

**CUB SCOUT CAMPING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of BSA and Del-Mar-Va Council policies pertaining to Cub Scout and Webelos camping.

**CUB SCOUT CAMPING** – Wolves, Bears, and Webelos may participate in Cub Scout Resident Camp, Pack, District or Council sponsored Cub/parent overnights, or Cub Scout Day camp. Cub Scouts may not attend camp with a Boy Scout troop. Camping may take place at a council camp or 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 outdoor activities and achievements.

**PACK FAMILY CAMPING** - Each pack must have at least one adult that has completed Wagonmaster training, Webelos Leader Outdoor Training or Baloo in attendance at the campout. At least one attending adult must have completed youth protection training. Training cards must be shown to the Campmasters at check-in. Before the campout takes place, each family participating must receive an orientation on outdoor camping and youth protection from someone knowledgeable about the outdoors. The buddy system must be used at all times. **No tent camping between Oct 15 & Apr 15.**

Adult to child ratio 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 parent and child to spend quality time together. It is hoped that single parents might try to get someone to care for siblings and spend some special one on one time 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. **Siblings other than registered Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts may not camp with a pack at either Rodney or Henson Scout Reservation under the pack family camping program.** They may do so under BSA Program Managed Family Camping sponsored by the district or council at either camp, at the discretion of the committee responsible for the activity. 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 the 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 leaders training cards as well as a copy of the scheduled program, menus, 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 will be 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.

**WEBELOS CAMPING** – See Webelos Handbook page 455 and 456. Webelos are encouraged to have one or more overnights. The den should not plan an overnight camping trip without parental participation from each family. Webelos leader should have completed Webelos Outdoor training. In planning the campout, it is important to remember that Webelos should not experience Boy Scout type camping. The focus should be on the Webelos outdoor skills and activity badges. Tenting should take place in warm weather, at sites reasonably close to home. Every Webelos Scout must 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. Please do not attempt to “get around” this policy. It was formed for the benefit of the child. It is hoped that single parents might try to get someone to care for siblings and spend some special one on one time with their Webelos Scout. In addition to youth protection concerns, boys who “never” become homesick frequently do when faced with unusual surroundings and unfamiliar people. 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 circumstance, may the parent of another youth (but not the Webelos leader) agree to accept responsibility for the Scout. This adult may not be responsible for more than 2 Scouts. Webelos visiting at Boy Scout camporees may only participate in age appropriate activities. No tent camping will take place between October 15 and April 15.

**BSA PROGRAM MANAGED FAMILY CAMPING** is defined as an outdoor camping experience limited to district or council sponsored events such as Cub/parent weekends or Camporees (but not resident camp) that involves Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting or Venturing program elements in an overnight setting with one or more family members that must include at least one member of the BSA. This activity may take place on council property, a city, state, or national park only.

1. Families of Cub Scout packs, troops, crews and posts, may attend District or Council sponsored overnight activities at Del-Mar-Va Council camps, only at the discretion of the committee responsible for the activity. They may only participate in age appropriate activities. At least one adult is required for each family. The adult is responsible for all members of the family, especially younger siblings. Tiger Cubs as a group may not camp overnight. They may participate in this program only as a younger sibling of a Cub Scout, and only if the committee responsible for the activity includes younger siblings. Staff members may only be responsible for their own children, and should remember that they are responsible for a key part of this activity. If bringing siblings, it may be necessary to bring other family members so that the children are properly supervised, and the activity will receive the attention it requires.
2. BSA Program Managed Family Camping activities involving tent camping will not take place between Oct 15 and April 15.
3. All meals must be provided from a central feeding area. The cooking staff must be approved by the Council Camping and Activities Director.
4. Pre-camp training on outdoor camping and youth protection training is provided for all families prior to the event by persons who are knowledgeable of the outdoors and are approved by the Council Camping and Activities Director.
5. Each family is responsible for their own medical care. Unit accident insurance does not cover non-registered family members.
6. Any group not adhering to these policies will be cause for approval being denied or rescinded, and cancellation of the event.

For more information on guidelines to other outdoor activities, see the Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guide, Cub Scout Leader Book, and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

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