

# Heart of Ohio Cub Scouting Camping Policy

Many Cub Scout volunteers have requested the Heart of Ohio Council's policy on Cub Scout Camping. The Cub Scout camping activities are broken down into two main categories:

## 1. COUNCIL/DISTRICT-SPONSORED CUB SCOUT CAMPING EVENTS

- Council Day Camp
- Council Cub-Parent Overnights
- Council Webelos Adventure Weekends
- Council Cub Resident Camp
- Council Webelos Resident Camp
- Council-approved district events
- Council weekend cabin camping (Council camps only) (**September Through May**)

The council and districts prepare the conditions and guidelines, based on national guidelines.

## 2. INDIVIDUAL CUB PACK CAMPING ACTIVITIES

Unit-run events using the following guidelines:

- **PACK CAMPING OVERNIGHTERS: (Tent Camping)**
  - This is a first-time outdoor experience for the pack.
  - One night only.
  - Camping activities must take place in council-approved facilities (**Tour Permit or Campsite Approval Form not required for Camp Avery Hand or Firelands Scout Reservation**) (**Girl Scout Facility, or any Ohio State Park are expectable as long as they meet Campsite Approval Form**)
  - Submit *Local Tour Permit* for state parks only. No tour permit is necessary for Camp Avery Hand or Firelands Scout Reservation; however, all tour permit guidelines must be followed.
  - ***Season in Ohio is basically mid-April to mid-October.***
  - Fair weather camping season (***above 40 degrees day and night***).
  - Pack camping activities are intended to include youth members and responsible adults.
  - It is recognized that on occasion, siblings and other family members may also be participating.
  - The recommended ratio of boys to parent/guardian is 1 to 1. ***The council will allow 2 to 1. The second Scout can be a non-family member.***
  - Because the vast majority may be first-time campers, you should cancel the event if bad weather occurs rather than deal with severe weather.
  - Adults giving leadership to a pack tent overnighiter must complete *Basic Adult Leader Outdoors Orientation (BALOO)*.
  - In all cases, each youth is responsible to a specific adult.
  - Parents or guardians are responsible for supervision of their children and Scout.
  - Plan organized-age appropriate activities for Scouts. In some cases, nonmembers (brothers and sisters) may participate if the event is structured accordingly to accommodate them.
  - *BSA Health and Safety, Youth Protection Guidelines and Guide to Safe Scouting* must be implemented.
  - Permission slips are required, even when the parents/guardians are attending the function.
  - ***Class 1 Personal Health and Medical History forms are required for all campers.***
  - Separate tents are required for male and female leaders; married couples may share a tent--no others.
  - When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.
  - *Safe Swim Defense* and *Safety Afloat* policies must be followed.
  - Shooting sports (BB guns, rifle, and archery) are allowed only at council-approved firing ranges and council approved trained range masters.

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- **PACK-ORGANIZED CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPING: (Tent Camping)**
  - Pack-organized overnight tent camping event involving Scouts who have had completed first time camping event.
  - **One or two nights.**
  - Campsite Approval Form (No. 103001) must be completed and turned in with Local Tour Permit (Tour Permit or Campsite Approval Form not required for Camp Avery Hand or Firelands Scout Reservation) (Girl Scout Facility, or any Ohio State Park are expectable as long as they meet Campsite Approval Form); however, all local tour permit guidelines must be followed.
  - In some cases, non-Scout members (brothers and sisters) may participate if the event is structured accordingly to accommodate them.
  - Adults giving leadership to a pack campout must complete Cub Scout Outdoors Leaders Skills Orientation or BALOO
  - **Season in Ohio is basically mid-April to mid-October.**
  - Fair weather camping season (**above 40 degrees day and night**).
  - Cub Scout outdoors skill limitation recommends canceling the event if bad weather occurs rather than deal with severe weather.
  - In all cases, each youth is responsible to a specific adult.
  - Parents or guardians are responsible for supervision of their children and Scout.
  - Plan organized age appropriate activities for Scouts. In some cases, non-Scout members (brothers and sisters) may participate if the event is structured accordingly to accommodate them.
  - BSA Health and Safety, Youth Protection Guidelines and Guide to Safe Scouting must be implemented.
  - Permission slips are required, even when the parents/guardians are attending the function.
  - **Class 1 Personal Health and Medical History forms are required for all campers.**
  - Separate tents are required for male and female leaders; married couples may share a tent--no others.
  - When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.
  - Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policies must be followed.
  - Shooting sports (BB guns, rifle, and archery) are allowed only at council-approved firing ranges with trained range masters.
  
- **WEBELOS DEN OVERNIGHT CAMPING (Tent Camping)**
  - Webelos Scout overnights introduce the boy and his parent to the basics of the Boy Scout camping program.
  - One or two nights.
  - Campsite Approval Form (103001) must be completed and turned in with Local Tour Permit (Tour Permit or Campsite Approval Form not required for Camp Avery Hand or Firelands Scout Reservation) (Girl Scout Facility, or any Ohio State Park are expectable as long as they meet Campsite Approval Form); however, all local tour permit guidelines must be followed.
  - **Season in Ohio is basically mid-April to mid-October.**
  - Fair weather camping season (**above 40 degrees day and night**).
  - These campouts are conducted under the leadership of a Webelos Leader trained in Webelos Outdoor Leaders Training.
  - It is recommended that the Webelos Scout be under the supervision of a parent or guardian; the **council will accept a ratio of 2 Scouts to 1 adult**. In all cases, each participant is responsible to a specific adult.
  - **No siblings.**
  - BSA Health and Safety, Youth Protection Guidelines and Guide to Safe Scouting must be implemented.
  - Permission slips are required, even when the parents/guardians are attending the function.
  - **Class 1 Personal Health and Medical History forms are required for all campers**
  - Separate tents are required for male and female leaders; married couples may share a tent--no others.
  - When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.
  - Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policies must be followed.

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- Shooting sports (BB guns, rifle, and archery) are allowed only at council-approved firing ranges with trained range masters.
- **PACK CABIN WEEKEND CAMPING:**  
Pack camping in cabins at Camp Avery Hand and Firelands Scout Reservation for weekend.  
**(State Park cabins are acceptable, as long as they meet all guidelines.)**
  - These activities include Scouts, leaders or parents, **no siblings**.
  - The council recommends a ratio of 1 to 1 but will accept 2 to 1.
  - Weekend camping is from September through May.
  - Adults giving leadership to a pack campout must complete **Cub Scout Outdoors Skills Orientation or BALOO**.
  - Cabin camping requires privacy as stated in the Youth Protection Guidelines. Specific Heart of Ohio guidelines:
    - Male and female leaders require separate sleeping facilities.
    - Schroeder cabin has separate facilities.
    - Jubilee A & B provide separate facilities.
    - Rent two cabins, one for males and one for females.
    - Adults may sleep in the same cabin room with Scouts as long as there is **more than one adult in the cabin room**.
    - **Separate times for male and female use of latrine facilities should be scheduled and posted or “in use” signs and procedures practiced.**
  - In all cases, each youth is responsible to a specific adult.
  - BSA Health and Safety, Youth Protection Guidelines and Guide to Safe Scouting must be implemented.
  - Permission slips are required, even when the parents/guardians are attending the function.
  - **Class 1 Personal Health and Medical History forms are required for all campers**
  - Local Tour Permit guidelines must be followed.
  - Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policies must be followed.
  - Shooting sports (BB guns, rifle, and archery) are allowed only at council-approved firing ranges with trained range masters

REFERENCE MATERIAL (*Reference material is available through Scout Service Center or BSA Catalog*).

- ❖ Guide to Safe Scouting, No. 34416
- ❖ Health and Safety Guide, No. 34415B
- ❖ Family Camping Resources, No. 13-813
- ❖ Camping Family Camping Staff Training Guide No. 13-468
- ❖ Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines for 2002, No. 13-631
- ❖ Resident Camping for Cub Scouting, No.13-33814
- ❖ Cub Scout Leader Book, No. 33221, “Webelos Overnight Campouts”
- ❖ Webelos Leader Guide, No. 33853A
- ❖ BALOO, No. 34162
- ❖ Safe Swim Defense, No. 34370A
- ❖ Safety Afloat, No. 34159C
- ❖ Shooting Sports for Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and Parents, No. 13-550
- ❖ Campsite Approval Form (103001)
- ❖ Local Tour Permit Application No. 34426B

### TRAINING:

Youth Protection Training

BALOO Training

Webelos Outdoor Training

Cub Scout Leaders Outdoors Training

**Most recent publications of all reference material and the Heart of Ohio Cub Scout Camping Policy are to be followed.**