

Prohibited Items List

This is a clear, practical Prohibited Items List you can use for an event or campout on Capitol Area Council properties. It aligns with guidance from the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, *Range and Target Activity Guide*, youth protection policies, and council rules. Prohibited items are not permitted anywhere on camp properties, including the parking lots.

Weapons, Fuel & Dangerous Items

- Firearms, ammunition, and explosives (including fireworks)
 - Personal knives with blades longer than 5½ inches in length (per Texas State Law) or blades longer than unit policy
 - Fixed-blade or sheath knives of any kind
 - Personal BB, pellet guns, slingshots/wrist rockets, pistols, rifles, shotguns, archery equipment or ammunition
 - Personal tomahawks, throwing stars, boomerangs, blowguns, or similar weapons
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Fire & Fuel Hazards

- Lighters or matches for Scouts not authorized to carry/use them
 - Fire accelerants (gasoline, lighter fluid outside approved troop gear)
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Alcohol, Drugs, & Tobacco

- Alcoholic beverages
 - Illegal drugs or controlled substances not prescribed to the participant
 - Smoking, vaping, and use of all tobacco products (youth)
 - Adult use of tobacco products is limited to the camp parking area, inside a personal vehicle, out of sight from youth
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Electronics & Distractions

- Video game systems
 - Televisions or projectors
 - Drones (unless specifically approved for program use)
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Pets & Animals

- Personal pets (except approved service animals)

Click link to download the board-approved [Capitol Area Council Service Animal Policy](#).

Inappropriate Materials

- Pornographic or explicit materials
- Offensive or hate-related items



🚫 Prohibited or Inappropriate Clothing

- Clothing with offensive, vulgar, or discriminatory language or images
- Alcohol, tobacco, or drug-related logos or messaging
- Overly revealing clothing, including:
 - Short shorts or excessively tight garments
 - Bare midriffs
 - Undergarments worn as outerwear
 - Tops with spaghetti straps or tank tops
- Sheer or see-through clothing
- Sagging pants that expose undergarments

👤 Required / Recommended Clothing Practices

- Closed-toe shoes. Crocs, sandals, and/or flip flops may be worn in the aquatics area and bathhouses only.
- Shirts must be worn at all times (except in designated aquatic areas)
- Clothing should be activity-appropriate (e.g., long pants for conservation projects, sturdy footwear for hiking)

🏊 Aquatics-Specific Guidelines

- Modest swimwear only – no bare midriffs for female participants
- No cut-offs or overly revealing swimsuits
- Shirts or rash guards may be worn

🚫 Unauthorized Tools & Equipment

All exceptions require written approval from the Director of Support Services.

- Axes, saws, or wood tools without Totin' Chip or leader approval
- Drones
- Extension cords
- Portable generators powered by gasoline, diesel, or propane
- Hammocks
- Power tools
- Vehicles, electric or gas powered (i.e. UTV, ATV, golf cart, e-bike, scooter)

📌 Scouting America References

Access the following for more information on Scouting safety.

- [Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#)
- [Annual Health and Medical Record](#)
- [Aquatics Supervision Guide](#)
- [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)
- [SAFE Checklist](#)
- [Target and Range Activities Manual](#)
- [Youth Protection](#)
- [Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#)

