

Camp Basics for Troop 119

Arrival

Campers should arrive by 1 pm, LATEST. Being late holds up the whole troop, please be on time. Shortly after you arrive at camp, you must be in Class A uniform for, among other things, the troop picture. Besides having your Class A uniform, with neckerchief & slide close at hand, you should also have in a daypack:

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Water bottle
- Any meds you are bringing to camp

You will not have access to your trunk or larger packs until we get to the campsite quite awhile after our arrival at camp and long after we have checked in. Put your must-have stuff in your daypack and keep it with you.

Bus

Bus Scouts should pack a lunch in their daypack. We will not make a stop in Tilton.

Pictures

Pictures must be preordered and paid for in advance. The price is \$9.00 per picture at this point (early orders got a break since we didn't know the price had been raised).

Medications

All medications with the exception of inhalers and epi pens MUST be turned into the nurse when we check in. MUST. If you do have an inhaler or epi pen, make sure that the leaders know about it. Don't pack the medications in your trunk. Carry them in your daypack. All medications MUST be in their original container WITH LABEL.

Trunks

Only trunks will be transported up the hill to the campsite. All the rest must be carried. Trunks or Rubbermaid containers are suggested. Put a piece of tape on the trunk and label in Magic Marker:

- Your name
- Troop 119 Lexington

Personal Electronics

Electronic devices, cell phones, mp3 players, video games, all will be confiscated. DON'T BRING THEM!!!! (Adults, you can bring your cell phones, but signals are weak, and please refrain from making calls within earshot or in view of scouts). GPS devices are allowed for the overnight hikes only. Otherwise, if it takes batteries, it better be a flashlight

Telephone Calls

Only leaders may use the telephone in the lodge so parents should not expect updates from Scouts via phones. The only phone at Bell is a long hike away from the campsite so once we are there, we are pretty much out of touch. If any leaders expect to make calls, carry a phone card so you can make long distance calls. The phone at Hidden Valley is also a long way from the campsite. Truly emergency calls can be made to the camps, but it should be a real emergency.

Knives & Matches

All Scouts will requalify for their Totin' Chip shortly after arriving at camp. Scouts carry knives, but they carry sensible knives. If you use a knife inappropriately, you will lose your right to carry it.

Although it is always a good idea for a scout to carry a few waterproof matches when camping, there is no need for matches in our campsites. Scouts going backpacking will need matches, otherwise, no.

Absolutely NO lighters of any kind allowed. We use sparkers to light the stoves. If scouts need a lighter for any other reason, their patrol quartermaster may borrow one from the adult gear box. Lighters will be confiscated, and probably not returned.

Mail

Mail is sloooooowwwwww. It can easily take five days for a letter to travel from your house to our campsite. Parents of younger campers should post a letter at least three days prior to our leaving for camp. Please do not send food. The addresses for the two camps are:

Camp Bell (our first week)

Scout Name

Troop 119 Week 7

Camp Bell - GSR

2B Eileen Shore Road

Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837-4106

Hidden Valley (our second week)

Scout Name

Troop 119 Week 8

Hidden Valley Scout Camp - GSR

2A Eileen Shore Road

Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837-4106