

# Great Blue Hill District Adventure Weekend!

**September 15-17, 2023**

**New England Base Camp, Milton, MA**

Cook! Hike! Climb! All GBH Scout troops are welcome to camp and choose their own adventure! Each scout (and their buddy) will select from the full menu of Saturday program activities at New England Base Camp and patrols will join in additional District competitions and fun activities.

**Who should attend?:** This weekend camping event is intended for Scout Troops and Packs. It is a great time for Troops to host Webelos who may wish to consider joining their unit.

**Camping:** Units should reserve their own tent site or cabin for the weekend. Troops and Packs can stay Friday and/or Saturday nights

**Meals:** Scout units provide all of their own meals and cooking. This is a great opportunity for scouts to do meal planning and cooking requirements for advancement. Compete in the "Chopped Cooking Contest" for Saturday supper.

**Service Project:** Each unit is encouraged to participate in at least one hour of service such as trail maintenance.

**Day Hike and Weather Merit Badge:** Scouts can hike from Base Camp to the Blue Hill Weather Station and participate in learning activities to fulfill the Weather Merit Badge. Scouts will need to have one buddy from their unit and at least one adult leader from participating units. Jeff Anderson will lead the merit badge activity.

**Registration and Costs:** \$10 per troop registration. Every scout will use their Adventure Card to cover access to Base Camp activities. Units must reserve their own cabin or tent site. Troops and patrols will manage their own food expenses. Please register by September 8, 2023 on the Spirit of Adventure calendar: [https://www.scoutspirit.org/ecwd\\_calendar/calendar/](https://www.scoutspirit.org/ecwd_calendar/calendar/)

**Fun Competition:** District judges will hold some fun events to encourage patrol creativity.

- "Chopped Cooking Contest": Two weeks before arrival, patrols will receive a list of food ingredients to bring to camp. Use these ingredients as creatively as you can to serve up a masterpiece!
  - Pioneering Gadget: Patrols can construct a useful gadget for their campsite (e.g. tripod, flag pole, table) using lashings and ropework.
  - GBH District Relay Race to the Finish: Units will send their team of 4 competitors in this multi-leg race (bike, run, + more)!
- Each Unit should bring 2 trail bikes and bike helmets to the event. (see details below)

**Program Agenda:**

Friday 9/15/2023: Arrive anytime after 4pm. Scout units will do their own cooking.

Fun activities for Friday – plan your own night hike, star gazing. Units may plan their own evening campfire in their campsite.

Cracker Barrel: 7:30pm at Hayden Lodge for Unit leaders; 8:00 all scouts; Apple Cider, cheese, crackers,

Saturday 9/16/2023:

- a. 8:00 – 9:45:AM – Breakfast. Each patrol or troop cooks and cleans up their morning meal.
- b. 9:45 AM – Welcome and Flag Ceremony in front of Hayden Lodge
- c. 10:00AM - 4:00 Noon – Open Program Activities: Scouts select their own combination of Base Camp activities. Stay with your buddy! Spend as long as you like at each station. To adjust for weather, some activities will be indoors in the Eagan Center or outdoors under a rain fly. Fire building, wood tools, knife and axe, pioneering, lashings, knot tying. The BB gun and archery ranges have covered facilities. The nature science room, music room and bouldering wall are indoors. Rock climbing, COPE course, High Ropes activities will be offered (and modified for indoors if needed.)
- d. 10 – 11AM: Service project (camp improvement), meet the pavilion.
- e. Lunch: Scouts units decide when to eat, 12noon – 2:00pm Units provide or Scouts bring their own lunches
- f. 3:00 pm District Competition “Relay Race to the Finish”: running + biking + field sport (we will create teams of 4 scouts)
- g. 4:15 – 7:00pm Supper time -
  - i. “Chopped Cooking Contest”: Patrols and Troops cook and clean-up in their campsites
  - ii. “Dessert Master” Dutch Oven or Reflector Oven  
Dessert competition
- h. 7:30pm – District campfire – Each troop puts on a skit and leads a song or cheer.
- i. 9:00 Stargazing
- j. 10:00pm – Lights out

Sunday 9/17/2023: 7:00 – 8:45AM breakfast, patrol cooking

- k. 9:00AM – Interfaith prayer service
- l. 11:00am – 1:00 pm – Dismissal by unit

Event details:

**Relay Race:** Each scout unit will enter as many teams of 4 scouts as they can recruit. We will create additional teams with scouts from multiple units to accommodate as many scouts as possible. All teams begin the race at same time. Teams of 4 scouts: 3pm meet at the Yellow Fire gate at bottom of Cabin Road (adjacent to the parking lot below Hayden Lodge).

- 1) Base Camp Open Program Activities Director: Nick Kerpan
- 2) Overnight camp administrator: Nick Kerpan
- 3) Service Projects: Ricky Savage
- 4) Cracker Barrel: Fran Campion
- 5) Climbing and Cope Course staff recruitment: Karl DeBisschop
- 6) Interfaith Service planning: Ken Shaw
- 7) Thursday, Sept. 14th Final planning and unit briefing: Jeff Anderson
- 8) Relay Race managers: Jeff Anderson and 3 volunteers to oversee the start and finish
- 9) Campfire program "coach": Nick Kerpan will lead, sign up and do coaching of skits meet at the campfire ring
- 10) Pioneering gadget judge: TBD
- 11) Chopped Cooking Contest judge: TBD
- 12) Dessert Master competition judge: TBD