



Five Rivers Council, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America

2011/2012 Off Season Camp Reservation Policies

For small traditional Scout & Non-Scout rentals on Friday through Sunday. For longer/other & larger Scout or civilian group rentals call 607-796-0699.

The short term camping season is from September 1st through May 30th. Rental reservations for the season may be made beginning **September 1st**. Camp is closed the weekends of Hunting Season, Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas, and New Year's. Return this form, once filled in completely to FRC, 3300 Chambers Road – Suite 5190 – Horseheads, NY.

RENTAL APPLICATION – Part 1 of 2a & 2b

Rental applications **MUST** be completely filled out or they will not be accepted. The rental application and required fees must be submitted to the Council Service Center/Scout Shop in the Arnot Mall.

A validated camping permit will be mailed once your reservation has been processed and must be brought to camp for check in & check out purposes.

Phone reservations are “penciled” in and held for five business days. The application & fee must be received within this time frame in order to confirm your reservation or it will become null & void.

BSA TOUR PERMIT – Part 2a & 2b

For ALL BSA units, a Local Tour Plan is required in addition to the rental application. This requirement falls in line with the current BSA requirement for Cub Scout Packs to go camping, **ASA PACK**, with a BALOO certified individual.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING – Part 2b of 2a & 2b

At least one BSA registered adult leader must have Youth Protection Training; at least two adults need to be in camp at all times. Failure to comply will result in your unit (group) being asked to leave.

RENTAL FEES

Fees are based on a 24-hour period. All other rental requests beyond a 48-hour period must be made through special arrangements at the Council Service Center/Scout Shop. Cabin capacity cannot be exceeded per New York or Pennsylvania State Department of Health.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

If your outing is cancelled, call 607-796-0699 immediately. Applications received from individuals or Scout units for a rental not currently available, we will contact to make other rental arrangements or receive a refund.

After a permit is issued, fees are non-refundable. They are only transferable for rentals that are cancelled at least two weeks prior to the scheduled weekend and a “No Fee Credit” will be issued. Cancellations due to camp closure from extreme weather will also be given a “No Fee Credit”.

AT CAMP

A valid camping permit issued by the Council Service Center/Scout Shop must be present at camp and may be reviewed by the Camp Ranger upon request. Individuals & units without a permit will not be allowed to stay in camp.

All vehicles are to park in the camp's designated parking lot and are not allowed to drive to cabins or sites without permission from the Camp Ranger. This includes loading and unloading of gear.

LEADERSHIP

A minimum of 2 adult leaders for the first 16 boys and one additional leader for each additional 8 Scouts or portion is required at all times while in camp. At least one adult **must be 21 years old or older and a registered leader with Youth Protection Training (YPT).**

Co-ed groups such as Venturing Crews and Explorer Posts **MUST** have both a male and female 21 years old or older present at all times. A method of providing gender separation is required.

100% PROHIBITED

Alcoholic beverages, use of controlled substances, and fireworks are strictly prohibited. Firearms of any type are also prohibited except for Law Enforcement Explorer Posts but only with qualified adult supervisors present.

Entering a campsite or camping facilities of another unit without permission is also prohibited.

No pets are allowed – “Ditching” of tents is not allowed due too soil erosion.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Fishing is allowed in designated areas and must be under adult supervision at all times.
- All trash is be carried out by your group. Scouts leave a facility better than they found it!
- Open fires are allowed only in designated areas. Be sure they are dead out before leaving. Check with the camp ranger upon arrival for the current fire conditions.
- **NO CUTTING** of standing timber without permission of camp ranger.
- All accidents, illnesses, or emergencies regardless of severity must be reported to the camp ranger.
- If liquid fuels are to be used they must be used in compliance with the BSA Liquid Fuels Policy.
- Smoking is discouraged, however, a designated area must be established and not in view of youth.

RANGER AUTHORITY

By entering into rental agreement, you are assuming liability for all damage to equipment or property including natural surroundings such as trees. You will be charged for all damage.

The camp ranger has the final authority to interpret Council policies as they pertain to camp. The Camp Ranger has the authority to dismiss units or campers from camp that do not follow the rules of camp or act in a unscout like way.

PROGRAM AREAS – Require additional user fee – call 607-796-0699 to make arrangements!

Swimming is not allowed except by prior arrangement with the council. Proof of Safe Swim Defense certification for all BSA units and equal certification for non-scout groups is required before aquatic activities can be conducted.

Boating is not allowed except by prior arrangement with the council. Proof of Safety Afloat certification for all BSA units and equal certification for non-scout groups is required before aquatic activities can be conducted.

Use of the waterfront area for either swimming &/or boating will required a one-time, per person user fee. Basic Lifeguard equipment will be made available.

Shooting Sports activities may be arranged but only with prior written proof of shooting sports qualifications. Call the Scout Executive at 607-732-9047 for further details.

NOTE: The BSA’s **“Guide to Safe Scouting”** provides detailed requirements related to health and safety standards as well as program restrictions, practices & certification requirements.

