



# Eagle River Scout Camp Camp Guide



Summer 2024



## Welcome to Eagle River Scout Camp!

The 2024 Camp Guide is designed to provide information to Scouts, families, and unit leaders, so you may start making informed decisions about attending camp. While the guide does not cover all the topics, it does provide you with important and known information at this time. As plans continue to develop, they will be posted on the Council website at [scoutingalaska.org](https://scoutingalaska.org).

It is our goal to support the aims and methods of Scouting at all of our camps in order to help Alaska's youth be physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. ERSC is also looking for both youth and adult staff for the 2024 summer season. If you have an interest in applying, please check out ERSC's page on the council's website for more information and to submit an application.

I look forward to seeing you at camp! Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. We look forward to seeing you at Camp!

**"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room." - Robert Baden Powell**

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## **Eagle River Scout Camp**

Eagle River Scout Camp is 240 acres on Lynn Canal and located 28 miles north of downtown Juneau. Access is limited to hiking a 1.5-mile trail into camp.

### **Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Eagle River Scout Camp is to provide premier outdoor education and growth opportunities for Scouts, youth, and other partners.

### **Vision Statement**

The Vision of the Eagle River Scout Camp (ERSC) is to:

1. Provide facilities to support Scout programs, outdoor activities, and other organizations that use ERSC as we work to meet our goals
2. Foster and develop strong families, train better citizens and leaders, and instill ethical character
3. Offer responsible, fun, and adventurous opportunities to help individuals grow physically, mentally, and morally, regardless of ability.
4. Provide a Southeast Alaska High Adventure wilderness experience.
5. Offer Scouting opportunities to nationally and internationally.
6. Operate a self-sustaining facility that employs good environmental and land stewardship practices.
7. Serve Scouts of Southeast Alaska, the Great Alaska Council, and offer Scouting opportunities nationally and internationally.

Desired outcomes for Scouts attending Eagle River Scout Camp include but not limited to:

1. Stronger personal values and character
2. Continued desire to learn
3. Social Adeptness
4. Positive sense of self-worth and usefulness

The program at Eagle River Scout Camp has been designed to deliver an experience. One of the successful outcomes of that experience is merit badges, activity awards, and other recognition that a Scout may have earned. Stated another way, emphasis is on the program experience, merit badges recognize the successful completion of that experience.

Our Camp operates one session of Cub Scout Resident Camp and one week of Scouts, BSA Resident Camp during the summer. Scouts sleep in cabins and meals are provided through Russell Hall. We offer a variety of programs, merit badges and, of course, a well-stocked Trading Post.

The following information will help serve as a guide for your Troop to have a wonderful Summer Camp Experience. Camping is the great outdoor adventure of Scouting. The most crucial element of camping is that each Scout should have the opportunity of adventure promised in the Cub Scout/Scout Handbook.

In addition to our Summer Camp Program, the camp is a center for training adult leaders in the Boy Scout program.

Nanuk Lodge, of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society, utilizes the camp throughout the year for fellowship and service gatherings. Their service, combined with that of the Council Properties Committee, provides countless man-hours of up-keep for the camp

## 2024 Camp Fees & Fee Schedule

	Dates	Type	Fees until 2/28/24	Fees After 5/1/24
Camp Gorsuch - Scouts BSA	June 16-21	Youth	\$ 400	\$ 475
		Adult	\$ 250	\$ 325
Camp Gorsuch - Cub Scout Camp	June 10-14	Youth	\$ 350	\$ 425
		Adult	\$ 200	\$ 225
Eagle River Scout Camp - Scouts BSA	July 14-19	Youth	\$ 400	\$ 475
		Adult	\$ 250	\$ 325

Registration opens, \$25 per person deposit required to reserve your slots. 12/04/23

50% of total camp fees due to maintain price for camp. Units without 50% of fees paid will have their fees increased to the new price. 2/28/24

100% of camp fees due. Any registrations with unpaid balances will have their fees increased on May 1. 4/28/24

Merit Badge sign-ups begin (Scouts BSA Camp) 5/1/24  
**\*\*Webelos crossovers and new Scouts get the Unit's best price!**

### How do we apply?

Registration begins on December 04, 2024 and is done online at <https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA610&view=1> (navigate to the camp you would like to register for using the camping dropdown menu). The deposit is \$25 per slot (youth and adult) you are reserving. **The deposit is non-refundable** but will be applied to your overall balance. New Scouts/ Webelos Crossovers get the best price no matter when they sign up. Call the Council Service Center to ensure the correct pricing.

**Details:**

Once camp has reached capacity, units will no longer be able to register. Units that bring large numbers to camp will have priority when assigned a campsite. Smaller units may have to share a campsite with another unit. Please note the February 28th and April 30th deadline to have your balance paid before late fees are assessed.

**Leaders Fees:**

Each unit is permitted two leaders at \$150 each when registering. Remember all units must have a minimum of 2 registered leaders. Cub Scout units are minimum of 2 but also follow a 1 1:4 leader to Cub Scout ratio. Tiger Scouts must have a Parent Partner with them at camp. Units serving female scouts must have a female registered leader over the age of 21 in attendance per YPT and NCAP guidelines. Units should recruit leaders who can stay the entirety of camp.

**Re-charter:**

The Great Alaska Council has moved to a school year charter calendar. Re-charter is due July 1, 2024. Units that do not re-charter will forfeit their registrations for camp. Refunds will not be given if a unit fails to re-charter. Remember: Only registered BSA members may attend a BSA Camp, work toward advancement and be covered by BSA liability insurance.

## **Refund Schedule**

Requested by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 may receive 100% less the deposit

Requested by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 may receive 75%

Requested between May 16-31, 2024 may receive 50%

No Refunds after June 1 or if request is processed AFTER camp is concluded. Approved refund requests are processed AFTER camp has concluded.

**Provisional Scouts:** While the preferred method for a Scout to attend camp is with a unit, there are times that is not possible for them to do so. Scouts can attend as an individual known as a provisional Scout. Provisional Scouts will either be assigned to a host unit or provisional unit made up of other provisional Scouts with camp staff serving as unit leaders. There is a \$60 additional fee for a Scout to attend camp using this method. For additional information please call the Council Service Center at 907-337-9547.

### **Camp Staff**

Young men and women, ages 15 and above by the time camp starts are eligible to apply for a camp staff position. Applications for camp staff may be obtained online at [scoutingalaska.org/camping](http://scoutingalaska.org/camping).

Compensation is a stipend based on position and experience. Room and board are provided for camp staff. Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) are 14-year-old Scouts who wish to learn about Staff positions at camp. Those selected to participate in the C.I.T. program will receive room and board at no cost. The minimum time for a CIT to be at camp is staff week and one week of camp.

### **Uniforms:**

We encourage your Scouts to wear full uniforms for flag ceremonies each day, as well as the opening and closing campfire. Through the day, encourage them to wear Scout short/pants and some Scout related shirt/t-shirt. The uniform is an important part of the Scouting program.

### **Swim Test**

All Scouts and Scouters that wish to use the waterfront in any manner will be required to pass a swim test. Please come to camp with your swim checks completed.

### **Evening Activities**

There will be special activities and merit badges pate in these activities on from 7:00-8:30pm. Check the schedule for information on which activities will be offered at night.

### **Trading Post**

Spending money is recommended (between \$50 and \$75) since Eagle River Scout Camp maintains a well- stocked trading post. Hours will be posted, usually the trading post is open throughout the day and evening except during flag ceremonies, meal offered each night at camp. Items such as craft kits. Patches, and items for advancement sessions (merit badge pamphlets, handbooks, etc.) are available. Assorted snacks are also available.

## Scouts, BSA Camp Packing List

Please label all belongings.

### Clothing/Bedding

Scout uniform  
Sweater or Jacket  
Swim Trunks  
T-shirts  
Rain gear (Jacket & Pants)  
Light weight sneakers/shoes  
Hiking Boots (Well broken in)  
Socks  
Long and Short Pants  
Hat (brimmed and beanie recommended)

### Toiletries

Toothbrush/ Toothpaste  
Wash Cloth  
Soap, biodegradable  
Camp Towel  
Comb/Brush  
Sunscreen  
Insect Repellent  
Sleeping Bag & Pad  
Sleep Clothes

### Optional Items

Pocket Knife and Whittling  
Chip Spending Money  
Personal First Aid Kit  
Sunglasses  
Camera  
Tent/Tarp if you choose not to sleep in a cabin  
Medications in original packaging

### Trading Post

Eagle River Scout Camp offers a fully stocked Trading Post. In fact, if you don't see something you need or want in our trading post, just ask and we will "DO OUR BEST" to get it for you. We stock snacks, drinks, ice cream, books, uniforms parts, kits, camping supplies, craft supplies, and more. Come in and check us out.

**\*ERSC is located in a rainforest. It WILL rain. Please make sure your raingear is adequate. Good, waterproof shoes or rubber boots are necessary.**



## SCOUTS, BSA CAMP PROGRAM

### CHECKING IN AND OUT OF CAMP

1. Current camp roster and Tour Plan.
2. Proof of accident insurance coverage (only required if coming from out-of-council)
3. **The Annual Health Form is required #680-001 must be completed for all attendees at camp.**
4. Any Camp fees and fees that need to be reconciled.  
Please bring the unit's latest invoice to reconcile the camp roster to fees paid.
5. Swim Check records

### Arrival Schedule

#### **SUNDAY 5:00-7:00PM**

1. Unit checks in at the Camp Office located in the Trading Post.
2. Unit host will guide the troop to its campsite to unload gear.
3. Campsite set up. Leader goes to camp office to finish paperwork.
4. Medical Rechecks will take place at the Mac Shack
5. Return to the campsite to complete setup and prepare for the evening meal.

8:00PM            Campfire  
10:00PM            Taps

### **Senior Patrol Leaders (SPL)**

The SPL's are the leaders of the Troop. It is essential for each Troop to have one elected. The SPL will attend daily meetings with the Program Director. The meetings are held daily and are opportunity for the troops to receive updates on events or to the schedule. During these meetings you can bring up questions or concerns your Troop may have. Senior Patrol Leaders are encouraged to earn the Senior Patrol Leader Achievement Badge while at camp.

### **Daily Schedule M-F**

7:00AM	Reveille
7:45AM	Flag Ceremony
8:00AM	Breakfast
9:30-10:30	Session 1
10:45-11:45	Session 2
12:00-1:00PM	Lunch
1:15-2:15PM	Session 3
2:30-3:30PM	Session 4
3:30-4:45PM	Free Time
4:45PM	Flag Ceremony
5:00-6:00PM	Dinner
6:30-10:00PM	Camp Program
10:00PM	Taps

### **Saturday (Check Out)**

7:00AM	Reveille
8:00AM	MB Card Pick up
11:00AM	Depart from Camp

The staff will be available for inspections for your site. Leaders check out at Russell Hall; medical forms and medications will be returned at this time. Prior to departure each troop will be required to return all borrowed equipment to the staff. Any missing items should be accounted for before departure.

Documentation of any achievement earned during the week is available for pickup at the Dining Hall.

Area directors will be at the Dining Hall to answer any questions about merit badges. This is the time to go through your merit badges and make sure that you have them all and that they are correct.

Eagle River Scout Camp is proud of its diversified and exciting programs. The following information will help you become familiar with our program. Take some time to review it in detail so you can be informed as what is going on and what is new for 2024.

### **Camp Staff**

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### **Evening Activities**

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### **Trading Post**

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### **Patch Trading**

During evening activity time on Tuesday evening, please come join your fellow scouts and scouters in Russel Hall for patch trading. Try to bring your unique and interesting patches or memorabilia to trade. Remember that earned patches (rank, awards, knots, etc.) are not patches that can be traded. There are a few guidelines to follow that will make your patch trading experience a pleasant one.

1. Don't interrupt a trade that is in progress.
2. Ask before handling someone else's patches
3. Always thank the other person for letting you see their patches, even if you decide not to trade.
4. If you decide to trade, always be honest and trade fairly. The trading community is a tight one so please be pleasant to all involved.
5. Finish the trade with a Scout handclasp.

### **Cheechako Trail**

Cheechako Trail is designed for campers that are new to Scouting. IT helps new Scouts get oriented to camp, make friends, and learn the skills needed for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class Ranks.

Adult leaders are encouraged to spend part of the morning on the Trail to First Class. At the end of the week Scoutmasters will be provided with sign-off forms for each Scout indicating which skills which were satisfactorily shown to the instructor. In this program, a new Scout can also earn his Firem'n Chit and Totin'Chip cards.

**Nothing is signed in the BSA Handbook. It is the Scoutmasters responsibility to complete the final review and sign off in a Scouts Handbook.**

### **Merit Badge Signup**

Sign-up will be available May 5, 2024. Your summer camp coordinator will receive an email with instructions and a password. Units must be paid in full to sign up for merit badges. It will be an online process through the same system that was used to register for camp.

On the opening evening of camp there will be a time where last minute changes to merit badge schedules will be addressed. **Some class sizes will be limited due to National Standards or limited physical equipment support. We do our best to try to accommodate all Scouts needs.** Certain merit badges have costs that are over and above those covered by the camp fee. Make sure Scouts are prepared to cover any costs of their merit badges by reviewing the merit badge section of the Camp Program Guide.

### **Age Requirements**

National Standards requires each camp to have programs for older Scouts. In order to meet these requirements, we have set certain age requirements for some programs. These programs were chosen based on the size, ability and experience of certain age groups. **Please do not ask for waivers on age requirements.**

### **Be a Guest Merit Badge Counselor**

Scout Leaders are encouraged to help teach specific merit badges. If you are going to be at camp for a week and would like to teach a special Merit Badge during your stay that isn't offered by the camp, please contact the Camp Program Director at [inspiringscoutsforlife@gmail.com](mailto:inspiringscoutsforlife@gmail.com)

### **Pre-Camp Meetings**

Pre-Camp Meetings will be scheduled during the spring for each of the camp programs.

## Unit Leader Responsibilities

During a week at summer camp, Scouts will have many different opportunities for memorable experiences. As camp staff, we will do our best to provide the best possible environment for unparalleled experiences. As a unit leader, there are things that you can do and are expected of you to make it a great week for everyone!

### UNIT LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete the reservation and registration process for camp as noted on pages 6 and 7 through the registration website.
- Provide guidelines for good Scouting behavior while in camp.
- Review the Program and Activity schedule and Program Guide with your Scouts, enabling them to effectively schedule their camp experience.
- Review each Scout's planned program to ensure that they are not reaching beyond their capabilities. This minimizes the possibility of a disappointing experience.
- Review with your Scouts any paperwork, supplies, or clothing required for their programs. Also review any requirements not completed at camp with them so they are aware of them. ***(See Program Guide for Details)***
- Monitor each Scout's daily progress and provide support as needed.
- Stress the importance of drinking plenty of water while at camp. Let Scouts know this will help avoid heat exhaustion and missing out on activities.
- Ensure each Scout brings a water bottle or hydration device to use during camp.
- Ensure Scouts are following the buddy system -at least 2 scouts traveling together. If there is a Scout of the opposite gender, there must be at least 3 Scouts together.
- Communicate with a Program Director, or the Camp Director as soon as possible should a problem arise.
- Provide feedback regarding the program and staff with the camp administration prior to the end of your summer camp experience.
- Complete a paper summer camp evaluation form and hand it in prior to your departure from camp and an electronic survey after camp.
- Verify the unit's advancements for any discrepancies and resolve them with the Area or Program Directors prior to leaving camp.

### HOMESICKNESS

Many Scouts are susceptible to homesickness. Youth and adult leaders need to be alert for symptoms. Keep your scouts engaged in activities of the camp and your unit. Discourage phoning home as this usually makes the problem worse.

If your families are participating in Family Night, use this as a tool to keep them from phoning home. In extreme circumstances, consider phoning home privately. You want to use the family to encourage a resolution, not make the problem worse. Staff members, the camp Commissioner, or other unit leaders are available for support and encouragement.

### DISCIPLINE

For supervision to be effective, there must be discipline. It is the responsibility of unit leaders to maintain the discipline of their Scouts.

Leaders are expected to intervene in situations where campers pose a threat to themselves or others.

Discipline of other campers should be deferred to the leader of the unit.

**All discipline should be in line with Youth Protection Guidelines.**

## **Information for Parents**

Your Scouts will be attending a week-long experience with other Scouts and Troops from across the country, and possibly from other parts of the world. This week will be one they are going to remember for a very long time. We have gathered some tips and advice here for you, the parents to help ensure they have a great time during the week. Please read this page carefully and be sure you are ready as well!

### **MONEY AND VALUABLES AT CAMP**

We highly recommend that your Scout bring as few valuables as possible. They will be hiking into camp and will have their personal stuff with them. There are no safes or vaults for personal equipment at camp.

As for money, a good idea is to divide the week's money into multiple day envelopes and give those to the Unit Leader to secure until that day. This prevents your Scout from walking around and potentially losing his weeks' worth of money all at once. **Eagle River Scout Camp is not responsible for personal property brought to camp.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

While Eagle River Scout Camp has some cell phone reception, it is possible that your Scout may not have cell phone communication. To stay in touch with your Scout, be sure to talk with your unit leaders before camp to find out what their protocol is for communication during camp. Some units have policies of only communicating at certain times. These policies may be in place to help prevent homesickness and allow the Scouts to be fully involved in their week at camp. Please do your best to be respectful of your unit leader's plan for communication.

### **MERIT BADGES & ADVANCEMENT AT CAMP**

While attending camp, each Scout will receive credit for requirements completed for merit badges. It is possible that due to weather/program changes, not all planned requirements can be accomplished during camp. There is no guarantee that a Scout will complete any merit badges while at camp. Each Scout is given the resources and assistance to work towards completing requirements. It is up to each individual Scout to properly complete the requirements offered.

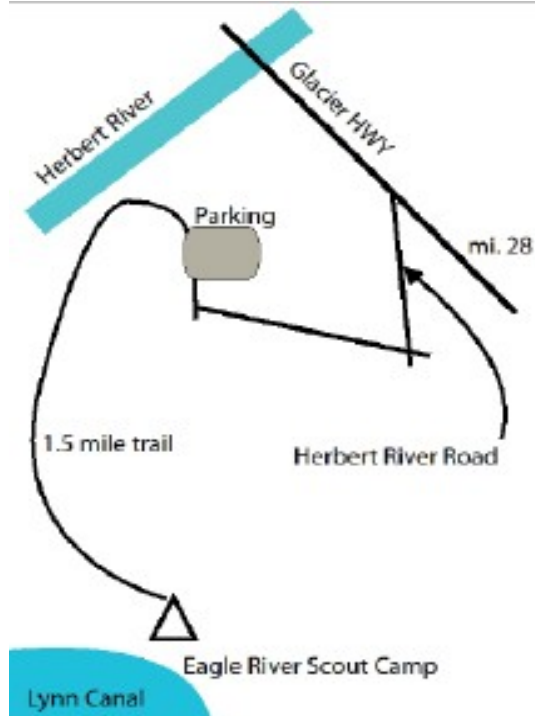
## Camp Dates, Location, Address, & Phone

### Camp Dates

Scout Camp: July 14-19

### Camp Location

Camp Eagle River is located 28 miles North of downtown Juneau. Access is limited to hiking a 1.5-mile trail into camp. In the event of an emergency the camp uses an ATV to transport people or supplies.



Campers will have to haul all of their supplies and gear 1.5 miles to camp. We recommend that each camper fits all of their supplies for the week into a backpack that they can carry.

Carpooling is recommended as parking is limited at the trailhead. Our staff will meet you at the trailhead.

Cell Phone reception is very limited at camp. There is no WIFI connection.

### Camp Facilities

The buildings and developed areas provided: campsites, commissary, dining hall, trading post, shooting sports range, showers, program areas and waterfront. Good hiking trails abound.

Campsites are provided with water through washing stations with spigots. Camping is in cabins. There is room in the campsites for tents if needed or desired.

**Tents should be packed in case of overflow.**

### Dining Hall

Meals in the Dining Hall will be served cafeteria style. We will ask units to provide table waiters before and after each meal. We ask that you assign your table waiters on the first day. A schedule will need to be posted in campsite for your Scouts to see. Table waiters will set tables before the meal and clear and wipe off tables, dispose of refuse, and leave the area clean for the next meal. The Dining Hall Steward will oversee meal clean-up and dismiss the waiters after inspection.

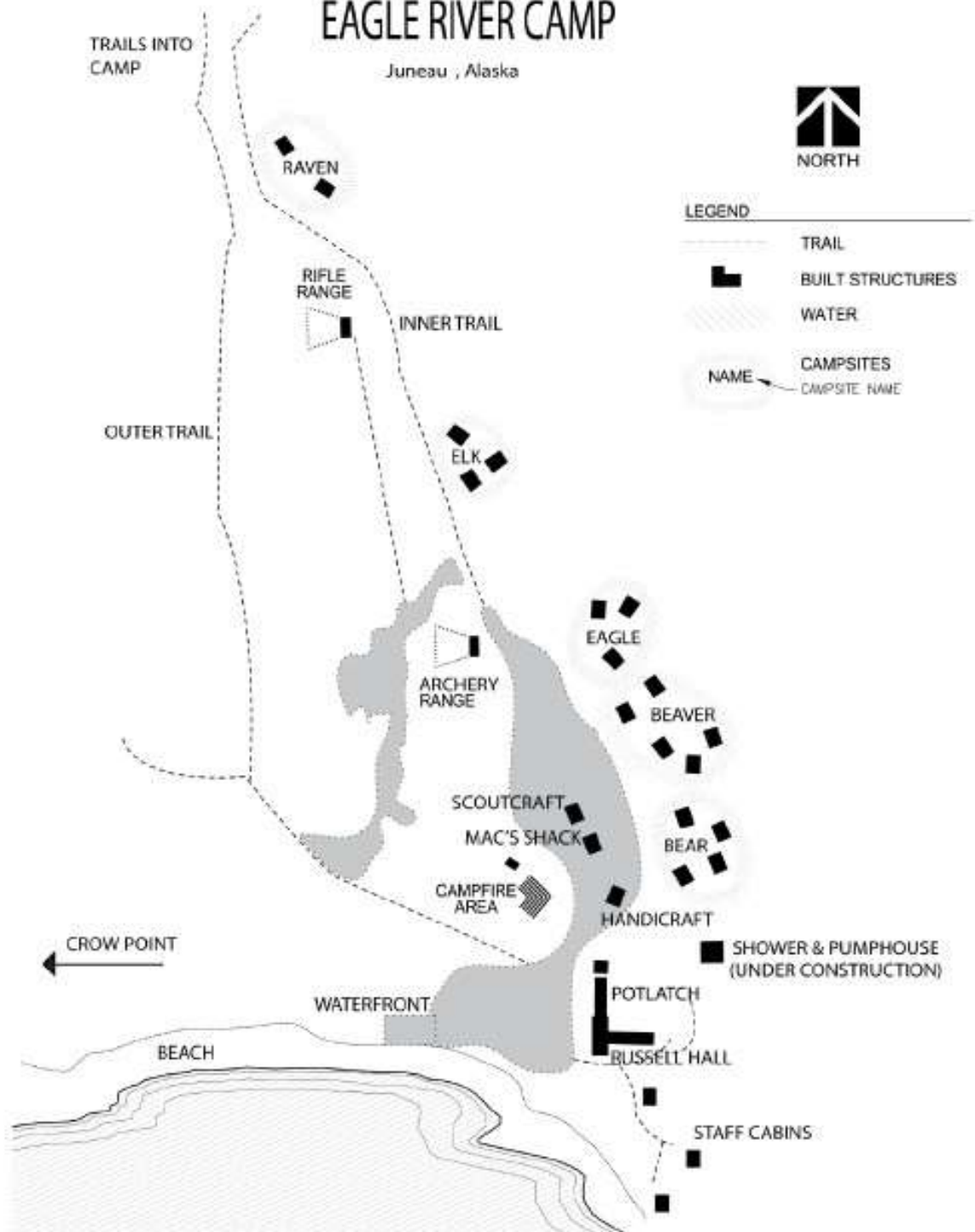
**Special dietary needs can be met by informing the Camp Director at least 2 weeks prior to arrival to ensure adequate menu items can be obtained. This information will also be collected via the online registration process. The Camps use peanuts and peanut products in its camp kitchens.**

### Quiet Hours

Each Scout is asked to remain in his campsite and observe quiet hours between 10:00PM and 6:30 AM.

# EAGLE RIVER CAMP

Juneau, Alaska



## Camp Rules and Regulations

It is the goal of the Great Alaska Council to provide a safe, quality program to the youth in our community. These policies are in effect for all Great Alaska Council camp properties.

### PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

**The following activities are forbidden at all times without written consent from the Scout Executive or the Camp Ranger and violators will be immediately escorted off camp property.**

1. Hunting - Snow machines - All Terrain Vehicles
2. Starting fires with gasoline, oil, diesel fluid, lighter fluid, propane, etc. Starting fires outside of designated areas. No flames in tents or cabins! This includes lit mosquito coils. Battery-powered light is the only acceptable light allowed in tents or cabins. Each site will keep a fire bucket (bucket provided) filled and ready.
3. Towing passengers on sleds, wagons, or any other conveyance not intended for such use.
4. Use of firearms (including air guns, slingshots, BB guns, or pellet guns) in any area other than the rifle/shotgun ranges at any time when authorized user groups are present in camp.
5. No other firearms or ammunition will be permitted at camp.
6. No personal firearms allowed in camp.

### Use of Fireworks

Drug and alcohol laws will be strictly enforced according to the laws of the state of Alaska. Absolutely no Alcohol or illegal Drugs will be allowed on camp property.

The Scout Executive, Assistant Scout Executive, Director of Support Services, District Executives, Camp Director, and Camp Ranger may, at their sole discretion, direct individuals or groups to leave camp property for other serious misconduct not covered in this document.

### Vehicle Policy

The speed limit on all camp roads is 5 miles per hour. Parking is limited so we encourage units to carpool whenever possible. It is the policy of the National Council that seat belts are required for all occupants in vehicles. The driver must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age. **The beds of trucks or trailers must never be used for carrying passengers.**

The Council has a zero tolerance for violations of this policy. Anyone seen violating the letter or intent of this policy will be immediately removed from camp. The Camp Director and Ranger do not have any discretion in this matter and will notify the Scout Executive when such action has been completed.

### Tobacco

Adult leaders should not use tobacco products around young people. Persons under 19 are not permitted to use tobacco products in the state of Alaska. Smoking is strictly forbidden in all camp buildings and tents. If you feel you must use tobacco, ask the Camp Director where the designated smoking area is.

### Immunizations

All attendees are required to have adequate immunizations. Immunizations must meet the State of Alaska school attendance requirements; thus, many teenagers are already protected against preventable diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella. Those listed on the medical form must be obtained prior to attending camp.

### Health and Safety

All precautions for the safety of the Scouts will be taken. The first aid lodge is available with a qualified Health Officer on duty 24 hours a day. In addition, Great Alaska Council camps have agreements with local physicians and hospitals in the event that additional medical treatment is deemed necessary. In the case of non-life-threatening injury, the unit leader will be asked to provide transportation to the hospital or elsewhere as directed. Emergency services will be called in the case of accidents or illness of a more critical nature.

Scouts and leaders that are a danger to themselves and others will be asked to leave camp.

### Marijuana

**It is unacceptable for anyone to use or be under the influence of marijuana and related products at or during any Scouting activity in accordance with federal laws.**

### Registration/Insurance

In accordance with national policy, every Scout and Scouter that attends summer camp must be registered and the adults (18+) must have completed Youth Protection Trained. The Great Alaska Council provides accident and illness insurance for all registered members of the Great Alaska Council. Scout troops from outside the Council must provide certification of troop and/or Council accident and illness coverage.



### **Medical Forms**

All Scouts, and Adults must have completed the **Annual Health and Medical Record** with Parts A, B, & C completed within the last **12 months** when attending camp for more than 72 consecutive hours. Parts A and B need to be completed when attending camp for less than 72 consecutive hours. Medical forms are available online at [www.scoutingalaska.org](http://www.scoutingalaska.org). **If a Scout or Scouter arrives to camp without an Annual Health & Medical Record form, it is the Scout or Scouter's responsibility to obtain the physical examination and complete the form before being allowed to participate in the camp's program.**

### **Prescription Medications**

The Health Officer is required to be informed of all prescription medications brought to camp by Scouts and Leaders. Medications are distributed one of two ways. The Health Officer will keep all medications at the Health Office in a locked cabinet and distribute them at meal times. Or if you choose to keep your prescription drugs in your campsite you must bring a lockable container to keep them in your campsite. You will also need to log the medication each time it is distributed. The log and lockable container must be available for the Camp Director or Health Officer to review at any time.

### **Foot Care**

No bare feet. Scouts will need sturdy shoes or boots for hiking and spare shoes in case their shoes get wet. Scouts participating in aquatic activities are encouraged to bring water shoes or neoprene booties. Wet feet are a frequent occurrence in a rain forest. Wet feet can lead to hurting feet, which leads to a lousy camp experience. Scouts should not sleep in wet socks. Scouts should change into clean dry socks daily, and leaders should conduct daily "foot checks."

### **Emergency Procedures**

Emergency procedures will be posted on camp bulletin boards and in all campsites. As a general rule, Scouts and Leaders hearing air horns must report immediately to the camp gathering area without delay. Leaders must make their Scouts aware of this policy.

### **Valuables**

We highly recommend that your Scout bring as few valuables as possible. They will be hiking into camp and will have their personal stuff with them. There are no safes or vaults for personal equipment at camp.

### **Lost and Found**

Items lost at camp may be claimed in the camp office. All other items may be found at the camps lost and found area. All unclaimed items will then be donated to charity 14 days after camp ends.

**The Great Alaska Council is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen, or broken at camp. Any equipment or camp property damaged by the unit will be replaced by the unit (other than normal wear and tear).**

### **Pets/ Animals**

No pets of any kind may be brought into camp. Wild animals are not to be fed, teased, or captured. To view the council's full Wildlife and Bear policy visit the camping page at [scoutingalaska.org](http://scoutingalaska.org).

### **Leaving Camp**

No one, Scout or Leader, is to leave camp without first checking out at the Camp Office. This is for everyone's safety during a camp wide emergency. Persons leaving camp must also check in upon returning to camp. Leaders needing to send Scouts home during the week need to report it to the Camp Director.

### **Statement of Non-Discrimination**

No person will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, gender, or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity of the Great Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America.

### **Bicycle Safety Rules**

Campers, Adult Leaders, and Staff may use bicycles in camp. There will be a mandatory safety meeting for anyone wishing to use a bike in camp. Please observe the following rules:

1. Properly fitted helmets are required.
2. The camp speed limit is 5 miles per hour.
3. The bicycle must be in good repair and should be inspected before use.
4. Bicycles are only allowed on the road system.
5. Bicycle privileges may be revoked for failure to abide by guidelines set forth.

### **Garbage & Food in Campsites**

Each unit is responsible for disposing of their garbage in their campsites daily. In compliance with Department of Health regulations and the National Standards of the Boy Scouts of America, the storage of perishable foods in campsites is not allowed. This includes all dairy products and meat.

Campsite Inspection Campsites and cabins will be inspected daily to ensure the health and safety of all campers. A clean cabin and campsite is, of course, important to for all Scouts, and helps to keep our camp free of wildlife.

### **Unit Leadership**

Effective, Oct. 1, 2018, two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings and summer camp. This is a change from the previous policy where one leader could be 21 years of age or older with a second leader who could be 18 years of age or older. The above-mentioned leaders must be in camp at all times. All adult leaders must have appropriate medical forms.

### **Parents and Visitors**

Parents and visitors are always welcome at camp. All visitors must sign in on the sign-in sheet and wear a Visitors Badge while on camp property. When leaving camp, they are required to sign out and leave the badge in the appropriate location. If staying for meals, you can purchase meal tickets at the Trading Post. Please be sure to notify the Camp Director your intention to stay for meals at [samuel.giacalone@scouting.org](mailto:samuel.giacalone@scouting.org) so extra food is prepared if needed.

Visitors must leave the camp by 10 PM; there are no facilities for overnight visitors at camp.

### **Bear Safety Training**

In accordance with the Council's bear policy all camp participants will attend a bear safety training at the beginning of each camp session.

### **Buddy System**

Great Alaska Council Camps always use and enforce the "Buddy System" with campers. Every camper should have a designated buddy and stay with him all the time. If you see a lone camper, ask him "Where's your buddy?" This will help maintain safety and avoid lost campers.

### **Chainsaw**

BSA policy prohibits people operating a chainsaw on camp property unless they have been met with the Camp Ranger and have completed the chain-saw safety briefing.

### **Preferred Payment Method**

We prefer that you pay by check, either a single check or checks payable to BSA. This is a change from the past. You are welcome to use online payments but keep in mind you will be charged a service fee. Credit Card processing fees cost the council over \$12,000 last year. The council will manually update your online payment forms.

### **Restricted Areas**

Scouts are restricted from the staff areas at all times. Campsites of other units are off limits and should not be visited or passed through without permission. No raids allowed!! Raids cause personal and property damage and will be grounds for removal from camp. No refunds will be given to anyone removed from camp for raids or any other disciplinary problem.

There are areas of camp that are absolutely off limits to all people for their own safety. These areas are unstable and possess an increased potential for injury. These areas include but are not limited to:

The south end of the beach

The rocky cliffs behind any of the campsites

## **Bear Aware**

### **Gear Shelter**

Smellables, food, packs, and day clothes are stored outside of tents. Gear should never be stored in tents or areas where someone sleeps. Bears enjoy investigating gear and the smells that are within. As part of our bear and wildlife procedures we require that troops store their gear in one central location in their campsites. Troops should bring a pop-up shelter or tent to keep gear out of the elements.

#### Only Items in Tents:

- Sleeping Bags
- Sleeping Pads
- Sleeping Clothes
- Pillows

Travel with a buddy at all times!

Dispose of trash properly & lock the lid.

Be tree safe. Only use established toilets or latrines.

Never run from a bear.

#### Transient bear:

- Move out of his way.
- Report sighting to staff.

#### Local bear and returning bears:

- Move out of the bear's path.
- Stay in a group.
- If the bear causes an issue, deter the bear with loud noise.
- Contact staff immediately.

#### Repeat offender bear:

- Deter bear from camp with loud noise.
- Stay in a group.
- Contact staff immediately.

Only if necessary, the State Troopers or ADFG will be contacted to take appropriate measure to remove the bear.

# **Now Accepting Applications!**

Do you know a Scout or Scouter who would make a great Summer Camp Staff Member? The online application process is now open for all of those who are interested in becoming a Summer Camp Staff Member for 2019. We are looking for exceptional Scouts and Adults who would like to spend their summer at camp, providing an unparalleled experience to all Scouts coming to camp. Below are basic position descriptions and requirements for Staff. We welcome all applications. There will be 1 Staff week for all staff the week before the first participant week.

## **AREA DIRECTOR**

Responsible for developing area staff, ensuring program curriculum delivery, entry of advancement information daily, and other duties as assigned.

Must Be Age 18+

**Application Deadline: March 31st**

## **PROGRAM COUNSELOR**

Responsible for delivering program curriculum, activities as assigned, upkeep of assigned program area, and other duties as assigned.

Must Be Age 15+

**Application Deadline: March 31st**

## **COUNSELOR IN TRAINING**

This is a volunteer program. You Will experience multiple areas around camp and develop your skills related to camp staff.

Must Be Age 14+

**Application Deadline: March 31st**