



HSR - ANSWER THE CALL

Andrew Jackson Council Cub Scout Family Camps Family Guide





CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP

Welcome to Hood Scout Reservation. As you might know, Cub Scouting is family activity. Part of Cub Scouting is an outdoor experience. When you combine the two, you get Cub Scout Family Camp. Cub Scout families can participate in Council Organized Camps. The program is planned by the council's Cub Scout Outdoor Program Committee. The event normally lasts two nights.

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CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP

In the follow pages are the guidelines, policies, and procedures for all Cub Scout Family Camps (Akela Cub Weekend, Cuboree, and Polar Bear Weekend).

GENERAL CAMP POLICIES

Scouts, Scouters, and parents will be expected to exemplify the Scout Oath and Law while in camp.

Tobacco: Our Scout Oath reminds us to keep ourselves physically strong and our Scout Law reminds us to be clean. The use of tobacco products adversely affects our bodies and may cause cancer. The use of smoke, chewing tobacco, vaping, and electronic cigarettes is not permitted at Hood Scout Reservation

Alcohol & Drugs: Possession or use of any alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or the misuse of any prescribed drug is expressly prohibited. Groups or individuals found in violation of this will be asked to leave camp immediately.

Firearms and Fireworks: No Firearms or fireworks should be at Hood Scout Reservation. If you have registered firearms, we asked that you leave them locked in your vehicle or check them in at the Shooting Sports Area.

Fuels: Propane and liquid fuels are allowed at camp, but must be used under adult supervision. Please depose of “empty” propane containers properly.

Campfires: Campfires are only allowed in designated fire rings. All fires must be monitored by adults at all times, and must be fully extinguished prior to departure.

Per the Hood Scout Reservation Forestry Plan, **No outside wood** is allowed to be brought onto camp property.

Portable raised fire pits may be allowed for large group events. Use proper fire safety around all fires and open flames. Do not move fire rings.

Pets: No pets are allowed at HSR. Service animals are permitted. They must have the proper documentation and wear service animal gear. We ask that you let us know that you will have your service animal on camp.



VEHICLES IN CAMP

Speed limit through camp is 5 miles per hour. This includes the main camp road.

All vehicles must be parked in designated parking lots so as to ensure ready access to the camp facilities by emergency, law enforcement, and camp vehicles. Please park and lock vehicles and pocket your keys.

**ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PARKED IN THE PARKING LOT.
No vehicles will be allow past the service road gate after dark.**

We would prefer that families transport their camping equipment to and from the campsite using either a wagon that the family brings or one of our wheelbarrows. The HSR Staff will open the service road gate from 4:00 PM until dusk. You may drive in, unload your vehicle and then return it to the parking lot. The gate will close at 7:30 PM or dark which ever is first. Once the gate is closed, individuals will have to transport their gear to the individual campsite. We encourage you to bring a wagon or small cart to transport your gear to and from your campsite. HSR does provide wheelbarrows to help move your gear. We ask that you bring the wheelbarrow back to the parking lot before returning to set up your campsite.

CHECK IN

EVERYONE MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.BSA-JACKSON.ORG.

We have two check in time frames.

1. **Friday** from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. at the Shooting Sports Classroom.
2. **Saturday** from **7:00 AM to 9:00 AM** at the Shooting Sports Classroom.

Please have your e-ticket ready to scan. You and your family will receive color armband for the event. We ask that you wear the armband the whole weekend.

On Saturday, after the program begins at 8:30 AM, the road from the Shooting Sports area to Parking Lot will be closed to all traffic unless its a HSR vehicle. Families that arrive during this time will be asked to park at the Shooting Sports area. Once the program stops at noon, the road will open back up for vehicle traffic. It will close again once program starts again.

CHECK OUT

If you have to leave during the day. Please inform one of the Hood Scout Reservation camp staff members. They will be able to get the gates unlocked so to that you can leave.



Campsites: Should be clean – no trash or debris around the site. Latrine/Central Showers Facility should be cleaned. Stack any firewood left by the fire ring. Any other sticks or wood is to be removed to the edge of the campsite in the woods. Please report any maintenance items to the Ranger I Campmaster.

Trash Removal: All trash is to be removed from the campsite. Units are responsible for transporting their own trash off camp property.

CAMP STAFF REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

The Cub Scout Outdoor Program will follow the Camp Staff Requirements found in NCAP Standards. ***Camp Staff includes all personnel, paid or volunteer, retained by the council or camp management, who interact with camp participants. Camp staff includes employees, CITs, and continuing volunteers.***

Adult Camp Staff Members | Must be at least 18 years old, registered with the Boy Scouts of America as Camp Staff Members, must complete youth Protection Training and Hazardous Weather Training

Youth Camp Staff Members | Must be at least 14 years old, registered with the Boy Scouts of America as a Camp Staff Member, must complete Youth Protection Training and Hazardous Weather Training.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



Although it is never planned, emergencies happen.

The Camp Staff has taken steps to mitigate any injury or other issues at camp. However our staff cannot be everywhere on camp all the time. In the event of an emergency, please follow the direction of the staff. If you hear continuous ringing of the bell, please move to the parade field at fast as possible.

It is recommended that all participants have on file with their units a current and properly completed Annual Health and Medical Record. Units should have at least both A & B completed. All **injuries**, no matter how small, must be reported immediately to the Health Officer.

Child Abuse, Youth Protection, and Membership Violations

In the event of any suspected or observed abuse or violation to the Youth Protection Guidelines or the Guide to Safe Scouting, it is the responsibility, by law, to report it to the Camp Director or a designated individual.

Lost Campers – to prevent Lost Campers, it is important that all scouts use the **buddy system** at all times. If a camper is lost, please follow these steps: Notify a HSR Camp Staff Member. Give a detail description of the missing Scouts. This would include but limited to Height, Weight, Skin Color, Clothing

Fire – Notify the Ranger immediately and safeguard all personnel. If a fire can not be controlled by the staff, the camp will be evacuated. It is recommended that all people who drive to camp keep their car keys with them at all times.

Severe Weather is one of the highest threats at scout camp. We encourage both parents and volunteer and take care of their kids. Several steps are taken to prevent any injury or damage. This includes observing weather forecast before camp begins and while camp is happening. Multiple weather radios are located around camp. In addition, the Camp Ranger has direct communication from the Covich County Emergency Management Center and the National Weather Service. If weather is forecasted to be hazardous prior to camp, the Camp Director will make the decision to postpone the event.

If while at camp, severe weather approaches, the Camp Ranger will be in direct contact with the Covich County Emergency Management Center. It is important to follow all direction given by camp staff to ensure safety.



HEALTH LODGE

In an effort to provide a safe environment for all who come to Hood Scout Reservation, all participants (including scouts, siblings, parents, guardians, guests, leaders, and staff are encouraged to have a BSA Health and Medical Form - Parts A and B completed before coming to camp. It is recommended that the unit leader at camp maintain the health forms in an easily accessible location.

The Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by two highly qualified healthcare professionals. Medication storage is located there too.

Injuries – All injuries, no matter how small, must be reported immediately to the Health Lodge . An accident report must be filed.

In case of serious medical emergencies, transportation will be available. Covich County Medical Center is the closest hospital.



CAMPING

GENERAL INFORMATION

Whether you are new to Scouting or a seasoned professional, it is important to make sure you have everything you need for camp. It is highly recommended that Packs work with families (especially those new to Scouting) to help them prepare to camp. Many units have a practice camp before the Cub Scout Family Camps to work out kinks, make sure you know how to set up your equipment, etc.

WEATHER

Weather plays a significant role in comfort at camp and what clothing and equipment you bring. Here are some general rules of thumb to follow:

Always plan for rain, even if it is not in the forecast.

When determining temperature, remember to subtract 5 - 10 degrees from the forecasted temperature in Hazlehurst.

Plan for dust and/or mud.

Always remember to factor in wind chill and heat index.

Consult your Scout handbook, or talk with your Cubmaster.

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CAMPSITES

There are a varied size of campsites at Hood Scout Reservation. When the unit leader (Cubmaster) completes a unit registration, the unit will be able to choose three possible campsites for their unit. This is subject to change, based on the number of participants for each unit and the overall number of participants at the camp-out. Some units will have to share campsites.

Hood Scout Reservation offers established campsites numbering 1 - 9. These campsites include the following:

- Outdoor Latrine (Restroom) and Outdoor Shower

- Water Access

- Pavilion (with a fan, lights, and electrical outlets, except campsites 4 and 10)

- Platforms with Tent Frames*

- Fire Ring

A number of non-established campsites are also used. This includes: Cubworld, Ecology Conservation, Gillwell Field, field in front of campsite 1, area behind the Administration Building, Handicraft Shelter, and the old archery range. These temporary campsites are used when a unit requires a large amount of space or the available space is full. These campsites are considered primitive. When using these campsites, units are required to observe leave no trace principles.

*The Platforms and Tent Frames are designed for the canvas tents that are used during Summer Camp. Families are welcome to use the platforms to set up tents.

No part of the metal frame can be used to tie a guide line to the pole. Example would be hammocks. Any damage to the tent frame will be charged to the units using the campsite.

Hammock Camping

Hammock camping is allowed, but must be attached to trees only or use the designated hammock area. No hammock stacking. Do not set up under pavilions or tents frames.

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Unit Leaders Meeting

Unit leaders and staff will have a brief meeting on Friday Night at 9:00 PM in the Dining Hall. This meeting will provide information for the weekend including any schedule changes, locations of activities, a brief review of rules and guidelines at Hood Scout Reservation, and to answer any question. It is recommended that at least one member from each unit attend.

Scouts Own Service

A Scout is Reverent. This will be a 30-45 minute session. Scouts will assist in preparing a worship service, then lead in the worship service immediately following the preparation. If you have a scout who is interested in participating, the scout can prepare by writing a short prayer, expressing something about their faith, or even offering a song for the group to sing.

This will complete the following Duty to God Requirements:

Tiger- Requirements 1 and 2

Wolf- Requirements 1, 2, and possibly 5

Bear - Requirements 1 and 2b

Webelos - Requirements 1 and 3 (possibly 2d and h of Maestro!)

Arrow of Light - Requirements 1 and 2

All scouts will complete requirement 3 of the Outdoor Activity Award by participating in an outdoor interfaith or other worship service.

Closing Campfire Program

Our Closing Campfire Program will be in the Arena Saturday Night. Packs / Dens will be able to submit Songs and Skits for the campfire starting at the Leadership Meeting. Submissions must be in by Saturday afternoon. A specific time will be given at the leader meeting on Friday night.

Lost and Found

If you lose anything or if you found something that does not belong to you, we ask for it to be turned in to the Administration Building or the Trading Post . If an item is found with a name, we will attempt to return it to that person. Hood Scout Reservation is not responsible for the loss of any items or devices at camp. Remember... A Scout is Trustworthy.



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Riding Bikes

A bike is a great way to get around camp. Hood Scout Reservation also offers mountain biking trails. Anyone with a bike on camp must obey the following rules:

Helmets must be used at all times and be buckled.

Pedestrians always have the right of way.

Bikes cannot block trails, walkways, roads, or entrances to buildings.

Bikes should be parked in bike racks.

No Riding Bikes After Dusk.

Hood Scout Reservation is not responsible for any damages to bikes.

Participants with Special Needs

The Boy Scouts of America strives to include everyone with age appropriate activities. All facilities have been modified for handicapped participants , including a campsite. If you have a special requirement for camp, please contact the Camp Director at least one week prior to camp to make some arrangements.

Camper Security

In an effort to provide a safe environment for all, All Campers and Staff will be required to wear an armband at all times. This provides the ability to identify those who have not checked in with our administration. If an armband is lost, please come to the administration building for another.

Buddy System

Scouts are friendly and kind. Having a buddy to do things with makes camp a lot more fun, plus helps keep everyone safe. We ask that every Scout travels with a buddy (preferably a parent) around camp. Units are asked to move around camp as a group.

Wild Life

Please be mindful about local wildlife. Snakes are common around camp. We also have deer, turkey, opossums, raccoons, and other animals on the property. This is their home, we are the visitors. Do not leave food or trash unattended or unsecured in your campsite.



FISHING

Fishing is encouraged. Participants will need to bring their own fishing equipment.

Bass

- a. Under 14" – remove from lake
- b. Over 14" – return to lake

Bream – 5 bream per person may be kept if planning to eat them. Return all others to lake.

Crappie – Remove all crappie caught from lake.

Catfish – Remove all catfish caught from lake.

Do not fish behind the Arena or in the Aquatics (swimming/boating) areas.

Do not clean any fish at Central Showers or latrine sinks. Give a catch report (species/numbers removed) to the Ranger upon checkout.