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Raritan Valley District

2019 Fall Cub Family Camporee

September 27 -29, 2019



Leader and Parent Handbook

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Dear Scout Leader/Parent,

On behalf of the Raritan Valley District Camping Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2019 Fall Cub Family Camporee at Camp Somers in Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation.

Our theme for this weekend is “*Braver, Stronger, Smarter.*”

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation is one of the longest running Scout camps in the US. Each campsite will have approximately 10-15 platforms for tents, a fire pit, 1-2 picnic tables, and in some cases a pavilion and a primitive latrine.

Our goal is to provide you and your Cub Scouts with a safe, organized and exciting weekend, full of fun activities and memories. We hope you find this handbook useful in your planning.

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Raritan Valley District 2019 Fall Cub Family Camping

Location: Camp Somers, 750 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874

Date: Friday-Sunday; September 27-29, 2019

Registration: <https://ppcbsa.org/districts/raritan-valley-district/>

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Registration: Ideally done online as a pack. To ensure your child is rotated between activities with their pack, please register with your pack leader rather than individual family registrations, but we will do our best to accommodate.

Arrival Times:

Friday night campers - Please arrive between **6-8 pm**, the gates will be closed and locked at 8:00pm.

Saturday campers - Please arrive between **7:15-8:15 am**, to make sure your child makes it to each activity please do not be late.

Activities: Archery, BB Guns, Boating, Field Games, Fishing, Crafts, Campfire Entertainment and enjoying a nice fall day with the family at camp!

Parking:

- All parking for Camp Somers must occur outside the entrance to the campground (see map in APPENDIX). There is significant space to ensure free movement of vehicles, but some vehicles in the parking lot **may be blocked** for the entire weekend.
- **All vehicles must have a filled out parking permit (APPENDIX C) visible in their windshield with complete contact information of the driver/owner.** If not completed in advance, these permits are available at the registration table. This is required in case of emergency so if a vehicle needs to be moved we can contact the owner.
- **Only one vehicle per unit will be allowed to drop off gear at the campsite and can remain at the site to act as a “bear car” for the duration of the weekend.** One permit for a “bear car” will be provided per campsite, and must be displayed



on the vehicle dashboard and be visible. If there are more than the one allowed vehicles found in your site or driving in the camp without permission, ALL vehicles from your pack will be asked to park in the main lot and your “bear car” will no longer be allowed at your site.

- All cars passing past the registration table into the campsites must have an adult or Scout ground guide walking in front of the vehicle to prevent speeding and alert the driver for passing youth. Under conditions of twilight or darkness, ground guides must use a flashlight.
- **There will be no vehicles other than authorized vehicles on camp roads. This is for the safety of our children.**
- The one authorized vehicle will transport pack gear and adult leaders’ gear to the campsites only at the beginning and the end (Sunday AM) of the camping period.
- **All pick-up and drop-off of Scouts and their equipment will be made from the parking lot. You may want to consider bringing a wagon.**
- An EMT-designated emergency vehicle is for emergency use only. No vehicles past barriers. Authorized vehicles must utilize camp roads and parking areas while in camp.

Cub Family Camping Policy Reminders

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

- At check-in, **your unit must submit 3 copies of your pack roster (APPENDIX B)**. Camping chair, campmaster and the ranger each get a copy. Include the pack contact name and cell phone number. Also include a list of names of those attending indicating expected arrival and departure dates. 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.
- All pack leaders must have in their possession at a minimum the “General Information/Health History forms” (Forms A & B) for each person attending the



camping event. These forms can be found at: <https://ppcbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/BSA-Annual-Health-and-Medical-Record.pdf>.

- If you need to leave camp for any reason outside of the arrival and departure times indicated on the roster, alert your pack leader and someone on the camping staff (look for the staff shirts). Upon your return, check-in with the camping staff.
- 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.
- There is **“Zero Tolerance”** with regard to the possession and use of illegal drugs and alcohol in camp at any time. Anyone found to be violation of this National Boy Scouts of America policy will be expelled from camp.
- 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, please help the child get to their buddy or back to their pack.
- 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 stay off the docks while fishing. Please fish only in the designated fishing areas. **You are welcome to bring your own fishing gear as there is none supplied by the camp.**
- All adults entering camp (registered leaders, parents, guardians, siblings over 18, etc.) must follow the requirements of current BSA YOUTH PROTECTION training. This can be found in the Cub Scout handbook or at myscouting.org
- **Use of tobacco products is prohibited** while in view of Scouts. If smoking is necessary at camp you must be out of direct site of youth and properly dispose of the cigarette waste.
- Handicapped accommodations: Special permits can be issued for handicapped vehicles upon request, but must be done at least a week before the event to be able to accommodate the need.



Cub Scout Day Pack

In preparation for Scouts BSA all Cubs are encouraged to carry a “day pack” with them during Cub Family Camping. This will add to the adventure of being in nature as well as teaching skills.

Recommended items for a day pack:

Flashlight, camp map and compass, pencil, pocket knife (for Bears and Webelos who have their Whittling Chip), re-fillable water bottle, snack (small bag of trail mix or granola bar), rain gear, sun block, personal first aid kit, handkerchief and Cub Scout handbook for their rank.

We encourage packs to bring coolers to fill with water to refill reusable bottles rather than throwing plastic water bottles away. Let’s teach our kids to be responsible to the earth, “reuse, reduce, recycle.”

Cub Family Camping Policy Reminders

- **Siblings under 6 cannot participate in Archery or BB Gun** (due to insurance restrictions).
- **Do not leave any food or anything with a fragrance (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc) out in your campsite or in your tent.** Make sure that everything is put away properly especially at night. Never put food or toiletries in tents, there are bears, skunks, raccoons are in the area and have been seen stealing and fighting for food.
- **Your pack MUST have a large bucket of water and a shovel** near the fire pit in order to have a campfire. 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! Please supply your own bucket and shovel.
- **Campfires are not “bonfires.”** In general, the flames in your campfire should not exceed 3’ in height. If the camporee staff determines your campfire has become a bonfire your pack will be required to put it out immediately.



- **All uniformed leaders have the obligation and responsibility to confiscate or hold any tool or pocket-knife being used improperly** (as a weapon or to damage property), **by an underage Scout or sibling**. Any confiscated knives will be held at the camporee headquarters for collection by the appropriate parent or guardian.
- Any **accident, injury, missing adult/youth or other emergency must be reported to the camporee staff**. It is also required that an incident report be completed for each occurrence.
- **Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am**. Please do not allow your Cubs and 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.
- Please be aware that camp policy is that all camporee participants are required to have medical release forms. If the forms are not collected at registration, your pack camping leader should maintain these forms, and carry to the activities with the pack in the event of a medical situation.
 - **DO NOT BRING** firearms, fireworks, slingshots, sheathed knives and bows and arrows.
 - Hand saws **ONLY**. **NO** chain saws or hand axes are permitted.
 - Replace any wood you use from the campsite's wood pile.
 - You may use downed wood **ONLY** -- **DO NOT** cut standing trees or branches.
 - Adults should carry a pocketknife. No sheath knives allowed. Cub Scouts may use knives for whittling only when under adult supervision once they have earned the Whittling Chip. All rules concerning knife safety must be followed.
 - **DO NOT** swim or wade in streams, rivers, brooks or ponds. Swimming is **NOT** permitted during family camping events.
 - Please fish in designated areas. Do not feed fish. Scout fishing is **“Catch and Release.”**



- 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.
- 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.**
- Please make sure your children are respectful of the camp, do not deface camp buildings, including lean-tos. Do not drive nails or staples into trees, living or dead, camp buildings or signposts. The registered leader in-charge will be held responsible for **ANY** damage to **ANY** camp equipment or property. The pack must replace the item or pay for repairs.

Suggested 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
- 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 or led headlamp, with extra batteries.
- Eating utensils, plates and cups and paper towels. Paper items are ok to burn.
- Again it is suggested to have the Scouts bring reusable utensils and a mess kit so not to produce so much waste.
- **Styrofoam is NOT permitted in camp.**



There are showers in camp if you wish to use them, bring a towel and flip flops.

- Toiletries: Soap, towel, washcloth, toothbrush/toothpaste, comb etc.
- Extra toilet paper.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent (both of the **non-aerosol** type).
- Water bottle or canteen, mess kit.
- Personal first aid kit.
- Fishing gear and bait.
- Camping or lawn chair.
- **Cub Scout Handbook** for your rank.
- Optional: watch, camera, notebook, pencil, games & cards, reading material, walking stick or a rainy day game.

THINGS YOU CANNOT BRING: Anyone found in possession of alcohol, weapons or narcotics or fireworks will be asked to leave the camp and the pack may be barred from future participation in family camping events. We ask your cooperation in promoting the tenets of Scouting.

Pack Equipment

One of the areas that is set-up first in a campsite is the kitchen area. Designate a few parents to set up and organize the food area and another to clean it up after. 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 empty tanks home with you!
- Pots and pans to heat water for coffee and/or food.



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Brillo, paper towels, sponge, plastic gloves, etc. Don't forget the bleach or Lysol disinfectant for the latrine.

• Cleaning supplies
wash & dry pots,
utensils, soap,

- 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 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 (5 gal) 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
- Garbage bags, matches, pack flag, American flag, games in case of rain.
- Books of skits and songs to contribute to the evening campfire.
- Hammer or mallet to help drive tent pegs (if the ground is hard and dry and you select not to use existing platform-mounted tents).

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

We will have a Nurse/EMT on site.



How to Setup

a Campsite

If you choose not to use the existing tents and platforms, 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.

Emergency Procedures

Fatalities

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

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.
- Camp EMS personnel will assess the situation and decide what further actions are to be taken.

Missing Persons

- IMMEDIATELY report the incident to the camp director or the commissioner. If they are not available, see any member of the camp staff.
- Camp director or commissioner 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 or commissioner on duty.
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Waterfront Emergency/Possible Drowning

- Send runner for the camp director or commissioner on duty.
- **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.
- Camp director or commissioner on duty will verify unit attendance and send the attendance report to the waterfront.

Fire

- All campfires must be attended and must meet BALOO requirements.
- Follow standard unit fire guard plan as practiced.
- If an out of control fire is observed, send a runner for the camp director or commissioner on duty.
- 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 of the camp director or commissioner on duty.

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.



- Camp director or commissioner on duty 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.

Boy Scouts of America Smoke-Free Policy

It is the responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America to protect the health and safety of the young people in our program. It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that all leaders should not use tobacco products in any form in the presence of youth members. In addition, extreme care should be exercised to provide smoke-free environments for all Scouting participants.

If you must have a cigarette, please walk down to the far end of the parking lot, ensure that there are no Cub Scouts anywhere nearby. Before you leave the parking lot, please field strip your cigarette butt. This means make sure the cigarette is out, break off the filter and put it in your pocket to be thrown in the garbage.

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, District 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 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 are 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

Reservations must be canceled 30 days prior to the date of the event to 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
Patriots' Path Council, BSA, 1 Saddle Road Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927**

Camporee Emergency Telephone Numbers

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

Emergency	911
Camping Committee Chairman, Brent Cheshire	908-333-4026 rvcampingcommittee@gmail.com
Program Executive, Will Adams	973-765-9322 ext 234 732-540-5936 Cell Will.adams@scouting.org

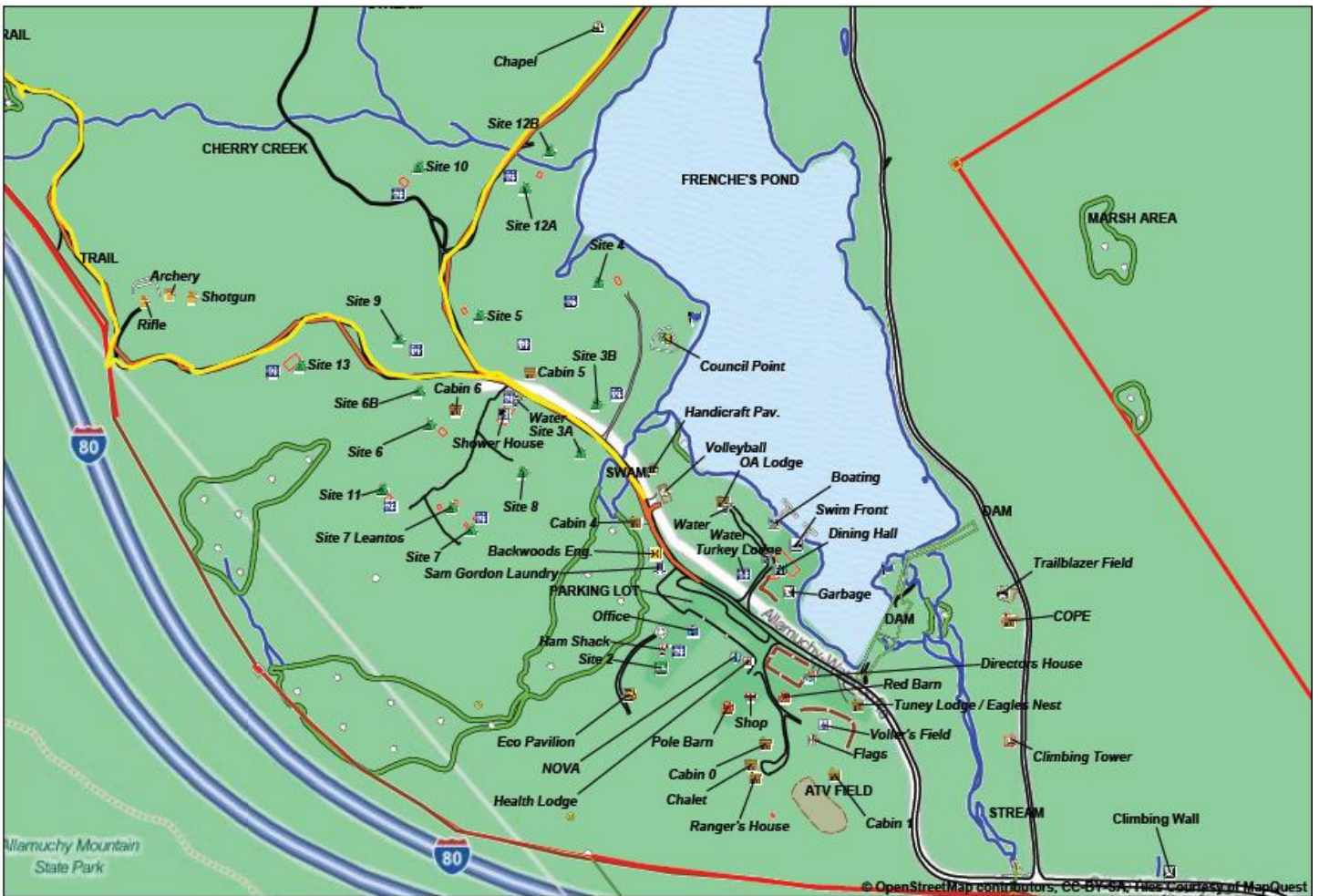


COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER

Patriots' Path Council, BSA

973-765-9322

APPENDIX A: Camp Somers Map





APPENDIX B: ROSTER TEMPLATE

PACK NUMBER: _____

PACK LEADER CONTACT NAME: _____

PACK LEADER CONTACT PHONE: _____

ROSTER

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	TYPE	DATE/TIME OF ARRIVAL	DATE/TIME OF DEPARTURE

- TYPE = CUB SCOUT, SCOUT, PARENT, SIBLING, CUBMASTER (CM), COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CC), DEN LEADER (DL)



PARKING PASS

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Please leave this on the dashboard of your vehicle

LAST NAME:

PACK NUMBER:

MOBILE NUMBER:

Please contact a member of the camping staff if you are taking your Scout and leaving the event prior to your planned arrival and departure.