



**NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

MEMORANDUM

September 2, 2010

TO: Units Camping at Yawgoog
cc: All Staff

FROM: Dave Anderson, Scout Executive

SUBJ: **EEE Reports**

A September 1st article in the Westerly Sun reported that mosquitoes in Chapman Swamp recently tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis or EEE and that a similar finding had been made across the state line in North Stonington, CT.

Based on the information we have at this point we see no need to cancel any activities at Camp Yawgoog, however we would encourage you to take extra care to protect your Scouts, particularly when mosquito biting activity is high.

According to the DEM: *Biting activity depends on several conditions. It generally is greatest from dusk to dawn. During the day it decreases in sunny areas at lower temperatures and increases in shady areas at higher temperatures. Biting activity also generally increases with high humidity and with low wind.*

Leaders should be advised to make sure that participants use mosquito repellent and cover up when mosquito biting activity is greatest. Additionally, if camping outdoors mosquito netting should be used.

We will continue to monitor the situation and take further action if appropriate. If you or your volunteers have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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