



Gorsuch Cub Scout Camp Parent and Leader Guide



Summer 2026 Register at scoutingalaska.org



Welcome to Gorsuch Cub Scout Camp;

After a successful 2025 camping season we are very excited to return to camp this year and watch our Scouts learn and grow together, where they belong - outdoors and at their own Council camp! This year, as always, they will have many opportunities to get outside, have fun and learn new skills.

The 2026 Leaders Guide is designed to provide information so Scouts and their families, along with the unit leaders, can start making informed decisions about attending camp. While the guide does not cover all the topics, it does provide you with the important and known information at this time. As plans continue to develop, they will be posted on the Council website (scoutingalaska.org) and in the eTrail Talk.

It is our goal to support the aims and methods of Scouting at all of our camps to help Alaska's youth be physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Working at summer camp is also a great way for a Scout to spend their summer and the camps are always looking for good people. If you have a question about employment or anything else about camp please feel free to contact me.

See you at camp!

Mary Maresh
Camp Director

Camp Gorsuch

Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement, once said: "A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room." And national Scouting America surveys show that a Scout leader has a 300% better chance of retaining a Scout in the program if they attend summer camp during their first year. Camp provides a week of living the Scouting program!

At Camp Gorsuch dedicated staff and a great program provide Scouts that attend camp, with the best Scouting experience possible. Camp is a creative, educational, and cooperative outdoor living experience. We utilize the natural surroundings and the Scouting methods to contribute significantly to the physical, mental, and social growth of our campers.

What other benefits might you see from sending your child to Camp Gorsuch? Here are just a few:

- They will spend their days running around in the outdoors, being physically active.
- They will unplug from technology and observe and reconnect with the natural world around them.
- They will conquer fears and try new things.
- They will use their creativity and problem solving skills.
- They will build their social skills and develop teamwork skills.
- They will make new friends.
- They will earn advancement and experience success.
- They will have fun!

The Camp Gorsuch staff are a dedicated team, who are eager to serve and support your goals for your Packs camp experience. We offer a variety of programs including aquatics, handicraft, archery, BB guns, and hiking. We also have a well-stocked trading post where your Scout can learn the basics of money management.

The following information will help serve as a guide for your Pack 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 that the handbook promises. Let's have a great summer at your own local Scout camp, Camp Gorsuch!

2026 Camp Fees & Fee Schedule

	Dates	Type	Fees until 2/28/25	Fees After 5/1/25
Camp Gorsuch - Scouts BSA	June 22-27	Youth	\$ 400	\$ 475
		Adult	\$ 250	\$ 325
Camp Gorsuch - Cub Scout Camp	June 8-12 June 15 - 19	Youth	\$ 350	\$ 425
		Adult	\$ 200	\$ 275
Eagle River Scout Camp - Scouts BSA	July 13-18	Youth	\$ 400	\$ 475
		Adult	\$ 250	\$ 325

Registration opens, \$25 per person deposit required to reserve your slots. 12/02/24

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. 2/28/25

100% of camp fees due. Any registrations with unpaid balances will have their fees increased on May 1. 4/28/25

Merit Badge sign-ups begin (Scouts BSA Camp) 5/5/25

****Webelos crossovers and new Scouts get the Unit's best price!**

How do we apply?

Registration begins on December 02, 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 the first two leaders free each when registering. Remember all units must have a minimum of 2 registered leaders. Cub Scout units are a minimum of 2 but also follow a 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, 2025. 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 April 30th, 2026 may receive 100% less the deposit
Requested by May 15th, 2026 may receive 50%

Approved refund requests are processed AFTER August 15th, 2026.

Exceptions may be made for medical reasons (documented by a medical doctor), military deployment, or a death in the family.

All refunds are subject to *at minimum* a \$75 cancellation fee after April 30th, 2026.

Refunds are only given for registration fees, not any other fees, i.e., Merit Badges fees, Rafting, etc.

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 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 without the express written consent of the Scout Executive or the Council Property Manager/Ranger.

Hunting - Snow machines - All Terrain Vehicles

The following activities are forbidden at all times and violators will be immediately escorted off camp property.

1. Starting fires with gasoline, oil, diesel fuel, lighter fluid, propane, etc.
2. 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 with approved supervision.
No other firearms or ammunition will be permitted at camp. No personal firearms allowed in camp.
5. Use of Fireworks
6. 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, 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.

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.

Marijuana

It is unacceptable for anyone to use or be under the influence of marijuana and related products at or during any Scouting activity.

Chainsaw

BSA policy prohibits people operating a chainsaw on camp property.

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, Scouting America 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.

Vehicles are not allowed outside the designated parking areas except during check-in and checkout periods and then only one per campsite. Special consideration will be given to units with disabled Scouts or leaders that require a vehicle near their campsite.

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.

Immunization

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.

Registration/Insurance

In accordance with national policy, every Scout and Scouter that attends summer camp must be registered with Scouting America and adults need to be youth protection trained. The Great Alaska Council provides accident and illness insurance for all registered members of the Great Council. **Scout units from outside the Council must provide a current Pack roster with BSA ID numbers.**

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.

If a Scout or Scouter arrives at 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 enter camp.

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. If you choose to keep your prescription drugs in your campsite you must bring a lockable container to keep them in at 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.

Footwear

No bare feet. Scouts will need sturdy close toed shoes for hiking and spare shoes in case their shoes get wet. A Scout may also wish to bring a pair of shower shoes for waterfront activities and showering.

Emergency Procedures

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

Restricted Areas

1. Scouts are restricted from the staff areas at all times.

2. Campsites of other units are off limits and should not be visited or passed through without permission.

3. 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.

No one may enter these hazardous areas without adult supervision: the waterfront, the BB Gun and Archery Ranges and Cope & Climbing. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** No cell phone use of any kind is allowed at either the Archery or BB Range.

Valuables

Participants should not bring valuables to camp as there are no provisions for securing them (i.e. lockers).

Lost and Found

Valuable items lost at camp may be claimed from the Camp Director. 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. If you require a service animal please be sure it meets the requirements per ADA which are: It must be a dog, any breed or size, and it must be trained to perform a task directly related to a person's disability. Per ADA service animals are not emotional support or comfort dogs, because providing emotional support or comfort is not a task related to a person's disability.

Cell Phone Usage

While the Council does not have a policy for cell phone use by Scouts in camp, the Council does recommend the units attending camp establish rules of use by their Scouts in Camp.

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, religion, sexual orientation, 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, Scouting America.

Garbage & Food in Campsites

Each unit is responsible for disposing of their garbage in their campsites **daily**. All foods and smellables must be in the bear boxes provided in the campsites. In compliance with Department of Health regulations and the National Standards of Scouting America, the storage of perishable foods in campsites is not allowed. This includes all dairy products and meat.

Campsite Inspections

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 all Scouts, and helps to keep our camp free of wildlife.

Unit Leadership

Each unit must have two **registered** adult leaders, 21 years of age or older, with Youth Protection Training in camp at all times.

There must be a registered female adult leader, 21 years of age or over, in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female Youth.

All adult leaders must have appropriate medical forms.

Responsibilities of a Leader in Camp

The leader's primary responsibility in camp is the safety of the Scouts 24 hours a day. You, as leaders, are an extension of the camp staff. Some of you have a great deal of knowledge of camping lore, and as such, will be asked to help in some of the program areas. All leaders will be expected to maintain control of the Scouts in their unit at all times. Pack leaders are responsible for discipline within their unit. Time out is effective; corporal punishment is prohibited! Do not let Scouts go anywhere alone. Camp leaders may not bring other children or siblings to Camp.

Bear 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 them all the time. If you see a lone camper, ask them "Where's your buddy?" This will help maintain safety and avoid lost campers.

Fishing

A fishing license is required for anyone 16 years or older. Mirror Lake is a stocked lake. Catch and release is preferred. If you choose to keep a fish you must properly clean, cook and eat it.

Knives

Knives will only be used in campsites WITH THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT and in designated program areas, after completing the appropriate Adventure. Knives may be confiscated if used improperly.
NO SHEATH KNIVES ALLOWED.

Accommodations

Cabins & Green Wall Tents

Typically Wolves and Bears, along with their leaders, stay in cabins. ***(BSA policy states Tigers may only attend resident camp with a parent. If a parent is not in attendance then the Tiger may only attend Day Camp.*** Webelos, as well as their leaders, stay in tent campsites. In many cases two or more packs may share a cabin or campsite. If you would like your entire Pack to stay in a campsite, please let the Camp Director know. Typically in this case we are not able to provide tents for everyone so having your own is recommended.

The cabins are equipped with 11 bunks which sleep 9 Scouts and 2 adults. Two adults of the same sex or a married couple will sleep in each of the cabins. In some cases, more than one pack may be sharing a cabin. If this is the case it will be necessary for one leader from each pack to stay in the cabin. For this reason, it is important to notify the camp director how many male and how many female leaders (not just the number of leaders) will be staying overnight. Leaders who are not staying in the cabins with the Scouts will stay in the designated adult overflow cabin.

Tents will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis, with a limited number of tents available. If your unit would prefer to bring their own tents and camp on the ground this is also an option. Every campsite needs a minimum of 2 adults to supervise the campers. Two adults of the same sex, or a married couple may share a tent. The only time an adult may share a tent with a youth in a "one on one" situation is if the adult is the parent of the youth.

No motor homes or campers are allowed due to parking limitations.

Showers

Shower facilities are located in the bathhouse. Since the bathhouse has individual showers privacy is guaranteed, but shower shoes may still be desired. Please note that these showers are on a timer. Please have all Scouts use the sinks in the bathrooms for brushing teeth. Outhouses and bathrooms are to be used, not the trees!

Dining Hall

Meals are served cafeteria-style. Adults should sit with their pack. Extra parents at meals may be a problem, unless we are notified ahead of time that they are coming. The paid campers get to eat first! After the meal, Packs are assigned to assist with clean up. As part of their program Webelos Scouts will cook their evening meals in their campsites. Den Chiefs will assist and all gear is provided.

Packs will be issued meal bracelets for each leader upon check-in. Additional bracelets will not be issued. Rotating leaders are responsible for giving their bracelet to the next person.

Families are always welcome to come to camp and share in their Scout's experience. If your family plans to come to camp and dine with us, please let the Camp Director know as soon as possible. If we do not know until time of arrival there may not be enough food.

Special dietary needs (allergies-not preferences) 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 the camp kitchens.

Notes from the Waterfront

To manage expectations please note that the water temperature in Mirror Lake fluctuates between 57 degrees and 70

Camp Gorsuch Swim Test Policy

All youth and adults participating in swimming and/or watercraft activities at Camp Gorsuch resident camp must pass the Scouting America swimmer test at the Camp Gorsuch lake administered by a member of the Camp Gorsuch waterfront staff in the year they are attending camp.

Unit swim checks are highly recommended prior to attending camp to gauge Scouts and adults swimming abilities, and manage expectations before camp. However, unit swim checks will not be accepted at camp.

All participants must be able to perform the swim test in the lake, in the environmental conditions in which aquatics activities will take place. Opportunities to complete these swim checks for adults will be held Thursday afternoon June 4th at 2:00 and that evening from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Swim Test Clothing & Equipment

Only clothing designated for swimming will be worn. Swimwear must be modest, and should conform in form, fit and function for swimming.

Equipment that provides buoyancy, thrust, or breathing advantage are not permitted. These items include wetsuit, drysuit, personal flotation device, fins, and snorkels.

Swim goggles are permitted during the swim check.

Clothing Policy

Only clothing designated for swimming will be worn. Swimwear must be modest and should conform in form, fit and function to the aquatics activity (swimming, paddling, snorkeling).

For males, tight fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure are not allowed. For females, bikinis are not allowed. Modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits are appropriate.

No street clothing (t-shirts, underwear, tank tops, or cutoffs) to be worn for swimming activities.

Excessively revealing clothing or excessively revealing swimwear will not be allowed.

Waterfront staff reserves the right to ask a

participant to change or be removed from the waterfront area.

Depending on the mix of wind, air temperature and water temperature, participants are recommended to wear synthetic shirts (rash guard) neoprene swimwear, or light wetsuit (3mm).

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1. It is the decision of the Aquatics Committee of the Great Alaska Council, to allow for the following catamaran configuration and conditions at Camp Gorsuch Cub Scout resident week beginning summer of 2025:
 1. Minimum of two adults (age 18 or over).
 1. One adult must be classified as a swimmer.
 2. Maximum of four(4) Scouts per catamaran.
 3. One(1) lifeguard on patrol in a designated rescue vessel for every 2 catamarans.
 4. A catamaran will have a buddy boat.
2. Lifeguards will not ride in catamarans if units are unable to provide adults. Lifeguards are designated as safety and response personnel.
3. The configuration and conditions above are a reasonable accommodation that allows for both safety and program flexibility in support of Cub Scouts during resident camp.

Camp Dates, Location, & Address

Camp Dates

Week 1	June 7-June 11
Week 2	June 14 - 18

Camp Location

Camp Gorsuch is located halfway between Anchorage and Wasilla off the Glenn Highway at Mirror Lake. Take the Mirror Lake exit, drive to Gorsuch Road and follow the signs.

Camp Address

Scout's Name
Troop Number
Camp Gorsuch
22700 Camp Gorsuch Road
Chugiak, AK 99567



Camp Check-In Procedures

Arrival Schedule:

Resident Campers:

Resident campers will need to arrive on Sunday night after dinner, between 7 and 8:00 PM. The gate is kept locked until 7:00 PM. It is strongly recommended that the Pack carpool to camp, as parking is limited. It is a good idea to meet at a designated place in town to check attendance and health forms prior to camp arrival. When you arrive, a member of the camp staff will help you find your assigned campsite or cabin. Individual campers do not need to check in at the dining hall. Campers should go to their assigned cabin or campsite and check in with their Pack leadership.

Camp Coordinator:

One adult needs to check-in at the camp office by submitting your rosters and health forms, reconciling fees, getting meal bracelets, and t-shirts, as well as turning in medications. This is also a time to turn in any mail that has been sent to camp for distribution to campers at evening flags. Mail is accepted all week, but if it is ready, we are happy to take it now! Any dietary concerns should also be reviewed at this time.

Day Campers

Day campers participate in the same fun activities as the resident campers. The only difference is, they go home in the afternoon and come back the next morning. On Monday morning, one adult from your pack needs to check-in with the Camp Director by submitting your roster and health forms, reconciling fees, getting meal bracelets, and turning in medications. When the Scouts arrive, go to the Parade Field where they will be greeted by camp staff and directed where to go. The program begins promptly at 9 AM.

On Thursday, the last day of camp, it is the Pack leadership's responsibility to ensure that Scouts are picked up by their parent/guardian or an adult designated by them. The closing campfire ends around 8:00 PM!

Dealing With Homesickness

A 1988 edition of the American Camping Association magazine reported that Homesickness is a very real and natural emotion that can occur when anyone leaves familiar surroundings. Young Scouts generally handle it very well. Parents are asked NOT to telephone Scouts at camp, except in the case of an emergency... and likewise, Scouts are urged not to call home. This can actually cause homesickness.

Quiet Hours

Each Scout is asked to remain in their cabin or campsite and observe quiet hours between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

Trading Post

The trading post at Camp Gorsuch is stocked to handle most of the needs of the Scouts and leaders during their stay at camp. You'll find items like mosquito repellent and After Bite, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and shampoo. There are also official BSA items like pocket knives, compasses, flashlights, and first aid kits. There are craft kits, souvenirs, Cub Scout Handbooks, and patches. And if you're hungry, there are soft drinks, juice, candy, crackers, and more! It is recommended that each Scout bring \$35 to \$50 for purchases at the Trading Post.

The Role of Leaders in Camp

The pack must maintain the 1 leader to 4 camper ratio with 2 deep leadership at all times. Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth.

Any parent male or female, of a Scout may be a leader in camp with the approval of the Pack Committee and youth protection training completion.. Non-parent adults who wish to be a leader must complete an adult application and complete youth protection training. All adult leaders need to have their necessary health forms on file in the health lodge.

Your Responsibilities:

Have Fun! Participate with the Scouts, help them and guide them. Help your Camp Den Chief. They will be a trained staff member who will serve as your guide throughout the week.

Take Attendance. A Daily Log will be provided. Den Chiefs will have the forms and help take attendance daily.

Maintain Discipline in your group. The Gorsuch staff wants every Scout to have a good time and learn as much as possible. If Scouts are unruly, it makes it hard for anyone to focus their attention on learning.

Set a Good Example. You will be expected to follow the rules, regulations, and values of Scouting America and those of Rasmuson Scout Reservation. You will be setting the example for your Scouts.

Evaluate! Your input is very valuable and we need to know what you think! Many suggestions made by leaders have been implemented immediately... You Really Do Make a Difference!

Evening Activities

The Gorsuch staff works hard to ensure that your evening program is as much fun as your daytime program. During the evening we will have the opening campfire, a not to be missed experience with the staff putting on quite a show..We will also observe vespers in Dan's Palace one evening, followed by the marble tournament,as well as chess and checkers with the staff. Webelos only will also be able to participate in the rock wall. On Wednesday evening we will host an open program evening. Please feel free to invite your families to come out and enjoy Camp Gorsuch on this night as the extra adults will allow each Scout to choose the activities they want to participate in the most. The BB and Archery Ranges as well as Waterfront will be open, and require an adult leader with each group of Scouts. There will be other activities open including a field game,that will not require adults to be present.

Leave No Trace

All of the camp properties of the Great Alaska Council practice the principles of Leave No Trace. Leaders and Scouts are encouraged to follow these principles during their time at camp.

Pre-Camp Meetings

We will have a pre-camp meeting on June 4, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to give you a preview of your camp and answer any questions! This is also an opportunity to take your swim test so that you are ready to go when you arrive at the waterfront!

What to Bring for Resident Camp

Here is a list of items recommended to bring to camp. Remember that you are packing for 4 nights and 4 days... rainy days are likely. Please mark clothing with Scouts' names and Pack numbers on them so they can bring it back home. Metal or other such items can be marked with adhesive tape or etched with a nail or other sharp object.

The complete Scout Field Uniform is recommended wear for campers during Vespers.

Clothing

Scout Uniform
Sweater or Jacket
Shirts (4)
Shorts
Pants
Swim Trunks or Suit
Rain Gear/Poncho
Tennis Shoes
Hiking Boots
Socks (6 pairs)
Underwear (4 pairs)
Hat
Sunglasses
Pajamas/Sleep Clothes

Bedding

Sleeping Bag or Blankets
Pillow

Toiletries

Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Wash Cloth
Soap
Towels (2)
Comb/Brush
Sunscreen
Shower Shoes
Laundry Bag
Day Pack

Additional items

Pocket Knife (No Sheath Knives!)
Water Bottle
Spending Money
Personal First Aid Kit
Fishing Gear
Camera
Insect Repellent

Pack/Group Equipment

Baby wipes/Moist towelettes
Firewood (Be Prepared)
Game Ideas (Cards, Board Games)
Rope
Reading Material
Group First Aid Kit
Small Tent to put inside
Webelos Tent

The Following items are STRONGLY discouraged:

Radios
Electronic Games
Televisions
DVD Players

DO NOT BRING:

Personal Archery Equipment
Firearms
Fireworks
Sheath Knives
Any kind of weapon

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What To Bring for Day Camp

Day Pack
Raincoat/Poncho
Spending money
Fishing Gear

Water Bottle
Insect Repellent
Pocket Knife (no sheath knife)

Sweater/Coat
Sunscreen
Hiking Boots
Change of Clothing

Trading Post

Camp offers a fully stocked Trading Post. If you do not see something you need or want in it, just ask and we will DO OUR BEST to get it for you. We stock snacks, drinks, ice cream, books, kits, camping supplies, craft supplies, and more. Come in and check it out!

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

Bear boxes are kept away from tent pads.

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 its 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 APD or ADFG will be contacted to take appropriate measure to remove the bear.

For the complete Council Bear Policy, please see the Council website.

Application for Campership

Requests may or may not be granted based on available funds and eligibility. Units are encouraged to provide financial assistance through annual fundraising efforts. Council funds are intended to help families in need when unit funds are not available. This application should be completed by parent or guardian. All information will be kept confidential. **FILL OUT COMPLETELY!**

Youth applicant name: _____ Youth age: _____

Unit type: Pack Troop Crew Ship Unit number: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: M F

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Briefly describe the family's need for assistance: _____

Annual household income: \$ _____ Total household members: _____

Application must be turned in by May 1st!

- Camp
 - Cub Scout Gorsuch Camp Cub Scout Eagle River Camp
 - Scouts BSA Gorsuch Camp Scouts BSA Eagle River Camp

Parent or guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Unit Leader Section:

I commit to my unit selling popcorn in order to support Scouts

Unit leader name: _____ Unit leader phone number: _____

Unit leader signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications must be filled out completely and signed by a unit leader in order to be considered.

Submit completed application to: Great Alaska Council, 3117 Patterson Street, Anchorage, AK 99504
Or email application to Brenda.bidwell@scouting.org Please contact us at (907) 337-9547 with any questions.

Office Use Only	
Date Received: _____	Approved by: _____
Camp Amount: \$ _____	



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