

OUTDOOR PROGRAM GUIDE



For Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos

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Dear Unit Leader:

This Outdoor Program Guide is designed to provide you with the information you need to plan safe and fun-filled outdoor programs for your pack. The Guide includes general information regarding Del-Mar-Va Council and National BSA policies relating to outdoor program for Cub Scouts and Webelos. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILDREN UNDER YOUR CARE.** For their protection, as well as your own, read this Guide and the following recommended publications:

**Guide to Safe Scouting
Tours and Expeditions
Local Tour Permit
Cub Scout Leader Book**

These publications will answer many questions about National policies and safety standards and are available through the Wilmington Scout Store or National Supply at www.scouting.org.

Keep in mind that Councils may make a policy more detailed or restrictive than the National policy. It is your responsibility to know what your Council's policies are and to adhere to them. Questions should be directed to the Camping Service.

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Del-Mar-Va Council Camping Service

POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

TOUR PERMITS - Tour permits have now become recognized by national parks and other organizations as proof that a unit activity has been well planned and organized and is under capable and qualified leadership. Tour permits will help the unit meet leadership and safety requirements. The tour leader is responsible for ensuring that the activity is planned and carried out within BSA standards for health and safety and program. The Del-Mar-Va Council Health and Safety Committee recommends that a tour permit be filed any time you leave your normal meeting place.

A Tour Permit must be filed with the Council Service Center 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled activity for proper clearance. A minimum of two registered adult leaders, or one registered adult and a parent of a participating Scout are required for all trips and outings. Be sure to fill in all requested information including complete name, address, and zip code of tour leader and second adult participating. A member of the pack committee and the tour leader must sign tour permits. Driver's license number and insurance information must be included for all drivers. If the unit is arranging for transportation or car pools, *it is the tour leaders responsibility* to ensure that all drivers are currently and properly licensed and are carrying the minimum insurance coverage in the event of an accident as recommended on the back of the tour permit. We suggest that you keep a master list of this information and send a copy of it with each tour permit application. Incomplete applications cannot be approved. If an activity is scheduled in insufficient time to get the tour permit approved and returned to the unit, or if there is any question as to whether or not the permit will be approved, check with Camping Service first before assuming the tour permit is approved.

Two-deep leadership is required on all trips and outings. Tour permits for swimming activities require that the name of the person(s) in charge of the activity be shown, as well as their Safe Swim Defense certification. (See Aquatics and Water Safety)

TRIP IDEAS - A number of good ideas on where to go and what to do may be found in the National Summertime Pack Award Planning Guide.

BUDDY SYSTEM - A basic outdoor program rule is that all boys must use the buddy system. Each boy must be accompanied by a buddy at all times. The system should also be used at all den and pack activities as well.

CLASS 1 PHYSICAL FORMS found on the back of the "Join a Pack" (Cub Scout) application form should be in possession of den or pack leadership at all times. The information including emergency numbers should be updated yearly.

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS - Packs may occasionally tour a facility such as a military installation, museum, or nature center that includes an overnight stay provided: all meals and other facilities are provided for them, they are sleeping indoors, and there is A PARENT OR ADULT staying with each child. The parent or adult ratio to child may not be changed regardless of the requirements of the facility you are visiting. These restrictions also apply to lock-ins or other overnight activities. If camping is involved see "Pack Family Camping".

CHEMICAL FUELS - In accordance with policies established by the National Health and Safety Committee BSA, knowledgeable supervision must be provided in the storage and handling of chemical fuels, the filling of stoves and lanterns, or the lighting of chemical fuels. Guidelines for adult use of chemical fuels may be found in this book.

Under no circumstances are Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts to be involved with chemical fuels. Battery operated lanterns and flashlights should be used in camping activities, particularly around canvas. No chemically fueled lantern or stove is to be used inside a tent. These policies are listed for the benefit of adult leaders handling chemical fuels. Such equipment is considered personal gear and adults must assume full personal responsibility and may not be operated by Tigers, Cub Scouts, or Webelos.

1. Use compressed or liquid gas stoves and/or lanterns only at facilities where and when they are permitted.
2. Operate and maintain all equipment according to manufacturer instructions.
3. Store fuel in approved containers and storage is under adult supervision. Keep all fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store below 100 degrees F.
4. Let stoves and lanterns cool before changing cylinders or compressed gasses or refilling from bottles of liquid gas.
5. 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.
6. Never fuel a stove or lantern inside a cabin; always do this outdoors. 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 gases. Never fuel, ignite, or operate a stove or lantern in or near a tent.
7. Place stoves on a level, secure surface before operating. On snow, place insulated support under the stove to prevent melting and tipping over.
8. Periodically check fittings on compressed gas stoves and on pressurized liquid gas stoves for leakage with soap solution before lighting.
9. When lighting a stove keep fuel bottles 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 the full turns and light carefully with head, fingers, and hand to one side of the burner. Then adjust down.
10. Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.
11. 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 pot and place stove under grill.
12. Take empty fuel containers home for disposal. Do not place in or near fires. Empty containers will explode if heated.
13. Candles and lanterns other than electric are not permitted in tents at any time.

FIRE SAFETY - Fire safety should always be practiced in den and pack activities. BSA fire safety practices may be found in the Webelos Handbook and the Boy Scout Handbook. Care should be used at all times with candles.

RAISING MONEY -Youth are expected to earn their own way in Scouting. Teaching youth members to become self-reliant and to earn their own way is an integral part of training our youth members. Do not forget to file a Unit Money Earning Application whenever your pack operates a fund-raiser. Applications are available at the Council office. Units may conduct money-earning projects only when the projects have been approved by the chartered organization and the local council and are consistent with the principles of the BSA. The value of the product or service sold should be commensurate with the purchase price. The following are prohibited: any fundraising activity that involves alcohol or gambling of any kind (including chances, bingo, raffles or penny parties), or endorsements for commercial purposes. With the consent of the local council, members of the BSA may cooperate with established non-partisan and nonsectarian national movements for the relief of humanity in undertakings to raise money only to the extent of giving personal service. **BSA members may not be used as the solicitous or collectors of money for any organization other than the BSA.**

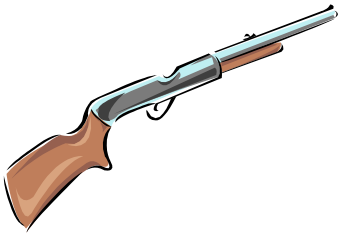
PROHIBITED

HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES: Some of the hazardous activities that are restricted from the Cub Scout program are: cave exploring, rock climbing, rappelling, tubing, white water rafting, and winter outdoor camping. Commercial climbing walls or horizontal walls are permitted.

UNAUTHORIZED AND RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES: The following activities have been declared unauthorized and are restricted from any program by the BSA:

- ❖ All Terrain vehicles
- ❖ Boxing, karate, and related martial arts
- ❖ Exploring abandoned mines
- ❖ Chainsaws and mechanical log splitters (under 18)
- ❖ Football
- ❖ Fireworks
- ❖ Rodeo
- ❖ War games including paint pellets or laser tag
- ❖ Hunting
- ❖ Jet skis
- ❖ Tractors
- ❖ Bungee jumping
- ❖ Flight training, hang gliding, microcline, ultra light, experimental aircraft flying, parachuting, paragliding, parasailing, and hot air ballooning.
- ❖ Motorbikes, and all motorized speed events including motorcycles, boats, drag racing, demolition derbies, and related events. (Attendance at these type of events is permitted but participation is not)

SHOOTING SPORTS



– Archery and BB gun shooting are restricted to District Day Camps and Council resident camp programs, Council-managed family camping programs, or to Council activities where there are properly trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced. Under NO circumstances are Cub Scouts permitted to use rifles, shotguns or any type of handgun or firearm other than BB guns. Archery and BB gun shooting are not to be done at the pack level. The belt loops for Archery and BB gun may only be earned at the camps and activities listed above.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLEGAL DRUGS - Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs (anything other than labeled prescription or non-prescription medications) are prohibited at all activities and functions as well as in camp. Violators will be made to leave camp.

FIREWORKS, FIREARMS AND AIRGUNS - Are prohibited in the Cub Scout/Webelos Scout program and in camp for safety reasons. They are subject to immediate confiscation. Violators will be made to leave camp, and should be asked to leave your activity.

SHEATH KNIVES - These knives are not needed for Scout camping and for safety reasons are not permitted. Only those Scouts possessing Whittling Chip are permitted to carry knives of any kind.

SMOKING - BSA policy does not allow smoking in the presence of youth members. All leaders are responsible to ensure that youth do not smoke at Scouting activities. Smoking is prohibited in all Del-Mar-Va Council buildings, including all buildings at both camps.



AGE GUIDELINES FOR PROGRAM

TIGER CUBS - First graders may participate in day camp, pack overnights and family camping with his parent or guardian.

CUB SCOUTS - 2nd grade (Wolf) and 3rd grade (Bears) may participate in Cub Scout Resident Camp, pack, district or council sponsored Cub/parent overnights at council camps, city, state or national parks only, Day camp, Cub Scout sports, field trips and hikes. Cub Scouts may not attend camp with a Boy Scout troop or Venture Crew. BSA insurance will not cover any accident or liability claim.

WEBELOS - 4th and 5th grades may participate in Webelos resident camp, Pack family camping, Cub/parent weekends, Day camp, and Webelos overnights with one of his parents or other adult supervision. If a parent cannot attend, arrangements must be made by the boy's family for another relative or friend to substitute at the campout. Webelos Scout dens are encouraged to make daytime visits at Boy Scout district camporees and Klondike derbies. The purpose of this visit should be for the boys to look ahead with anticipation to their future as Boy Scouts and observe troops they may potentially join. Webelos Scout dens **should not** compete against or participate in activities designed for Boy Scouts. Webelos Scout dens should not spend the night as participants at the event if program is Boy Scout related.

WEBELOS DEN OVERNIGHT CAMPING - *The following information comes directly from the Cub Scout Leader Book, the Webelos Handbook and National BSA Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines .*

Webelos den campouts serve to introduce the Webelos Scout to the next level of the BSA's ever-increasing challenge in the outdoors. The boy and his parent should be introduced to the basics of Boy Scout camping.

The goal of the Webelos program is to provide boys with as many experiences as possible that will help them grow and assume responsibilities. Webelos campouts should not be so numerous that they interfere with the advancement program. Camping should only be *part* of the Webelos experience.

The Webelos leader has the main responsibility for the overnight campouts; however, they must enlist the help of parents. All Webelos leaders should have completed Webelos Leader Outdoor Training. The Webelos leader must meet with parents to discuss what to expect and what they should bring on the campout. Every Webelos Scout should have a parent or adult accompany him on the overnight. It is desirable to have each boy under the supervision of his father or mother. If a parent cannot attend, arrangements must be made by the boy's family for another adult relative or friend to substitute at the campout. Only in the event of an emergency situation or other unusual circumstances may the parent of another youth (but not the Webelos leader) assume responsibility for another Scout. This adult may not be responsible for more than 2 Scouts. This solution is to be used only in an emergency or unusual circumstance. Do not plan an overnight camping trip without parental participation from each family.

In planning the campout, it is important to remember that Webelos should not experience Boy Scout type camping on overnights. The focus should be on Webelos

outdoor skills and activity badges. It should not be a rugged type camp. There should be no backpacking. Tenting should take place only in warm weather, at sites reasonably close to home.

**Tent camping will not be permitted between October 15 and April 15.
Webelos camping with a troop between October 15 and April 15 must stay in buildings.**

PACK FAMILY CAMPING - Pack family camping may take place at a council camp, city, state or national park only. (No tent camping will take place between October 15 and April 15). Tenting should take place in warm weather, at sites reasonably close to home. The focus of the campout should be on Cub Scout and Webelos outdoor activities and achievements. Each pack must have at least one adult that has completed training and is BALOO certified in attendance at the campout. At least one attending adult must have completed Youth Protection training. Training cards must be shown at check-in. Boy Scout or Webelos outdoor training and basic first aid training is highly recommended. Before the campout takes place, each family participating must receive Youth Protection training and an orientation on outdoor camping from someone knowledgeable about the outdoors. The buddy system must be used at all times.

Adult to child ration must be one to one for ALL Cub overnights (exceptions can only be made for brothers). Please do not attempt to “get around” this policy. It was formed for the benefit of the child. One intent of the program is to provide an opportunity for the parent and child to spend some quality time together. It is hoped that single parents might try to get someone to care for siblings so that they could spend some special time, one on one with their Cub Scout. In addition to youth protection concerns, boys who “never” get homesick, frequently do when faced with unusual surroundings and unfamiliar people. It is the unit’s decision if they want to include younger siblings at other locations. If siblings are invited, it may be necessary to bring other family members so that children are properly supervised, and activities will receive the attention they deserve. Siblings may only participate in age appropriate activities.

Family members are responsible for their own children.

All meals must be provided from a central feeding area. The cooking staff is the responsibility of the pack. Individual dens and families may not cook on their own. Cub Scout involvement in cooking activities should be minimal.

Each family is responsible for their own medical care. Unit accident insurance does not cover non-registered family members. Pack leadership must have a Class 1 Personal Health and Medical Record (found on the back of Cub Scout Application form) for **ALL** participants.

An application for a Local Tour Permit must be filed at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip. You will need to send a copy of the Baloo certification card as well as a copy of scheduled program, menu, and roster of all those participating.

Packs may tour a facility such as a museum, military installation, or nature center that includes staying overnight provided: (1) there is no camping on the trip, (2) all meals and other facilities are provided for them, (3) they are sleeping indoors, (4) there is a parent/adult staying with each child. The parent to child ratio may not be lowered regardless of the number of adults required by the facility you are visiting.

COUNCIL/DISTRICT ORGANIZED FAMILY CAMPING is defined as an outdoor camping experience *limited to district or council events* such as Cub/parent weekends, camporees, cuborees, (but not resident camp) that involves Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, or Exploring program elements in overnight settings with one or more family members that must include at least one member of the BSA, **must take place on council property, an approved city, state or national park, and must meet the following guidelines:**

1. Families of Cub Scouts packs, troops, and posts, may attend district or council overnight activities at Del-Mar-Va Council camps **ONLY** at the discretion of the committee responsible for the activity. They may only participate in activities appropriate to the age group of the participants. At least one adult is required for each family. This adult is responsible for all members of the family, especially younger siblings. Tiger Cubs may participate in this program only if they are younger siblings of a Scout, and only at the discretion of the committee responsible for the activity.
2. Council/District Organized Family Camping activities are restricted to April 15 through October 15.
3. Meals must be provided from a central feeding area, the cooking staff must be approved by the council, and the food service operation must be inspected by a representative of the Council Health and Safety Committee.
4. Staff and key leadership of the activity must meet at least 8 weeks prior to the activity with the council Family Camping Administrator or their designee.
5. Pre-camp training on outdoor camping and youth protection training is provided for all families prior to the event by persons approved by the Council Camping and Activities Director who are knowledgeable of the outdoors.
6. Each family is responsible for their own medical care.

STANDARDS FOR PRIVACY –BSA policy requires two-deep leadership on all trips or outings. All leaders are expected to reflect high moral standards established by customs, traditional values, and religious teachings.

Male and female participants are required to have separate sleeping facilities i.e. a separate room or tent. Married couples may share the same facilities if appropriate facilities are available.

When staying in tents, no youth will stay in a tent with an adult other than his parent or guardian. In housing other than tents, separate male/female facilities must be provided. Women must have separate facilities, i.e. a separate room or tent. Adult leaders need to respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. Adults also need to protect their own privacy in similar situations. Use the buddy system for latrine and shower use, post times for use, have a person wait outside the entrance or use occupied and unoccupied signs.

RESTRICTIONS - Younger siblings may not camp with a troop or Webelos den. Siblings may camp at a district or council sponsored cub/parent weekend **ONLY** at the discretion of the committee responsible for the activity, and **ONLY** within the guidelines of Council/District Organized Family Camping.

SAFETY AWARENESS AND RULES FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Leaders are responsible for safety while the boys are in their care. Make sure safety rules are followed at all times during den and pack meetings and all activities. (See Health and Safety Section of Cub Scout Leader Book or Guide to Safe Scouting for more information.)

1. Teach the boys the rules of safety around the home, fire safety, and water safety using Cub Scout achievements and electives.
2. Meeting places must be free of accident hazards.
3. Always have a first aid kit handy. If possible, have an adult trained in CPR attend pack functions.
4. Remember that adequate leadership and supervision help prevent accidents.
5. Encourage boys to pair up with buddies and to be aware of each other's whereabouts at all times.
6. Have a plan for personal or natural emergencies such as injury, illness, lightning storms, high winds, or flash floods, which could occur quickly during an outdoor activity. Know where emergency care can be obtained quickly.
7. Check out the location in advance for hazards.
8. Avoid such dangers as buildings in disrepair or under construction, fire hazards, stinging insects, poisonous plants, tools improperly used, sports that are too rough, or games that are inappropriate for the age and size of the boys.
9. Select a well-identified gathering place in the event the group is separated.
10. An adult should always supervise when Cub Scouts are building fires and cooking. If the den is using a ground fire, clear a space 10 feet in diameter of all burnable materials. Use of chemical or liquid fuel stoves must be limited to adults.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Perhaps the most critical test of your preparedness will be in the time of an emergency. Developing and rehearsing an emergency plan will add precious time needed for response to a crisis. This is true of any activity. A plan should include:

1. Identify the person in charge.
2. Actions to be taken
3. Alternatives
4. People and agencies to notify- include phone numbers and contact information
5. Location and contact numbers of local law enforcement, rescue, medical personnel
6. Fire and health procedures
7. Leaders should always carry an up to date health history for **all** participants. This form should include personal medical insurance information.

Skilled planners "live" the experience in advance by thinking their way through every detail of an activity or event. Also prepare an emergency phone number list for all trips that includes not only the emergency numbers for everyone on the trip, but also the nearest doctor, hospital, police or ranger station, and your district executive's phone number. If an emergency occurs, panic is replaced by self-confident quickness.

Whenever an emergency occurs in which a person needs medical care beyond simple first aid (for example, going to the emergency room) leaders should immediately notify the parent or next of kin.

Parents must be responsible for whatever steps or notifications the family's insurance company requires. Some insurance companies require a referral from a primary care physician before seeking further attention. You may not be in a location or in circumstances that will allow for this. Make sure that parents understand their responsibility to you as the tour leader and to their own insurance companies. See Insurance section for more information.

In the case of a missing or seriously injured Scout, or a fatality, notify the Scout Executive immediately after notifying local authorities, emergency medical services, and the family.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE - All Del-Mar-Va Council units are covered under a single Unit Accident Insurance policy written by ACE American Insurance Company. A pamphlet explaining the coverage, a certificate of insurance, and a claim form are provided to each unit with their charter. The tour leader should carry this information on all trips and outings. See Insurance section for more information.

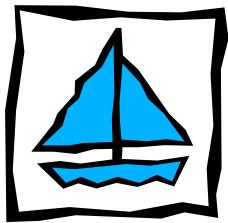
AUTOMOBILE SAFETY - It is essential that adequate, safe, and responsible transportation be used for den and pack activities. Since most accidents occur within a short distance from home, safety precautions are necessary, even on short trips. Drivers of motor vehicles must have a valid driver's license, be adequately insured, and at least 18 years of age. See the current tour permit form for insurance requirements. Passenger cars or station wagons may be used for transporting passengers providing all boys and adults wear seat belts. Passengers may not ride in the back of station wagons, trailers, campers, or the beds of trucks.

AQUATICS AND WATER SAFETY

Swimming is a good, all around body builder and makes a fun den or pack activity. It should go without saying that you must be safety conscious any time your pack is holding an event in or around water. Some boys are non-swimmers, and it is likely that some think of themselves as swimmers but can't swim far or safely in deep water.

To ensure safe swimming, whether as a den, pack, or family, the BSA has developed the **SAFE SWIM DEFENSE PLAN** - It is a plan to conduct an organized group swim safely by establishing standards and procedures to minimize inherent risks. **The supervisor in charge of any aquatic activity that includes swimming must be certified in Safe Swim Defense and must follow this plan.** All swimming activity must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult over the age of 21 who understands and knowingly accepts their responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children in their care, who is experienced in the water, and confident of their ability to respond in the event of an emergency, and who is trained and committed to compliance with the eight points of BSA Safe Swim Defense. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently certified as a BSA lifeguard or equivalent to assist in planning and conducting all swimming activity.

CANOEING and RAFTING for Cub Scouts (including Webelos) is restricted to council/district events on flat-water ponds or controlled lake areas free of powerboats and sailboats. A den or pack **MAY NOT** conduct an activity involving canoes or rafts on their own. Individual Cub Scouts may participate in canoeing activities with their families and receive credit towards completing electives in their handbook.



ROWING AND SAILING activities must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult 21 years of age or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children in their care, who is experienced and qualified in the particular watercraft skills and equipment involved in the activity, and who is committed to compliance with the Safe Swim Defense Plan and the Safety Afloat Plan. One such supervisor is required for each 5 people, with a minimum of 2 adults for any one group. All supervisors must complete and be certified in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training, and at least one must be certified in CPR. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently certified as a BSA Lifeguard to assist with the planning and conducting of all activity afloat. For additional information and requirements see Cub Scout Leader Book (boating safety) and Guide to Safe Scouting.

TUBING AND WHITEWATER RAFTING are not part of the Cub Scout program and are prohibited.

HOME SWIMMING SAFETY RULES - Since den activities are often held in backyards with swimming pools, families and leaders would be well advised to follow these additional guidelines.

1. A responsible adult must be certified in Safe Swim Defense. Adult supervision must be continuous.
2. Be aware of any physical limitations. Secure an approval slip from each boy's family with information about his physical condition. If there is any question, don't let him swim.
3. Be sure of everyone's swimming ability. Make sure that the buddy system is always in use. Explain the buddy system before swimming and make buddy checks every 10 minutes.
4. Do not allow any diving into any above ground pool. Serious permanent injury or death can result. Be sure each boy understands that before he gets near the pool. Diving from the edge of an in-ground pool requires water at least 7 feet deep. Use of a diving board requires a minimum depth of 9 feet of water. Ten feet is better. All diving activities must be strictly supervised.
5. Access to unattended pools should be controlled by fences with self-latching gates, locking pool covers, and removable means of entrance to above ground pools. Pool owners have a moral and legal responsibility for pool accidents that occur, even if they have not given permission for the pool's use.
6. Teach the boys the simple and safe basic methods of water rescue - using a pole, shirt, or rope, as described in the Lifesaving merit badge book. Be sure everyone understands that a person in trouble in the water can drown the rescuer. Cub Scouts should approach these techniques **VERY CAREFULLY**.

HIKING SAFETY - Hikes are simple and informal activities and don't require a lot of advance preparation. There are certain safety precautions that need to be followed whenever you take Cub Scouts or Webelos to explore the outdoors:

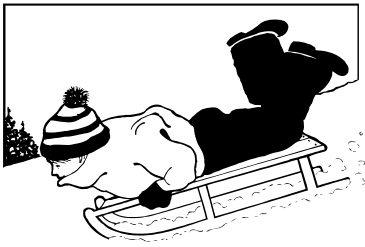
1. Avoid highways
2. Walk single files, as far to the left as possible, facing oncoming traffic. Den leader should be first in line, with another adult at the end.
3. Keep the hike speed consistent with the short steps of boys.
4. Take frequent rest stops.
5. Never drink untested water. The safest water supply is a canteen from home.
6. Stay off private property unless you have permission.
7. Stay away from railroad tracks.
8. Avoid natural hazards such as fast moving streams, steep cliffs, caves, and areas of loose rocks.
9. Plan all hikes to start and finish during daylight hours.



BICYCLE SAFETY - Experience shows that bicycle safety training can cut accidents by 50%. The Cub Scout Bicycle Safety Program includes this training. All packs are encouraged to include bicycle safety as a part of their program. Please make sure when doing the program that everyone wears a helmet. Additional information is included in the Cub Scout Sports Book for bicycling, and the Cub Scout Leader Book and Guide to Safe Scouting.

PARADE FLOATS AND HAYRIDES - The BSA rules prohibiting the transportation of passengers in the backs of trucks or on trailers may be tempered for parade floats or hayrides, providing the following points are strictly followed to prevent injuries:

1. Transportation to and from the parade or hayride site is not allowed in the truck or trailer. Individuals may ride in the back of a truck or trailer during the parade or hayride **ONLY**.
2. Those persons riding, whether seated or standing, must be able to hold on to something stationary.
3. Legs should not hang over the sides.
4. Flashing lights must illuminate vehicles used for hayrides after dark, or a vehicle with flashing lights must follow the vehicle.



GUIDELINES FOR WINTER SPORTS - Year round activity is an important Scouting objective. Not surprisingly, as winter sports activity has increased, so has the number of program related injuries. All responsible for planning or supervising winter outdoor activity should follow the following guidelines:

1. A significant number of injuries in BSA winter sports activities involve persons who are sledding, tobogganing, or snow tubing, who collide with immobile objects. All reasonable effort should be made to minimize the likelihood of collision with obstacles before engaging in these downhill activities. These activities should be undertaken only in designated areas where rocks, tree stumps, and other obstacles have been identified and marked, cleared away, shielded, or buffered in some way.
2. Direct adult supervision should be maintained at all times that Scouts are “in the field”. Two or more adults should be involved in the supervision, depending on the number of participants and the activity.
3. Since these winter sports activities embody intrinsic hazards that vary from sport to sport, all participants should be advised about the potential hazards of a sport before engaging in it. In doing so, emphasis should be placed on preventing accidents through adherence to safety measures and proper technique.
4. Attire appropriate for the environment should be worn at all times when engaging in winter sports. This should include gloves and helmets when appropriate.
5. Participation in winter sports activities often places greater demands on one’s cardiopulmonary system, and persons with underlying medical conditions (especially if they involve the heart and lungs) should not participate without medical consultation and direction. For those without underlying medical conditions, the annual health history and physical examination by a health care professional every three years (Class 2 as required for some unit activities), is sufficient for youth who participate in winter outdoor activities. The adult supervisor should be familiar with the physical circumstances of each youth participant, and should make adjustments in the activity or protection as warranted by individual health or physical conditions. Adults who are going to be directly participating in strenuous outdoor activity should have an annual physical and should discuss the activity with their health care provider. A practitioner knowledgeable on the sport and particular demands that it might place on the individual should perform this medical assessment.
6. For winter sports such as skiing, snowboarding, or snowmobiling, that require specialized equipment, it is essential that all equipment is properly fitted and functioning before it is used.
7. Running into another skier or sledder can cause serious injury. Exhibiting courtesy, caution, and consideration of other participants should be stressed at all times.

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEERS

In the case of an accident or injury units will be required by the hospital to show proof of accident insurance and individual family medical insurance if any. A copy of unit accident insurance and claim form should be taken to the hospital with you. Be aware that Scout's personal insurance may require a referral from a primary care provider in order for the Scouts personal insurance company to pay their portion of the claim. All Scout insurance is "secondary" and claims must be sent to the family's insurance company for payment first. Be sure to have parents check with their health care provider to see what they will need to do to insure coverage in the case of an emergency. The parent and leader will need to work out the details of what to do in the case of an emergency. The tour leader CANNOT contact insurance companies or primary care providers before taking action in the case of an emergency. If the primary insurance company refuses to pay a claim because there was no referral or an out of network doctor or hospital was used, the parents may face an unexpected medical bill. ACE American Insurance will pay covered portion and the family will be responsible for the rest. Del-Mar-Va Council and the Boy Scouts of America are not responsible for medical bills.

UNIT ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

All Del-Mar-Va Council units are covered under a single unit accident and sickness insurance policy written by ACE American Insurance. All registered youth, leaders, volunteer leaders, including den chiefs/aid, and seasonal volunteer staff of the council are automatically covered by accident insurance while participating in any activity approved and supervised by the BSA, and while traveling to and from such activities. They are covered by accident and sickness insurance for Council operated and supervised overnights and other covered events and camps. Coverage is automatic upon registration with the council. New members added during the year are automatically covered upon registration with the council.

Non-Scouts, Non-Scouters and guests who are being encouraged to become Scouts or registered leaders are automatically covered at no extra cost while in attendance at the scheduled activity. Other guests are not covered. A pamphlet listing benefits and restrictions was provided to each unit with their charter, along with a claim form. Be sure to carry them on all trips and outings.

Leaders should brief parents concerning the unit's insurance coverage. In order to avoid duplication of benefits, the ACE American Insurance plan is an "secondary" policy. Any charges not covered by the family's medical insurance should be submitted directly to United of Omaha. See coverage limits and exclusions in your ACE American Insurance brochure. Parents without other insurance will receive instructions from ACE American Insurance. You must supply all insurance carriers with the information requested regarding other insurance you carry. Questions regarding insurance coverage should be directed to Health Special Risk, Inc. 1-866-726-8870 or HSR Plaza, 400 N Josey Lane, Carrollton, TX 75007.

It is the responsibility of the unit leader to process all charges for medical expenses through the unit's insurance policy, or have bills sent to the patient's family. Do not send bills to the Council Office or the camp. We cannot submit them for you.

COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The coverage provides protection for the Council, all Scouting officials, director, officers, professional and non-professional employees, currently registered Scouting units, their chartered organizations, and volunteer Scouters, whether registered or not registered, with respect to liability claims arising out of negligence in the performance of their duties in Scouting. The coverage is for \$15,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. This insurance does not take the place of any volunteer's personal liability insurance policy, nor does it provide medical payments for injuries. BSA coverage is excess over other valid and collectible insurance carried by volunteers.

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

Every person who drives a car in connection with a Scouting activity should carry a minimum of \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000 Automobile Liability Insurance on their vehicle. Busses and vans must carry \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000 automobile liability. The council's Automobile Liability Insurance is in excess of the insurance the owner of the auto carries, but does protect the owner above their limits to the Council's \$15,000,000 limit.

MORE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP is an organized program under certified leadership at an approved campsite during daylight hours. Boys attend with den members under den and pack leadership that includes interested parents. The program activities provide fun, adventure and new experiences in the outdoors.

Each district in the Del-Mar-Va Council organizes its own unique day camp. Programs are based on various interest areas of Tiger Cubs and their adult partner, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos rank requirements and achievements. Activities may include games, crafts, nature study, ecology, sports, archery, and special events.

All registered cub Scouts entering grades 1st through 5th the following fall are eligible to attend. Boys completing 5th grade should contact a Boy Scout troop and attend summer camp with their troop.

For more information about Day Camp contact your District Executive.

CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP is for boys entering the 2nd and 3rd grades the following fall. Camp lasts for 3 days and 2 nights and is geared toward an introduction to the outdoor program of the BSA. Activities are developed around the Cub Scout advancement requirements and are imaginative and theme oriented.

WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP is for boys entering the 4th and 5th grades the following fall. Webelos completing the 5th grade should contact the troop they will be joining and make arrangements to attend summer camp with that troop.

Webelos camp lasts for 6 days and 5 nights and is an introduction to long term camping. Special Webelos mini sessions are also available (3 days and 2 nights) for those who prefer a shorter stay. The program for both sessions is developed around Webelos outdoor activities.

All resident camp costs (except Trading Post spending money) are included in the camp fee. The pack must register as a group and provide at least 2 leaders to attend camp with the boys for each program session. The leaders may be den or pack leaders, or interested parents. Parents are encouraged to participate with their sons. Individual applications cannot be accepted.

All Cub Scout/Webelos resident camping takes place at Henson Scout Reservation (Camp Nanticoke). The camp is located on Maryland Rt. 313 just south of Sharptown Maryland, 11 miles west of Seaford, Delaware. A full time Health Officer is on duty 24 hours a day. Meals are served cafeteria style. All campers are housed in 2 man platform wall tents with wooden floors. Each tent contains 2 cots for sleeping. Water is available for personal hygiene at each site. There are separate indoor shower facilities for males and females. The campsites do not have electricity.

Packs should make their reservations as soon as possible after Labor Day, by mailing a reservation form and \$50 non-refundable camping fee to the Camping Service. A \$25 non-refundable deposit per Scout is due by March 1st, and balance of camp fees is due by May 15th.

CAMPERSHIPS - The Del-Mar-Va Council has funds to help Scouts in financial need attend camp. Applications may be obtained from the camping service and must be submitted before May 1. Camperships are limited by the Council's ability to fund them. In order to assure that all of your Scouts can attend camp, it is strongly recommended that each pack institute a camp savings plan and organize their fund-raiser to help youth earn their camp fees. It is suggested that a portion of each boy's sales from this fund-raiser be set aside to help pay his fees. This way, each youth is motivated to set his goal and work toward that goal. It is important to remember that youth members are expected to earn their own way in Scouting. Teaching youth members to be self-reliant and to earn their own way is an integral part of the Scouting program. Priority consideration will be given to those who have made an effort to earn their own way. Savings plans and fund-raisers should begin in ample time to accomplish your Scout's goal.

