

Troop 19 Summer Camp 2008

This summer, our scouts may

- 1) camp with Troop 19 at Camp Bell for session 5, the week July 20-26
- 2) camp with scouts from other troops as a provisional troop at Hidden Valley or another scout camp.
- 3) if over 14, work as a Counselor-in-Training for two weeks at Camp Bell and Hidden Valley.
- 4) mow Mr. Yost's lawn (*a popular choice, recommend early sign-up, sorry does not count as a service project*)
- 5) all of the above

But no matter which camp a scout is considering, if their class 3 medical will expire before camp, **schedule a Class 3 medical exam with their doctor now!** A current, doctor signed, class 3 medical with a copy of insurance card attached is required to attend summer camps. The class 3 medical form can be found on the troop website <http://troop19.org/>.

Troops attending Camp Bell work on strengthening their patrol structure through patrol cooking and day-long patrol activities at a program area. Unlike Hidden Valley, Camp Bell does not focus on merit badges, though some badge work may be done. Program areas include the following:

Brownsea	- scout skills, orienteering, pioneering, cooking, camping, hiking
Challenge Valley	- obstacle course, climbing barn, COPE (Challenge Outdoor Personal Experience)
The Stables	- equestrian, western games
Logging Camp	- lumberjack skills, woodcraft, forestry
Mountain Man	- wilderness survival, blackpowder, leatherwork, Lewis & Clark Expedition
Foxfire	- blacksmithing, tinsmithing, candle-making, basket-weaving
Aquatics	- swimming, waterskiing, tubing, sailing, snorkeling
Search and Rescue	- wilderness first aid, backcountry preparedness

Patrols may work with Camp Staff to customize their own program – night hikes, rope projects, conservation projects, swim lessons, etc. Scouts 14 and over may attend the Valley Voyageurs (5 day 4 night backpack, kayak, climbing) or SPOKE (2-3 over night treks - backpack, mountain bike, climb, kayak) and rejoin their troop for the remainder of the week. Camp Bell has no provisional camp program, scouts must attend with a troop.

At Hidden Valley Provisional Camp, counselors serve as scoutmasters and form a troop from individual campers (scouts who may be from different troops). Scouts eat in a dining hall, have merit badge sessions in the morning and do activities in the afternoon and evening. Activities include rifle shoot, archery, rock climbing, nature hikes, swimming, boating, leatherworking and many more. Provisional is a great way to make new scout friends.

Further information can be found under CAMPING/Griswold Scout Reservation at the Daniel Webster Council website <http://nhscouting.org>. Both camps are in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. Save money with early deposit. Prices as follows:

Camp Bell with Troop 19 (July 20-26)	\$325 – with \$50 deposit by March 11 and \$275 balance by May 6 \$335 if paid in full by May 8 \$350 if paid after May 8
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Hidden Valley as a Provisional Camper	\$325 - \$50 deposit by March 11 and \$275 balance by May 6
Any week 6/22-6/28; 6/29-7/5; 7/6-7/12	\$335 if paid in full by May 8
7/13-7/19; 7/20-7/26; 7/27-8/3; 8/3-8/9; 8/10-8/16	\$350 if paid after May 8

Counselor-in-Training	Requires completed application with Scoutmaster Approval and successful camp staff interview. \$325 for 2 weeks of training. Scouts recoup money if hired the next season as a counselor
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Remember, scouts may use their troop scout accounts (wreath sales) towards summer camp. Also, a discount of \$25 is available for each additional camp week by the same scout or additional brother attending. Camperships are available for scouts with financial needs – see Mr. Yost.

Important dates

- ⇒ **March 11** Deposit for lowest price due
- ⇒ **May 8** Final payment due, Patrols form.
- ⇒ **May 20** Class 3 Medical forms due, Patrol food menus due.
- ⇒ **July 20-26** Troop 19 at Camp Bell

Further questions contact Clay Yost, assistant Scoutmaster at csyost@charter.net or troop meeting.