

CAMP VANDALISM POLICY

All participants, staff, and visitors at Michigan Crossroads Council, Scouting America Camp Properties are expected to respect camp facilities, cabins, campsites, equipment, and natural resources. Any form of vandalism or property misuse is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Individuals found responsible for vandalism may be held financially responsible for the repair or replacement of damaged property and may face disciplinary action, including suspension, removal from camp, or legal consequences depending on the severity of the incident. In addition, those responsible may be required to participate in restorative activities such as community service, environmental stewardship projects, or educational programs that reinforce accountability, responsible behavior, and respect for camp property. These measures aim not only to repair damage but also to promote a culture of care and responsibility throughout all camp operations.

Facility and Equipment Vandalism: Vandalism to camp facilities, cabins, and other structures, including graffiti, carving, destruction, defacement, or tampering with equipment, is strictly prohibited. Misuse of camp equipment, unauthorized alterations, or theft of property also falls under this category.

Restroom and Shower Use: Proper use of restroom and shower facilities is required at all times. Individuals must use toilets, urinals, and showers appropriately, dispose of human waste, wipes, and other personal care items in designated receptacles, and maintain hygienic practices to prevent damage or contamination to camp property. Flushing items that are not intended to be flushed, disposing of waste in sinks, showers, drains, or on building surfaces, purposeful clogging, intentional contamination, or any behavior that damages, soils, or renders restroom or shower facilities unusable will be addressed accordingly.

Natural Resource Vandalism: Unauthorized cutting, removal, or damage to trees, plants, or other natural resources is prohibited. This includes harming trails, water features, or wildlife habitats, either intentionally or through negligent behavior.

Fire and Safety Violations: Activities that endanger camp property or the safety of others, such as unauthorized fires, improper use of fire safety equipment, tampering with safety systems, or misuse of any fire alarm systems, are considered vandalism and will be addressed under this policy.

All incidents of vandalism must be reported immediately to camp management. Staff are responsible for documenting the details of each incident, including the location, time, and individuals involved. Camp management will review all reports and take appropriate corrective actions based on the severity and circumstances of the incident. Preventative measures, including camper education, staff supervision, and signage, are in place to reduce the risk of vandalism and maintain a safe and respectful camp environment.

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