

Medical Services

Camp Carpenter staffs our Health Lodge with a full-time resident Health and Safety Officer (i.e., Camp Nurse). A non-resident physician is on-call at all times, and local hospitals are available for those needing additional treatment. Also, per national standards, at least 50% of our staff are trained and certified in CPR and first aid. Suppose a camper must be confined or need close medical attention. In that case, the Health and Safety Officer will send the camper home for this care. The camp is not responsible for medical costs of problems not contracted or worsened at camp. Camp Carpenter is licensed and inspected by the City of Manchester, the State of New Hampshire, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Medical Forms

Everyone attending camp must have a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (No. 680-001) with Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months. This requirement includes campers, den chiefs, and adults. Part C of the form is the physical examination which must be signed by a certified and licensed healthcare provider recognized by the BSA. Recognized providers are physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants. *Unfortunately, we are not able to accept substitute forms.*

Please make sure that all medical forms are filled out accurately and completely, with the signatures of a parent/guardian or participant and healthcare provider along with all emergency contact information.

In 2022 we will be using an online HIPPA-compliant system for the collection of medical forms. This will allow you to fill out Parts A and B online. A medical provider will need to sign Part C, which you can then upload to the online system. This will need to be completed by May 31st to give our medical team time to review.

NO PARTICIPANT WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY IN CAMP WITHOUT A COMPLETED BSA ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD (PARTS A, B, AND C) SIGNED BY AN APPROVED AND QUALIFIED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER!

Medications

State law and BSA policy mandate that participants turn in all medications to the health and safety officer upon arrival at camp (this will be part of the check-in process). This requirement applies to all campers, den chiefs, and adult leaders. **The only exceptions are asthma inhalers and Epi-Pens. These medications, however, must still be registered with the health and safety officer during check-in. In addition, participants must turn in a second asthma inhaler or Epi-pen that the Health and Safety Officer will store at the health lodge in case of emergency. Finally, youth participants must turn in a 'permission to possess' form signed by a physician and parent/guardian to carry these medications (see appendix).**

The Health and Safety Officer will give only legal medications to campers. Legal medications are in their original containers with the patient's name, doctor's name, and date on the label. If, for some reason, a dosage changes, a doctor's note is required

Dispensing of Medication

The Health and Safety Officer or other qualified personnel will dispense medications after meal periods at a designated area. Campers or leaders requiring medications at different times will need to make alternate arrangements with the Health and Safety Officer.

All medications are stored in the health lodge in locked containers when not dispensed.

Insurance

The Daniel Webster Council ensures each of its registered Scouts and Scouters for accidents, sickness, or injury that may occur during their stay at camp. However, this insurance is secondary coverage only. It will only cover those expenses that are not recoverable under any other policy.

Out-of-council packs and Scouts should ensure they have insurance coverage through their local council.

Vaccination Directive (effective 5/21/19)

All camp participants and leaders must present proof of up to date vaccinations for Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap). There will only be one exception, which is for those who are medically unable to complete the vaccination. Accommodations will be made for those scouts, but it may preclude participation in some activities and necessitate alternative accommodations during their stay with Daniel Webster Council. Refusal of vaccination for any rationale other than medical reasons cannot be accommodated. Documented medical reasons for not having these vaccinations must be presented with a note from your Scout's medical provider **no later than two weeks prior to arrival at camp**. (This is in addition to the scout health form). It must have an actual signature from a licensed medical doctor.

Rationale:

Daniel Webster Council and the Scouting program remains open to all faiths and beliefs and does not bar anyone from participating in the scouting program on the grounds of faith, personal belief, gender, age or sexual orientation. However, this does not equate to full and open access to all programs when there is a concern regarding the safety, health, and well-fare of our Scouts.

Currently, there are many active cases of Pertussis and Measles in the state of New Hampshire, and across our nation at levels that are unprecedented in the last 2 decades. The potential spread associated with these pathogens creates a substantial safety concern and has necessitated this action. This risk is further increased when considering close quarters in which our campers reside.

We strongly desire your Scout to come to our camps for a once-in-a-lifetime camp experience. If this is a personal decision, we respect your decision and ask that in-kind you respect our decision to ensure the safety of our campers and staff. If this choice not to vaccinate is a matter of personal conviction or out of concerns regarding the safety of vaccinations; we urge you to ask and discuss this topic with your medical provider. Ensure the literature you review on this issue is from reputable sources and is reviewed by medical professionals.

Contact Daniel Webster Council, Camping Operations at camping@nhscouting.org if you have additional questions or concerns.

Lyme Disease, West Nile Virus, and EEE

The bite of a deer tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* can cause Lyme Disease. Over time, the disease can affect various body systems, causing symptoms from mild to severe. Usually, patients develop a rash that often has a ring-shaped appearance similar to that of a bull's-eye, usually

at the site of the bite. However, some patients never get the rash but may develop arthritis, nerve damage, and heart problems. If diagnosed and treated early, Lyme disease is treatable. However, if left untreated, the symptoms may persist for several years.

West Nile virus is a virus that lives in some birds and may be transmitted to people by mosquitoes. The virus can cause a wide variety of symptoms, including encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the brain and spinal cord). Symptoms include high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, severe headaches, stiff neck, and sensitivity to light.

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a rare illness in humans. Only a few cases are reported in the United States each year. Severe cases of EEE (involving encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain) begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting. The illness may then progress into disorientation, seizures, or coma. EEE is one of the most severe mosquito-transmitted diseases in the United States. There is no specific treatment for EEE; care is symptom-based.

To prevent mosquito and tick bites, apply insect repellent periodically to exposed skin and spray clothing with insect repellent carefully, following label instructions.

CPAP Machines

Electricity is not available in campsites. Therefore, CPAP machines **MUST** be battery operated. We will make arrangements for recharging battery packs.

