

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,
- To prepare each Cub Scout to become a Boy Scout.

Den Responsibilities

Each Den will be responsible for the following:

- Planning its own cooking on days/nights *not* sponsored by the Pack; sleeping arrangements and cleanup arrangements. All trash must be taken home or disposed of in Lodge dumpster (trash CANNOT be left in campsite garbage cans upon departure).
- 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 individual Cub Scout with their family 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.
- Have Fun!

Pack Policies

The Pack observes the following rules as dictated by BSA Policy, Camp Illinek or the Pack. 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 the campsite at all times.

All *siblings* must be accompanied by their parent present at the camp at all times.

Adults: Adult partners must be 21 years or older.

When you arrive, notify your Den Leader. If you leave the campout at anytime of day or night, please notify your Den Leader.

Health information: The Den Leader and Cubmaster must be made aware of all medical conditions for all campers including all adults and all youth.

Youth sleep only with family or other cubs: As per the "Youth Protection" BSA Policy, you may only sleep with your own Cub Scout(s). The boys *may* share tents on their own with no adults.

Bathrooms: BSA Policy requires adults (other than their parents *if necessary*) and Scouts not to share the restroom facilities at the same time.

You must follow 2-deep adult leadership rules. Activities, events, hikes, trips to restrooms, etc with Scouts *that are not your own children* must have 2 adults present at all times.

Rain or shine: Planned campouts will be held regardless of the weather unless determined life threatening by decision of the Camp Illinek Staff, BSA Staff or Cubmaster. Bring sunscreen and personal insect repellent and a rain coat/poncho.

Tent camping: Tents are used on all campouts. No RV's, trailers, pop-up-trailer tents, 5th wheels, camper vans, etc. are allowed for camping. Vehicles, including 4-wheelers or other motorized vehicles

(outside of official Camp Illinek Staff use or for individuals for special needs) are prohibited on non-parking areas and from parking on marked roads.

Fuels: BSA prohibits any Scout from handling liquid fuels, gas fuels nor charcoal starter. Adults that own such fuels may use them with caution. All fuels must be stored in approved containers manufactured for safe storage and use of such fuels. *Do not use liquid fuels on camp fires.*

Use fire rings: If campfires are allowed, they may only be used in designated fire areas. Scouts should use a previous fire ring to reduce impact to nature. **DO NOT DISPOSE OF TRASH IN THE CAMPFIRE!**

No open flames inside tents: fires, gas lanterns, candles etc. are prohibited from use *inside your tent* at any time. Lanterns should be used in secure locations where they will not tip and spill onto the ground nor fall onto tents or other flammable items including any natural materials in the campsite. **AEROSOL CAN BASED PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT BE USED NEAR THE VICINITY OF ANY FLAME.**

No weapons: Firearms, archery equipment, gas nor air filled BB or pellet guns, slingshots, etc. are strictly forbidden on the Campout. Only BSA sanctioned archery or BB events on the approved course with BSA supervision *may* allow privately owned equipment to be used with permission and BSA staff supervision.

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 BSA Whittling Chip.

No sandals: Closed toes shoes and socks are required for all campers including adults.

No camouflage clothing at any time. Scouts must be easily located if needed. White, yellow or other light shirts should be worn when possible (or Scout uniforms are encouraged for special events at the campout, but not during nighttime hours).

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 either *within the camping area* or *within the view* of any youth. Smoking materials must be disposed of safely, and not thrown onto the ground or placed in garbage cans. Do not litter.

No pets: Pets are forbidden on campouts.

No electronics: Portable jukeboxes, headphones, TV's, DVD players 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 (cell phones, two-way radios, FRS, CB's, GPS units, weather radios). **PLEASE PLACE CELL PHONES ON VIBRATE OR TURN OFF FOR THE DURATION OF CAMPOUTS, and make any personal calls outside of the view of Scouts.** We do ask that you keep your cell phone charged in case of an emergency.

No running in the tent camp area: many tents use strings, ropes, stakes that can be tripped on harming the runner and occupants of the tent – and the tent itself.

Pack trash out: Each Den/Pack is responsible for its own trash. You should take all trash home with you. We encourage you not to use the campsite's trashcan...garbage can be placed in the Lodge dumpster upon departure.

Pack campouts requires adherence to these guidelines. Thank You

General Camping provisions

Pack provides dinner, plastic utensils, napkins drinks, and food (hot dogs, buns, condiments, s'mores) for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast (pancake mix, sausage, butter, coffee, syrup), stoves, fuel for stoves, gas lanterns to light common areas, hot dog cooking utensils for cooking hot dogs or marshmallows over the fire and all the components for pack activities and first aid kit – pack also brings wood if none will be on site. Fees for camping are paid by pack.

Campsite has running potable water, bathrooms (which should have toilet paper), some lights, picnic tables, and usually a pavilion.

Other items that may be of some help:

<http://www.thecampingguy.com/essentials.html>