

# TAMARACOUTA SCOUT RESERVE SUMMER CAMP HANDBOOK



It starts with Scouts.

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avec les Scouts.

## Welcome

We are glad to have you with us on this part of our century-long adventure here at Tamaracouta Scout Reserve. Decades of scouting have brought many generations of Scouts and many changes to our camp, the latest addition to our rich heritage being the Canadian Path program.

As Camp Tamaracouta is entering its 106<sup>th</sup> summer camping season, it has become more accessible than ever to youth of all ages within the scouting movement: Beavers can now join the Cubs and Scouts in the great TSR family.

We also offer the all-inclusive Summer Outdoor Leadership Experience (SOLE) program, designed for the 14- to 17-year-olds looking to earn certifications and experience for future work and school related pursuits.

From the LNT overnight hikes to the canoe trips, Camp Tamaracouta is the perfect place for exciting adventure programs. With the addition of our newly revised summer program focused on Canadian Path's Outdoor Adventure Skills, your youth be provided with the opportunity to have a fun and enriching learning experience during their stay.

Please take some time to prepare your youth prior to camp by reviewing the camp regulations, and determining program interests. These are particularly important if your group is participating in the offsite adventure program activities. This will help to ensure that you use your time at Tamaracouta to the fullest!

We are ready to give you every assistance in meeting your camping needs and expectations for the 2017 summer season. Should you require any additional information, you can contact us at 1-866-438-4096, by email at [reservations@tamaracouta.com](mailto:reservations@tamaracouta.com), or on our social media at [www.facebook.com/tamaracouta/](http://www.facebook.com/tamaracouta/). Please feel free to subscribe to our events!

Counting down the days until summer,

The TSR Team

## Checklist for Camp

With this handbook, you have received a set of forms to complete before camp.

Forms to be completed by the parents are:

- Program Participant Enrolment Form
- Health Form
- Dietary Needs Form \*
- Allergies Form \*
- Over the Counter Medication Form
- Medication Consent Form (to be packed with medication sent) \* \*\*
- Tax Credit Form (Individual Campers ONLY)

*\* Only submit if applicable*

*\*\* Scouters will be responsible for any daily medication. Likewise, the TSR Staff will be responsible for the medication of Composite campers.*

Forms to be completed by the troops are:

- Catering Form (if taking this option)
- Knights of Tamara Nomination Form(s)

Please send these forms (**excluding the medication consent form**) to one of the addresses below to arrive no later than **June 16<sup>th</sup>**.

By Mail:

Camp Tamaracouta  
499 Lac Tamaracouta  
Mille-Isles, Quebec  
J0R 1A0

By Email:

[reservations@tamaracouta.com](mailto:reservations@tamaracouta.com)

By Fax:

1-450-438-4304

## Programs

This year we have changed the way camp program works. Adapted programs will be provided for campers of all age and all needs. Our main focus this year remains to offer programs that follow the Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) requirements. For more specific information on the OAS check out [www.canadianpath.ca](http://www.canadianpath.ca)

### *Beaver Program*



Beavers (ages 5-7) will have a 3-day session where they will be sampling some of the programs that Camp Tamaracouta offers. It is a great way to get them initiated to the TSR's activities as well as to camping as a whole.

### *Cub Program*

Cubs (ages 8-10) will have the opportunity to enjoy the full TSR experience by rotating through all the programs offered during their week-long stay.

### *Scout Program*

The Scout Program focuses on progression within the 8 Outdoor Adventure Skills available during the season. Youth will be given individual class choices in the morning and troop-elective activities in the afternoon (it's not all work and no play!).

### *Summer Outdoor Leadership Experience (Venturers)*

The SOLE program is offered to the 14- to 17-year-olds. It combines nationally recognized certifications and unique experiences in an outdoor environment. Please contact us for more details.

### *Adventure Programs*

Micro-Adventure periods throughout the week will allow for the youth to engage in challenging

Every group/individual will have an opportunity for an overnight experience in tents away from their camping area. The overnights will be age/skill appropriate, and include a campfire and meals.

3-/5- day canoe trips will be offered bi-weekly. There is an extra charge for participating on the canoe trip. Please advise us in advance if you are interested, as last-minute additions may prove difficult.

## Sample Schedule\*

Times	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thrusday	Friday	Saturday
6:45-7:30		Morning dip	Morning dip	Morning Dip	Morning dip	Morning dip	Groups & Campers Pack
7:15		Squire Ringing	Squire Ringing	Squire Ringing	Squire Ringing		
7:45		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
8:45- 10:00	Early Check-In, Campsite Setup	PLAN	Micro-Adventure & Skills	Program Periods	Micro-Adventure & Skills	Program Periods	Check-out 10:00am
10:00-10:15		All Change		All Change		All Change	
10:15-11:30		Program Periods		Program Periods		REVIEW	
11:30-12:15		Free Swim - Water Trampoline- Diving Docks					
12:30	Check-In Campsite Setup Swim Tests	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Fellowship Lunch	
13:30-14:45		Program Periods	Program Periods	Program Periods	TSR Games	Regatta	
14:45-15:00		All Change	All Change	All Change			
15:00-16:15	Chapel and Opening Ceremonies	Program Periods	Program Periods	Program Periods			
16:30-17:15		Free Swim - Water Trampoline- Diving Docks					
17:30	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	
19:00-20:00	Canteen & Scouter's Meeting	Canteen	Canteen	Canteen	Canteen		
19:30-20:30		Free Boating	Free Boating	Free Boating	Free Boating	Closing Parade	
20:30	Staff Campfire	Knight's Meeting	Wide Game		TSR's Got Talent	Canteen	

*\*May be subject to change*

As we are hosting the Polish Jamboree from July 29 to August 12, the regular Summer Camp season will be shortened to 4 weeks:

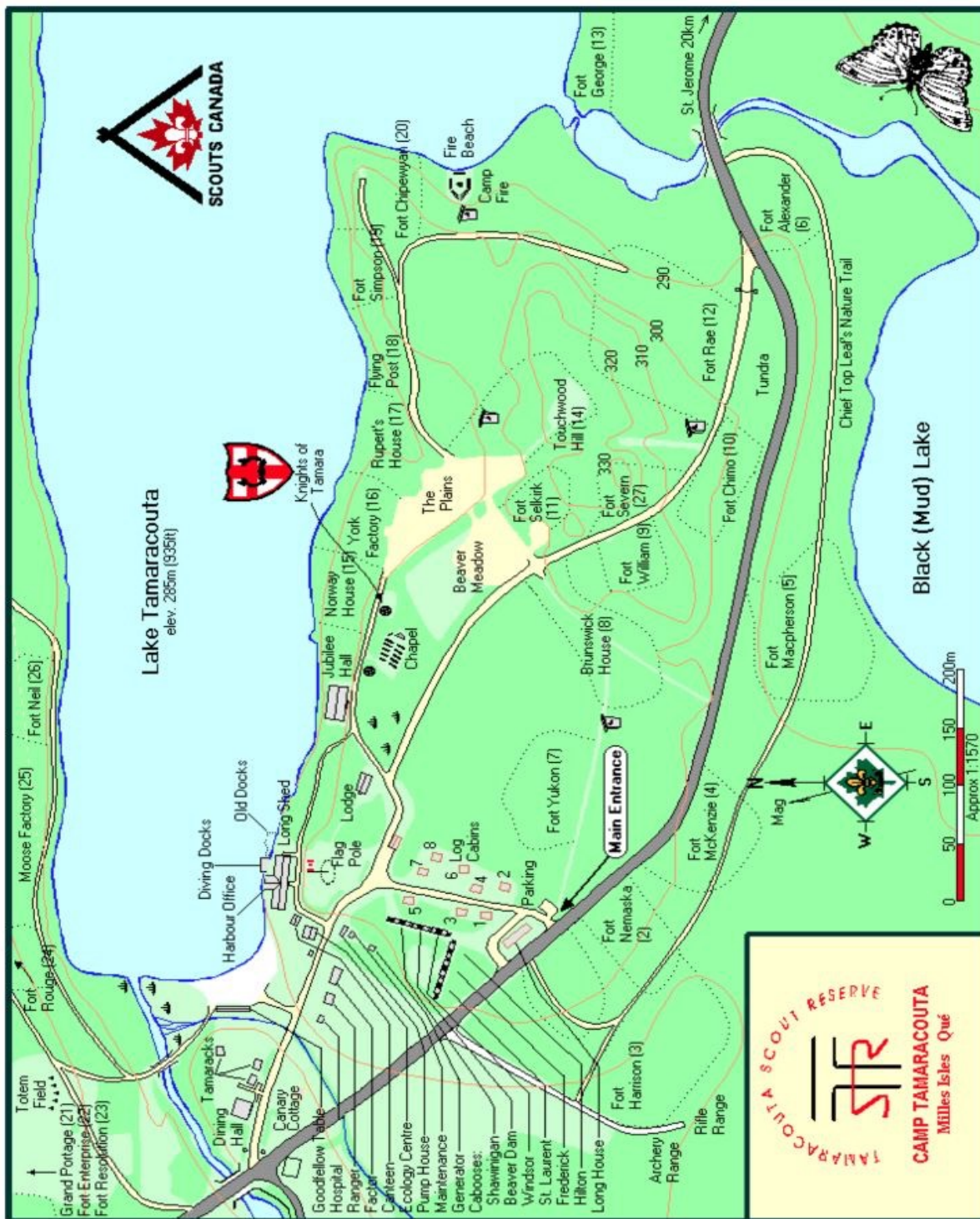
Week1, July 2-8

Week 2, July 9-15

Week 3, July 16-22

Week4, July 23-29

# Camp Map



Tamaracouta Scout Reserve, 635 Lac Tamaracouta, Mille Îles, Québec  
 Laurentian Autoroute (15) to exit 43 ouest. Camp is approx. 22 km from this point. West over autoroute through Bellefleur. Turn right on "Lac Tamaracouta" road.

## Procedures

### *Check-in*

Check-in for catered groups begins as of 12:30 on **Sunday** and must be completed by 15:00. Individual campers and troops must register at the reception office in the Longhouse before proceeding to the campsite. Early check-in is open for the 5-day canoe trip and the non-catered groups.

### *Swim Test*

After arriving and setting up camp, all youth and adults are to report to the waterfront as they are ready for their swim test. All campers must be prepared for this swim rain or shine, as this test must be completed prior to any waterfront activity.

### *Leaving Camp*

In the case of an emergency, the camp staff must know who is present at all times. Individuals and Troops must sign in and out at the Office if they leave site. Any individual wishing to pick up a youth must be identified on the registration paperwork.

### *Check-out*

Check-out the following Saturday must be completed with the office by 10:00 at the latest to allow us to prepare for the arrival of new campers. Please ask parents picking up youth to arrive by 09:30. Leaders and youth will have the opportunity to fill in evaluation forms prior to departure. Please take time to complete these forms as we value your feedback.



## Services

### *Food Storage*

Groups are allocated refrigerator and freezer space upon registration. Since space is limited, we recommend that you label all food with your group's name and campsite, as you may be sharing a fridge/freezer with another Troop

### *Catering*

Tamaracouta offers a full week-long catering service in the dining hall. Groups may also order specific meals. Groups requesting catered meals must complete the Catering Form. It is extremely important to notify the camp of any allergies or dietary preferences on the application if you are choosing catering.

### *Water*

Water taps installed throughout camp provide drinkable water. Please note that

### *Firewood*

A free crate of wood is offered for each site. Any additional firewood can be purchased at Main Office, at the price of 5\$/crate or 150\$/cord. Picking up firewood from Campsites between the lake and Tamaracouta Road is discouraged. Please consult the fire warning sign or [www.sopfeu.qc.ca](http://www.sopfeu.qc.ca) before lighting any fires.

### *Waste management*

Garbage and recycling bags are available upon request. The garbage and recycling drop-off is located near the Longhouse, in the sheds (garbage) or in the bins (recycling).

Please put all compostable materials in the composting containers in Beaver Meadow or near the Dining Hall.

### *Toilets*

Situated all over the camp, toilets are cleaned by the staff daily, from 9:00 to 10:00. Please help us keep them clean. Latrines intentionally misused or damaged will become the Troop's responsibility. Please notify us if the toilets are constantly running.

### *Parking*

Vehicles are to be parked in the designated parking areas, as parking vehicles at the campsites is prohibited. The only exception to this will be for campers with mobility challenges, or for emergency vehicles.

