



Troop 45 Summer Camp Camp Bell – July 17 – 23, 2005

**SIGN-UP
DEADLINE
MAY 9, 2005**

This note outlines the basic facts about summer camp for Troop 45 for the year 2005. We will be returning to the Daniel Webster Council's Camp Bell, located on the Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. We've been to Camp Bell in prior years and those weeks have been very successful. The boys have participated in a wide range of activities, earned a variety of merit badges, cooked all their meals, and lived with their patrols for the week.

Camp Bell is organized to strengthen the patrol method. Each patrol has its own campsite within the troop's assigned area. Each patrol plans and cooks its own meals over propane stoves. Each patrol visits one of Camp Bell's theme areas each day and spends the day working toward their individual goals under the supervision of a dedicated counselor. Theme areas include:

- Aquatics, which includes swimming, sailing, tubing, water skiing, canoeing and kayaking;
- Brownsea (named after and inspired by Baden-Powell's first summer camp) which includes, pioneering, camping, orienteering, and basic Scout skills;
- Challenge Valley, featuring team building, an obstacle course, climbing and personal fitness;
- The Bell Farm, which includes farm animals, an equestrian program, gardening and farm mechanics;
- Logging Camp where Scouts work on lumberjack projects, forestry, nature and conservation programs; and
- Mountain Man which includes wilderness survival, leatherworking, tomahawk throwing, archery and black powder rifles.

Here is the basic logistical information concerning our week at camp:

- Our week at Camp Bell this year runs from Sunday July 17th through Saturday July 23rd.
- The cost of camp is \$305.00. Full payment (check payable to "Troop 45") is due by Monday, May 9, 2005.
- Each Scout and adult staying in camp must have a physical exam recorded on the official BSA form. Forms are available at Troop meetings and in the Library portion of the Troop web site. The physical exam for Scouts and adults under 40 must be signed by a doctor no more than 2 years prior to July 23rd; in other words, exams from last year are OK. Adults over 40 require an annual physical. Camp Bell can NOT accept alternate forms and Scouts will NOT be allowed to stay at camp without a completed exam form. Make your doctor's appointments now!
- Drivers will be needed on the 17th and the 23rd. If you would like to drive one way or both ways, please indicate so on the sign-up form.
- We will have three scoutmasters/parents in camp at all times. If you would like to spend one or more days and nights with the troop, please indicate so on the registration form.
- Leslie Connolly, 643-4837, will serve as our Camp Bell Coordinator this year. She will be finalizing the roster, collecting payments, arranging transportation and answering questions.

CAMP BELL 2005 SIGN-UP

Scout's Name: _____

Please check below if you can help.

Parent's Name: _____

I want to drive to camp.

Phone: _____

I want to pick up from camp.

Email: _____

I want to stay overnight at camp on these

days: _____

Return this form to Leslie Connolly, 138 Etna Road, Hanover, NH 03755

Include your payment by check payable to "Troop 45"

Please sign up by 9 May 05