

## **OLD NORTH STATE COUNCIL FACILITIES POLICIES**

Camping facilities and equipment of the Old North State Council are maintained for the express purpose of giving all youth members in the Scouting family an experience in camping and enjoying God's out of doors and the wonders of nature. Therefore, the welfare of the youth members shall be first in all matters that relate to these facilities. The one code of conduct at all facilities shall be the Outdoor Code, Scout Oath and the 12 points of the Scout Law. The Council guide to all B.S.A. Camping Policies are Safe Scouting #34411 and Health and Safety Manual #34409.

The Old North State Council facilities are open to registered units camping on weekends. However some weekends, such as holidays when Council activities are scheduled, the camps, or portions of the camps are closed to camping. Unit leaders have full responsibility for their members in all phases of their activities from the time they leave for camp until their return home.

Camping reservation applications are available and handled through the Council Office. Applications are to be submitted at least ten days in advance of the desired date for use of the camping facilities, and are handled on a first come-basis. Applicants must list all facilities and/or equipment needed on permit at time of application. Campmasters and Camp Rangers cannot amend permits.

### **I. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

- A. Arrival and departure hours are from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Sunday, unless special arrangements are made with the Camp Ranger or Campmaster.
- B. Scouts will not be permitted the use of camp without the presence of at least two (2) currently registered Scout leaders or one registered leader and one parent. At least one adult leader must be over the age of 21. The other must be 18 or older. Leaders are responsible for their unit members at all times.
- C. Non-Scout groups may be permitted the use of the reservation with special permission. Written applications must be submitted at least 10 days prior to use.
- D. Visiting permission is granted by the Camp Ranger or the Campmaster.
- E. Co-ed groups must provide separate sleeping quarters and have at least one male and one female chaperone. (These leaders must be at least 21 years of age).

- F. Each unit will checkout as follows:
1. Return all borrowed equipment to Camp Ranger or Campmaster in satisfactory condition and stored as directed.
  2. Extinguish campfires, and dispose of ashes.
  3. Replace all ground cover. **DO NOT DIG HOLES.**
  4. Police area and remove all trash and non-burnable garbage from the area. Garbage pickup from camping sites does not exist. You will pack out what you pack in.
  5. Request the Camp Ranger or Campmaster to inspect the area, prior to your checking out of camp.
- G. Damage to any camp property will be paid for by the person responsible. Failure to comply with the above regulations may result in suspension of unit camping privileges. Suspensions and damages may be reviewed by the Council Camping Committee.
- H. All individuals and/or groups must check out with Campmasters of Camp Ranger when using the facilities.

## **II. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- A. All accident, injuries, and unusual fires and circumstances will be reported immediately to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster.
- B. Units and visitors must have medical insurance.
- C. Each unit or group will bring their own First Aid Kit.
- D. Adult leaders will be responsible for the control and proper use of knives, axes, and fires.
- E. Sheath knives (fixed blade) are not permitted.
- F. Pets are not permitted. Seeing eye dogs are permitted in camp.
- G. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs, and anyone under the influence of these items is strictly prohibited. Violators' entire group will be expelled from camp. No fireworks are allowed on Council camps or property.

- H. Shoes must be worn at all times except in the aquatic area and in the showers.
- I. Speed limit of vehicles is **10 MPH** on all roads.
- J. All vehicles must be parked in the camp's main parking lot or designated overflow lot. Gear is to be packed in and out by the unit from that point. Unusually heavy unit equipment may be transported to the campsite, unloaded, and the vehicle **immediately** returned to the parking lot.
- K. Under no circumstances is anyone to be transported in the back of trucks or trailers.
- L. Motor vehicles are not permitted on trails or in camping areas.
- M. Water is to be secured from approved locations only. Check with Campmaster.
- N. Liquid fuel is permitted for cook stoves, lanterns. (Refer to the Council Liquid Fuels Policy before using liquid fuels).
- O. Latrines, campsite latrines are available for weekend use. Leave them clean. **DO NOT USE WASH BASINS TO WASH DISHES OR CLEAN FISH. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY TRASH, CANS, BOTTLES, PLASTIC, STICKS, ETC. BE PLACED IN LATRINE PITS.**
- P. No activity of any kind will take place on or around any body of water during times when ice is visible.
- Q. No activity of any kind will take place on or around any body of water during or after heavy rains or during a flash flood watch.

### **III. CAMP PROPERTY AND CARE**

- A. The Camp Ranger, Campmaster, Camp Director, or Scout Executive has the responsibility and authority to expel any person or persons misusing camp property or violating camp policies.
- B. Units are requested to perform a conservation or maintenance project while in camp. Projects and equipment to perform the projects will be furnished by the Camp Ranger or Campmaster.
- C. The reservation boundaries are marked as follows:  
Woodfield – Blue and Cherokee - Red. Please remain within the boundary.
- D. Be conservation minded. Leave the area better than you found it. Protect wildlife and vegetation so that others may enjoy it. Don't dig unless you must. If you do

dig, save the sod or top soil and put it back in place before leaving. Ditching around tents is **NOT** permitted. Build as few fireplaces as possible; build fires in safe places. **At Woodfield fires are only permitted in established fire rings.** Be sure they are not left unattended and are out before leaving.

- E. Protect all timber. Only dead wood will be cut.
- F. Cutting of trees or changing the terrain is not permitted unless prior approval is secured from the Camp Ranger.
- G. Please report to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster any repairs that are needed.
- H. Dishwashing and cleaning fish at washstands and standpipes is not permitted.
- I. During the year-round camping period, for conservation reasons, some areas of camp will be closed for camping. Check with the Ranger or Campmaster for approved camping areas. We strongly encourage units to ask the Campmaster to suggest a wilderness site.
- J. The operation of Council-owned vehicles is limited to the Camp Ranger and designated individuals as appointed by the Camp Ranger or Camp Director.
- K. Admittance to the maintenance area will be only with the permission of the Camp Ranger or designated representative on duty.
- L. All fuel distribution will be from the maintenance area and in approved containers.
- M. The Camp Director's Quarters is reserved for Campmasters.
- N. Sleeping is not permitted in buildings except by prior permission on the camp permit.
- O. Old North State Camps are wildlife refuges – hunting and trapping are prohibited except for bow hunting in designated areas on Cherokee Scout Reservation and in accordance with all state laws and gamelands regulations.
- P. Travel trailers, tent trailers, and motor homes are not part of Scout camping, and will not be used as a part of a unit camping experience.
- Q. Donations of any kind for camp are to be cleared by the Scout Executive or Field Director responsible for camp properties before they are picked up or left at Camp.

- R. No additions or changes will be made to camp properties or buildings without the approval of the Council Camping Committee and/or Properties Committee.
- S. Usage of camp equipment may be requested through the professional advisor by permit for District and Council functions. All needs will be evaluated on an individual basis.

**EXCEPTIONS: NO WATERCRAFT OR ACCESSORIES WILL BE LOANED OUT.**

#### **IV. CAMP ACTIVITIES**

Scouts will not leave their campsite without permission of an adult leader who knows where they are going. Scouts should use the **buddy system** for all activities and whenever they leave campsite (or familiar roadways). The use of “familiar roadways” would permit a Scout to travel alone between the parking lot, dining hall, and campsite without a buddy. What we really do not want him to do is go fishing or hiking in the woods without a buddy.

Program facilities may be scheduled at the time of your reservation for a campsite. However, some areas such as the aquatic area, rappelling tower, and rifle ranges require specifically trained personnel to supervise. Permission to conduct these activities must be requested in advance on the application.

##### A. Aquatics

If swimming is requested:

- a. A registered adult (at least 21 years old) must supervise all swimming. He or she must be trained in and committed to compliance with the eight points of BSA Safe Swim Defense and must have current Safe Swim Defense Commitment certification.
- b. All swimming activities must be conducted in accordance with **BSA SAFE SWIM DEFENSE**.
- c. Swimming is permitted only during daylight hours and in the designated swimming areas:

If boating is requested:

- a. A registered adult (at least 21 years old) must supervise all boating activities. He or she must be trained in and committed to compliance with the nine points of BSA Safety Afloat and must have current Safety Afloat Commitment certification. He/she must be experienced and qualified in the particular

watercraft skills and equipment involved in the activity. One such supervisor is required for each ten people with a minimum of two adults for any one group.

- b. All boating activities must be conducted in accordance with **BSA SAFETY AFLOAT**.

Fishing is permitted by youth members with adult supervision, Scouters, and adult visitors with a permit by the Council Office or Camp Ranger. All individuals must comply with the State Fish and Game Laws. Fishing from boats must be in accordance with BSA Safety Afloat guidelines. Fishing in boating and swimming areas is prohibited. **NO FISHING FROM PIERS AND DOCKS.**

B. Rappelling Tower

1. Units wishing to use the **RAPPELLING TOWER MUST FURNISH THEIR EQUIPMENT AND HAVE TRAINED ADULT SUPERVISION.** Council equipment is reserved for Summer Camp use only. Scouts must be at least 13 years of age to rappel.

C. Rifle Range

1. All firearms and ammunition will be checked in with the Camp Ranger or Campmaster upon arrival and stored under lock and key by an adult 21 years of age.
2. The unit leadership will assume responsibility for proper safety procedures and conduct at all times during range and equipment use.
3. Only 22 caliber rim fire, bolt action, single shot rifles, may be used on the range. **NO PISTOLS** are to be used except as per National Policy for Explorers.
4. Shotguns will only be used on the Skeet Range.
5. A Range Officer must be present and certification must be as follows:

Twenty-one years of age or older with NRA Certificate of Proficiency from Small Arms firing School Certification.
6. Range Officer certification must be shown at the Scout Office at the time of application for camp use, and copies of the certification attached to the application.

- D. The Campmaster or Camp Ranger may limit or cancel special activities due to the number of campers, weather conditions or other unusual circumstances.

## **V. COUNCIL CAMPING COMMITTEE**

These camping policies are subject to change without notice. Please check with the Scout Service Center for additional information.

Use of property or equipment not covered in these Policies and Procedures will need special approval of the Council Camping Committee and the Scout Executive.

Any person or unit may make suggestions, improvements, or request changes to the Council Camp Policies and Procedures by writing to or attending a Council Camping Committee Meeting.

## **VI. COUNCIL LIQUID FUELS POLICY**

All liquid fuels present a potential fire hazard. The use of such fuels shall be supervised by a responsible adult (21 years of age or older) without exception. Boys (under 21) must not be involved in the storage of liquid fuels, the handling of it in the filling of stoves, lanterns, or tanks, or the lighting of it. Under no circumstances shall flames of any kind (including candles) be carried into or used in tents. This includes space heaters. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS!!!**

The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited without adult supervision. This includes damp wood, charcoal and ceremonial campfires. Solid types starters are just as effective, are easier to store and carry and are much safer to use for this purpose. Under no circumstances may liquid propane or gasoline be used to start a fire.

## **VII. LIGHTING**

Kerosene, gasoline, or liquefied petroleum fueled lanterns may be used under adult (21) supervision for outdoor lighting or only when absolutely necessary (power outage) inside permanent buildings.

## **VIII. COOKING**

Wood or charcoal fuels should be used whenever possible. When necessary, gasoline, kerosene, alcohol, jellied or liquefied petroleum stoves designed for cooking may be used under direct adult (21) supervision.

## **IX. REFUELING**

Filling tanks for lanterns, stoves, motor vehicles, tractors, and small engines such as chain saws, mowers, trimmers, etc. shall always be handled by a responsible adult (21) without exception and in a safe distance from buildings, tents, and fires (minimum of 20 feet). All flames should be extinguished, engines turned off, and equipment allowed to cool before refueling. No smoking is permitted during such operations.

## **X. STORAGE**

Both gasoline and kerosene shall be kept in well marked safety cans (never in glass or plastic containers) and stored a safe distance from buildings, tents and fires (minimum of 20 feet). Only adults (21) shall have access to stored fuels.

## **XI. HOLIDAYS**

Old North State Council camps will be closed to everyone on the following special days or weekends: New Year's Day, Easter, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas and weekends when there is a Council-wide activity.

## **XII. WOODFIELD SCOUT PRESERVATION**

Only low impact camping is permitted on Mary's Mountain. No fires are allowed on Mary's Mountain.

All fires at Woodfield Scout Preservation are only permitted in established metal fire rings.

Cub World is designated for Cub Scout age youth, Boy Scout age youth will be allowed to use Cub World program features, at the discretion of the Field Director and Council Camping Committee Chairman.

## **XIII. DAMAGE POLICY**

Any group using Council property or equipment will be responsible for repair or replacement cost if the property or equipment is damaged while your group is using it. Property or equipment will be checked for damage by the Camp Ranger, Campmaster, or Troop Guide during Summer Camp.

Tents, tarps, and mattresses damaged will be replace at the following costs: Tents - \$200.00; Tarps - \$125.00; and Mattresses - \$50.00. You may take the damaged goods once they have been paid for and put them in your groups equipment inventory.



The Camping Committee encourages unit leaders to go over this policy with all participants in their unit. We also ask that you make them aware that they can damage a tent by spraying insect repellent on the tent or tarp fabric.

#### **XIV. CHECK-IN FOR DISTRICT EVENTS**

No unit will be allowed to check-in Council properties for a District or Council activity before the Professional Advisor and/or volunteer chairperson in charge of the event is present at the camp facility. This only covers District or Council events such as Camporees, OA events and Day Camps.

The Professional and Volunteer chairpersons are responsible for policy enforcement. Vehicles in camp will not be tolerated.

Professional and Volunteers are reminded that all equipment and facilities must be on the Camp Use Permit.

Districts are responsible to see that units put trash in dumpsters and remove trash and clean any building they use including bathrooms.

#### **XV. RESERVING FACILITIES**

The Council has reserved the first weekend in the months of April and October for Cub Packs camping, and other weekends in April and October for District Family Camping at Woodfield Cub World. The West side of Woodfield is open for Pack Camping all of April and October.

Limit overnight camping at Woodfield to 800 people camping. Each campsite is limited to approximately 75 people. Open two primitive campsites for overflow when necessary.

The last Saturday in the month of September is for facilities (camp) sign-ups for the next year for both District and Packs. After that Saturday, all sign-up restrictions are off.

Districts have the first choice on that Saturday to sign up for any weekend except the first weekend in April and October. Packs can sign up for any weekend after that Saturday.