

TROOP 22 SUMMER CAMP CAMP SQUANTO 2017

Camp Squanto is a 650 acre year-round boy scout camp deep in the wood of Myles Standish State Forest in Plymouth, MA., where Troop 22 had another successful summer camp experience.

The troop spent the week of July 9 – 15 at Camp Squanto and the camp facilities were filled with great activities, friendship and memories that will last a lifetime!

Troop 22 had seventeen (17) scouts and five (5) adults throughout the week. The theme this year was “CSI”. The Scouts took this theme and crated a branch off theme of Clue from the mystery fun “Who done it” game; crating a gate entrance to the campsite to include police tape, clues and evidence markers. While a scout dice role was the beginning of the mystery game, clues were to be found within the site that was transformed areas of the game-board. The scouts really got into the theme.

While we were in camp, there was a BSA National Camp Visitation Team onsite to perform their annual inspection review. Their results for Camp Squanto were received and Camp Squanto continues to be Accredited at the highest level.

Before we look at the accomplishments for the week, I would like to extend the following thanks:

- To Mr. Bailey, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Connors and Mrs. McPhail for spending the full week at camp. Having everyone there made for another successful week at summer camp. Between the five of us the scouts could branch out and enjoy the camp activities.
- To last year’s Eagle Scout Mike Dalton who took time out of his college time off to help on several evenings, working on Rank advancement with the scouts. We were honored to have him.

Many notable accomplishments from the week:

- We had one scout who completed the requirements for a BSA certified Life Guard. This required 5 days of dedication to complete the requirements, in lieu of being able to take any merit badges. Quite the commitment for the Troop.
- Three Scouts earned the rank of 1st Class.
- Overall, the scouts earned 53 merit badges as well as 25 partials (the partial Merit badges were automatic as they require additional time and/or items that were not able to be done at camp). The scouts are challenged to complete these merit badges in the fall.
- Our six new scouts earned their Totin Chip.
- The troop had a strong showing as we combined with Troop 4’s scout from Hingham in the Apache Relay on Wednesday with a 6th place finish. This race involves every boy, and requires both great teamwork and individual skills.
- The troop once again set the precedence for the camp and earned the Inspection Shield on the first day for the best troop site. This was a great achievement that involved both the boys and the adults. Leaders form other Troops often came to our site to learn what it takes to have a 1st place troop site.

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- The boys voted and three scouts from Troop 22 were selected to the Order of the Arrow. This is a prestigious award where the only way to become a member is to be elected by your peers in your troop, after meeting select criteria. These scouts are now allowed the honor of becoming a member by completing an Ordeal weekend in the Fall
- The troop participated in Scout Vespers on Wednesday night and the Memorial Service on Thursday.
- There were opening and closing campfires put on by the camp staff where everyone enjoyed the skits and songs.
- While the boys were busy at Merit Badge classes, the adults participated in the Leader's Coffee Club. Activities included the Safety and Swim Afloat certification, COPE (zip line), and shotgun shooting.
- Besides the above, the Troop also earned the Commissioner's Certificate of Inspection, Adventure Award, Honor Troop Award, Program Award and an OA Participation ribbon.