Troop 4 - 2019-2020 Monthly Camping Itinerary

**September Bicycle Trip.** From Friday September 20th to Sunday September 22nd, Troop 4 will be camping at Nickerson State Park located in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod. Nickerson State Park offers 1,900 acres of wooded trails and ponds to explore. We will bring our bicycles and, on Saturday, will ride along the 22-mile Cape Cod Rail Trail, a paved trail through 6 Cape Cod towns.

**October Backpacking Trip.** The troop will travel on the weekend of October 11-13 to Mount Monadnock State Park in Jaffrey New Hampshire. The Mount Monadnock area is a great place. The troop will tackle the 3165 foot summit directly from the state park HQ. Mount Monadnock is the highest mountain in the area, and rises far above the surrounding countryside, offering commanding views of 3 states.

**November Backwoods Roast Beast & WEBELOS Camping Trip.** On Saturday November 16th and Sunday November 17th we will be camping at the Troop Campsite in Milford, MA. The troop chefs are just beginning to formulate an exciting menu to cook out in the field. We’ll have a full schedule of outdoor activities, including Archery, the troop’s famous obstacle course, and other games/contests. We have invited some second year WEBELOS to attend as well.

**January Winter Camping Trip.** The January campout will be Saturday January 18, 2020 through Sunday, January 19, 2020. We will be camping in the Upton State Forest in Upton MA. Upton State Forest is a large forest with lots of trails and secluded camping spots to select from. Planned activities include sledding, hiking, animal tracking, snowshoeing, a visit to Whistling Cave, and other adventures. At this winter camping trip we will be doing some aluminum foil cooking (no pots and pans to clean).

**February Winter Wonderland Trip.** On February 22-23, 2020 will look to continue the HUT TRADITION and camp at the Lonesome Lake Hut in Lincoln, NH. The HUT tradition was started in 2016. No Tents needed! The hike up is 2.7 miles. Bring snowshoes if you have them.

**March Troop Day Hike.** Troop 4 will be hiking Saturday, March 14th at the at the Mount Wachusett State Reservation in Princeton MA. Mount Wachusett is a great place to hike and explore. Mount Wachusett is the highest Massachusetts peak east of the Connecticut River; with a 2006-foot elevation. Its higher elevations include one of the most southern New England remnants of the great northern boreal forest, and a patch of very rare old growth oak forest. Mt. Wachusett also is a premier location in New England for watching hawk and eagle migrations. At the end of the hike we will have some of Troop 4’s famous fried dough!

**April Troop Campout.** The Troop’s April Campout will be Saturday, April 18th through Sunday April 19th at Royalston Falls/Tully Lake in Royalston, Massachusetts.

**May Troop Campout.** On May 16th and 17th, the Troop will be at the Troop campsite in Milford. This local campout at our secluded Troop campsite is very convenient for scouts that
have sports games to attend. Scouts can check out to attend their game, and then return after it is over. We will be cooking patrol style over open wood fires for dinner and breakfast.

**June White Water Rafting Trip.** The trip is from Friday, June 19th through Sunday June 21st. As we did two years ago, we will be using the Adventure Bound outfitters. They will provide the boats, wetsuits, all equipment, and even the expert guides that will ride in each boat. Friday is a travel day to our “resort” campsite, complete with pool, hot tub, game and movie rooms. Saturday is whitewater day. Our river course follows the Kennebec River.