

Pack 103 Pack Family Camping Guide

Camp Purposes

The Pack Camping program has been developed with the following goals in mind:

- To provide each Cub Scout the opportunity to learn to work with others
- To instill in each Cub Scout an appreciation of nature and become comfortable with the great outdoors

Pack Policies

The Pack observes the following rules as dictated by BSA Policy or the Pack committee. The guidelines are for the safety of all participating adults and all children. Failure to comply with these rules could result in the non-complying family leaving the Campout.

- Parent/child requirement - BSA Family Camping is for the Cub Scout and his entire family. There must be an **Adult partner for each Cub Scout**. This adult must accompany the Cub Scout at all times. All siblings must be accompanied by their parent at all times.
- Adults - Adult partners must be 21 years or older.
- No families or youth may travel together unless their vehicle information has been submitted on the local tour permit filed by the Campout leader. This includes short trips of any kind.
- When you arrive, notify your Group Leader. If you leave the campout at any time of day or night, please notify your Group Leader. In most instances, your Group Leader will be your Den Leader.
- Health forms - **All** campers, adults and youth alike, must have appropriate Health Forms filled out. For most situations, Class 1 health forms are appropriate.
- Permission slips – all youth (under 18) are required to have a permission slip from their parents or legal guardians.
- All permission slips and health forms should be turned in to the Den Leader no later than seven (7) days prior to the campout.
- Health information - The Pack Camp Staff must be made aware of all medical conditions for all campers including all adults and all youth.
- Youth sleep with family or other cubs -As per the “Youth Protection” BSA Policy, you may only sleep with your own Cub Scout. The boys may share tents.
- Bathrooms - BSA Policy requires adults and Cubs not to share the restroom facilities at the same time.
- You must follow 2-deep adult leadership rules.
- Tent camping - Tents are used on all campouts. No RV’s, trailers, vans, etc. are allowed.
- Fuels - BSA prohibits any Scout from handling liquid fuels or gas fuels. Adults that own such fuels may use them *if permitted by the camping facility*.
- Use fire rings - If campfires are allowed, they may only be used in designated fire areas. Scouts prefer using a previous fire ring to reduce impact to nature.
- No open flames - Fires, gas lanterns, etc. may be used inside your tent at any time.

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- No weapons - Firearms, archery equipment, gas nor air filled BB or pellet guns, slingshots, etc. are strictly forbidden on the Campout.
- Knife handling - No Cub Scouts (nor other child under 18 at the campout) may be allowed to carry a knife unless they have earned and carry their Whittling Chip card. All knives are to be handled in a manner consistent with the Whittling Chip requirements.
- No sandals - Closed toes shoes and socks are required for all campers including adults.
- No alcohol or controlled substances – Alcohol and illegal substances are prohibited on campouts. You will be asked to leave the Campout if discovered with any of these.
- No smoking – Per BSA Policy, adults must not smoke within the camping area nor view of any youth.
- No pets – Pets are forbidden on campouts.
- No electronics: Portable jukeboxes, TV's, and electronic games of any kind are not permitted on campouts. The only permissible uses of electronics are for safety or camp skills learning purposes (e.g. cell phones, emergency radios, GPS units).
- No running - No running except when authorized by Camp Staff for a specific game.
- Pack trash out - Each Den is responsible for its own trash. You should take all trash home with you. We encourage you to use the campsite's trashcan.

Den Responsibilities

Each Den will be responsible for the following:

- Notifying the camp leader of the expected attendance headcount (adults and youth).
- Planning its sleeping arrangements and cleanup arrangements. All trash must be taken home and disposed of.
- Transportation to and from the campout.
- Organizing the Den Campsite.
- Bring the Den flag.
- Cleaning up the campsite. Take only pictures and leave only footsteps.

Cub Scout Responsibilities

Each Cub Scout is responsible for the following:

- Share in the chores and activities at the campout.
- Learning to do as many of the camp activities as he can.

I have read and understand the guidelines. I understand participation in Pack campouts requires adherence to these guidelines.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

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Suggestions of items to pack:

Each Person:

Sleeping bag
Sleeping pad (for comfort – foam, cot, etc)
Fork, knife, spoon, plate, cup ⁽¹⁾
Flashlight – with extra batteries
Clothes
Extra Socks
Hat
Appropriate Cub Scout Book
Cub Scout/Cub Scout leader uniform
Pajamas or sleepwear
Jacket, gloves, and warm cap
Durable, closed toed shoes
Canteen or water bottle
Toiletries

Each Family:

Tent
Tent stakes
Rubber mallet
Ground cloth
Camp chair(s)
Bug spray
Sun screen
Toilet paper
Small Igloo cooler
Binoculars / Telescopes
Nature guides / Books/ Identification
Fishing gear (if fishing is allowed at park)
Prescription Medicine
Wet Wipes

⁽¹⁾ Pack 103 normally provides/uses disposable products

Camping Tips for the Den:

- Keep the boys hydrated – adults, too
- Keep the boys busy at all times
 - Don't allow them to run wild
 - Always have an adult assigned to be being in charge
 - Have a plan "B" for activities if the weather is bad
- No pocket knives on campouts before they have earned the Whittling Chip – 3rd grade or older - And then only for supervised activities



Family Camping Helpful Hints

- Pack children's clothes in a bundle ready for the day - socks, underwear, shirt, pants - altogether. Wrap elastic around the clothes to keep them together. Pack them in water proof Ziploc bags, from there into backpacks.
- Let each child have their own bag for their clothes (backpacks are great; they get use to carrying them prior to crossing over to boy scouts). They can pull out a bundle of clothes easily by themselves.
- The first ingredient of a successful outing is a good plan. Consideration should be made of time, destination, activities, personal equipment. Make a checklist of items your camping includes, and then check it each time you leave home. Nobody is enough of an expert to think of everything. Among items most often forgotten: flashlight, batteries, ample rope and cord.