

Policies for Units Attending Camp Old Indian in the Off-season (give copy to unit leader)

The Blue Ridge Council requires your attention and cooperation in supporting and obeying the policies, procedures and practices of the Boy Scouts of America. Permit to use council facilities must be obtained two weeks before arrival, and check in and out procedures must be followed.

Please observe the following for all camps:

1. Abide by the Guide to Safe Scouting.

- Please review the hazardous weather program on the BSA. Website—at least one adult must have this training for any unit to attend.
- Minimum leadership requires at least 2 adults must be present and in direct supervision of unit youth at all times. Both must have up to date Youth Protection Training. The buddy system must be observed by ALL scouts.
- Smoking is prohibited throughout the camp. If an adult must smoke, the only area allowed is at the far end of the parking lot near the stream.
- Quiet hours are 11 PM – 7 AM; no one allowed in Meadow after 10 PM (unless adult led astronomy session).

2. Arrival and Departure:

- Check in and check out with the Camp Ranger or Campmaster.
- Identify the activity or unit leader in charge to the Ranger or Campmaster.
- Use only the facilities that have been approved. Bath houses may be used if open but should be clean on departure. Port-a-johns are located near the Health Lodge and Greenwood campsite during the winter when bath houses are not open. Unit leaders should instruct their scouts on their proper use and inspect/clean before they depart.
- **One vehicle may transport equipment to the campsite for weekend use. Troop trailers and the one vehicle to move the trailer(s) are allowed to stay in the campsite. DO NOT BLOCK roads.**
- Handicap vehicles will be allowed near the campsite as determined by the ranger or Campmaster.
- Use of electric vehicles by handicapped persons must be approved as part of the council permit and MUST only be used by those with that need. There is to be no riding by others and no one is allowed in the back without a seat.
- Establish a check-out time with the Camp Ranger or Campmaster.
- Clean-up your campsite/activity area. Clean bath house—see instructions posted in each facility.
- Place garbage and trash in dumpsters or take with you depending on the camp.
- Leave your campsite and program areas better than you found them.

4. Program areas:

- Use of the **Waterfront** for either boating or swimming activities MUST be requested in advance and is available for use with proper adult supervision and only using the Guidelines for Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The Shooting Sports Ranges are available for use with the proper adult leader supervision and training. Proof of proper BSA/NRA training must be shown and approved by the Blue Ridge Council Program Director.
- **Shooting Sports areas** must be requested on your permit to use facilities. A certified Blue Ridge Council Range Safety Officer (RSO) and Instructor must be present for all shooting activities. Units will be required to take a range safety course prior to shooting. Units are required to bring their own ammunition, paper targets, clays, etc.
- The **Climbing Rock** at Camp White Pines must be requested on your permit to use the facilities in advance and there must be a certified climbing instructor present.

5. Campfires and Garbage:

- Campfires are limited to permanent fire rings or designated areas in each campsite. If there is a question about where to place a fire ring, check with the Ranger or Campmaster. No flame, including charcoal may be left unattended. No bonfires allowed.
- When disposing of garbage and trash use the camp dumpster (near the Dining Hall) or take it with you. Due to the prevalence of bears, raccoons and feral hogs, units must keep campsite food and garbage in a closed trailer when the unit is not in the camp.

6. Camp Equipment and Property:

- Units provide their own program equipment. Note: Limited aquatics and range equipment are available with prior request and BSA trained leadership.
- Ensure that Scouts DO NOT DAMAGE camp property. Fees will be assessed for all damaged items.

7. Miscellaneous Hazards and Issues:

- **Severe Storms:** The Campmaster or Camp Ranger warns all units in camp. In the event of high winds, campers will be advised to get to low protected areas or shelters. All enclosed buildings in camp are considered to be safe areas to retreat in a severe storm. Keep campers away from windows. A weather alert radio is located in the camp office and Three Forks Lodge for updated information.
- **Lightning:** The waterfront must be evacuated of all campers from the water, and the area will remain closed until the storm has passed. Stay away from open areas and avoid touching metal objects such as tent poles.
- **Extreme Temperature:** When temperatures reach extreme high or low temperatures, advise unit leaders of temperature, wind chill factor, and projected forecast if known. In some situations, it may be in the best interest of the scouts to end their activity early. Watch for heat exhaustion, hypothermia, frostbite, sunstroke, etc. Washers and Dryers are for emergency wash/dry loads.
- **Child Abuse:** Any incident or suspicion of abuse must be reported immediately to the Camp Ranger. If not available call the Scout Executive or Assistant Scout Executive directly. Reports will be kept confidential.
- **Contact with Wildlife:** If you come in contact with an animal that is behaving strangely, (staggering, lying still -not trying to flee, seems sickly, foaming at the mouth, etc.) IMMEDIATELY REPORT IT TO THE CAMP RANGER. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PICK UP OR TOUCH THE ANIMAL. Certain animals that are nocturnal (seen only at night) may be seen during daylight hours, a possible indication of illness. If you are bitten or scratched by any wildlife immediately report it to the Camp Ranger or Campmaster and seek immediate medical treatment. Animals can carry serious diseases such as Rabies that must be treated as soon as possible. Never pick up or touch an animal that is injured or dead. You put yourself at great risk in doing so. Instead, report the incident to the Camp Ranger.
- **Knives, Saws & Axes** may be used only in campsites and program areas. Sheath knives are not permitted at camp. Proper axe-yards should be set up and Totin' Chip rules should be followed.
- **Firearms/Weapons** may not be brought to camp. CWP (Concealed Weapons Permit) holders must abide by National BSA policy which states no weapons on camp property. The Blue Ridge Council will provide up to eight .22 caliber rifles, four 20 gauge shotguns, thrower, BB guns, bows and arrows, safety equipment, and target butts for unit use. Personal bows may be permitted for use on the range after inspection by the Range Safety Officer. No personal guns are authorized for use on the ranges with the exception of personally owned BB guns, .50 caliber muzzleloaders and .22 caliber handguns, air pistols and air rifles which will be inspected and approved for use by the Range Safety Officer upon entering the range. The Blue Ridge Council is not responsible for results of personal firearms.
- **Motorized A T V ' s** (4-wheelers, dirt b i k e s , etc.); only ATV's owned by the council are permitted on camp property. If you see anyone using vehicles other than those owned by the camp, please get a description of the person / vehicle as well as a license number and report it immediately to the Camp Ranger.
- **Fireworks** of any type are prohibited in camp. Items will be confiscated.
- No **dogs, cats, or pets** are allowed in the camp except in fenced areas around private residences. For any special needs, please notify the Council Program Director via the permit.
- **Firewood** There is an ample supply of firewood in the surrounding woods. Any fallen timber may be cut up and utilized as needed. Remember the next campers - a "Courtesy Pile" would be appreciated. Any group that cuts down or damages live or standing timber will be held financially responsible.
- **Tree cutting** may be done only with permission of the Camp Ranger. No live trees are to be cut. (No chain saws are permitted in camp without prior approval- see policy below.)
- **Chainsaws:** may be used only by adults in accordance with BSA policies- Eye & Hearing protection as well as proper protective clothing must be worn. See Camp Ranger for clarification.
- *BSA National Camp Standard #M-S4 states: Any person who operates a chainsaw or fells a tree more than three inches in diameter must be approved by the Camp Ranger. Operators must be at least 18 years old and meet one of the following requirements: (1) be a professional forester, (2) be a certified arborist, (3) have received training in these techniques from the Ranger section of National Camp School, (4) have written documentation of other training in these techniques that is recognized by the state or federal government, (5) successful completion of BSA Chainsaw Safety Training course (No. 20-136)*
- **Camp Service Projects:** The Ranger or Campmaster may provide you with ideas for camp projects but generally, you should make plans before you come to camp. The tools to accomplish these and other chores around camp will be located at the Quartermaster. All tools and gear must be returned prior to checkout. The Campmaster is responsible to assure that tools and gear are returned and in good shape.

- **Vandalism and Damages:** All vandalism and destruction of property will be reported to the Camp Ranger. The Campmaster will fill out an incident report and route the form to the Ranger. Units responsible for vandalism and destruction of property will be billed through the Council Service Center for the replacement cost of the damage.
- **Personal Property:** Blue Ridge Council cannot be responsible for loss or damage to personal property at camp. It is recommended that campers have insurance coverage for property brought to camp. Most homeowner's policies include coverage.
- **Insurance Coverage:** All Blue Ridge Council units are covered under Council insurance. If an accident should occur, send an insurance form with the unit leader. A supply of these forms is on hand at the Campmaster cabin. Non-Scouting units have provided to the Council Service Center their insurance information so no forms need to be issued.