

Camp Bell

Camp Bell is a unique Scouting experience. This troop and patrol camp is designed for all aged Scouts to participate in. The paramount mission of Camp Bell is to strengthen patrols within the troop structure. We accomplish this through a wide range of different program areas each offering hands on patrol participation activities. Program areas have both traditional and living history atmosphere to them. Patrols visit a program area for a good part of a day, participate in activities and instruction, earn advancement and strengthen the patrol all at the same time. Patrol Cooking, like the National Jamboree, is offered in the campsite as a means of building the patrol method and strengthening cooking skills. Camp Bell offers a camping challenge for troops and patrols ready for classic Scouting.

The Program Areas at Bell are:

- **Brownsea:** scout craft outdoor skills, pioneering, cooking, rope work, woods tools, Tenderfoot and Second Class skills, nature observation and much more. All based around Baden-Powell's first camp: Brownsea
- **Aquatics:** largest lake on property, motor boating, tubing, water skiing, patrol sailing, snorkeling, swimming, kayaking and patrol games
- **Bell Farm:** NH Farming at the turn of the century, farm animals, gardening, farm skills, farm mechanics and horse back riding
- **Logging Camp:** visit the old lumberjack settlements and learn skills in forestry, wood stools, lumberjack games from the north woods lumber camps
- **Mountain Man:** Participate in the lore of trappers and frontiersmen, black powder rifles, tomahawk throw, field archery, leatherwork
- **Challenge Valley:** patrol challenges, a muddy obstacle course
- **Climbing Barn:** Indoor climbing barn, rappelling.
- **Search and Rescue:** "Be Prepared", meet challenges of emergency situations, using skills of First Aid, emergency preparedness, wilderness survival and orienteering.
- **NEW Foxfire:** Turn of the Century backwoods skills: basketry, metal work, pottery

Campsites: Campers sleep in wall tents placed on wooden platforms. Cots are provided. Latrine facilities are within the campsite. Showers are nearby.

Trading Post A wide selection of T-shirts, souvenirs, candy, snacks, soda, camping equipment, souvenirs, and merit badge pamphlets are available. **NEW** Cash Card available.

Camp Staff: Our camp staff is some of the finest Scouts and Scouters around. Many are Eagle Scouts. All participate in intensive training prior to camp. The BSA National Camp School certifies all Key staff.

Health Services: Camp Bell is equipped with a health lodge staffed by a resident nurse, and an EMT. They provide competent care for injuries and illness. A nonresident physician is on call at all times and local hospitals are available for campers needing additional attention.

Merit Badge Instruction Offered in:

- Animal Science
- Basketry
- Camping
- Climbing
- Cooking
- Environmental Science
- Farm Mechanics
- Forestry
- Horsemanship
- Leatherwork
- Mammal Study
- Lifeguard BSA
- Lifesaving
- Motor Boating (over 16 Years of age)
- Nature
- Orienteering
- Pioneering
- Small Boat Sailing
- Swimming
- Water-skiing
- Wilderness survival
- Woodcarving
- First Aid
- Emergency Preparedness

