

## Pack 1776

### Camp Guidelines & General Safety

- PARENTS are responsible for their child or children. There needs to be at least one Parent/Guardian (21 years of age or older) for each family unit. The adult family member(s) is responsible for all the children in the family unit at all times. Scouts and siblings may not wander off the campsite without parental supervision. Please keep up with your children.
- Buddy System - No Cub Scout should ever leave the campsite area, even to go to the bathroom, without at least one "buddy" or his parent. The buddy system is used extensively in scouting and this is good practice for future experiences.
- Cub Scouts must respect the private spaces of others. Children are not allowed to enter another family's tent without first getting permission from that family's parent or guardian. Children should respect the property of others and not enter coolers, food storage, autos, etc. that do not belong to them.
- Quiet Time – Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., campers are to be in their own campsite and must be respectful of others sleeping near by.
- Attire: Wear your Class B, Pack Tee-shirt and comfortable short/pants. No open toed shoes, sandals or bare feet in camp. Gym shoes are appropriate.
- No running within the campsite. Injuries related to trips, slips and falls are the most common camping accident. Trip hazards abound within a campsite (logs, rocks, sticks, fire ring, tent stakes, etc.) Please remind your child not to run within the campsite. Find an open green space where running is safer.
- Walking sticks (and fire roasting sticks) are not to be raised above the waste. They are NOT pretend weapons or swords of any kind and should never be used as such. Violation will result in the collection of the item by a leader. Confiscated walking sticks will be returned at departure time.
- Practice proper fire safety while having a camp fire. **Do not leave your fire unattended at anytime.** Please make sure the fire is completely out (with water) before going to bed.
- Only Cub Scouts with their Whittling Chip Card (in their possession) may carry and use a pocket knife. Whittling may be done in a safe, predetermined area, cleared of traffic and under adult supervision. Pack leaders or parents who observe a scout using a knife in a dangerous or irresponsible way are authorized to confiscate the knife promptly and return it to the scout's parents.
- When fishing, catch and release only. No swinging of fishing poles/lures around.
- No water activities like canoeing, boating, swimming are allowed during Pack outings. This is BSA policy for Cub Scouts. If the park offers these amenities, they can be done as a family after the camp-out has concluded.
- No Dangerous Horseplay.
- Do not allow food, gum, candy, and drinks other than water (even toothpaste) to be stored in the tents. The raccoons and other wild animals will find their way to the food. They usually are not considerate enough to use the zipper to get in. Please store them in your vehicle overnight.
- Do not bring fireworks, firearms, BB guns, bows and arrows, sling shots, axes, bow saws, hand axes, sledge hammers and spikes.
- Trash – Do not burn or bury trash. All trash is to be placed in dumpsters or carried home for disposal. Scouts will be responsible for checking in with a leader before leaving to make sure their site has been cleaned properly.
- Leave No Trace – It is the responsibility of everyone to observe the principles of Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code. See your scout's handbook for information on this.
- No Alcohol or Smoking (even electronic cigarettes)
- No liquid lighter fluid
- Bear in mind that we will camp "rain or shine" and there are no refunds if you decide not to attend.

## **What to Bring**

### *Camping Gear:*

- Tent (with rain fly)
- Tarp or Plastic Sheet for Ground Cover
- Sleeping Bag (or sheets and blankets)
- Sleeping Mat or Air Mattress with pump
- Camp Chairs
- Flashlight/Headlamps/Lanterns

### *Optional:*

- Camp Stove and cooking equipment (ie: percolator)
- Firewood/Fire Starters (no lighter fluid)
- Wagon for transporting chairs/gear between sites

### *Personal Items:*

- Toiletries : wash cloth, towel, oral hygiene items, soap, prescription medications
- Clothing: Pack T-shirt, weather appropriate clothing, extra socks and underwear, durable, close toe shoes, rain gear

### *Miscellaneous:*

- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellant
- Camera
- First Aid Kit
- Games/balls

### *Food/Drinks:*

- Drinking water (more than you think you'll need)
- Extra snacks (nutritious, portable snacks preferred)
- The Pack will provide the ingredients needed for s'mores. If you have a s'more roasting stick, please bring it.

### ***What Not to Bring***

- No electronics or portable video games. Devices **MUST** stay in the vehicles once arriving to camp.
- Lighter fluid
- Pets are not allowed.

## CAMP FAQ

### **We've never camped before; do you provide tents?**

No, we do not provide the camp equipment. We realize it is an investment to purchase camping items and recommend talking with friends or family about borrowing any items you need. Another option is to "day-trip" – more on that below.

### **How do we cook?**

All the campsites come equipped with a charcoal grill. The Pack also has two grills you can borrow. Many of the families you will be camping with will also have equipment, and most people are more than willing to share. Also, be sure to check with your Den Leader, as they may have a den dinner planned for Saturday night. (And if they don't, you can always organize one yourself.)

### **Do we have to stay the night?**

No, you are more than welcome to come up for the day! We try to plan our camp-outs to be close to home, making it easy to come and experience the camp-out without sleeping in a tent. Please still fill out the registration form though – there is a place to select "day trip only"

### **When can we arrive?**

You can arrive anytime after 4pm on Friday. (Our reservations are for both Friday and Saturday night, but you may also arrive Saturday if needed.) There will be a Pack check in location to help direct you to your site. This information is finalized after registration closes and will be emailed out to everyone a week before camp.

### **What's the schedule like?**

We usually start the day around 8:30am with a Flag Ceremony and Den Time directly following. We will have some planned activities throughout the day, but we try to also leave time for families to explore on their own. Our day wraps up after dinner with a Pack Camp Fire, where we sing songs, do skits and have smores.

### **Can we bring siblings?**

Absolutely, yes! Space is limited though, so we please only bring immediate family – not all the cousins.

### **Can we bring pets?**

Even though the park does allow dogs, bringing them violates the conditions of our insurance. Please find someone to babysit the pets while you're away.

### **I have a travel trailer; can I bring it?**

Yes and no. If you have a camper, you will have to obtain a separate reservation for it. You're welcome to bring one, but it can't be parked on any of the sites we have reserved.

### **Do the sites have electrical outlets?**

Yes, all sites have water and electric. Keep in mind that there is more than one family on a site, so be courteous and willing to share.

### **Tips from Den Leaders:**

- Keep it simple! Be ready to explore and try new things.
- Pack picnic style meals to avoid spending too much time cooking or cleaning up. Pre-cook as much as you can so all you have to do is warm it up.
- Pack more snacks and water than you think you need. Stay hydrated and have plenty of extra snacks.
- A scout is prepared! Practice putting up your tent before you camp. Also, check the weather and make sure you have the appropriate gear.
- Use your rain fly even if it's not supposed to rain. It will keep moisture out of your tent overnight and protect you if a popup shower comes.