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## Summer Camp 2024 July 28 to August 3

It's time to begin preparations for Summer Camp 2024 - please note the following:

Forms and necessary information can be found on the troop website at:

[www.BSAtroop515.com](http://www.BSAtroop515.com)

Please review all materials – forms, due dates, instructions, etc. as many items are time sensitive.

### Merit Badges

Registration for summer camp merit badges will open on February 21, 2024

The 2024 Summer Camp merit badge selection form along with the merit badge prerequisite information is available on the troop website. Please make a copy of the form and begin to make decisions on the merit badges that you would like to take at camp. Merit Badge selections should be submitted Mr. Regad as soon as possible, as classes fill up quickly.

If you are undecided about attending camp this year, it is recommended that you still select merit badges at this time. We can always remove you from the classes if you decide not to go, however we will not be able to add you to the class once it is filled up.

Note that for some Merit Badges there is an incremental charge for materials to be used in the class (see below list). This fee is to be submitted when paying the summer camp registration.

- o Leather Work - \$10
- o Space Exploration - \$16
- o Rifle - \$12
- o Wood carving - \$6
- o Basketry - \$20
- o Shotgun - \$25



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## Fee Payment Schedule for 2024

### Scouts Fees

- \$520 – Early Bird Discount - To qualify - payment is due to the troop by 5/1/24
- \$565 – Regular (normal fee) – To qualify – payment is due to the troop by 6/5/24
- \$590 – Late Fee Registration (after 6/5/24) – Must be received by 7/3/24

For those scouts opting to attend the **“Darlington Adventure Program”** (previously called the High Adventure Outback Program) the fees are the same as outlined above.

### Leader (Adult) fees

- \$165 – Full Week Fee - payment is due to the troop by 06/5/24.
- \$35 – Daily Fee (part-time) - payment is due to the troop by 6/5/24.

### Campership Applications

Completed “Campership” applications need to be submitted to Mr. Deter by 3/20/24. Note that the scout is still expected to pay part of the camp fee and participate in the council fundraisers – the Camp Card Sales and/or the Pop Corn Sale.

### Refund Policy

- Scouts that cannot attend camp due to illness will need to provide a doctors’ note by 8/31/24, to receive a refund of all fees paid, less the \$100 non-refundable deposit.
- Scouts who do not attend camp due to health safety concerns, the “sick scout” policy above will apply.

## *Adult Leadership*

Important reminders for Adult Leadership attending camp (Full time & Part time):

New York State Law and the Boy Scouts of America require that a minimum of two registered adult leaders (21 years of age or older) always be present in camp throughout the week. We need to also maintain a ratio of one adult for every eight boys attending camp.

Adults attending camp must ensure that they are current in completing the BSA Youth Protection Training & have completed a BSA Criminal Background Check – prior to arriving at camp.



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In accordance with these policies the troop is responsible for ensuring all adults attending Forestburg with their troop are currently registered with the BSA in their local council; have current (unexpired) BSA Youth Protection Training and have completed a BSA Criminal Background Check.

For those parents that want to attend camp, and are not currently registered with the troop, they can be registered as a Position 91U Unit Scouter Reserve. Information available upon request.

## Medical Form and Health Services Information

### Medical Forms

All camp attendees (scouts and adults) are required to have a physical exam done by their doctor every year and submit a completed medical form. When submitting your medical form, to ensure completeness, please note the following:

- Inoculations – indicate month, day and year. If a copy of the inoculations record is to be attached to the medical form, it needs to be on the doctors' letterhead or contain the doctors' stamp, indicating license number. (*Note: NY State requires that the "proof" of measles vaccinations be submitted with the medical form.*)
- Insurance Card – include a photocopy of both sides of the card.

Please submit all completed medical forms (with attachments) to Mrs. Prodeline no later than 6/5/24 (earlier submissions are greatly appreciated).

### Medications – Over the Counter (OTC)

In NY State, no one except a doctor is allowed to make a diagnosis, and therefore no one except a doctor can administer over the counter medications, except for a parent who is present at camp. The parent cannot assign the responsibility for this to another adult. Also, a phone call from the parent does not authorize us to administer the medication.

The on-camp staff nurse is also not allowed to administer any over the counter medications. Technically, if a scout has a headache or stomachache, we would be required to take him to a hospital to administer aspirin, Tylenol, Tums, etc.

OTC medications will also not be distributed to the adults at camp. Adults may supply and take OTC medications on their own. You can send OTC drugs with the scout, but a doctor authorized, prescription printed prescription label must be attached.

### Prescription Medications

Todd Lodge will serve as the satellite health facility for the Dan Beard camp

All prescription medications for Dan Beard scout campers will be held at Todd Lodge and administered by the nurse. No prescription medications can be held in camp, and leaders are not

authorized to administer them. Prescription medications still require a prescription medication form for each medication that is taken, and a one-week supply of the medication must be provided in its original container.

*Scouts and adults that have an EpiPen or an Inhaler are required to always carry these items with them. A prescription medication form is required for these items as well.*

## 2024 Activity Highlights

### 1. **Cardboard Boat Regatta: Remember to bring cardboard & duct tape to camp**



2. **Dutch Oven Competition - Desert**
3. **Cinema Under the Stars**
4. **Rusty Mans Competition for Adult Leaders**
5. **MORE Eagle Required Merit Badges**
6. **Rifle & Archery ranges**
7. **Sports Field**
8. **Water-Front – Swimming, Boating – Row Boats, Canoes, Kayaks & Sail Boats**
9. **Troop Activities – Monkey Bridge, Climbing Wall, Zip Lines**
10. **And – much, much, more...**

## *Other Camp Information*

Camp shirts can be purchased at the trading post, however can be ordered ahead of camp. More information to follow on pre-ordering clothing items.

The trading post will be open daily where snacks, commemorative items and other assorted camp items can be purchased.

If you require **Special Dietary Needs** and/or **Special Accommodations**, please complete the on-line “confidential” form at: <https://www.monmouthbsa.org/fsr-summeracc>

As always, vehicles are not allowed in camp at any time. Please use the designated parking areas when dropping off and picking up scouts.

There will be a Friday night – family dinner at camp this year. Ticket prices are \$15 / adult and \$8 / child (8 years old and under). More information to follow on the purchasing of tickets and logistics.

## Safety Procedures in Camp

All Program areas and the Dining room will have sanitizers and/or hand-washing stations

Program equipment will be cleaned in between classes

Sanitation Teams will clean all public areas several times a day

## Key Due Dates

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WHAT IS DUE</b>
<b>March 20</b>	1. Campership applications are due to Mr. Deter
<b>May 1</b> <b>May 1</b>	1. Scouts - "Early Bird" camp fee due (\$520) 2. Completed Merit Badge selection forms due to Mr. Regad
<b>June 5</b>	1. Medical forms due to Mrs. Prodeline – 6/5/24 2. Scouts – Full price camp fee due (\$565) – 6/5/24 3. Adults – Full Week camp fee due (\$165) – 6/5/24
<b>July 28</b>	Prescription drug forms due to Mr. Deter upon arrival at Forestburg



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