

Family Camping Guide



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Thanks for camping with us...

We know that you could have gone lots of places with your family (and we hope that you do at some point) but we want to say thanks for camping with us. The following guide will give you some needed information about camping with us.

Some Boring stuff and definitions:

Recreational Family Camping

Recreational family camping occurs when Scouting families camp as a family unit outside of an organized program. It is a non-structured camping experience but is conducted within a Scouting framework on local council owned or managed property

Youth Protection Standards

Youth may share a tent with an adult, only if that adult is the parent or legal guardian of the youth.

In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family. In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.

The buddy system must be used – no youth may be alone in camp without a buddy.

Youth protection standards require that restrooms be gender specific. Girls must use restrooms labeled for females; boys must use restrooms labeled for males. If youth, or camper, restrooms are available, these should be used. This, of course, does not apply to unisex restrooms, or for children young enough to require assistance.

Now for the “good” stuff

Camp Rules

Please share these simple rules with your family at the beginning of your stay. These rules are designed to keep you and your family safe. It is expected that you will ensure that everyone will abide by these rules.

Park and unload cars in designated parking areas only. – No donuts in the grass

Camp speed limit is 15 mph.

Use only the facilities assigned to you. If you'd like to invite your site neighbor Steve, that's fine, so long as you can put up with him when he “plays” the acoustic guitar he brought along.

Check your site upon arrival; report any damage to the Ranger or Campmaster immediately.

Drugs and/or alcoholic beverages of any type are strictly prohibited on all Boy Scout properties.

Build campfires in established fire rings only, keep them small and never leave fires unattended. Fire must be completely cold before leaving the site.

The use of liquid fuels (gasoline, kerosene, white gas, liquid fire starter, etc.) is prohibited. Propane and butane appliances are also prohibited.

The following items are prohibited in camp: firearms, bows, arrows, chainsaws, fireworks, BB guns, slingshots, armadillos (so help us if we see even ONE armadillo...)

Do not cut or injure any standing (dead or alive) trees or shrubs. You may pick up any fallen wood. But if a tree falls in the woods and no one hears it does it make a sound? Jury is still out on that one.

Use only permanent latrines or comfort stations located throughout the camp.

Pets of any kind are not permitted in camp. We're looking at you, guy with a ferret on a leash...

Youth must be supervised by a parent/guardian when fishing, or in any activities involving any waterfront. Waterfront areas (swimming and boating) are closed unless otherwise advised by the camp.

Check-In Procedure

Please check in at the Visitor's Center located at the entrance of the camp, which is also the exit. We know that's kinda confusing, but we have faith you'll figure it out. When checking in please have your reservation confirmation with you. The Ranger will collect any site fees that are outstanding. Fees due at camp can be paid by cash, check or credit card. No, we do not accept Bitcoin, no matter how "real" your cousin Sal says it is. Please make checks out to Greater New York Councils, BSA. You will be provided a receipt for all payments or deposits. For early check in please contact your Ranger.

Check-Out Procedure

When you are ready to checkout, please contact your Campmaster or Ranger. A member of the camp staff will inspect your site to ensure that it is left in good condition for the next group to use.

All gear should be removed and the area should be clean; trash or debris in or around site discarded. In the cabins please remember to turn off all gas appliances and to shut off heaters, lamps & stove. Please wipe down the kitchen and make sure the windows and doors are closed and locked.

All families should plan on departing camp by the designated check out time. Otherwise please contact the Ranger in the

Visitor's Center to arrange for an extra day's stay or a late departure.

A Note on Cabins — well not ON the cabin, more about Cabins, but you get it

Maintenance Items: Please report any repairs that need to be made to the Ranger at the Visitor's Center.

Gas Readings: A fee of \$1.25 per pound is charged for gas use in the cabins. Gas readings are taken by the Rangers prior to your arrival and will be provided to you at check-in. Please verify the gas reading when you arrive at your cabin. A reading will be taken upon your departure from the cabin. Readings of your personal gas will not be taken. You're on your own with that one, man.

Safety Equipment: All cabins have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for your protection. Tampering with these devices is a criminal offense. A fire extinguisher is provided in each cabin. Please make note of its location as you enter the cabin.

Cleaning Equipment: Each cabin is provided a broom, mop, dustpan and garbage can for your use. If these items begin cleaning your cabin on their own, congratulations! You got the haunted cabin!

A Note on Safety

The camp phone is manned 24 hours a day during weekends

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Serious Accident or Injury

If a serious accident or injury occurs in camp, notify the Ranger, who will respond immediately. Please do not initiate the call for emergency services. The Ranger has appropriate contacts for local police, fire and ambulance if needed.

Lost Person

If you suspect that a person in your group may be lost, notify the Ranger immediately. Rangers will conduct a search of the camp and surrounding areas. Local authorities will be notified by the Ranger when deemed appropriate.

Fire

In case of fire your first concern must be to insure your group is safe! Immediately notify a Ranger. Rangers, who are trained in firefighting, will respond to the fire; local authorities will be called in as deemed appropriate by the Ranger. ***Under no circumstances should your group fight fires!***

Severe Storms

In the event of severe storms (high winds, hail, lightning, etc.) or predictions of severe storms, Rangers may curtail the use of tent or lean-to sites. Appropriate housing will be identified by the Ranger.

We've had some fun. Thank you for staying with us and we hope you've had a great visit. Come again soon!