

Pack 1020 Camping Guidelines

Approved Cub Scout Camping:

- Pack overnights – planned by pack – can be attended by all Cub Scouts and their families.
- Council-organized family camp – conducted at Bovay Scout Ranch – can be attended by individual families, dens, or the entire pack.
- Webelos den overnight campouts – planned by the Webelos den – are attended by the Webelos Scouts with their parent or guardian.
- Bovay Scout Ranch is the only location approved for camping by Tiger Cub, Wolf, or Bear dens who are not camping with the entire pack

Local Tour Permit:

A Local Tour Permit must be completed and filed with the Council Service Center for trips of less than 500 miles when units travel overnight or outside the Council territory.

Site Approval Standards for Pack Overnights

This form is written documentation of the council's approval of a county, state, or federal park as the site for a pack overnighter campout. It should be submitted to the council service center with the Local Tour Permit at least two weeks prior to the event.

Leader training for campouts:

- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation "BALOO" trained leader – required for at least one adult in attendance at pack overnighter
- Outdoor Webelos Leader Training "OWL" – recommended prior to Webelos den overnight campout.
- Any aquatics activity requires Safe Swim Defense and/or Safety Afloat.

Registration Policy:

It is Pack 1020's policy that all families must submit their camp registration, medical forms, and appropriate camp fees by the stipulated deadline and prior to arriving at the camp site. Upon arriving at the camp, each family needs to check-in at the designated registration location for camp site assignments and verification that all forms are in the file

Class 1 Medical Form:

A Class 1 Medical Form is required for each participant, regardless of age ⁽¹⁾ (i.e., Cub Scouts, Den Chiefs, siblings, parents, or guardian). Class 1 Medical Forms are available on the Pack 1020 website.

Permission Slip and Consent to Treat (Webelos Only):

In the rare instance when a Webelos Scout is camping with his den without his parent or guardian, it is the Den Leaders responsibility to obtain an executed Permission Slip and Consent to Treat form in addition to the Class 1 Medical Form.

Injury, Incident, or Illness while camping:

Any injury, incident, or illness occurring while camping must be reported to the Cubmaster, or other adult leader. A report of such incident will be prepared and maintained by the pack for future reference.

Supervision:

There shall be at least one Parent/Guardian (21 years of age or older) for each family unit. The adult family member(s) is/are at all time responsible for all the children in the family unit.

Transportation:

Transportation to and from the campout will be in family owned and insured vehicle. Travel accidents or mishaps are not the pack's responsibility. State laws and regulations must be upheld while traveling. "Caravan" travel to or from an event is against BSA policy. (1)

Trucks and Vans:

Passengers are not to be transported in the back, hood, or fender of any open truck, suburban, station wagon, or in a van with the doors open. (1)

Quiet Time:

Between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am campers are to be in their own campsite and respect others.

Speed Limit:

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit is 10 miles per hour on black top roads and 5 miles per hour on dirt roads within the camping area.

Prohibited Items:

Fireworks, personally owned firearms, BB guns, bows and arrows, sling shots, axes, bow saws, hand axes, sledge hammers and spikes. (1)

Contraband and Restricted Substances:

Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and non-prescription controlled substances are prohibited at all scouting activities. (1) Tobacco use is permitted, but restricted to areas out-of-sight of the Scouts. Please consult your Den or Pack Leader for the location of a designated smoking area.

Other Items to Leave at Home:

Toy guns, televisions, electronic games, radio, stereos, CD players, and DVD players.

Buddy System:

No Cub Scout should ever leave the campsite area, even to go to the latrine, without at least one "buddy", or his parent.

Two- Deep Leadership:

Two registered adult leaders, or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age, are required by BSA for all trips and outings. (1)

Safety Rule of Four:

No fewer than four individuals (always with the minimum requirement of two adults), go on any hikes or campouts. (1)

Pets:

Pets are not allowed in camp for any reason.

No Liquid Fuels:

The use of kerosene, gasoline, gulf-lite, liquid charcoal starter, and Coleman fuel is prohibited. This prohibits the use of all equipment that uses liquid fuel, Coleman stoves, chain saws, gas generators, etc. Propane or butane fuels are permitted.

No Sticks in the Fire:

If a stick goes into the campfire, it stays there.

Fire Safety:

Young children are almost transfixed by the presence of fire. Parents are required to supervise their children at all times, but especially around fires. Cub Scouts are prohibited from adding wood (or anything else) to the fire without the express permission and supervision of their parent or leader. The fire shovels are fire safety devices and must remain near the woodpile. Each den should provide a 2-3 gallon pail filled with water to be kept near the fire for emergencies.

All campfires should be attended by at least one adult at all times. Campfires should be extinguished before bedding down for the night. Upon leaving the campsite, make sure the campfire is completely extinguished.

All Cub Scouts cooking food, especially marshmallows, at a campfire must have one-on-one, parent-child supervision. A burning marshmallow is a sticky flaming mass that can cling to the skin and/or clothing and cause a serious burn.

A ring of sticks, rope, or split wood can be use to encircle the campfire at a radius of four to five feet. Cub Scouts should be instructed to stay outside the fire ring unless accompanied and supervised by a parent. Dens can modify this policy, as Cub Scouts grow older and more responsible around fires.

No Fires in Tents: Never use matches, lighters, candles, charcoal, propane heaters, catalytic heaters, propane or gas lanterns, or other devices which produce a flame inside of a tent.

Tent Privacy and Respect: Cub Scouts must respect the private spaces of others. No child is permitted to enter another family's tent without first getting permission from that family's parent or guardian.

Bathing and Latrine Privacy: In accordance with BSA Youth Protection Policies, both boy and adult privacy should be respected in a practical and reasonable way when bathing and using the latrines. In Cub Scouting, parents are responsible for supervising and monitoring the safety of their children in latrines and showers. Leaders are instructed to respect the privacy of all Scouts and supervise only to the extent of ensuring health and safety, as in the event of sudden illness, accidents, injuries, dangerous horseplay, or roughhousing.

Cub Sleep over: Cub Scouts may not sleep in tents with adults who are not their parent or legal adult guardian. (1) "Sleep over" at campouts are only permitted when Cub Scouts of similar age sleep together in a tent with no adults. Cub Scouts may do a sleep over in a "Cub Only" tent.

No Running within the Campsite: Injuries related to trips, slips and falls are the most common camping accident. Trip hazards abound within a campsite (logs, rocks, sticks, fire ring, tent stakes, etc). Running only accelerates a fall, increases the force of impact, and increases the risk of serious injury. Please remind your child not to run within the campsite. Bring a soccer ball, Frisbee, or football and find an open green space where running is safer.

No sticks and rock throwing: At ages 6-10, many boys can not resist the urge to pick up a long stick and swing, hit, poke, jab, or spar at or with each other. It is hard for many boys to resist using rocks or stones as projectiles. The risk of injury to others far outweighs the "fun" of such conduct and the boys will be warned once and then asked to meet with the Cubmaster and his parents on the second incident.

Footwear:

No open toed shoes, sandals, or bare feet in camp. Gym shoes are appropriate.

Knives:

Only Cub Scouts in the Bear program (3rd) grade and above who have successfully earned their "Whittling Chip" card may carry or use a pocketknife. Sheath knives are prohibited. (1) All activities involving the use or carrying of a pocketknife are to be supervised by an adult and preferably within the campsite, or similar defined area. Pack leaders or parents who observe a boy using his knife in a dangerous or irresponsible way are authorized to confiscate a knife promptly and return it to the boy's parents.

Fishing:

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Trash – Garbage:

Do not bury or burn trash or garbage. All trash is to be placed in the dumpsters or carried home for disposal.

Leave No Trace:

It is the responsibility of each family to police the campsite and follow the Leave No Trace guidelines.

(1) Denotes Guide to Safe Scouting and Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities, 2006 printing as source for information.