

## Pack 1776

### Camp Guidelines & General Safety

- PARENTS are responsible for their child or children. There needs to be at least one Parent/Guardian (21 years of age or older) for each family unit. The adult family member(s) is responsible for all the children in the family unit at all times. Scouts and siblings may not wander off the campsite without parental supervision. Please keep up with your children.
- Buddy System - No Cub Scout should ever leave the campsite area, even to go to the bathroom, without at least one "buddy" or his parent. The buddy system is used extensively in scouting and this is good practice for future experiences.
- Cub Scouts must respect the private spaces of others. Children are not allowed to enter another family's tent without first getting permission from that family's parent or guardian. Children should respect the property of others and not enter coolers, food storage, autos, etc. that do not belong to them.
- Quiet Time – Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., campers are to be in their own campsite and must be respectful of others sleeping nearby.
- Attire: Bring your uniform for the Opening and Closing Flag Ceremony. However, wear your Pack Tee-shirt and comfortable short/pants. No open toed shoes, sandals or bare feet in camp. Gym shoes are appropriate.
- No running within the campsite. Injuries related to trips, slips and falls are the most common camping accident. Trip hazards abound within a campsite (logs, rocks, sticks, fire ring, tent stakes, etc.) Please remind your child not to run within the campsite. Find an open green space where running is safer.
- Walking sticks (and fire roasting sticks) are not to be raised above the waste. They are NOT pretend weapons or swords of any kind and should never be used as such. Violation will result in the collection of the item by a leader. Confiscated walking sticks will be returned at departure time.
- Practice proper fire safety while having a camp fire. **Do not leave your fire unattended at anytime.** Please make sure the fire is completely out (with water) before going to bed.
- Only Cub Scouts with their Whittling Chip Card (in their possession) may carry and use a pocket knife. Whittling may be done in a safe, predetermined area, cleared of traffic and under adult supervision. Pack leaders or parents who observe a scout using a knife in a dangerous or irresponsible way are authorized to confiscate the knife promptly and return it to the scout's parents.
- When fishing, catch and release only. No swinging of fishing poles/lures around.
- No water activities like canoeing, boating, swimming are allowed, unless offered by Bovay Scout Ranch. This is BSA policy for Cub Scouts.
- No Dangerous Horseplay.
- Do not allow food, gum, candy, and drinks other than water (even toothpaste) to be stored in the tents. The raccoons and other wild animals will find their way to the food. They usually are not considerate enough to use the zipper to get in. Please store them in your vehicle overnight.
- Do not bring fireworks, firearms, BB guns, bows and arrows, sling shots, axes, bow saws, hand axes, sledge hammers and spikes.
- Trash – Do not burn or bury trash. All trash is to be placed in dumpsters or carried home for disposal. Scouts will be responsible for checking in with a leader before leaving to make sure their site has been cleaned properly.
- Leave No Trace – It is the responsibility of everyone to observe the principles of Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code. See your scout's handbook for information on this.
- No Alcohol or Smoking (even electronic cigarettes)
- No liquid lighter fluid
- Bear in mind that we will camp "rain or shine" and there are no refunds if you decide not to attend.

## **What to Bring**

### *Camping Gear:*

- Tent (with rain fly)
- Tarp or Plastic Sheet for Ground Cover
- Sleeping Bag (or sheets and blankets)
- Sleeping Mat or Air Mattress with pump
- Camp Chairs
- Flashlight/Headlamps/Lanterns

### *Optional:*

- Camp Stove and cooking equipment (i.e.: percolator)
- Firewood/Fire Starters (no lighter fluid)
- Wagon for transporting chairs/gear between sites

### *Personal Items:*

- Toiletries : wash cloth, towel, oral hygiene items, soap, prescription medications
- Clothing: Pack T-shirt, weather appropriate clothing, extra socks and underwear, durable, close toe shoes, rain gear

### *Miscellaneous:*

- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellant
- Camera
- First Aid Kit
- Games/balls

### *Food/Drinks:*

- Drinking water (more than you think you'll need)
- Extra snacks (nutritious, portable snacks preferred)
- Meals are provided, except for breakfast Saturday, so bring food for that morning. (Provided meals: lunch and dinner Sat, breakfast Sunday)
- The Pack will provide the ingredients needed for s'mores. If you have a s'more roasting stick, please bring it.

### ***What Not to Bring***

- No electronics or portable video games. Devices **MUST** stay in the vehicles once arriving to camp.
- Lighter fluid
- Pets are not allowed. This is a BSA property and pets are not allowed.

## CAMP FAQ

### **We've never camped before; do you provide tents?**

No, we do not provide the camp equipment. We realize it is an investment to purchase camping items and recommend talking with friends or family about borrowing any items you need.

### **How do we cook?**

Since you only need to prepare one meal, breakfast Saturday morning (and snacks), we recommend bringing easy to prepare items that don't require cooking. The Pack will have a grill available if you need it.

### **Do we have to stay the night?**

No, you are more than welcome to come up for the day! However, since this is a BSA property with planned activities, you will still have to pay the registration fees of \$40 per person. If you do not plan on staying the night, please contact the Cubmaster to make arrangements.

### **When can we arrive?**

You can arrive anytime after 4pm on Friday or by 8am on Saturday. Upon arrival, all campers will check-in at the check-in building just inside the main gate and will be provided a parking pass and campsite assignment. Pack Leaders will not have information on sites until arrival.

### **What's the schedule like?**

For a sample schedule of the weekend, visit the website and look under the Preparing for Camp tab. <https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/adventure-camp> The Pack will also participate in a flag ceremony to start and end camp, immediately preceding the scheduled events.

### **Can we bring siblings?**

Absolutely, yes! Children 5 and under are free to attend. Children 5 and older are typically allowed to participate in scouting activities. All guests must register and submit medical forms.

### **Can we bring pets?**

No. This is a BSA property and they are firm in their rules and restrictions.

### **I have a travel trailer; can I bring it?**

No, there are no travel trailers allowed at this BSA property.

### **Do the sites have electrical outlets?**

Yes, all sites have water and electric. Electric is available at the pavilion.

The sites are set up differently than when we camp at State Parks. One site can hold many families, and they share a centralized fire ring and pavilion. Restrooms with showers are nearby.

