

Golden Spread Council

Campmaster Information and Application

What is a Campmaster? Campmasters are a group of selected, trained, and registered Scouters who serve at council weekend camps whenever troops, packs, crews, or posts are using any part of the camp property. Duties include checking in and out units as well as reviewing the rules and policies and recording attendance. They also provide guidance and support to guests as needed/requested. They are always available if an emergency arises.

Who can be a Campmaster? Any registered adult, 21 years of age, who has completed and is current in Youth Protection. Be willing to serve from 6pm Friday through Noon on Sunday (with some exceptions based on camper reservations). Upon application, you will be considered based on past volunteering history, standing in your unit/district, past reliability, and support of the council. Selection will be made by a committee which includes the Campmaster Volunteer Coordinator, Camp Ranger, one key volunteer, and if needed, the Scout Executive.

When are you considered a certified Campmaster? Campmasters are trained by the Camp Ranger to understand rules and policies of the camp, emergency procedures, utility cutoff procedures, and check-in and checkout procedures. This training is provided before you are designated as a Campmaster. There is group training and individual training as needed.

How much do I need to commit for? Campmasters select their own time and frequency of service, but they usually serve two to four times per year depending on how many trained Campmasters we recruit. You do as much as you can!

Where will a Campmaster stay overnight? At **Camp Don Harrington**, you will stay in the Campmaster Lodge located near the front gate. This has a complete kitchen/dining room, living room, two bedrooms, and full bathroom along with a television and internet. You bring your own food, hygiene items, bedding, and towels for your stay. We have limited supply of soap and shower gel.

FAQS:

Can I bring my family and pet? Yes, you may bring your immediate family and pet if needed. We want this to be as friendly as possible. Pets must be kept inside unless accompanied at all times on a leash by the Campmaster or adult family member. They cannot be near any camper or program areas for safety reasons.

Can I participate with the units when they are doing program? If you are invited by the unit, you are welcome to enjoy any meals or activities with them.

How will I know what weekends a Campmaster is needed? Our council requires all units to make reservations at least 10 days before the requested arrival date. You will receive an email from our Campmaster Volunteer Coordinator with the needs of the camp at that time. Your chosen weekend may not have any reservations and you will not be required to attend HOWEVER, if you still want too, you are welcome. We will not have Campmasters at any council or district sponsored camps/events/trainings. We estimate there may be 24 weekend opportunities for Campmasters to choose from.

What if I commit to a certain weekend and something comes up? We know things happen and we understand. The more time you can notify us there is an issue, the better. We will try to find another trained Campmaster to replace you on short notice.

Why doesn't the Camp Ranger do this job? The Camp Ranger's primary responsibility is the upkeep and maintenance of our camp. The Campmaster program will allow the Ranger to focus on their primary responsibilities while providing volunteers an opportunity to spend a weekend at camp with other scouts and scouts.

When will the trainings be held and where? Each camp will have 2 training courses, but you only need to attend one. They will be held on a weekend afternoon so you can choose one that best fits your schedule. We anticipate this will take 4 hours. We will cover rules and procedures, major facility tours, utility shutoff locations, equipment storage and checkout policy, check-in and check-out procedures, and Q and A. We will announce the dates soon. This program will start in January 2025 so trainings will be conducted in early and mid- December.

Do I need to bring my own food and drinks for the weekend? Yes. There is a full kitchen and typical kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, utensils, etc.). Please, no alcohol and of course no smoking/vaping inside any building.

Will I be required to use my personal vehicle to drive around camp to check on units? No, we will have our "Gator" available for your use. This is for the driver and one passenger only. No one can ride in the bed and for insurance reasons, only adults 21 years of age may drive our vehicle. Also for insurance reasons, you may not bring or operate your personal 4 wheeler, razor, or equivalent vehicle onto camp property.

Can I bring my own firearms and use the ranges? No, BSA policy states that no personal firearms are allowed to be used on BSA Property.

When the Pool is open and no one reserved it, can me and my family use it? Yes! Please check with the Ranger for access and any other information he may want to share with you.

If I want to do a project at camp, can I discuss this with the Ranger ahead of time? That would be fantastic! Although you have Campmaster duties, there is plenty of free time to choose a project from the Ranger's list. Some are a few hours, and some are a whole day and you are welcome to pick what you are interested in.