

# From the Camp Director

Hello Families, Leaders, Scouts, and Scouters!

I'd like to introduce myself; my name is [Brett Branscombe](#) and I will be your Camp Director this year at Camp Carpenter. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 83 in Penacook, NH, and a Vigil Honor Member of Passaconaway Lodge. I've had the privilege of serving on staff for Wood Badge and Powder Horn, as well as faculty for DWC's University of Scouting and Commissioner Colleges. I've gotten to be a part of the staff at Camp Carpenter for the past 13 years, and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to lead our team this summer. Outside of camp, I teach music at Newmarket Jr/Sr High School, or you could probably find me playing games or building computers.

The last couple of years have undoubtedly been dynamic and challenging. Even so, the team at Camp Carpenter has been resilient and innovative to ensure that health and safety *and* engaging quality programs are our top priorities. We designed and delivered one of the most comprehensive at-home programs in the country in 2020 and followed rigorous mitigation strategies to ensure that we opened and stayed open throughout 2021. Our focus is still the same; providing a safe and fun program in the great outdoors.

We know that the Scouting program works best when it includes *the outdoors*, and what outing could be more of an adventure for our youth than getting to come to Camp Carpenter. Now more than ever, our youth need opportunities to disconnect and *interconnect*. Our programming highlights the aims of Scouting: character development, leadership development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. These aims are as crucial as ever as we prepare youth to face the world ahead of them.

Camp Carpenter is proud to have held ourselves to the rigorous standards of the National Camp Accreditation Program and its recommended practices. We are already working on a new cycle of strategic planning to help us continue to provide the best program we can to the most youth. We continue to offer flexible camping opportunities, including week-long sleepover camp, overnight family camp, and day camps. And we continue to expand these along with Granite Base Camp. We are also in the process of seeking accreditation through the American Camping Association. This process will help us meet the best practices within the BSA and from the greater camping community.

As the team at Camp Carpenter prepares to open our doors for the 86th season, we are excited to make fun and adventure come to life for our youth. We hope you will work with us to help make camp an opportunity for as many youths as possible. Please feel free to reach out if there's anything we can do to help or if you have any questions or concerns going into the summer.

See you soon!

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