

# Sunday Unit Arrival and Check-in

You should plan to arrive at **camp between 11:30 and 12:15pm.**

**We cannot begin until EVERYONE has arrived!**

There is a lot to do when we arrive on Sunday, and we need all scouts and adults present before check-in procedures can start. We recommend that you carpool to consolidate the number of vehicles that are coming to camp. The camps have little parking, and are trying to minimize the traffic impact at camp & throughout the town of Gilmanton. All vehicles must proceed to the parking lot. **You are not allowed to stop along camp roads to unload.**

Scouts are expected to hike their gear to campsites. All personal, carry-able gear is to be left at the parade field until we have completed check-in. If an item such as a trunk or large duffle bag is either too large or too heavy to carry, it may be placed behind your campsite sign at Carter Lodge and a camp vehicle will take it up for you during the afternoon. No personal vehicles are allowed on the campsite roads.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to keep the items you will need Sunday (such as towel, water bottle, change of clothes, flashlight, bug spray, rain gear) with you in a daypack.

## GEAR

**All gear** (especially that dropped at Carter Lodge) should be clearly **labeled** with **SCOUT NAME, TROOP 17 and the name of our CAMPSITE**, so that it may be properly identified.

Once your gear is at the site or Carter Lodge, find the Troop at the parade field in front of the Dining Hall. When we are all present, a tour guide will direct us through - Roster verification - issuing wristbands - check-in to campsite - medical re-check - Troop photo - swim tests - orientation at the Dining Hall - Tour of Camp and opening ceremonies.

## Important Hints

1. Carry any necessary items in a day-pack, separate from your luggage. Carry this daypack with you each day.
2. Scouts should arrive wearing their Class A uniform shirt and a swimsuit (or scout shorts with swimsuit underneath), and have a towel handy (in their daypack). Shortly after check-in, we will take a Troop photograph, and then proceed directly to the waterfront for swim checks. Having a suit on will eliminate the need to change twice, and will speed us through check-in. Also carry a zip-lock bag to hold the wet items, so that other stuff in your pack does not get wet. A change of dry clothes is desirable, as well.
3. Have your meds ready to submit to the nurse. Clearly label with a "T17-AN" on the top.
4. Don't forget a water bottle, sun protection, hat and raingear.
5. Because it may rain, and items may get wet (even in tents), we recommend packing all items in plastic, not fabric, containers. Trunks that fit under the cots are available at Target, Wal-Mart & other stores.

# General Information about Hidden Valley

We will be staying in the **Buley** campsite.

The site is furnished with 2 person tents on platforms, cots, picnic tables, dining tarps and (a new) latrine with running water.

The North Shower (just up the hill from Buley) has individual, privately accessed showers (with hot water!).

**Good News:** The Site is on level land, and is just past the Chase Waterfront, and is near the COPE and Athletic Field area. There is no Mountain to climb 6 times a day, and it is just steps from the shower facility.



**Bad News:** Should it rain (a slim, but real possibility), this level site does accumulate water. Your equipment may get flooded. **Gear should remain on the platforms, and bagged in zip-lock bags to prevent from getting drenched.**

The name "Buley" is an old Abenaki word, meaning "land where the latrine is on a hill"
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## Dining Hall Orientation

- Scouts should be familiar with these guidelines
- All meals are preceded by a flag ceremony at the upper parade field 10 minutes prior to the meal
- Entry to the dining hall is contingent upon a proper wristband OR a visitor meal ticket
- Bags & gear must be left outside, even in bad weather. Note that new backpack hooks have been installed to keep gear off the ground
- Please, NO HATS or RUNNING in the dining hall at any time!
- Meals are served family style
- Each table will have at least one waiter (your SPL will set up a duty roster)
  - Waiters should arrive 20 minutes early to setup. The Dining Steward will guide waiters before, during and after the meal.
  - Waiters' duties will include setting up the table before meals, getting food during meals, filling drink pitchers, and cleaning the tables and surrounding areas after meals.
  - An adult will accompany waiters, and will assist with big tasks (i.e., lifting), and see that tasks are done in a timely and sanitary manner.
  - Waiters may leave ONLY when dismissed by the Dining Hall Steward.
  - Chairs should be stacked in piles of eight, on the stage side of the table facing the big window. Wooden tables should have their benches stacked on top after both the table and each bench have been wiped down.
  - PLEASE go in the "IN" doors and out the "OUT" doors - always.
- Each table must seat an adult leader AND a Camp Staff member. Both help with discipline, portion control and see that everyone samples everything (eat your peas!)
- Older Scouts are encouraged to disperse among multiple tables to maximize food.

**VISITORS:** All visitors must sign in at the Administration building upon arrival, and MUST be signed out of camp by 9:00PM. Upon departure sign out at the Administration Building and return the Visitor Pass.

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**LOST AND FOUND:** All lost and found clothing should be placed in the lost and found box located at the Main Waterfront. Any valuables, such as watches and wallets, should be turned in at the Administration Building. Please be sure to check the lost and found before you leave camp. The camp disposes of or donates to charity all the items collected after camp closes in August.

***REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL YOUR GEAR!***

## **MAILING ADDRESS**

Please mail all letters by Wednesday to ensure that the scout receives them. An adult leader or your SPL may retrieve mail from the troop's mailbox in the Administration Building. Outgoing mail may be placed in the mailbox on the porch of the Admin. Building.

Letters mailed to Scouts should follow the format below:

(Scout's Name)  
Unit #17      Week #5  
Hidden Valley Scout Camp – GSR  
2A Eileen Shore Road  
Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837

## **MEDICAL SERVICES**

Hidden Valley is equipped with a Health Lodge, staffed with a full-time resident nurse and an EMT. The Key staff is trained in first aid. A non-resident physician is on-call at all times, and local hospitals are also available. If a Scout needs to stay in the health lodge, the unit must supply a second Scout for YPS. If a scout must be confined or have close medical attention, he will be sent home for this care.

## **MEDICATIONS**

All medications coming to Camp must come to camp in the original prescription container. ALL medications (even over-the-counter) must be declared and turned into Health Services. Please label all medication with "Troop 17" on the top of the container, using a black pen, so that the nurse may more easily identify it.

## **TELEPHONE**

The camp telephone number for incoming calls is **(603) 364-2900**. Phones are available for adults at Carter Lodge. These phones are for calling cards and collect calls only. Calling cards are available in the Trading Post for purchase. Scouts are NOT PERMITTED to use the phone without a unit leader present.

## **TRADING POST**

Hidden Valley maintains a well-stocked camp store. Stock items include Scouting literature, Merit Badge pamphlets, camp T-shirts, patches, neckerchiefs, mugs, uniform parts, and program supplies. Scouts most often, however, use the trading post for cold drinks & snacks. Soda and juice drink machines are available around camp.

## **ELECTRONICS**

Leave them at home! There is no reason for a Scout to bring electronics, other than a GPS (not a phone GPS). Any electronics found will be kept for safekeeping till departure.

## **FOOD IN THE CAMPSITE**

Food in the campsite WILL attract animals. Be sure that all food scraps (even wrappers) are disposed of properly, and placed in a trashcan at the entrance to the campsite. *Food is not to be stored in the campsite (& especially your tent).*



<b>When going to the trading post, buy only what you will immediately consume.</b>
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## **CAMP IDENTIFICATION WRISTBANDS**

All campers and leaders will receive wristbands (or badges) to wear during their stay at camp. These will be distributed at camp upon arrival and verification of rosters. The bands help us insure safety and security for all as well as assure participation in program and meals. Unit leaders must replace lost or damaged wristbands (bring the broken wristband with you) at the administration building. Rotating leaders are reminded to leave their badge behind when leaving the property.

**Important:** The wristband is your ticket into the Dining Hall & identifies you as a camper for the week. If you lose your wristband or it breaks, contact an adult leader as soon as possible.

## **DAILY CAMPSITE CHECK**

The Commissioner Staff performs daily health and safety campsite checks. These checks can happen at any part of the morning, afternoon, or evening (but is usually in the morning during the merit badge sessions). A Scout is prepared! The Campsite Check Worksheet will be posted on your campsite bulletin board when you arrive at camp. The Commissioner places a major emphasis on health and safety issues within the campsite.

During the check, items that will be scrutinized include: latrine cleanliness, appropriate fire prevention measures such as full fire cans and clean fire areas, tent cleanliness and condition, and even the location of trash barrels at the campsite entrance as well as the location and height of clotheslines or fences, etc.

Scouts should check their duty roster (posted at the latrine) to see how they can do their part to help.

**Note:** The Fire Marshall assigned for the day (see duty roster) is responsible for signing the daily check sheet, as posted on the latrine.

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## **SATURDAY CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES**

We need to be packed & ready to check out before 8:45 AM on Saturday. Parents should arrive by then to enjoy the ceremony & to pick up their son(s). **We urge (beg & plead) parents to arrive on time.**

**Closing Ceremony begins at 8:45am. Plan to arrive before then**

Breakfast on Saturday morning is an open Continental Breakfast from 7:00 to 8:30am (for campers only). We need to be packed & ready to check out well before then on Saturday. We urge (beg & plead) parents to arrive on time! **Troop leaders cannot leave till all scouts are picked up.** and will be anxious to see their families. Besides, you will be hard-pressed to find parking after 8:30am.

A camp-wide closing ceremony begins at 8:45 am on the Parade Field near the Dining Hall. Families are encouraged to "stretch their legs" after the drive & join us for the ceremony. Dismissal immediately follows the ceremony. Please be careful of campers and traffic as you exit camp. **Please be mindful of the speed in Gilmanton!**

Scouts' personal gear must be ready for the walk to the parking lot, prior to the closing ceremony. We will leave the site as soon as checked out with a goal of 7:00am (so that we may enjoy breakfast). Equipment too large or too heavy to carry must be placed by the roadway next to the site's sign. Scouts may pick up their equipment by Carter Lodge, and meet parents for the trip home. No personal vehicles will be allowed in the campsite areas. Gear must be carried to the Carter Lodge Parking lot.