



NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
YOUTH PROTECTION AND
CAMP FACILITIES RENTAL PROCEDURES

Important Rules and Regulations

- Groups must check-in upon arrival and checkout upon departure with the Ranger and/or the Campmaster on duty. Check-in is no earlier than 5:00 PM Friday. Checkout is no later than 12:00 noon Sunday. (The Ranger must clear exceptions in advance.) A completed roster must be submitted upon arrival.
- Cub Scout outdoor activities – Cub Scout groups must follow the [Narragansett Council Cub Scout Camping Policy and Guidelines](#). Family Camping, picnics, and pack overnights – are encouraged at our Council camps. At least one leader present must have successfully completed the BALOO Training Program. Guidelines established in the BALOO Program must be observed. While all Narragansett Council facilities are approved for Cub Scout use, packs will find Cub World, Champlin, Buck Hill, Norse, Cachalot and Aquapaug most “Cub friendly” for overnight use.
- Cub Scout tent camping is prohibited when temperatures are below 40°F (roughly November 1-April 1).
- The following are prohibited at all facilities or properties: alcoholic beverages, marijuana, illegal drugs, sheath knives, personal firearms, hunting, chopping or carving of live trees, trenching or ditching of tents, rollerblading, skateboarding, scooters, recreational vehicles, pets, and the destruction or defacing of any facility or property.
- Groups are responsible for any damage to the property.
- Open fires in established and designated areas are allowed only with the permission of the Ranger or Campmaster on Duty. Open fires include all types of liquid, chemical, or gas stoves, wood fires, or the use of charcoal. State fire regulations in Rhode Island prohibit open fires from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM from March 15th to May 15th. This includes charcoal and stoves. Suitable fire-fighting equipment must be on-hand at all times. Full buckets of water and shovels are acceptable.
- Wooden pallets are not allowed as firewood at any Narragansett Council facility.
- All youth participants should be registered members of the BSA or have interest in registering. Siblings of Cub Scouts are only allowed to participate as outlined in BALOO.
- Portable propane or gas grills, stoves and lanterns are not allowed inside any Narragansett Council enclosed structure. Space heaters of all kinds are prohibited in any structure.

Be Prepared for a Successful Outing

- Secure permission from parents. Let them know your destination, arrival and departure times. As well as names and phone numbers of all leaders that will be present.
- Have on hand a current health history for each participant, plan program, meals, etc.
- Ensure proper clothing, and footwear for all possible weather conditions.
- Provide adequate adult leadership for the group considering the number of youth participants, their age, their training, and experience for the type of outing you are planning
- Establish an emergency contact with a responsible adult in the unit’s home community. Specify when an adult on the outing will check in.
- Be alert to weather conditions. The BSA requires that at least one leader on every outing be Hazardous Weather Trained. Direct leaders must complete the training as well.
- All leaders should read the [BSA Guide to Safe Scouting](#). An updated copy should be on hand for every outing.

Refunds

A refund will be made to those units who give 4 weeks notice of cancellation. Cabins are in high demand, please be considerate of other units who would like to use the facility.

Youth Protection Guidelines for Group Outings*

Adult Supervision

- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))

Accommodations

Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required.

Tenting

- Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
- In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
- In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))
- Spouses may share tents.

Lodging/Cabin Accommodations

- Separate cabins or lodging should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Where separate accommodations cannot be provided due to group size or limited availability, modifications may be made. Where completely separate accommodations are not available, additional supervision is required. ([Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQs](#))
- If adults and youth of the same gender occupy single-room accommodations, there must be a minimum of two adults and four youth, with all adults being Youth Protection trained.
- Physical separation by other means, including temporary barriers or space, should be used only when no other arrangements are possible.
- **These modifications are limited to single-gender accommodations.**

Restrooms

Separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. If separate facilities are not available, separate times should be scheduled and posted.

Privacy of youth is respected.

- Adults and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp.
- Adult leaders should closely monitor these areas but only enter as needed for youth protection or health and safety reasons.

Program Requirements

The buddy system should be used.

The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.

All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.

The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.

Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.

All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited.

Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.

Sexual activity is prohibited.

Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

Reporting Requirements

Adult leaders and youth members have a responsibility to recognize, respond to, and report Youth Protection violations and abuse.

Reporting Youth Protection Policy Violations

- Serious Youth Protection policy violations or behaviors that put a youth's safety at risk must be reported to the Scout executive.
- Alternatively, policy violations may be reported to the Scouts First Helpline (see below) when the Scout executive is not available.
- Online reporting is also available at [Incident Reporting](#).

Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

- All persons participating in Scouting programs are mandated reporters of child abuse.
- Reports must be made to local law enforcement and child protective services. State law may require additional reporting.
- This reporting duty cannot be delegated to any other person.
- Reporting to the Scout executive or Scouts First Helpline ensures that follow-up can occur for the safety of our youth. Scout executives and Scouts First coordinate follow-up actions.

Scouts First Helpline

As part of its "Scouts First" approach to the protection and safety of youth, the BSA has established a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk.

1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)

When to use it:

- Anytime you believe a youth has been harmed or their safety and well-being is at risk, and you cannot immediately reach your Scout executive or local council.
- If a youth is bullied because of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability, and local help is unable to resolve the problem.

If someone is at immediate risk of harm, always call 911

*Youth protection guidelines as of 2/2019. Check the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting for the most up to date requirements.

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