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Raritan Valley District

2021 Spring Family Camping

June 4-6, 2021



Leader and Parent Handbook

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April 1, 2021

Dear Scout Leader/Parent,

On behalf of the Raritan Valley Camping Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2021 Spring Family Camping at Camp Winnebago. Our theme for this weekend is Wanted: Dead or Alive!

The Committee has spent many hours organizing and resourcing what we believe will be a fantastic experience for you and your scouts. Camp Winnebago is one of the longest running Boy Scout camps in the US. It is situated in the heart of the Copperas Mountains overlooking their own private pond. Each campsite will have approximately 10-15 platforms for tents, a fire pit, 1-2 picnic tables, and in most cases a pavilion and a latrine.

Our goal is to provide you and your Cub Scout with a safe, organized and exciting weekend, full of fun activities and memories. We hope you find this handbook useful in your planning.

Brent Cheshire

RV Cub Camping Chairman



Raritan Valley District 2021 Spring Family Camping

Location: Camp Winnebago, 102 Timberbrook Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866

Date: Friday-Sunday; June 4-6, 2021

Registration: <https://ppcbsa.org/districts/raritan-valley-district/>

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Registration: Ideally done online as a Pack. Individual family registrations require greater administration by the Committee volunteers when planning the rotation between activities.

Arrival Times:

Friday night campers - Please arrive **4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Saturday campers - Please arrive between **7:00-8:00 am**

Sunday – Cleanup **8:30 am**

Activities: Archery, BB Guns, Boating, Field Games, Fishing, Crafts, Campfire Entertainment and enjoying a nice Fall day with the family at camp!

Parking:

- All Parking for Winnebago must occur outside the entrance to the Campground (see map in APPENDIX). There is significant space to ensure free movement of vehicles, but some vehicles in the parking lot **may be blocked** for the entire weekend.
- All vehicles must have a filled out parking permit (**APPENDIX C**) visible in their windshield with complete contact information of the driver/owner. If not completed in advance, these permits are available at the registration table.
- Only one vehicle per unit will be allowed to drop off gear at the campsite and can remain at the site to act as a “bear car” for the duration of the weekend. One permit for a “bear car” will be provided per campsite, and must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard and be visible.
- All cars passing past the registration table into the campsites must have an adult or Boy Scout ground guide walking in front of the vehicle to prevent speeding and alert the driver for passing youth. Under conditions of twilight or darkness, ground guides must use a flashlight.
- There will be no vehicles other than authorized vehicles on camp roads. Authorized vehicles will transport troop gear and adult leaders’ gear to the campsites only at the beginning and the end (Sunday AM) of the camping period.
- All pick-up and drop-off of Scouts and their equipment will be made from the parking lot.
- An EMT-designated emergency vehicle is for emergency use only. No vehicles past barriers. Authorized vehicles must utilize camp roads and parking areas while in camp.



Cub Family Camping Policy Reminders

It is the responsibility of all Cubmasters or Pack leaders in charge to make sure that everyone in their Pack is aware of the policies, information and reminders in this handbook. All adults are asked to please help ensure that these guidelines are adhered to by all. Doing so will ensure a happier and safer Cub Scout experience for everyone.

- At check-in, **your unit must submit 2 copies of your pack roster (APPENDIX B) and 2 copies of the Medical Form (Parts A & B)**. Include the pack contact name and cell phone number. Also include a list of names of those attending indicating expected arrival and departure dates. Please note that if the pack leader is leaving camp, another adult or registered leader must be placed in charge of the unit -- and the camp staff must be so notified. If the entire unit leaves for any reason, the camp staff must be notified, so that the checkout procedure may be followed. **Please note all registered adults.**
- All Pack leaders must have in their possession at a minimum the “General Information/Health History forms” (Forms A & B) for each person attending the Camping Event. These forms can be found at: <https://ppcbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/BSA-Annual-Health-and-Medical-Record.pdf>. To assist the onsite Medical Staff, these forms may be collected upon registration. If collected, these forms will be returned prior to the Pack leaving the site on Sunday AM.
- **As part of the check-in process**, the unit leader must inform the health officer or designee of any campers with limitations, special needs or life-threatening circumstances.
- If you need to leave camp for any reason outside of the arrival and departure times indicated on the roster, alert your Pack leader and someone on the camping staff (look for the Staff shirts). Upon your return, check-in with the camping staff.
- Most Cub Scouts and leaders arrive early Saturday morning. However, if some of your pack is planning to arrive Friday night, remember that at least **one leader in the campsite MUST have BALOO training**. If your BALOO-trained leaders are not arriving until Saturday, your pack may not stay in the campsite Friday night. If you will have Cub Scouts in camp Friday night, please prepare them to understand that camp rules will be strictly enforced and that there will be no program equipment or areas available until Saturday morning.
- There is “**Zero Tolerance**” with regard to the possession and use of illegal drugs and alcohol in camp at any time. Anyone found to be violation of this National Boy Scouts of America policy will be expelled from camp.
- The **BUDDY SYSTEM** is in effect 100% of the time. That means that under no circumstances are any children to be walking around by themselves. They must have a “buddy” (parent or another child) with them at all times. This is for health and safety concerns. If you see any child walking without a buddy, help them get to their buddy.
- Fishing will be possible during all daylight hours of camp; please remember the Buddy System and the importance of having an adult present at the Waterfront if the Scouts or siblings are fishing. Please stay off the docks while fishing. Please fish only in the designated fishing areas. **Do bring your own equipment if you would like to fish.**
- All adults entering camp (registered leaders, parents, guardians, siblings over 18, etc.) must follow the requirements of current BSA YOUTH PROTECTION training. This can be found in the cub scout handbook or at myscouting.org
- **Use of tobacco products is prohibited** while in view of Scouts. If smoking is necessary at camp you must be out of direct site of youth and properly dispose of the cigarette waste.
- Handicapped accommodations: Special permits can be issued for handicapped vehicles upon request.



Cub Scout Day Pack

In preparation for Boy Scouts all Cubs are encouraged to carry a “day pack” with them during Cub Family Camping. This will add to the adventure of being in the nature as well as teaching skills.

Recommended items for a day pack: (use judgment based on bag size and weight)

Flashlight, camp map and compass, pencil, pocket knife (for Bears and Webelos who have their whittling chip), re-fillable water bottle, snack (small bag of trail mix or granola bar), rain gear, sunblock, personal first aid kit, handkerchief and Cub Scout handbook for their rank.

Cubelos Policy Reminders

- **Siblings under 6 cannot participate in Archery, BB Gun** (due to insurance restrictions).
- **Do not leave any food or smellables out in your campsite.** Make sure that everything is put away properly especially at night. Never put food in tents.
- **Your pack MUST have a large bucket of water** and a shovel near the fire pit in order to have a campfire. The ashes and coals **must be cold enough** for you to run your hands through the ashes before you retire for the night or prior to leaving. No smoke or steam!
- **Campfires are not “bonfires.”** In general, the flames in your campfire should not exceed 3’ in height. If the camporee staff determine your campfire has become a bonfire your pack will be required to put it out immediately.
- **All uniformed leaders have the obligation and responsibility to confiscate or hold any tool or pocket-knife being used improperly** (as a weapon or to damage property), **by an underage Scout or sibling.** Any confiscated knives will be held at the camporee headquarters for collection by the appropriate parent or guardian.
- Any **accident, injury, missing adult/youth or other emergency must be reported to the camporee staff.** It is also required that an incident report be completed for each occurrence.
- **Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.** Please do not allow your Cubs and others to run around, make loud noises, play musical instruments, etc., within those hours.
- Everyone must be out of camp no later than **9:00 am on Sunday.** Properly clean up your campsite and have your site inspected by the camporee staff. Camporee patches will be distributed after inspection is completed.
- Please be aware that camp policy is that all camporee participants are required to have medical release forms. If the forms are not collected at registration, your Pack camping leader should maintain these forms, and carry to the activities with the Pack in the event of a medical situation.
- The camp practices and follows BSA outdoor ethics program including the Outdoor Code, principles of Leave No Trace, each participant and pack are expected to follow as well.
 - Outdoor ethics program <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/>



Family Camping “Do Your Best” List

1. **DO** have a safe weekend! Emergency care will be available in camp. All injuries, no matter how small, must be reported!
2. **DO** park vehicles in designated areas **ONLY**! Please make sure that your name, contact mobile phone number and unit are on the parking permit and that the permit is visible in the windshield of your car.
3. **DO** bring a wagon or wheelbarrow. **You will have to carry everything to your campsite** from the parking lot.
4. **DO** store your food and smellables safely. If you bring food or smellables, please remember to store it in a re-sealable, latched container, such as a cooler. Foodstuffs and smellables are not to be left out at any time, as that will attract wildlife.
5. **DO NOT AT ANY TIME** take food into your tent. Raccoons and bears are very adept at opening bags (with their claws) and at opening zippers. Don't give them a reason to join you in your tent.
6. Please read and observe the policies and regulations related to the possession and use of **DRUGS** or **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** in camp. Violation of the policy will lead to eviction from camp.
7. **DO NOT BRING** firearms, fireworks, slingshots, sheathed knives and bows and arrows.
8. **DO** use hand saws **ONLY**. **NO** chain saws or hand axes are permitted.
9. **DO** replace any wood you use from the campsite's wood pile.
10. **DO** use downed wood **ONLY** -- **DO NOT** cut standing trees or branches.
11. **DO** carry a pocketknife if you are an adult. **No sheath knives allowed**. Cub Scouts may use knives for whittling only when under adult supervision once they have earned the Whittlin' Chip. All rules concerning knife safety must be followed.
12. **DO stay dry!**
13. **DO NOT** swim or wade in streams, rivers, brooks or ponds. Swimming is **NOT** permitted during family camping events.
14. **DO** fish in designated areas. **DO NOT** keep fish. Scout fishing is “**Catch and Release.**” **Do** bring your own equipment.
15. **DO** use propane, charcoal or wood **ONLY**. **NO LIQUID FUELS** or **STARTING FLUIDS** are permitted. An adult must supervise all cooking and active fires, including stoves.
16. **DO tend your fires**. Extinguish **COMPLETELY** before you leave the area. Build fires in the established fire rings **ONLY**. Clear the ground of combustibles for a distance of five feet from the fire rings. Tents should be no closer than ten feet from a fire. Full fire pails are required at all fires. **DO NOT** leave any fires unattended. Large campfires are dangerous and are prohibited. **No fires, coals or flame of any kind are permitted in tents.**
17. **DO** carry your garbage out of the camp, and dispose of properly, at home. Any dumpsters in camp are not for general usage. Dumpsters **MUST** be kept closed and barred.
18. **DO** leave camp equipment alone. Do not deface camp buildings, including lean-tos.
 - a. Do not drive nails or staples into trees, living or dead, camp buildings or signposts. The registered leader in-charge will be held responsible for **ANY** damage to **ANY** camp equipment or property. The pack must replace the item or pay for repairs.
19. **DO** observe Quiet time beginning at 10PM. Sound carriers in the darkness, and even normal talking voices may disturb adjacent campsites. Use a Quiet voice at Quiet time.



Personal Equipment to Bring

- Tent with ground cloth (a plastic sheet to put under the tent, to keep dry), extra stakes and rope.
- A sleeping pad, air mattress or plenty of blankets (2-3) to insulate between your sleeping bag and the ground.
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Extra changes of clothes, especially socks and dry shoes or boots in case of rain. If it seems like it is going to be a rainy weekend, you can bring lots of extra dry clothes and leave them in the car.
- Pajamas or sleeping attire
- Sweater, jacket or sweatshirt, and hat. A knit cap is great for keeping warm when sleeping.
- Rain gear
- Plastic bags for dirty clothes.
- Flashlight, with extra batteries. Many campers use LED head lamps.
- Eating utensils, plates and cups and paper towels. Paper items will burn;
- **Styrofoam is NOT permitted in camp.**
- Toiletries: Soap, towel, washcloth, toothbrush/toothpaste, comb etc. It never hurts to bring extra toilet paper.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent (both of the non-aerosol type).
- Water bottle or canteen.
- Personal First Aid Kit.
- Fishing gear and bait.
- Camping or lawn chair
- **Cub Scout Handbook** for your rank.
- Optional: watch, camera, notebook, pencil, games & cards, reading material, or a rainy day game.

THINGS YOU CANNOT BRING: Anyone found in possession of alcohol, weapons or narcotics will be asked to leave the camp and the pack may be barred from future participation in family camping events. We ask your cooperation in promoting the tenets of Scouting.

- No liquid starters, fuels, stoves or lanterns are permitted. Propane is ok.
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** or NARCOTICS.
- No axes – No sheath knives
- No firearms – No fireworks



Pack Equipment

There are a few things you should consider bringing for the pack's use. One of the areas that is set-up first in a campsite is the kitchen area. It is usually near the campfire and is the area where the meals are prepared, cooked and eaten. It is also the meeting place for the pack during the day and a gathering place for coffee and hot chocolate at night. Many campsites (but not all) have pavilions which can serve as your kitchen cooking area.

Some of the things the pack may want to bring:

- First Aid Kit - **MANDATORY**
- Propane stove (no liquid fuels or starting fluids are permitted in camp) and gas cylinders. Make sure you take all of your empties home with you!
- Pots to heat water for coffee & hot chocolate.
- Cleaning supplies to wash & dry pots, pans & utensils, soap, brillo, paper towels, sponge, etc. Don't forget the bleach or Lysol disinfectant for the latrine.
- A dishpan to wash the pots, pans & utensils.
- A water bucket to hold the water used for washing the pots, pans & utensils.
- Propane lantern to light the area at night - no flames allowed in the tent!
- Dry firewood from home, although you can collect wood in camp, it may be wet or scarce.
- Extra toilet paper and paper towels.
- A saw to cut kindling to start the logs for the fire (no axes).
- Dry paper or fire starters to light the kindling for the fire.
- A bucket (5 gal) to keep by the campfire - this is **MANDATORY**.
- A shovel to keep by the campfire - this is **MANDATORY**.
- A tarp to hang over the kitchen area in case of rain.
- Rope to hang the tarp over the kitchen area
- Garbage bags, matches, pack flag, American flag, games in case of rain.
- Books of skits and songs to contribute to the evening campfire.
- Hammer to help drive tent pegs (if the ground is hard and dry and you select not to use existing platform-mounted tents).



Shooting Sports Policy

- **Unless indicated during registration process**, the Range master or NRA Rifle Instructor will imply that the parent or legal guardian of the youth has given permission for the youth to use a BB device or Archery equipment.
- If this is a youth first BB gun shooting or Archery experience, he should sit down with an adult and discuss under what circumstances the gun can be handled. A Firearms Safety Lecture will always be given to all participants, Scout Leaders and parents prior to the handling of any firearm on any BSA range.
- Participation in shooting sports and all activities are entirely voluntary and **requires all participants to follow instructions** and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.
- The group/pack will assemble **before approaching** the range and should assume that the range is active. No person or persons are allowed to enter any BSA BB Gun range without first requesting permission of the Range master or NRA Rifle Instructor. No unaccompanied Scouts or youth should approach the range without an adult, parent, or legal guardian.
- Shooters will be instructed that in case of a misfire the BB gun will be kept pointed at the target. The instructor will be called by the shooter raising their hand and ALWAYS keeping the firearm pointed downrange. If the malfunction is due to a broken part, the gun, after being cleared of BBs, it will be removed from the firing line.
- No one is allowed on the firing line except the shooters and their coaches or instructors.
- **Horseplay of any kind is forbidden on the range.**
- Spectators and those Scouts who are waiting their turn to fire are not permitted to do anything that may distract the attention of the shooters from the business of shooting accurately and safely.
- **The Range master or Rifle Instructor has the authority to stop, delay or remove ANYONE whom they feel will jeopardize the business of shooting accurately and safely.**

REMEMBER the Three NRA Rules of Safety:

1. Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.



Emergency Procedures

Fatalities

- Do not move or touch the victim.
- Send runner for the camp director or commissioner on duty.
- Clear area of all campers, leaders and unnecessary persons.

Medical Emergencies/Serious Accidents

- Do not move the injured person unless a life-threatening situation exists.
- If alone, do not leave the injured person, but begin calling for help.
- If there is more than one in a group, send a runner for help.
- If there is no alternative, administer basic first aid.
- Camp EMS personnel will assess the situation and decide what further actions are to be taken.

Missing Persons

- IMMEDIATELY report the incident to the camp director or the Commissioner. If they are not available, any member of the camp staff.
- Camp director or commissioner will check the sign out ledger.
- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check. Unit leader will question members of the unit about possible whereabouts of the missing person, mental condition and where he was last seen. Camp staff will search the immediate unit site.
- A camp-wide search, including the waterfront, shoreline, camp roads and trails will be conducted under the direction of the camp director or commissioner on duty.

Waterfront Emergency/Possible Drowning

- Send runner for the camp director or commissioner on duty.
- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check.
- All appropriate camp staff will be sent to the waterfront to assist in the "Lost Bather" procedures.
- Camp director or commissioner on duty will verify unit attendance and send the attendance report to the waterfront.

Fire

- All campfires must be attended and must meet BALOO requirements.
- Follow standard unit fire guard plan as practiced.
- If an out of control fire is observed, send a runner for the camp director or commissioner on duty.
- Fire alarm will be sounded and fire will be reported to the local fire department.



Flood, Tornado or Windstorm

- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal (siren) and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check.
- Await further instructions of the camp director or commissioner on duty.

Earthquake

- Once the tremor begins, all leaders, staff, campers and guests are to evacuate all buildings and structures. Remain outdoors until the tremors and aftershocks have ended.
- The emergency signal will sound for three consecutive minutes.
- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check.
- Camp director or commissioner on duty will advise leaders as conditions warrant. Options will include camp wide evacuation or termination of camp services.

Evacuation Plan

- The emergency signal will sound.
- **ALL UNITS AND STAFF** will respond to the emergency signal and assemble on the parade field for an attendance check.
- Scouts, leaders, staff and guests will proceed to the parking lot.



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SMOKE-FREE POLICY

It is the responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America to protect the health and safety of the young people in our program. It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that all leaders should not use tobacco products in any form in the presence of youth members. In addition, extreme care should be exercised to provide smoke-free environments for all Scouting participants.

All buildings or facilities under control of the local council are to be designated as non-smoking facilities. Smoking outside entrance/exit doors is not permitted at any location. In addition, all Scouting functions, meetings or activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis with permitted smoking areas located away from all participants.

The national organization's literature and facilities reflect this policy. The policy is included in all current standards and documents of the Boy Scouts of America.

In other words: If you absolutely must smoke a cigarette during the campout, walk down to the far end of the parking lot, ensure that there are no Cub Scouts anywhere nearby, and have your smoke where there is no chance of a Cub Scout seeing you. Before you leave the parking lot, please field strip your cigarette butt. This means make sure the cigarette is out, break off the filter and put it in your pocket to be thrown in the garbage.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at its meetings. Please call Javier Juarez, District Executive 973-765- 9322 Ext. 257 with your request.

PHOTO RELEASE

I understand that by attending this program, sponsored by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, I consent to the use of photographs, film, videotapes, electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me during that time by the Boy Scouts of America, at their discretion, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING

All participants in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the Guide to Safe Scouting, applicable program literature or manuals, and be aware of state or local government regulations that supersede Boy Scouts of America practices, policies, and guidelines. The Guide to Safe Scouting is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures gleaned from a variety of sources. For some items, the policy statements are complete. Unit leaders are expected to review the additional reference material cited prior to conducting such activities.

You can find a copy of the guide on the registration page for the event or <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>



RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS

Rules for acceptance and participation in the programs are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, or handicap.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In all programs offered by the Patriots' Path Council, BSA, a great deal of planning and purchasing takes place in advance. These plans include, but are not limited to, staff, food, program materials, patches and awards, rental and purchase of equipment, and in some cases, items of clothing are part of a program fee. When an individual or group makes a reservation for an activity or program, these items are included in ordering of materials and staffing for that event.

REFUNDS

Reservations must be canceled 30 days prior to the date of the event to receive a refund of fees paid, less a 15% administrative charge. No refunds will be made after the 30-day cancellation deadline, unless there is a medical or other emergency

**ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND SENT TO
JAVIER.JUAREZ@SCOUTING.ORG**

Camporee Emergency Telephone Numbers

All emergencies need to be reported to the camporee headquarters immediately.

Emergency	911
Camping Committee Chairman, Brent Cheshire	908-333-4026
District Executive, Javier Juarez	973-714-3281
Patriots' Path Council, BSA	973-765-9322
Scout Executive, Marc Andreo	973-765-9322x245



APPENDIX A: Winnebago MAP



WINNEBAGO SCOUT RESERVATION
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Map Art. by Jack Spiegel (Flinlocks) 2006

PARKING PASS

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Please leave this on the dashboard of your vehicle

LAST NAME:

PACK NUMBER:

MOBILE NUMBER:

Please contact a member of the Camping Staff if you are taking your scout and leaving the event prior to your planned arrival and departure.