

Old North State Council
Policy for the Use of Hammocks on Council Property
And at District/Council Sponsored Events

Hammocks are more and more becoming a part of the camping Experience at our Scout camps and during district and/or council Events. The use of hammocks at outdoor activities can add a fun highlight to the outdoor experience. Hammocks, however, bring with them their own set of safety issues. It is the policy of the Old North State Council that, for the safety of our participants, that hammocks will be hung at height no more than waist high of the user at the center point while empty. Hammocks will not be secure to shelters but should be secure to stable trees in the area of the campsite out of main paths and walkways.

For your safety and to extend the life of your hammock, read carefully the manufacturer's guidelines and be sure to hang your hammock in a secure location and attach it only to a stable tree. Be sure to hang your hammock from trees that will support not only the weight of the hammock, but also the weight of the occupant. The most dangerous time when using a hammock is while getting into or out of the hammock. It is the time of greatest instability. Use great care! A hammock is not a toy.

Hammocks should not be attached to any camp structure. The Camp Director/Event Chairman has the authority to have a hammock moved or taken down because of the location, support or height it is hanging.

Resources:

Hammock Safety – www.hammock-hammocks.com

How to Hang a Hammock – www.yardenvy.com

Product Information, The Hammock Store – www.onlineproductinfo.com

Safety Do's and Don'ts – www.wolfriverhammock.com