

Goshen Scout Reservation
Family Camp Frequently Asked Questions (updated 02/05/2024)

Q: Where is Family Camp being held?

A: Family Camp will be held at Camp Olmsted at the Goshen Scout Reservation. Camp Olmsted is the first camp on the left after turning onto "Beltway Drive." Signage and staff members will be present to help direct you!

Q: Will I need to bring my own food and sleeping accommodations?

A: Yes, attendees should provide their own tents and food for the duration of Family Camp.

Q: What campsite am I staying in?

A: You get to choose! Campsites are not assigned and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. We have plenty of space for everyone, but if you want a particular site, be sure to get there early! Please see the "Camp Olmsted Map" for campsite locations.

Q: Can we share a campsite with another family we're friends with?

A: Of course! We encourage that you coordinate this in advance and have a backup campsite selection.

Q: What is provided in each campsite?

A: Wooden tent platforms, a picnic table, a fire ring, a latrine, and potable access are available in each campsite. There are a total of 20 campsites, with multiple smaller "patrol" sites within each campsite.

Q: Are there showers and flush toilets available at Family Camp?

A: Have no fear! There are flush toilets and showers available at the Camp Olmsted Shower House. Please see the "Camp Olmsted Map" for the Shower House location.

Q: Is there a schedule of events?

A: Yes. A weekend schedule can be found on our website (www.gotogoshen.org) on the "Family Camp" page and will be handed out upon arrival.

Q: Which program areas will be available?

Aquatics (swimming, kayaking, canoeing, and rowing), Shooting Sports (BBs, Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun), Handicraft (Tye-Dye, Arts and Crafts), and Rock Climbing/Giant Swing will be open all weekend. Please see the Family Camp Schedule for more.

Q: Are there age restrictions on activities?

The following activities have age restrictions, accordance with BSA policy:

Rifle: Have completed 5th grade or at least 10 years old and up.

Shotgun: Have completed 5th grade or at least 10 years old and up.

Giant Swing: Have completed 5th grade or at least 10 years old and up.

Q: What is available in the Trading Post?

A: The Camp Olmsted Trading Post will have Goshen apparel, snacks, ice cream, slushies, basic camping supplies, bagged ice, t-shirts for Tye-Dyeing, handicraft projects (leather rounds, wood carving kits, leatherworking kits), and more!

Q: Is there firewood available for purchase?

A: No, but there are ample amounts in the surrounding woods. In accordance with VA State Law, we ask that outside firewood not be brought onto camp property.

Q: When should I plan on arriving/departing?

A: Arrival is any time after 5PM on Friday and departure is any time in the morning on Monday. You don't want to miss the campfire on Sunday night!