

Troop 160 Summer Camp 2012 Information Sheet

Troop 160 Summer Camp 2012 is scheduled for the weeks of August **5-11** and **12-18**. The first week will be at Camp Bell, and the second at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation (HVSr). This package contains all of the forms needed to register for camp. **All Scouts are strongly encouraged to attend both weeks.**

The following forms need to be completed and mailed to the Troop (some with payment):

Form Description	Due Date
<i>Pre-Registration and Deposit Form (Form #1)</i>	March 2, 2012
<i>Final Registration and Bus Reservation Form (Form #2)</i>	May 4, 2012
<i>Adult Camper and Volunteer Form (Form #3)</i>	March 2, 2012
<i>BSA Medical Form (Parts ab and c)</i>	March 2, 2012

All forms must be MAILED to the appropriate person listed on forms. We hope that this will avoid piecemeal collection of forms and payment that sometimes results in lost forms or money.

Please note that payment in full is due by **May 4** this year!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Programs at Bell and Valley

There are several special programs for scouts age 14 and above. The scouts attend camp with the troop, but can opt to participate in special outings and activities. More information on this program will be coming your way through emails and announcements at the Troop Meetings.

What to bring to Camp

A list of items to bring (and not bring!) to camp is in the Troop160 Guidebook. It is always preferable to label any and/or all of the items you can. This will make it easier to return items that get misplaced.

For those who will drive to camp to drop off or pick up their scouts

For drop-off, Scouts need to be at the Camp by 1:00 PM (Sunday August 5 at or Sunday August 12). BEING ON TIME IS ESSENTIAL because the Troop can't check-in until EVERYONE is present! Parents can pick-up their Scouts at 8:30 AM the last day of camp (Saturday August 11 or Saturday August 18). More information will follow.

Two-Week Campers and the Saturday between Camps

There is no program in either Camp Bell or Hidden Valley on Saturdays. For those scouts that are attending both weeks, the Saturday between the week at Camp Bell and the week at Hidden Valley is a day off. Families should come and pick up their scout for the day, go out to eat, do laundry, etc. Parents will need to arrive at 9:00 AM, and can return after 5 PM. Any Scout planning on leaving camp with someone other than his legal guardian needs to make that request know to the Scoutmaster (preferably in writing). More information will follow.

Camperships

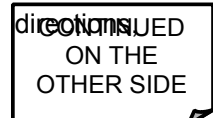
Troop 160 policy is that no scout should be excluded from summer camp due to financial hardship. Any family that is in need of financial assistance should speak to Troop 160 Campership Chair George Kaplin. The information is kept confidential and only a couple people know who applies (george@gskaplan.com).

Refunds

Refunds (less a \$50/wk. administrative fee) are difficult to obtain unless there is a very compelling reason (the Camp's rule, not ours). There will absolutely not be any refunds after July 15, 2012.

Griswold Scout Reservation Camps Website:

The Daniel Webster Council website (www.nhscouting.org) has information such as driving directions, mailing addresses, etc. Click on "Camps" and then either "Hidden Valley" or "Camp Bell".



MEDICAL FORMS (for Scouts & Adult Campers!)

The following information is taken from the Daniel Webster Council's camp website (www.nhscouting.org):

MEDICAL FORM - Must be 2011 form. You can get it from the Troop160.com site

Parts A and B are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians.

Part C is the physical exam that is required for participants in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, for all high-adventure base participants, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding. Service projects or work weekends may fit this description. Part C is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is important to note that the height/weight limits must be strictly adhered to when the event will take the unit more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle-accessible roadway, or when the program requires it, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas.

ANY CAMPERS WHO DO NOT HAVE A PROPERLY COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM OR ARE MISSING A PARENT'S OR DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE (real, not electronic) MAY NOT STAY OVERNIGHT IN CAMP!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!

MEDICATIONS

State law mandates that all medication must be secured in the Health Lodge. All medications will be turned in to the camp nurse upon arrival. Only legal medications will be given to scouts. Legal medications are medications in their original containers with a doctor name, patient name, administration instructions and date on the label.

MEDICAL FORMS ARE DUE TO THE TROOP BY **March 2, 2012**. PLEASE MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS (i.e., early appointments) FOR ANNUAL PHYSICALS.

Direct medical form questions and mail completed medical forms to: Monica Grewal
47 School Street
Lexington, MA 02421
monica.grewal@wilmerhale.com

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM CAMP

If we have enough riders to cover the cost of the bus, Troop 160 will run a bus up to Griswold Scout Reservation on August 5 and back to Lexington on August 18. The bus is typically a school bus rented from one of the local school bus companies, and is driven by one of the school bus company's drivers. The troop sends at least one adult on the bus along with the scouts. Availability is on a first come first served basis.

UNLESS THE TROOP INFORMS YOU THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A BUS, YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH RIDERS AND THAT THERE WILL BE A BUS ON THE SPECIFIED DATES.

TO RESERVE A RIDE ON THE BUS, MAKE PAYMENT USING THE "FINAL REGISTRATION AND BUS RESERVATION FORM", DUE May 4.

Payment for the bus also covers rental of the truck to transport the scouts' gear.

The bus departs the St. Brigid parking lot at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, August 5, and returns to the St. Brigid parking lot at noon on Saturday, August 18. Times are subject to change! Confirmation of times and additional information will follow. There is NO bus returning from Camp Bell on August 12.

Scouts should wear their Class A uniform on the bus and have in a day pack: their Troop 160 Class B shirt, a bag lunch, a full water bottle, medications in **prescription bottles** (to be checked in with the Camp Nurse).