for an activity or program, these items are included in ordering of materials and staffing for that event.

**Refunds:** Individuals or groups that cancel a program reservation 30 days prior to the date of the event will receive a refund of fees paid, less a 15% administrative charge. No refunds will be made after the 30 day cancellation deadline, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND SENT TO THE PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL, 1 SADDLE ROAD, CEDAR KNOLLS, NJ 07927.

## Financial Assistance and Discounts

Each family pays the early or regular youth fee for their first session at camp. Take a \$25 discount on all other sessions. Each adult attending more than one session (Webelos camps) also receives a \$25 discount on their additional sessions. Mix and match sessions at Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp and our resident camps for Webelos.

Need financial assistance to attend camp? The Warren Wheeler Adventuresship is available for families to help pay the cost of attending our camps. The Cub Scout deadline is April 1, 2015. Click here for an application: <http://camps.ppbsa.org/files/Warren%20Wheeler%20Adventuresship.pdf>



## What to Bring

- A bagged lunch (no large coolers please)
- A bathing suit and towel every day for water activities and pool
- A water bottle
- Rain gear- camp goes on rain or shine
- Comfortable closed toe walking shoes - No sandals permitted at any time!
- Money for our trading post- Camp is a nut free facility
- Baseball cap
- Bicycle helmet for Cubmobiles. Recommended or use one of ours.
- Sunscreen
- Non-aerosol bug repellent
- All required forms must be brought to orientation or the first day of camp. View the confirmation packet at <http://www.camps.ppbsa.org/camps/watchung/Forms.htm> this includes the medical, medications, and the three strikes rule.
- Backpack to hold everything
- Your Cub Scout Spirit!!!



**\*\*Please clearly mark everything with the Scout's name\*\***

## What Not to Bring

- An easily spoilable lunch – mayonnaise, yogurt, etc. Please do not bring any products containing nuts.
- Fishing poles (These are provided at camp)
- Pocket knives, personal sports or craft equipment
- Watches, jewelry, favorite toys, favorite clothing items, trading cards, radios, iPods, cell phones, and electronic games.

***A good rule is - If you don't want it lost, damaged, destroyed, or dirty - Don't Bring It!***

## What to Wear To Camp

Campers should wear shorts, pants or zip-offs. Please wear comfortable closed toe shoes with socks. No sandals. Scouts should arrive at camp already wearing sunscreen and bug repellent.

## Camp T-Shirt and Den Photo

Every camper will receive one Cub Scout Day Camp T-shirt for each week they attend camp. They should wear this shirt to camp on Wednesday morning for den photos. Den Photos are available for purchase until Thursday at 9am. The 8x10 photo will be distributed with your Scouts advancement sheets on Friday. If they are absent, and prior arrangements are not made, the photo, along with his other paperwork, will be mailed home.



## Trading Post

Each camper will have an opportunity to shop at the trading post (camp store) during the week. Cash is preferred but checks made payable to "PPC-BSA" will also be accepted. Please send money in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag labeled with your Scout's name and marked "Trading Post".



Items sold in the camp trading post include camp T-shirt, patches, novelty mementos, ice cream, cookies, crackers, and fresh fruit. A complete price list will be sent home on the first day of camp. The trading post will also be open during orientations and family campfires.

## A Day at Camp



The camp day begins at 8:45 am. Those campers providing their own transportation should arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 am. Please park your car at the Trailside Nature and Science Center and walk your Scout to the check-in location by the Master Gardeners and camp entrance to check him in with camp staff.

Every day begins with an opening flag ceremony and songs. Boys are greeted by their den leader and depart as a den for their day's activities immediately after the opening ceremony is complete.

## Den Assignments

All boys are assigned to a den based on their school grade. The camp tries to place campers in the same den as their friends in the same grade. Dens assignments are normally made by grade, then town, and finally pack. Our dens range from 10-15 Scouts each, and it is not always possible to keep boys from the same town or pack together. During orientation, requests can be made, however both families must agree to the request. We will do our best to accommodate parent requests, but the request may not always be met and is not guaranteed.

## Activities

- Aquatic Games
- Archery
- Astronaut Training Experience
- BB Guns
- Boating
- Clone War Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Family Campfire
- Cubmobiles
- Fishing
- Galactic Outpost
- Games
- Hiking
- Inflatable Waterslide
- Nature
- Rock Throwing
- Scoutcraft
- STEM
- Swimming Pool Trip
- Service Projects
- Sports
- Trailside Nature & Science Center
- Webelos World
- New 2015 Rank Advancement



## Lunch

Campers will bring a bagged lunch each day. The camp is not equipped to serve lunch for campers. Only pack foods that **do not** require refrigeration as there is none available for lunches. Special eating procedures are in place for boys with food allergies. Campers can bring fruit drinks or water (in non-glass containers) if desired. **Do not** send soda please. We are a **nut free camp**. For the safety of our campers and staff, **please do not send any of nut products with your boy to camp**. Please label lunch in a separate bag or lunch box from their normal day pack as their lunch will stay in their den bin throughout the day.



## Friday's Clone Wars and Camp Wide Games

An all-camp program is held on Friday afternoons to give the dens a chance to participate in a program together. The activities are usually different than their daily activities. Campers are encouraged to come in costume on Friday for the **Clone War Games**.

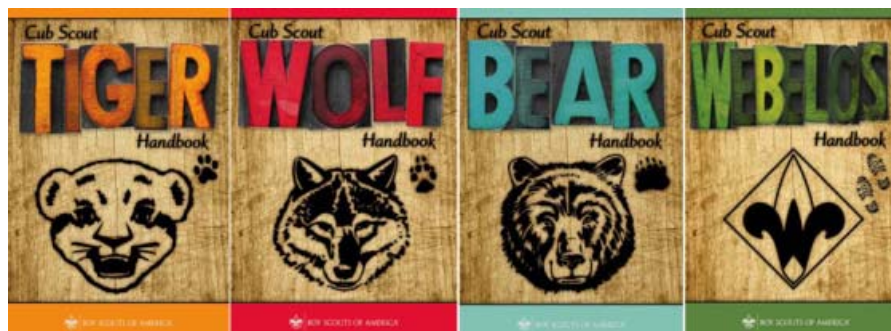
### Advancement

During their week(s) at Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to earn some requirements towards their advancement. The main focus of Cub Scout camp however is not advancement. Rather it is providing a safe and fun experience for the Cub Scouts. If a Cub Scout misses more than two days in any one week, he will not earn that week's advancement.

Camper's advancement records may vary as every Scout has different skill levels and may have been absent during that particular activity. A copy of this form should be turned into your pack's den leader or Cubmaster at the beginning of the Scouting year. Please note "X" doesn't mean the Scout has mastered the skill, it means they were taught it and demonstrated it. We encourage dens to review the requirements learned at camp.

Our camp advancement plan is developed in conjunction with national guidelines and is approved annually by the council advancement committee. If you have any questions regarding advancement in camp, please call the Council Service Center 973-765-9322 x222.

Every Friday, Cubs will be given a rank sheet listing the requirements completed during his week at camp. Please look for them. If your son does not come home with the information, or he is absent on Friday, please call the camp the following week to have one sent home.



### Departure

The camp day ends at 3:45 pm. Scouts board their buses and depart for home at approximately 4:00 pm. Those being picked up should be picked up at the drop off / pick up location at the entrance of camp at 3:45 pm. Photo ID will be requested for the afternoon pick-up, whether at camp or at a bus stop.

If a non-custodial parent is denied access to a child by a court order, a copy of that documentation must be provided to camp. In the absence of a court order, the camp will honor the requests of the person who completed the camper's enrollment form.



## Camper Pick Up / Release of Camper

The camp office must be notified, either in writing or by phone, if your child will be leaving camp before the close of the camp day. The adult picking up the camper should park in the Trailside Nature and Science Center parking lot and walk to the camp office, sign a Camper Release Form and show photo ID.

Campers being picked up at camp's dismissal time instead of taking their regularly scheduled bus will be picked up at the camp pick up location. A Camper Release Form and Photo ID will be required.

## Driving Your Son to Camp

If your son is not taking the bus, you must park in the Trailside Nature & Science Center lot (452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ) and walk down to camp. Please check your child in with the uniformed camp staff.

**For the safety of the Cub Scouts, and by order of the Union County Police Department, only buses will be allowed into camp area. Do not attempt to drive down to the camp.**

If you are picking your son up at camp in the afternoon, please park in the Trailside Nature & Science Center lot. Then **walk toward camp**. Pickup is **only** between 3:45 and 4:00 pm. The meeting point is at the tree line, below the planetarium. You must wait until the camp staff has safely checked all campers onto the buses before signing your son out. With everyone's cooperation, every camper is safely sent home for the day.

## Release of Camper to Others Form

If your Scout will be released from camp to adults other than the parent/guardian we ask that you complete the form located at the back of this guide and submit the completed form to the bus monitor or drop off/ pick up staff on the first day of camp.

## Bus Information

Each bus will have a First Aid/CPR certified counselor who will be in charge of your boy's travels to and from camp. To ensure a positive experience please regard the following:

- Buses cannot wait beyond the scheduled times. Arrive at the bus stop at least 10 minutes prior to pick up and return times.
- An authorized adult must remain with your Scout in the morning until the bus arrives.
- **Any authorized adult picking up your boy at the bus stop must present a photo ID each day.**
- If no one is at the stop to meet your camper, he will be kept on the bus and the camp administration will be notified. Parent/guardian or emergency contacts will be notified immediately. He will be brought back to camp unless other arrangements have been made.
- Buses may be delayed due to traffic or weather conditions. **Monday afternoon buses are often later than scheduled.** Each week there are many new campers and it takes additional time to ensure all are on the correct buses before departure.
- Boys are not permitted to change buses without the written request from the parent/guardian and only if space permits. Changes will only be allowed 2 weeks prior to attending camp unless it is an emergency.
- Parents will be notified by camp staff if a bus is experiencing a delay of more than 10 minutes via email messages, text alerts, and personal phone calls made by the bus monitor.







**To ensure your son's safety on the bus, please discuss these rules with him:**

- Remain seated at all times. No walking or standing in the aisle or in the seats.
- Seat belts must be worn at all times.
- No excessive noise or shouting.
- No leaning out or putting arms out of the windows.
- No eating on the bus. Water bottles only.
- No littering.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting up to leave.

## Health and Safety

Any serious or unusual health related issues or concerns should be discussed with the director and health officer prior to the camper's arrival at camp so that we can create a safe and healthy environment for your camper.

## Required Medical Form

Each camper must submit a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record parts A and B (i.e. "the medical form"). It does not require a doctor's signature, but a copy of their immunizations must be attached along with any applicable Allergy Action Plan(s). Keep the original for your records and make a copy for the camp. The form can be found on the "Confirmation Packet" of the Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp website.

**No camper will be permitted to attend camp without a completed medical form**

In the event a camper arrives to camp on Monday morning without a medical form, they will stay at the camp office until a completed form is received by the camp health officer. The camp will make every effort to contact the parents/ guardians and emergency contact numbers. A camper will not be permitted to participate in any activity until this completed form is turned in.



## Health Supervision and Medications

A health officer will be on duty at all times. All medication brought to camp (prescription and over-the counter) must be in the original container, labeled with the child's name and accompanied with a physician's orders for administering the medication. All medications must be left with the health officer.

**Epi-Pens and "on demand" inhalers** are kept by an adult supervising the camper after being presented to the health officer. Campers with Epi-Pens are encouraged to bring two Epi-Pens to camp. One will be with the adult supervising the camper and the other will be kept in the health office. When campers leave the property to go to Echo Lake for fishing and boating or to swim at the Berkeley Heights Community Pool, each camper's medical forms and medication goes with them on the bus and stays at their current location.

## Food Allergies

Any camper's food allergies, including peanut and tree nut allergies, should be documented on their medical form. An Emergency Action Plan must be attached to the medical form. Safety is our first concern and every effort is made to maintain a safe environment for your camper while at camp.



## Communications

### Absent From Camp

If your Cub Scout will be absent on any day at camp, it is important that you notify us. Please contact the camp during its hours of operation. Otherwise, please call the council office and leave a message. It is essential the camp be notified to assure the safety of all campers.



**Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) at 908-654-4510 (Summer Only)**  
**Patriots' Path Council (before 8:00 am/after 4:00 pm) at 973-765-9322 x222**

### Ill or Injured Camper

In the event a camper is injured or becomes ill while at camp, the camp director or health officer will notify the parent by phone. If the parent is not available, the emergency contact will be notified.

### Parent Questions or Concerns

Should you have questions or concerns relating to camp, feel free to contact the camp administrators at 908-654-4510 (summer only) between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm or via email:

- **Debra Ardry**, Camp Director, email at [watchungcampdirector@hotmail.com](mailto:watchungcampdirector@hotmail.com)
- **Bill SanFilippo**, Assistant Camp Director, email at [bill.sanfilippo@scouting.org](mailto:bill.sanfilippo@scouting.org)
- **Jimmy Foy**, Program Director, email at [wcsdc.programdirector@gmail.com](mailto:wcsdc.programdirector@gmail.com)

### Facebook

Be sure to visit the Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WatchungCubScoutDayCamp> to find out what your son is doing at camp and for most up to date information.

### Camper Phone Calls

We strongly discourage campers from making phone calls home except for illness or injury. Homesickness is kept at a minimum by keeping the campers busy all day. Cell phones for campers are not permitted.

### Text Alert System

The text alert system is new for the 2015 summer camp season. Text alerts will be in addition to our existing Facebook, telephone, and email communications to families. If a bus is running late, or we have an emergency in camp, we will use this system as another way to communicate to parents. **Parents must register for this service** for each week your son is at camp. Telephone numbers are not automatically added to the text alert system when you register for summer camp.

To register, just send us a text message using the chart on the following page. The phone number varies by week and the message varies by bus route. If you arrive by car, you may select any bus route. Standard text message rates apply.



Text Alert System

Send a message to 81010 for text alerts during camp.  
Using the chart below to select both your week and bus.  
(Those arriving by car, select any bus)

Week	Bus	Text Message:	Week	Bus	Text Message:
1	U	@wdcu1	4	U	@wdc4u
1	V	@wdcv1	4	V	@wdc4v
1	W	@wdcw1	4	W	@wdc4w
1	X	@wdcx1	4	X	@wdc4x
1	Y	@wdcy1	4	Y	@wdc4y
1	Z	@wdcz1	4	Z	@wdc4z
2	U	@wdc2u	5	U	@wdc5u
2	V	@wdc2v	5	V	@wdc5v
2	W	@wdc2w	5	W	@wdc5w
2	X	@wdc2x	5	X	@wdc5x
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2	Z	@wdc2z	5	Z	@wdc5z
3	U	@wdc3u	6	U	@wdc6u
3	V	@wdc3v	6	V	@wdc6v
3	W	@wdc3w	6	W	@wdc6w
3	X	@wdc3x	6	X	@wdc6x
3	Y	@wdc3y	6	Y	@wdc6y
3	Z	@wdc3z	6	Z	@wdc6z

## Lost and Found

Lost and found items are shown to campers each day. Any items not claimed and in good condition will be kept at camp in a lost and found container until the end of the summer. The Patriots' Path Council is not responsible for lost items. *Please label all your camper's items so they may be returned if lost.*

## Family Campfire

All Cub Scouts, Webelos, and families are invited to attend our campfire Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp. We encourage families to come watch their boys perform in their den skits, and join in songs and cheers. The trading post will be open for the duration of the campfire. Hershey's novelty ice cream and other non-candy snacks will be available for purchase. The campfire will conclude between 8:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

Boys will go home as usual and return to Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp at 7:00 pm with their families. If canceled due to the weather, the campfire will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 pm at our campfire ring. Families are still encouraged to attend!!!

Bring flashlights, chairs, or blankets and non-aerosol bug repellent for your comfort. Please park in the Trailside Nature & Science Center lot and take a short walk down to the Watchung campfire ring. **Please note that cars are not allowed to drive into camp.**



## Resident Camps



In addition to day camps for all Cub Scouts, we have two resident camps for Webelos entering 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade in September 2015. WELOTECA and Webelos Resident Camp are camps for upcoming Webelos and their parents or Cub Scout leaders. Bring the entire den or pack with at least two leaders\* or individual Webelos can come with their parent. If adults are not available, boys can attend Webelos Resident Camp with camp provided adult leaders. Both programs provide a natural bridge from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. We also offer a **week long co-ed camp** for boys and girls of all ages

\* A parent can come with their own son(s). Or, you must have two adult den/pack leaders for the first eight Webelos and one more leader for every eight additional Webelos.

### Webelos Resident Camp

Winnebago Scout Reservation, Rockaway, NJ

Join us at one or both of our four day/three night sessions. The dates are Sun 8/2 to Wed 8/5 and Wed 8/5 to Sat 8/8. Camp begins early afternoon on the first day and ends in the morning of the last day. Special Wednesday activities are available for those staying for the full week. Have fun with our programs including BB guns, archery, swimming, boating, fishing, skateboard half-pipe, batting cage, handicrafts, sports, hiking, cooking, campfires, and more. An emphasis is placed on Webelos and Arrow of Light advancement while enjoying the many outdoor activities offered at camp. Eat great meals in the dining hall and sleep on cots in lean-tos or Boy Scout wall tents on wooden platforms. Our bath and shower house has flush toilets.

### WELOTECA - A Weekend Camp

Camp Wheeler, Stanhope, NJ

WELOTECA is a July 24-26 weekend adventure. Scouts form a patrol and participate with their patrol in fun activities such as snorkeling in our pool, cooking, archery, canoeing, challenge course, BB guns, fun-yaks, climbing, geocaching, campfires, zip line and the awesome wild & crazy challenge. Cook one of your own meals, and bring your own tent or sleep in our dome style tents on your sleeping pad. Camp begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon

### Co-ed Resident Camp at Camp COLEY

Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation, Stanhope, NJ

Camp COLEY is a week-long resident camp held on August 9 - 15, 2015 at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation in Stanhope, NJ. Camp COLEY is for all girls and boys entering grades 3-12 in the fall. The camp offers fully supervised day and night activities. There is no Scout advancement program, but we have plenty of fun, age appropriate activities including swimming, boating, first aid, ecology, outdoor skills, hiking, crafts, rock climbing, all-terrain vehicles, COPE, shooting sports, games, songs, campfires and a Thursday night dance with a DJ. Campers are grouped by age and gender, and are supervised by Camp COLEY counselors as they visit the various program areas throughout camp. The fee for the week is \$370 if paid by May 15th. It includes programs, meals, lodging, awards, patches, beads, t-shirt, pizza party and a site photo. Early registration and other discounts are available. Visit <http://www.camps.ppsa.org/coley> for details.

