

Try Scouting this summer

How many kids know how to use a bow and arrow, weave their very own basket or tie a real knot? The boys who attend Cub Scout Day Camp learn all those skills and get an introduction to Scouting.

Cub Scout Day Camps are a great way to learn more about becoming a Cub or Boy Scout and have fun at the same time.

"It's a great introduction for kids who want to learn more about becoming a Cub Scout or Boy Scout, we hope they'll see just how much fun Scouting is and stick with it," said Michael Kaufman, executive director of the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Cub Scout Day Camp Schedule

June 25-29 Camp Doucet, Nashua

July 9-13 Raymond Sportsman's Club, Raymond

July 19-13 Elm Brook Park, Contoocook

July 14 Bretzfelder Park, Bethlehem

July 16-20 Waste Management Co., Rochester

July 23-27 Otter Brook Recreation Area, Keene

July 30-Aug. 1 Lebanon LDS Church, Lebanon

July 30-Aug. 3 Camp Carpenter, Manchester

Aug. 2-4 Camp Unity, Unity

Aug. 6-10 Camp Carpenter, Manchester

Aug. 13-17 Camp Doucet, Nashua

Once at camp, boys get a brief introduction into Cub Scouts and get to participate in a wide range of supervised activities, including water sports, archery, BB guns, Scouting skills, handicrafts, sports and theme-related activities. One day, a Cub may learn about folding the American flag and the elements of a flag ceremony.

"It gives the kids a chance to be outdoors, and learn some life skills that they may not get from their parents or in school," said Jack Gaylord, Day Camp director.

The camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning each day with an opening ceremony. Each day, Cub scouts arrive prepared with a swimsuit, towel, rain gear, non breakable cup, a lunch and snacks that do not require refrigeration. It's mostly an outdoor camp, so proper attire is expected. The week

of Day Camp includes a Family Day, complete with awards and a campfire or ceremony in the afternoon. A variety of special events are planned during the week, all geared to the interests and abilities of boys entering grades one through five in September 2007.

The theme for this year's Day Camp Program is "Land of the Pharaohs" and activities will be centered around ancient Egypt. For example, the kids might do crafts which include making pyramids or mummies.

Nationally certified camp directors administer the Cub Day Camp programs and key staff members are certified in their respective areas. Health and safety are priorities at all camps. All camp staff are trained to handle emergency situations that may arise. The Day Camps are run at 10 different locations throughout the state and scholarships are available for those who qualify. The cost of Cub Scout Day Camp is \$130 for the week.

"You can't ask for a better deal than that, at these Day Camps kids are getting a quality program for \$4 an hour," Kaufman, said. Since 1929, the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America has served thousands of boys in New Hampshire. The Daniel Webster Council is committed to building character, citizenship and personal fitness qualities among youth by focusing on vigorous programs of outdoor activities. Last summer, 700 boys attended Cub Day Camp in New Hampshire.

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