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# Watchung Mountain District Fall Cub Family Camporee

October 11, 12, 13, 2019

Winnebago Scout Reservation  
102 Timberbrook Road  
Rockaway, New Jersey



## Leader and Parent Handbook

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**Date:** Friday, 6 pm-Sunday, 11 am – October 11, 12, 13

**Location:** Winnebago Scout Reservation

**Cost:** \$18 per person without lunch. Flintlocks building classes are an additional cost and paid for at camporee

**Last Day to Register:** Sunday, September 29, 2019

**Registration:** Must be done online by the pack. No individual family registrations unless they are the only ones from the pack attending.

### **Camporee Theme: Wild West**

At this camporee, Cub Scouts will enjoy the great outdoors doing a variety of physical activities, hiking and much, much more.

### **Activities: (Subject to Change)**

BB Range	Archery Range	Fishing Derby	Bouldering Wall	Cubmobile Cars
2 mile Nature Scavenger Hunt Hike around Durham Pond	Flintlocks Building Classes	Dress up at Parade Field AM: No weapons	Whittling Chip Classes (Bears and Webelos only)	Row Boating on Durham Pond (\$2 per person addition cost). Subject to change due to weather
Webelos First Responder Classes –learn first aid skills	Special Guest: To be announced	Campfire	Zip Line across Durham Pond and back – Adults only, additional cost: \$5 per person	Basketball and Volleyball Courts
Batting Cage	Tether Ball	Cowboy Treasure Map Geo Caching/GPS Needed	Craft Project	Service Project: Food Drive. Somerset County Food Bank. No perishables
Trading Post	Tug-O-War: Scouts against Parents			

More information on additional activities and demonstrators will be sent in a separate email to the pack leaders as we get closer to the camporee.



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### Lunch

**For your pack's convenience, we will be offering Saturday lunch meal service from 11 am-1 pm at the Dining Hall:**

There will be 3 lunch choices:

- Hot Dog, Potato Chips, and Drink - \$4 additional cost per person
- Hamburger, Potato Chips, and Drink - \$5.00 additional cost per person
- VeggieBurger, Potato Chips, and Drink - \$5.50 additional cost per person

**Lunch meals must be ordered and purchased during the registration process. You cannot purchase lunch at the camporee. Of course, you will still be able to make meals at your campsite or bring your own food.**

### Work/Duty Assignments

A lot of manpower is needed to run a successful camporee. All packs attending will be required to work one or more jobs at the camporee. To make it fair, there is a general formula on the amount of time a pack is required to work - ten attendees (adults and children) = 1 work hour. So, if your pack has 50 attendees, your pack is required to work up to 5 hours. All packs seem to divide their work hours among their adult attendees so the burden isn't on one person. During registration, your pack will be offered an option to choose the jobs you would like to do. There is no guarantee that you will get your 1<sup>st</sup> choice.

### **Camporee Jobs:**

BB or Archery Rangemaster	BB or Archery Assistant	Parking
Craft Project	Fishing Derby	Batting Cage
Whittling Chip Assistant		

### Winnebago Scout Reservation Campsites

There are 16 campsites at Winnebago Scout Reservation. If there are more than 16 packs camping overnight at the camporee, some campsites will be shared by packs. Since each campsite holds a different number of tents and platforms, pack campsite assignments will be determined by the number of families within a pack camping overnight. All the campsites have one or more fire rings. Tent platforms are at all the campsites. Some campsites have lean-tos and pavilions. Check the Winnebago website.



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By **Friday, October 4**, the pack leader (Cubmaster, committee chair and/or camping chair) will receive the following information that should be shared with all those in the pack attending camporee:

- Campsite Assignment
- Activity Schedule – specific times to go to scheduled events
- Work/Duty Assignment
- Parking Passes – must be included in every car parked at camporee
- Directions to Winnebago
- Camp Site Map

**Leader Things to Remember** – please share with your camporee attendees:

- Friday night camporee attendees - please arrive between 6-9 pm
- Saturday camporee attendees – please arrive between 7-10 am.
- Leader must **check in and hand in their pack's roster** before they go to their campsite. At that time you will get a packet with your lunch tickets and other important camporee information.
- Have Parts A and B of the **Annual Health and Medical Record Form** completed for all youth participants. For form, go to: [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx)
- **Only two bear cars per pack.** The bear cars should include all your pack's smellables. No other cars will be allowed to remain at the campsite. No bear cars will be allowed in camp after 9:00 am.
- Pack light. To make it easier to transport your gear to your campsite, **bring a wagon or cart.**
- Class A uniform for opening ceremony and campfire. (Pirate costume is encouraged.)
- Come prepared with a **pack cheer/yell** and **pack flag** for opening ceremony. **There will be skits at the Camporee Campfire.** Come prepared with Wild West theme.
- Please have your pack go to activities at their scheduled time.
- Please do your job/duty assignment. The camporee will run smoother if everyone helps out.
- Don't forget bait and tackle for the fishing derby.
- There is no guarantee that chopped firewood will be at your campsite. Plenty of downed wood is available at the campsites; you will just need to collect it. You can bring your own firewood.
- The Trading Post will be open on Saturday to purchase drinks, snacks and Scout items.
- Everyone must be out of camp no later than **11 am on Sunday** unless given permission by camporee staff. Properly clean up your campsite and have your site inspected by the camporee staff. Camporee patches will be distributed after inspection is completed.
- **Share the rest of this guide with your attendees.** Everyone should know the rules, plus there is a lot of helpful information for the first time camporee attendee.

**Questions? Pack leaders please contact:**

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It is the responsibility of all Cubmasters or camporee leaders in charge to make sure that everyone in their pack is aware of the policies and information reminders in this handbook. All adults are asked to please help ensure that these guidelines are adhered to by all. Doing so will ensure a happier and safer Cub Scout experience for everyone.

## Camporee Policies

- At check-in, **your unit must submit a pack roster.** Include the pack contact name and cell phone number. Also include a list of names of those attending plus when and how long they are staying. This is to ensure that we know when the unit is present. Please note that if the pack leader is leaving camp, another adult or registered leader must be placed in charge of the unit -- and the camp staff must be so notified. If the entire unit leaves for any reason, the camp staff must be notified, so that the checkout procedure may be followed and so that we know who is “in camp.” Please note that all participants, including older Scouts supporting the event as staff must be accounted for on the unit roster.
- Camporee youth participants are required to have parts A & B of the Annual Health and Medical Record completed in the event of an incident requiring treatment.
- Most Cub Scouts and leaders arrive early Saturday morning. However, if some of your pack is planning to arrive Friday night, remember that at least **one leader in the campsite MUST have BALOO training.** If your BALOO-trained leaders are not arriving until Saturday, your pack may not stay in the campsite Friday night. If you will have Cub Scouts in camp Friday night, please prepare them to understand that camp rules will be strictly enforced and that there will be no program equipment or areas available until Saturday morning.
- Two adult leaders must be present at all times during your pack’s attendance at the camporee
- **Park vehicles in designated areas ONLY!** Please make sure that your name, cell number and campsite are on the parking permit and that the permit is visible in the windshield of your car. **The speed limit in camp is 15 MPH.** Follow camp and parking staff instructions. **Only the “bear cars” will be allowed near the camp sites.** Arrangements for handicapped access must be made in advance and in writing.
- If you need to leave camp for any reason during the weekend, alert your pack camporee leader and sign out with the camporee staff. This is done so we do not start a search for a “lost person,” who is not lost. Upon your return, check-in with the camporee staff.
- Emergency departures will *always* be escorted out of camp. This is for the safety of the rest of our campers and safety on the road.



## Camporee Policies

- The **BUDDY SYSTEM** is in effect 100% of the time. That means that under no circumstances are any children to be walking around by themselves. They must have a “buddy” (parent or another child) with them at all times. This is for health and safety concerns. If you see any child walking without a buddy, help them get to their buddy.
- If you leave the main part of camp for a hike, please let the camporee staff know your route and estimated return time. Check back in.
- Each group will assume responsibility for any accident or injury to group members or the equipment of their group. Inform the camporee staff in case of accident or injury, Notify camporee staff if you have to call 911 from a cell phone. File an incident report.
- A first aid kit must be displayed and easily available at your campsite.
- Groups can cook on open wood, charcoal fires or propane stoves. For further instruction, refer to the Chemical Fuels Policy.
- **Your pack MUST have a large bucket of water** and a shovel near the fire pit in order to have a campfire. There is to be only ONE wood fire per group site. No fire may be left unattended at any time. Only pre-existing fire rings or campfire areas may be used. All fires must be completely extinguished before the last adult leader in the site retires for the night. The ashes and coals **must be cold enough** for you to run your hands through the ashes before you retire for the night or prior to leaving. No smoke or steam!
- **Campfires are not “bonfires.”** In general, the flames in your campfire should not exceed 3’ in height. If the camporee staff determine your campfire has become a bonfire your pack will be required to put it out immediately.
- All propane lanterns within camp area **MUST** be in a fixed location. Propane lanterns should not be carried at any time when lit.
- **Do not leave any food or smellables out in your campsite.** Make sure that everything is put away properly especially at night. Never put food in tents.



## Camporee Policies

- **Prohibited Items in Camp:**

- Tobacco – Use of tobacco products is prohibited in view of Scouts.
- Alcohol
- Fireworks
- Firearms
- Bows and arrows
- Chain saws, hand axes, 3/4 axes or double-bitted axes
- Sheath knives
- Sling shots
- Hunting
- Gambling
- Pets
- Snowmobiles
- Motorcycles
- Generators – Reservation director will determine use
- Heaters – Kerosene, electric and propane heaters
- Use of hot-plates or lanterns are not allowed in cabins or buildings, refer to the chemical fuel policy below.

- **All uniformed leaders have the obligation and responsibility to confiscate or hold any tool or pocket-knife being used improperly** (i.e., as a weapon, to damage property, etc.), **by an underage Scout or sibling**. Any confiscated knives will be held at the camporee headquarters for collection by the appropriate parent or guardian.
- Fishing will be possible during all daylight hours of camp; please remember the Buddy System and the importance of having an adult present at the waterfront if the Scouts or siblings are fishing. Please fish only in the designated fishing areas. No fishing in swimming areas.
- Siblings under 6 cannot participate in Archery or BB Gun (due to insurance restrictions).
- **Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.** Please do not allow your Cubs or others to run around, make loud noises, play musical instruments, etc, within those hours.
- Everyone must be out of camp no later than **11 am on Sunday**. Properly clean up your campsite and have your site inspected by the camporee staff. Camporee patches will be distributed after inspection is completed.





## Camporee Policies

- Check with camporee staff /reservation director on ice conditions, fire danger, etc. The camp reservation director is responsible for determination of current conditions. All ice is off limits unless notified by the reservation director.
- Do not trespass on private land without permission from landowner.
- Please use designated latrines only. **No dumping of garbage in latrine pits.** Please ensure that lids are down.
- Wells and potable water outlets are not to be used as cleaning or washing stations.
- **Groups shall be liable to repair, replace, or pay for damages to camp property and equipment.** This includes carving on walls, tent platforms, trees, tables, etc. Nails or staples are not to be driven into any part of camp buildings unless during an approved maintenance project. Damages will be charged to the unit responsible and will necessitate proper payment or replacement of the damaged item and restriction from council facilities until settlement is made. Labor charge for damages is billed at \$40.00 per hour.
- The inter-camp telephones are for emergency use only.
- Respect the privacy of the reservation director's residence.
- Scout behavior does not permit the throwing of rocks outside of the specific "rock throwing area."
- Throwing of debris, logs, etc. in the lake is prohibited.



## Family Camping “Do Your Best” List

1. **DO** have a safe weekend! Emergency care will be available in camp. All injuries, no matter how small, must be reported!
2. **DO** bring proper clothing, supplies and equipment. See the personal equipment list.
3. **DO** bring a sense of humor, a smile, patience and Scout spirit!
4. **DO** arrange **CAR POOLING** with your pack -- **Parking is available, but limited.**
5. **DO** park vehicles in designated areas ONLY. Follow camp and parking staff instructions.
6. **DO** bring a wagon or wheelbarrow. **You will have to carry everything to your campsite** from the parking lot. Be prepared to travel light.
7. **DO** store your food and smellables safely. Store it in a re-sealable, latched container, such as a cooler. Foodstuffs and smellables are not to be left out at anytime, as that will attract wildlife. **Please put smellables in the bear car.**
8. **DO NOT AT ANY TIME** take food into your tent. Raccoons and bears are very adept at opening bags (with their claws) and at opening zippers; so don't give them a reason to join you in your tent. **There are bears in the camp!**
9. **DO** read and observe the policies and regulations related to the possession and use of drugs and alcoholic beverages in camp. Abuse of the policy may lead to eviction from camp for the individual and the pack. For more information, see the Guide to Safe Scouting.  
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>
10. **DO NOT** bring prohibited items into camp.
11. **DO** replace any wood you use from the campsite's wood pile.
12. **DO** use downed wood ONLY -- **DO NOT** cut standing trees or branches.
13. **DO** carry a pocketknife if you are an adult. **No sheath knives allowed.** Cub Scouts may use knives for whittling only when under adult supervision once they have earned the Whittlin' Chip. All rules concerning knife safety must be followed.
14. **DO stay dry!** **DO NOT** swim or wade in streams, rivers, brooks or ponds. Swimming is NOT permitted during family camping events.
15. **DO** fish in designated areas. Adults, or anyone age 14 and older, need a fishing license. No fishing in posted areas. **DO NOT** keep fish -- Scout fishing is “**Catch and Release**”.
16. **DO** use propane, charcoal or wood ONLY. **NO LIQUID FUELS or STARTING FLUIDS** are permitted. An adult must supervise all cooking and active fires, including stoves.
17. **DO tend your fires.** Extinguish COMPLETELY before you leave the area. Build fires in the established fire rings ONLY. Clear the ground of combustibles for a distance of five feet from the fire rings. Tents should be no closer than ten feet from a fire. Full fire pails are required at all fires. **DO NOT leave any fires unattended.** Large campfires are dangerous and are prohibited. No fires, coals or flame of any kind are permitted in tents.
18. **DO collect garbage and bring to the dumpsters.** All garbage is to be placed into the dumpsters loose, unbagged. (this way bears only get to a small amount, and do not spread garbage all over the area)
19. **DO recycle plastic, bimetal and aluminum cans and glass.** Place in recycling bins.
20. **DO** visit the **Trading Post.**



## Personal Equipment to Bring

- Tent with ground cloth (a plastic sheet to put under the tent, to keep dry), extra stakes and rope.
- A sleeping pad, air mattress or plenty of blankets (2-3) to insulate between your sleeping bag and the ground.
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Official uniform (“Class A”) for opening ceremony and campfire.
- Extra changes of clothes, especially socks and dry shoes or boots in case of rain. If it seems like it is going to be a rainy weekend, you can bring lots of extra dry clothes and leave them in the car.
- Pajamas or sleeping attire
- Sweater, jacket or sweatshirt, and hat. A knit cap is great for keeping warm when sleeping.
- Rain gear
- Plastic bags for dirty clothes.
- Flashlight, with extra batteries. Many campers use LED head lamps.
- Eating utensils, plates and cups and paper towels. Paper items will burn; **Styrofoam will not, and is NOT permitted in camp.**
- Toiletries: Soap, towel, washcloth, toothbrush/toothpaste, comb etc. It never hurts to bring extra toilet paper.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent (both of the non-aerosol type).
- Water bottle or canteen.
- Personal First Aid Kit.
- Fishing gear and bait. A NJ Fishing License is required for adults and children 14 years old, and older.
- Camping or lawn chair
- Cub Scout Handbook for your rank.
- Optional: watch, camera, notebook, pencil, games & cards, reading material, or a rainy day game.
- Money for the Trading Post – Candy, snacks, soda, souvenirs and limited camp needs.



## Pack Equipment

There are a few things you should consider bringing for the pack's use. One of the areas that is set-up first in a campsite is the kitchen area. It is usually near the campfire and is the area where the meals are prepared, cooked and eaten. It is also the meeting place for the pack during the day and a gathering place for coffee and hot chocolate at night. Many campsites (but not all) have pavilions which can serve as your kitchen cooking area.

Some of the things the pack may want to bring:

- First Aid Kit - MANDATORY
- Propane stove (no liquid fuels or starting fluids are permitted in camp) and gas cylinders. Make sure you take all of your empties home with you!
- Pots to heat water for coffee & hot chocolate.
- Cleaning supplies to wash & dry pots, pans & utensils, soap, brillo, paper towels, sponge, etc. Don't forget the bleach or Lysol disinfectant for the latrine.
- A dishpan to wash the pots, pans & utensils.
- A water bucket to hold the water used for washing the pots, pans & utensils.
- Propane lantern to light the area at night - no flames allowed in the tent!
- Dry firewood from home, although you can collect wood in camp, it may be wet or even scarce.
- Extra toilet paper and paper towels.
- A saw to cut kindling to start the logs for the fire (no axes).
- Dry paper or fire starters to light the kindling for the fire.
- A bucket (3 to 5 gals.) to keep by the campfire - this is MANDATORY.
- A shovel to keep by the campfire - this is MANDATORY.
- A tarp to hang over the kitchen area in case of rain.
- Rope to hang the tarp over the kitchen area - plus you'll be amazed at how handy rope can be.
- Garbage bags, matches, pack flag, American flag, games in case of rain.
- Books of skits and songs to contribute to the evening campfire.
- Hammer to help drive tent pegs (if the ground is hard and dry).

### FIRST AID KIT

It is important that every pack have a pack first aid kit and everyone knows where it is kept. A basic kit should include:

Band Aids	Aspirin	Bactine or Equivalent	Cotton Balls
Antacid	Rubbing Alcohol	Instant Ice Pack	First Aid Booklet
Adhesive Bandages	Gauze Pads	Small Flashlight	Cups
Butterfly Strips	Adhesive Tape	Triangular Bandages	Snakebite Kit
Roll of Gauze	Scissors	Tweezers	

We will have a Nurse/EMT on site.



## How to Setup a Campsite

The first thing that you should do is pick an area for the kitchen/campfire area. At camp the campfire rings are already established. There are also picnic tables at most campsites. So this has already been done for you.

The next step is to set up tents. Here are some suggestions:

1. Do not put your tent directly under a tree, although this is difficult in the woods, try to stay away from low trees at least. Never put a tent under a dead tree.
2. Find a level area, you will find it very difficult to sleep on an incline.
3. Make sure there are no roots or rocks sticking up.
4. Set your tent up with the front flap (door) facing east. This way the morning sun will help dry out the inside of the tent.
5. Try to stay downwind from the campfire. There is nothing worse than having a smoke filled tent.
6. Consider the location of the latrine; if you are likely to need to visit during the night make sure you know the path.

Next go back to the kitchen area and pile up the firewood (& cover it to keep it dry). Hang the first aid kit so it is accessible to everyone. Make sure they know it is there. Set up the kitchen. It is much easier to do all the setting up when you first get to your campsite. This way you and your pack can enjoy the rest of the weekend. Your site commissioner can help you have an enjoyable and pleasant stay at camp -- ask him or her for help.





## Emergency Procedures

### Medical Emergencies/Serious Accidents

- Do not move the injured person unless a life-threatening situation exists.
- If alone, do not leave the injured person, but begin calling for help.
- If there is more than one in a group, send a runner for help.
- If there is no alternative, administer basic first aid.
- Camporee EMT will assess the situation and decide what further actions are to be taken.

### Missing Persons

- Report the incident to the camporee staff or reservation director.
- Camporee staff will check the sign out ledger.
- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check. Unit leader will question members of the unit about possible whereabouts of the missing person, mental condition and where he was last seen. Camp staff will search the immediate unit site.
- A camp-wide search, including the waterfront, shoreline, camp roads and trails will be conducted under the direction of the camp director on duty.

### Waterfront Emergency/Possible Drowning

- Send runner for the camporee staff or reservation director.
- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check.
- All appropriate camp staff will be sent to the waterfront to assist in the "Lost Bather" procedures.
- Camporee staff and reservation director will verify unit attendance and send the attendance report to the waterfront.

### Epidemics or Mass Illnesses

- Camporee EMT advises camporee staff and reservation director and contact the camp doctor on call.

### Fatalities

- Do not move or touch the victim.
- Send runner for the camp director on duty.
- Clear area of all campers, leaders and unnecessary persons.



## Emergency Procedures

### Fire

- Follow standard unit fire guard plan as practiced.
- Contact camporee staff and reservation director
- Fire alarm will be sounded and fire will be reported to the local fire department.

### Flood, Tornado or Windstorm

- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal (siren) and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check.
- Await further instructions from the camporee staff or reservation director.

### Earthquake

- Once the tremor begins, all leaders, staff, campers and guests are to evacuate all buildings and structures. Remain outdoors until the tremors and aftershocks have ended.
- The emergency signal will sound for three consecutive minutes.
- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check.
- Reservation director will advise leaders as conditions warrant. Options will include camp wide evacuation or termination of camp services.

### Evacuation Plan

- The emergency signal will sound.
- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check.
- Scouts, leaders, staff and guests will proceed to the parking lot.





## Lightning

The summits of mountains, crests of ridges, slopes above timberline, and large meadows are extremely hazardous places to be during lightning storms. If you are caught in such an exposed place, quickly descend to a lower elevation, away from the direction of the approaching storm, and squat down, keeping your head low. A dense forest located in a depression provides the best protection. Avoid taking shelter under isolated trees or trees much taller than adjacent trees. Stay away from water, metal objects, and other substances that will conduct electricity long distances. By squatting with your feet close together, you have minimal contact with the ground, thus reducing danger from ground currents. If the threat of lightning strikes is great, your group should not huddle together but spread out at least 15 feet apart. If one member of your group is jolted, the rest of you can tend to him. Whenever lightning is nearby, take off backpacks with either external or internal metal frames. In tents, stay at least a few inches from metal tent poles.

## Lightning Action Plan

Personnel who have responsibility for Scouts or children in out-of-door situations will be vigilant for potential lightning. When a storm is observed moving towards the area, the **flash-to-bang method\*** will be used to determine the proximity of the storm. When it is determined that the storm is within eight miles, all outdoor activities should cease immediately. Personnel participating in outdoor activities should be directed to seek appropriate shelter, preferably inside buildings or vehicles. No one should be allowed to remain in an open field. The all clear to resume outdoor activities may be given when a period of 30 minutes has passed, since by direct observation, the last lightning strike was seen or the sound of thunder heard. Normally, this should require confirmation by two or more observers. A council staff member should inspect and report on conditions at the site of each reported lightning strike as soon as possible after a *Lightning Hazards Alert and All-Clear Declaration*. \* Flash-to-Bang method consists of counting the seconds from seeing the lightning flash to hearing the thunder. **Each five seconds translates to approximately one mile.**

## Lightning Safety Rules

- Stay away from open doors and windows, fireplaces, radiators, stoves, metal pipes, sinks, and plug-in electrical appliances.
- Don't use hair dryers, electric toothbrushes, or electric razors, telephones; lightning may strike wires outside.
- Don't take laundry off the clothesline; don't work on fences, telephone lines, power lines, pipelines, or structural steel fabrications.
- Don't handle flammable materials in open containers.
- Don't use metal objects, such as fishing rods and golf clubs. Golfers wearing cleated shoes are particularly good lightning rods.
- Get out of the water and off small boats.
- Stay in the car if you are traveling. Automobiles offer excellent lightning protection.
- When no shelter is available, avoid the highest object in the area. If only isolated trees are nearby, the best protection is to crouch in the open, keeping twice as far away from isolated trees as the trees are high; avoid hilltops, open spaces, wire fences, metal clotheslines, exposed sheds, and any electrically conducted elevated objects.





## **Bear Safety Tips**

**from the:**

**NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife**

Black bears by nature tend to be wary of people. However, if you encounter a black bear while hiking or camping, follow these common-sense safety tips.

- Never feed or approach a bear!
- Remain calm if you encounter a bear. Do not run from it.
- Make the bear aware of your presence by speaking in an assertive voice, singing, clapping your hands, or making other noises.
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear. Instead, slowly back away.
- To scare the bear away, make loud noises by yelling, banging pots and pans or using an airhorn. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close together with your arms raised above your head.
- The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.
- If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.
- Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away and do not run.
- Black bear attacks are extremely rare. If a black bear does attack, fight back!





## **Chemical Fuels and Equipment**

This policy directs Boy Scouts of America members how to safely store, handle, and use chemical fuels and equipment. Safety and environmental awareness concerns have persuaded many campers to move away from traditional outdoor campfires in favor of chemical-fueled equipment used for cooking, heating, and lighting. Be aware that chemical fuels and equipment create very different hazards than traditional wood, charcoal, and other solid fuels; this policy defines how to address those hazards. Before any chemical fuels or chemical-fueled equipment is used, an adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels and equipment, including regulatory requirements, should resolve any hazards not specifically addressed within this policy.

### **Definitions**

**Chemical fuels**—Liquid, gaseous, or gelled fuels.

**Approved chemical-fueled equipment**—Commercially manufactured equipment, including stoves, grills, burners, heaters, and lanterns that are designed to be used with chemical fuels.

**Prohibited chemical-fueled equipment**—Equipment that is handcrafted, homemade, modified, or installed beyond the manufacturer's stated design limitations or use. Examples include alcohol-burning "can" stoves, smudge pots, improperly installed heaters, and propane burners with their regulators removed.

**Recommended chemical fuels**—White gas (Coleman fuel); kerosene; liquefied petroleum gas fuels, including propane, butane, and isobutane; vegetable oil fuels; biodiesel fuel; and commercially prepared gelled-alcohol fuel in original containers.

**Chemical fuels that are not recommended**—Unleaded gasoline; liquid alcohol fuels, including isopropyl alcohol, denatured ethyl alcohol, and ethanol; and other flammable chemicals that are not in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for chemical-fueled equipment.

### **Storing, Handling, and Using Chemical Fuels and Equipment**

An adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels and equipment should always supervise youth involved in the storage, handling, and use of chemical fuels and equipment.

Operate and maintain chemical-fueled equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions and in facilities or areas only where and when permitted.

Using liquid fuels for starting any type of fire—including lighting damp wood, charcoal, and ceremonial campfires or displays—is prohibited.

No flames in tents. This includes burning any solid, liquid, gel, or gas fuel—including tents or teepees that feature or support stoves or fires; and any chemical-fueled equipment or catalytic heaters.

Store chemical fuels in their original containers or in containers designed for immediate use. Securely store any spare fuel away from sources of ignition, buildings, and tents.

During transport and storage, properly secure chemical fuel containers in an upright, vertical position.



## Guidelines for safely using chemical stoves and lanterns

- Use compressed- or liquid-gas stoves and/or lanterns only with knowledgeable adult supervision and in Scout facilities only where and when permitted.
- Operate and maintain regularly according to manufacturer's instructions included with the stove or lantern.
- Both gasoline and kerosene shall be kept in well-marked, approved containers (never in a glass container) and stored in a ventilated, locked box at a safe distance (a minimum of 20 feet) from buildings and tents. Keep all chemical fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store below 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Let hot stoves and lanterns cool before changing cylinders of compressed gas or refilling from bottles of liquid gas.
- Refill liquid gas stoves and lanterns a safe distance from any flames, including other stoves, campfires and personal smoking substances. A commercial camp stove fuel should be used for safety and performance. Pour through a filter funnel. Recap both the device and the fuel container before igniting.
- Never fuel a stove or a lantern inside a cabin; always do this out-of-doors. Do not operate a stove or lantern in an unventilated structure. Provide at least two ventilation openings, one high and one low, to provide oxygen and exhaust for lethal gasses. Never fuel (example: all liquid fuels, charcoal, etc.), ignite, or operate a stove or lantern in a tent.
- Place the stove on a level, secure surface before operating. On snow, place insulated support under stove to prevent melting and tipping.
- Periodically check fittings on compressed-gas stoves and on pressured liquid-gas stoves for leakage, using soap solution before lighting.
- To avoid possible fires, locate gas tanks, stoves, etc., below any tents since heavy leakage of gas will flow downhill the same as water.
- When lighting a stove keep fuel containers and extra canisters well away. Do not hover over the stove when lighting it. Keep your head and body to one side. Open the stove valve quickly for two full turns and light carefully, with head, fingers and hands to the side of the burner. Then adjust down.
- Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.
- Do not overload the stovetop with extra-heavy pots or large frying pans. If pots over 2 quarts are necessary, set up a separate grill with legs to hold the pots and place stove under grill.
- Bring empty fuel containers home for disposal. Do not place in or near fires. Empty fuel containers will explode if heated and should never be put in fireplaces or with burnable trash.



## **Boy Scouts of America Smoke-Free Policy**

Adult leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

## **BSA Youth Protection Policies**

The Boy Scouts of America believes that its top priority is to protect the safety of children. The BSA has developed “Barriers to Abuse Within Scouting” that creates safer environments for young people involved in Scouting activities. All Scout leaders must comply with these policies. Violations of these policies put Scouts at risk and may result in disciplinary action.

All adults leaders, youth members, and staff, are required to comply with current BSA Youth Protection policies as outlined in the current training.

Training is available by visiting [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org) and selecting Youth Protection training. Reference material is available in the Guide to Safe Scouting.

## **Guide to Safe Scouting Info**

The Boy Scouts of America Guide to Safe Scouting is a document from the national office that establishes many of the policies for Scouting. It is also a valuable resource for questions/concerns and clarification.

The Guide to Safe Scouting is updated quarterly and is available online at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx> or by visiting [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org) and searching for “Guide to Safe Scouting”.

## **Camping Guidelines**

The Boy Scouts of America has established guidelines for its members’ participation in camping activities. This information is available online through the Guide to Safe Scouting. The guide is available using the link above.



## **Incident Reports**

- An incident report is to be filed whenever a Scout is ill or injured which results in a shortened stay at camp (ex: going home early, sent for further medical treatment) or whenever an incident occurs that requires documentation for further review (ex: behavior or code of conduct violations, damage to property, etc.) **The report is due to the council office within 24 hours of the incident. Questions, please contact the council office at 973-765-9322.**
- Blank incident report forms are available on our website, [www.ppcbsa.org](http://www.ppcbsa.org), or at our camping facilities.
- For council/district events, the form is to be turned into any Patriots' Path Council staff member.
- For unit sponsored camping, the form is to be turned in directly to the council office.
- The following guidelines are to be used when reporting an incident.
  - All incident reports are to be given to the assistant Scout executive for review. Any questions regarding filing of, procedures, etc. will be handled from that office.
  - Incidents regarding injuries are reviewed by the council risk management committee for appropriate action
  - The council membership standards committee reviews incidents regarding behavior situations for appropriate action.
  - Individuals, other than those who filed the incident report, requesting a copy of the incident report are referred to the unit committee chairman or chartering organization representative.
  - The Patriots' Path Council does not disseminate this information in order to protect all those concerned.

## **BSA Accident Insurance Statement**

All Patriots' Path Council registered youth (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA members, , Venturers and Explorers) and all registered adult committee members, district volunteers and unit leaders are covered by the accident insurance. New members and leaders are automatically covered by this policy (please forward their registration application to council office promptly). Non-Scouts and non-Scouters as guests who are being encouraged to become registered members or leaders are also covered. Other guests including siblings are not covered.

The master policy for the accident plan is held by the Patriots' Path Council and reviewed by the council risk management committee annually. Please contact Mike Sass at 973-765-9322 x 248 with any insurance problems, questions, or suggestions.



## **HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at its meetings. Please call Will Adams , Program Executive 973-765- 9322 Ext. 234 with your request.

## **PHOTO RELEASE**

I understand that by attending this program, sponsored by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, I consent to the use of photographs, film, videotapes, electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me during that time by the Boy Scouts of America, at their discretion, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

## **RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS**

Rules for acceptance and participation in the programs are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, or handicap.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

In all programs offered by the Patriots' Path Council, BSA, a great deal of planning and purchasing takes place well in advance. These plans include, but are not limited to, staff, food, program materials, patches and awards, rental and purchase of equipment, and in some cases, items of clothing such as T-shirts are given as part of a program fee. When an individual or group makes a reservation for an activity or program, these items are included in ordering of materials and staffing for that event.

## **REFUNDS**

Individuals or groups that cancel a program reservation 30 days prior to the date of the event will receive a refund of fees paid, less a 15% administrative charge. No refunds will be made after the 30 day cancellation deadline, unless there is a medical or other emergency

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND SENT TO Will Adams at Patriots' Path Council, 1 Saddle Road, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927.



**Camporee Emergency Telephone Numbers**

All emergencies need to be reported to the camporee headquarters immediately.

- Emergency.....911
- Will Adams, Program Executive.....732-540-5936 cell
- JoJo Cort, Cub Camporee Chair.....908-380-4361 cell
- Tom Ventriglia, Cub Camporee Leader.....908-397-6537
- Curt Haak, Winnebago Scout Reservation Director.....518-321-4356
- COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER
- Patriots' Path Council, BSA. ....973-765-9322

**Winnebago Scout Reservation:**  
**102 Timberbrook Road**  
**Rockaway, New Jersey 07866**  
**P 973.347.3266**

**Patriots' Path Council Office:**  
**1 Saddle Road**  
**Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927**  
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