

2023-2024 TROOP 56 TRIP ACTIVITIES

~FINALIZED 6/6/23~

*we need **4 ADULTS** for overnight trips (1 male & 1 female lead advisor - @ least 1 IOLS trained) and 2+ supporting adults; day trips could benefit from 3-4 adults (esp if needed for carpooling scouts)

*Philmont scouts **MUST** attend the 1st Aid & Shakedown trips, plus at least ONE of three Philmont qualified-trips (September, January or April).

SEPTEMBER

September 16, 2023

DAY TRIP – Apple Picking & Hiking, Sholan Farms, Leominster, MA

Hike the trails around the farm, then pick apples; a farm tour is possible.

Cost: hiking – free; cider donuts and or bags of pick-ur-own apples – approx. \$5/scout

Adult Female Advisor: Susan Soroka

Adult Male Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors:

Youth leaders:

September 22-24, 2023

Backpacking & Snorkeling, Block Island, RI. (Philmont-qualified trip)

Ferry to Block Island and backpack/walk 1.1 miles to Camp Sandsland (BSA primitive camping site – carry water or fill up at nearby police station, latrine toilets). Saturday – walk/hike 1.3 miles to New Harbor salt pond to swim, snorkel, kayak and paddleboard

Notes: a conservation activity may be possible too, if arranged ahead of time. No propane allowed on ferry; must buy on the island. Ferry from Narragansett, RI - 1 hr trip; departs Friday-5 & 7 p.m.; ret. Sunday – 11am

Cost: \$100/campsite per night; ferry - \$23.60/person; \$25/scout – food for the weekend

Equipment cost: approx. \$400/day (for snorkels and 4 paddleboards & kayaks to use in pond (snorkel - \$10/day; paddleboard or single kayak - \$50 [1/2 day]/\$70 [full day] or 2 person kayak - \$60/\$80

Adult Female Advisor: Penny

Adult Male Advisor: Brit

Additional Adult Advisors (need 2): Gaelle, Diane, Danny, Syd and Ann (if there is room)

Youth Leaders:

**NOTE: Robin has offered to lead an adult patrol of any parents new to being an adult trip advisor – you would come on the trip with an aim of learning the ropes for being a future adult trip advisor.*

Adult Patrol:

→ NOTE: Scouts and adults must pass the BSA swim test to go. Troop will arrange a swim test in mid-September for those who haven't taken it within the past 12 months. – Danny will help organize

OCTOBER

October, 7-9, 2023

MassJam, Cape Cod Fairgrounds, E. Falmouth

Multi-council camporee with programming (e.g., scout craft, ropes course, maybe shooting sports, games, entertainment), cook our own meals & camp in our tents, should consider taking folding tables for food prep.

Cost: \$40/person (before Sept. 15; \$45/person after); food cost - \$25/person

Adult Female Advisor: Diane

Adult Male Advisor: Richard

Additional Adult Advisors (need 2):

Youth leaders:

October 21 or 28, 2023

DAY TRIP – Mass Audubon conservation or other conservation volunteer activity, location TBD

Cost: free

Adult Female Advisor:

Adult Male Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors:

Youth leaders:

NOVEMBER

November 17-19, 2023

Turkey Roast at Camp Sayre, Milton, MA

Travel to Camp Sayre (about .1/2 hr from Cambridge) in Milton, MA on Friday night. SAT - Participate in Base Camp Saturday program/advancement and prepare a turkey roast. SUN – option to hike before heading home.

*Webelos from Cub Scouts will be invited.

*IOLS will be offered for parents wanting to chaperone on trips.

Cost: Camping and food: \$800 total cost for weekend (based on last year's cost)

Female Adult Advisor: Sen

Male Adult Advisor: Gerry, Erik

Female Adult Advisor for cooking:

Male Adult Advisor for cooking: David

Youth Leaders:

DECEMBER

December 9, 2023

DAY TRIP - Indoor Sky Diving (SkyVenture), Nashua, NH

2-minute flight simulates sky diving. Total time @ facility – 2.5 hours.

Cost: \$500 for 12 scouts (group rate, can add additional scouts)

Female Adult Advisor:

Male Adult Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors:

Youth Leaders:

ALSO IN DECEMBER: Holiday Tree Sale

JANUARY

January 20, 2024

DAY TRIP - Tubing @ Nashoba Valley (Littleton, MA) or Ski Ward (Shrewsbury, MA)

2-hours of tubing followed by hot chocolate in the parking lot.

Cost: \$42/scout (Nashoba) or \$36/scout (Ski Ward)

Female Adult Advisor: Penny

Male Adult Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors (need 2): Susan

Youth Leaders:

January 26-28, 2024

Snowshoeing and Games in the White Mountains (Philmont qualifier)

Spend Saturday snowshoeing and gaming. Scouts needing Philmont qualifier, and other interested scouts, can take long snowshoe trek to top of mountain; other scouts can opt for a shorter snowshoe trek or advancement work in morning and afternoon games (scouts attending will decide on games – e.g., cards, Magic, etc.). More games in the evening. Stay at AMC's Joe Dodge Lodge.

Cost: approx. \$75/scout for dinner, breakfast and lodging (\$85/adults); dinner Friday night is from 6-8:30 p.m.; lunch on Sat - \$6/scout; can borrow snowshoes from lodge but only 15 pairs and they are first come first serve, so may need to bring some too

Female Adult Advisor:

Male Adult Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors (need 2):

Youth Leaders

FEbruary

February 9-11, 2024

Ice Fishing, T.L., Storer, Barnstead, NH

Camp staff will coordinate with NH Fish & Game to teach ice fishing; winter camping in tents or cabins.

Cost: \$35/campsite or \$125/cabin; \$25/scout for food

Female Adult Advisor:

Male Adult Advisor: Ed

Additional Adult Advisors (need 2):

Youth Leader:

MARCH

March 2, 2024

DAY TRIP – X-country skiing, Weston Golf Course

Cost: \$16/scout for rentals; \$8/scout for trail pass; [1-hour lesson for up to 8 scouts - \$145/hour]

Female Adult Advisor:

Male Adult Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors:

Youth Leaders:

March 22-24, 2024*

Wilderness First Aid (age 14+) and/or Merit Badge – PHILMONT REQ TRIP

@Camp Carpenter (or possibly Base Camp, Milton)*

-Camp Carpenter - Hybrid course requires online learning prior to one day of training in-person

-Milton program - 2 days in person, no online training

☐ must be 14 years old to take 1st Aid/ younger scouts can work on pre-arranged merit badge

*may need to be flexible on specific March weekend and location once camp schedules are posted

Cost: campsite - \$35; \$25/scout – food; hybrid @ Carpenter - \$40/person – online course + \$??; fully in-person @ Base Camp - \$220/person

Female 1ST AID Adult Advisor: Michelle, Diane

Male 1st AID Adult Advisor: Syd, Erik
MERIT BADGE/younger scout adult advisors:
Youth Leaders:

APRIL

April 6, 2024 (may need to modify dates &/or swap w/ May 11 day trip, depending on availability of conservation project)

DAY TRIP – Mass Audubon conservation volunteer activity, location TBD

Cost: free

Adult Female Advisor:

Adult Male Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors:

Youth leaders:

April 26-28, 2024

Backpacking, Mount Greylock, MA (Philmont qualified trip)

Friday night @ campground; spend Sat. hiking up to the peak and backcountry camping (or 2 nights @ campground, hike up and back on Saturday)

Cost: \$12/scout for Friday night camping (& Sat., if not camping backcountry); \$25/scout – food

Adult PHILMONT Female Advisor: Diane

Adult PHILMONT Male Advisor: Syd, Erik

Adult non-Philmont Female Advisor:

Adult non-Philmont Male Advisor: Hitesh

Youth leaders:

MAY

May 11, 2024

DAY TRIP - Ice Cream Scavenger Hunt, Boston area

In patrols, use a bus, subway, bike, ferry, and walking to complete an ice cream scavenger hunt.

Cost: \$10 MBTA youth pass; \$10 - ice cream

Adult Male Advisor:

Female Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors:

Youth Leaders:

May 17-19, 2024

Fishing/riflery/archery @ T.L. Storer, Barnstead, NH

Two nights camping at T.L. Storer; spend all day Saturday learning archery, riflery and fishing offered by camp staff in conjunction with NH Fish & Game Dept.

Cost: \$35/campsite, \$50/scout (for programming, including riflery); food - \$25/scout

Adult Female Advisor: Penny

Adult Male Advisor:

Additional Adult Advisors (need 2):

Youth leaders:

Memorial Day Weekend - Philmont Shakedown (Backpacking)

Taconics Appalachian Trail, Northwest Connecticut, Southwest Massachusetts – PHILMONT REQ

Hike atop the ancient bedrock prow of the Taconic Range - 17 miles w/o crossing a road....hike visits the highest peak in Connecticut (Bear Mountain), the second-highest in Massachusetts (Mount Everett), old-growth hemlock forest, bonsai's pitch pines, waterfalls, and nine different places to spend the night. Begin hike where the AT crosses Route 41 in NW Connecticut, ending at Jug End Road in MA.

Cost: \$25/scout – food; backcountry permit - \$40???

Adult Female Advisor: Diane

Adult Male Advisor: Erik, Syd

Youth leaders:

JUNE

June 8-9, 2024

Horsemanship Weekend, T.L. Storer, Barnstead, NH*

Learn to safely ride a horse and about the care and anatomy of horses, including grooming a horse and caring for the saddle and bridle. Participants demonstrate knowledge by riding a horse & using a variety of skills.

When its nap time for the horses, explore the remarkable complexity of a forest and identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest's life cycle. Discover some of the resources forests provide to humans; come to understand that people have a very large part to play in sustaining the health of forests.

****still confirming whether this trip is possible; if not, will swap with a biking weekend***

Cost: \$35/campsite, food - \$25/scout; still confirming cost (will estimate \$100/scout for now)

Adult Female Advisor: Diane, Gaelle

Adult Male Leader: Syd

Additional Adult Advisors (need 2): Ann

Youth leaders:

PHILMONT: July 7-21, 2024