

BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AGREEMENT

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS COUNCIL, BSA

The primary purpose of the Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation is to provide an outdoor retreat where groups can participate in outdoor recreation in a safe and affordable environment. All visitors are requested to adhere to the tenets of the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code. The official camping policies of the Boy Scouts of America are found in the Guide to Safe Scouting. If questions regarding policy arise, please ask the Camp Ranger or Reservation Program Director for clarification.

General Camp Policies

1. Before arrival, discuss Reservation policies with all attending individuals.
2. The group must provide at least 1 adult leader 21 years of age or older for every 10 members of the group below 21 years old. At least one of these leaders must be present with the group at all times while at the facilities or in camp.
3. The speed limit on the road leading into camp is 15 MPH, and the speed limit in camp is 5 MPH.
4. Group equipment may be transported to the campsite by vehicle, unloaded, and the vehicle immediately returned to the parking area.
5. Buses cannot be driven up the camp road and must be left at the warehouse parking lot. Please advise in advance if you are planning to use bus transportation so that we can coordinate transportation for your group from the warehouse to main camp.
6. Strictly prohibited items on camp property include fireworks, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, pets, and personal firearms. Smoking is not allowed inside camp buildings, and it is not permitted around youth.
7. Buildings should be left in better condition than they were found. The facilities and grounds may not be altered in any way. Do not move tent floorboards. Do not dig holes, build new trails, drive nails into trees or perform service projects without prior approval.
8. Any decorations or equipment belonging to the group must be promptly removed after the use so as not to interfere with Scouting or other activities. If there is a delay, the removal will be made by the Council at the expense of the group.
9. Latrine washbasins should not be used to wash dishes or clean fish. No human-made trash or natural debris be placed in the latrine pits.
10. Campfires should be built only in designated areas and must always be supervised. Only dead wood may be used as a fuel source. Do not move the campfire rings. There is a statewide burning ban February 15 – April 30. Do not bring your own firewood to the property.
11. The use of lanterns and camp stoves should only occur under the supervision of an adult. Please do not hang lanterns from trees.
12. No flames are allowed in tents, including heaters.
13. Please take your garbage home when you leave, we do not have regular trash pickup in the off-season.
14. All food and smellables should be secured when not being prepared or eaten. No food in tents.
15. Be conservation minded. Protect wildlife and vegetation so that future visitors may have the same quality experience that you had.
16. All laws regarding public assemblies must be strictly followed.
17. The group may only use the property and facilities that are specified and approved in the application and may not enter or make use of any other property, facilities, or equipment belonging to the Council.
18. The Council reserves the right to schedule events and activities in areas not reserved by your group.
19. The group must vacate all facilities, spaces, and other Council property on expiration of the time of use identified in the application.

Usage of Special Areas

1. Usage of the waterfront area is allowed only during daylight hours.
2. Youth are allowed to fish only under adult supervision.
3. The minimum ratio for swimming activities is 1 lifeguard to 10 swimmers.

4. The minimum ratio for boating activities is 1 lifeguard for 10 watercrafts in the water, with a minimum of 2 lifeguards.
5. A 21-year-old or older Range Officer certified by the National Rifle Association, the U.S. military, or the BSA National Camp School must be present for the range to open. Group leadership will assist the Range Officer in maintaining proper safety procedures and conduct while the range is in operation.
6. Archery instructors must be at least 18 years old and possess either a National Camp School Shooting Sports Director Certification, National Archery Association Instructor Certification, or a Training Course Pocket Certificate (No. 33767) issued by one of the previously mentioned Instructors.
7. Only individuals meeting both the Council COPE and Climbing Committee's requirements and National Standards may operate our COPE and climbing facilities.
8. With the exception of helmets and harnesses that must be approved by a COPE or Climbing Director, only council equipment may be used on the property.
9. Any group planning a hiking trip to the backcountry must submit a copy of their itinerary to the ranger.
10. Groups should be knowledgeable of the seven principles of Leave No Trace and plan to adhere to those principles while on any trails.

Before you leave camp, please ensure the following:

1. The campsites and other areas used are clean with no trash or human-made mess.
2. Latrines and shower houses are clean.
3. All fires are out cold and the pit is free of trash.
4. All unused firewood has been stacked neatly.
5. All camp equipment has been returned clean and in good condition.
6. Any damage to facilities, grounds, or equipment has been reported to camp leadership and will be paid for by the person responsible.

The Camp Ranger and Reservation Program Director have the responsibility and authority to expel any persons misusing camp property or violating camp policies. These camping policies are subject to change without notice.