

Camping Guidelines and Policies Pack 225, Windermere, Florida

BSA (Boy Scouts of America) Policies:

Two-deep leadership. - Two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.

No one-on-one contact. - One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.

Respect of privacy. - Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

Separate accommodations. - When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Councils are strongly encouraged to have separate shower and latrine facilities for females. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers.

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use - The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and **may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants.**

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

Open Flames - No tent material is completely fireproof. It can burn when exposed to continued, intense heat or fire. The most important safeguard is to keep flames away from canvas materials. For this reason, the following safety precautions are emphasized:

1. Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. ***“No flames in tents” is a rule that must be enforced.***
2. **Never use liquid-fuel stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches, and other flame sources in or near tents.**
3. Do not pitch tents near an open fire.
4. Do not use flammable chemicals near tents--charcoal lighter or spray cans of paint, bug killer, or repellent.
5. Be careful when using electricity and lighting in tents.
6. Always extinguish cooking campfires promptly.
7. **Obey all fire laws, ordinances, and regulations.**

Firearms – Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, firearms shall not be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking, or other Scouting activities except those specifically planned for target shooting under the supervision of a currently certified BSA or National Rifle Association firearms instructor.

Fireworks – The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the securing, use, and display of fireworks in conjunction with programs and activities except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert.

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Medical Information - It is recommended that all members of the Boy Scouts of America have periodic medical evaluations by a licensed health-care practitioner. *In recent years, in an effort to provide better care to those who may become ill or injured and to provide youth members and adult leaders a better understanding of their physical capabilities, **the Boy Scouts of America established minimum standards for providing medical information prior to participating in various activities. They are classified as follows:**

Class 1 Medical Form:

Includes any event that *does not exceed 72 consecutive hours*, where the level of activity is similar to that normally expended at home or at school, and where medical care is readily available. Examples: day camp, day hike, swimming party, or an overnight camp. Medical information required is a *current health history signed by parents or guardian*. The Class I Personal Health and Medical History found on form No. 34414A (Personal Health and Medical Record) meets this requirement. Den leaders, Scoutmasters, team coaches, and crew Advisors should review these and become knowledgeable about the medical needs of the youth members in their unit. Forms must be updated annually. They are filled out by participants and kept on file for easy reference.

THE FOLLOWING Pack 225 RULES SHALL APPLY AT ALL CAMPOUTS:

1. Adult supervision is required at all times.
2. No running after dark in or out of camp.
3. Adults are the only ones who may put anything in the campfire. Scouts or siblings putting anything in the fire, holding anything over the fire, or playing in or near the fire will be sent to their tent or sent home.
4. Only adults and cub scouts who have a whittling chip in their possession and are supervised by their parent are allowed to have knives. All others will be confiscated and turned in to the Cubmaster.
5. Throwing of balls or any objects inside of camp is not permitted. This may be done in designated areas only. No rock throwing of any kind is allowed.
6. No fighting or roughhousing.
7. Quiet hours will be from 9:00P.M. TO 7:00 A.M. Quiet hours may be adjusted by camping leader or Cubmaster as circumstances allow or require.
8. Closed-toed shoes are to be worn at all times except inside of tents. No sandals or bare feet.
9. When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian.

ADDITIONAL RULES MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE CUBMASTER, DEN LEADERS, OR THE FACILITY AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT OF THE OTHERS. ALL RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED, AND THOSE WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THEM WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

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