

Monmouth Council Family Camp Guidelines 2017

Welcome to the Leader's Guide for Family Camp 2017. We hope you take a few minutes and read this document thoroughly. We hope it will answer all your questions. If not, please email Wendy Weiss, Event Chair at wweiss4@gmail.com.

WEATHER:

Family Camp will be held rain or shine. NO inclement weather day. Be prepared with the proper clothing and footwear. Review the Hazardous Weather on-line training. In the case of severe weather, thunder and lightening, we will have some buildings open to accommodate everyone. You can sit in your car during this inclement weather too.

REFUNDS:

There are NO refunds.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

The code of conduct for the weekend is the Scout Oath and Law. We want this weekend to be fun for everyone. If everyone follows these principles, the weekend will run smoothly and everyone will have a chance to participate in all of the activities. So come out and join us for a weekend of great fun!! We look forward to seeing you all at Family Camp.

PARKING:

From the Family Camp's webpage, there is a Parking Pass. It is a half sheet of paper, please print this Parking Pass and PRINT the info needed on it, and put it on your dashboard upon entering Quail Hill. This way if you are blocking another car for example, or some other emergency the camp staff can contact you. If you forget this pass, the Greeter at the main gate will have one for you to fill out.

When you arrive, our Staff will direct you where to park. PLEASE carpool. Family Camp is a large event and we do run out of parking spaces. ALSO, please park as close as possible to the car next to you (in between the white lines painted on the ground) This will allow more cars to park. We appreciate your assistance very much. They will also direct you to the best parking lot. Day visitors will park in different lots than campers.

UPON ARRIVAL:

After you park, please go immediately to a Check-in table, there will be 2, One near Lawrence Lodge and One near Lass Lodge. You will be given your tyvek wristband (this will allow your scouts/siblings to participate in the event and will be checked at the stations, ie. BB, Archery, etc.) You will be given your camping area assignment, if you are camping.

IF YOU ARE CAMPING:

You can set up your campsite any time after you check-in. We have a FEW grey wheelbarrows for your use. We ask that you return it promptly when you are done with it so someone else may use it. You can bring a wagon or hand truck or just have cubs move your gear.

Do not dig any trenches or ditches around or near your tent. Please use the tent stakes that came with the tent. Every unit is entitled to ONE (1) half barrel frame, ONE (1) half barrel and TWO (2) water buckets for your fire. These are located behind Lawrence Lodge on a trailer.

Water spigots to fill your 2 water buckets are on the front of Lawrence Lodge, either side of the main steps and a spigot on the opposite side of the field near Webelos lodge.

DO NOT take all the wood from the truck. Take some and come back for more. This wood will last a few hours of burn time. We will refill the truck as needed throughout the weekend.

NO grates are included with the half barrel. You can bring your own, if you would like to cook on it.

SUNDAY AM “ALL FAITH'S SERVICE” -

A Scout is reverent. We will have a service at the Chapel at Quail Hill. Time to be noted on the schedule. We are looking for pack(s) to put together a service of all faiths. OR if you can do just a section that would be great, we will combine all the sections and have our service. Please consider this an important part of the Family Camp experience. Please email Wendy Weiss at wweiss4@gmail.com if you are interested.

SAFETY:

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Due to this being a BSA Family Camping Activity, each Cub Scout Pack will be assigned one or more camping areas, based on the number of people from the pack in attendance. In the event of an emergency, emergency personnel and event organizers will be able to find people quicker if assigned camp site locations are kept. In the event that a camp site change needs to be made, it can only be changed by the event chairperson. This is a BSA Family Camping Activity which means all families and packs must follow all guidelines of the Guide to Safe Scouting and BSA Youth Protection Policies. Please review the Family Camping Section of the Guide to Safe Scouting and complete BSA Youth Protection Training in preparation of this event. You will be assigned your camping area upon arrival at check-in.

CUTTING THROUGH CAMPSITES:

Please do not cut through another unit's campsite. This is not courteous or kind, and respecting boundaries of campsite is an important part of camping etiquette. There are clearly marked walkways. Please be considerate.

MAPS:

At check in we will have a map and schedule for you. This will give you the overview of the weekend's activities.

RESTROOMS:

Between Lawrence Lodge and Webelos Lodge are flushable toilets. We will have port o johns located near the camping area too, please check the map for placement of them. Please keep them clean. Check with your scouts after they have used them. We all need to use the facilities and need to keep them in good working order for all.

Lass Lodge has one (1) flushable toilet for use during the day. There will be port o johns in the station area also for everyone's use.

FIRST AID:

If during Family Camp, you need medical attention, the Campmaster / First Aid Station is located at Lass Lodge.

HEADQUARTERS:

Lawrence Lodge will be headquarters for Family Camp. If you have any questions, please stop by Lawrence Lodge. There should be someone there at all times.

TRADING POST:

The trading post is located in Lass Lodge. It sells camping gear, in case you forgot a flashlight, etc. They have slushies, nachos, candy, water, etc. They will be open during the day, so stop in and check it out.

SMOKING:

All adult smokers are encouraged to refrain from smoking around any youth during Family Camp. There is not a “Smoking Area” at Quail Hill.

TRASH:

Please use Leave No Trace Principles while at Quail Hill. Please review these guidelines in your Cub Scout Handbook. The dumpsters at Quail Hill are located in the Parking Lot closest to the activity/camping field, there are two small dumpsters, one for garbage, one for single stream recycling, do not put caps/lids back on your recyclables-this will allow us to crush them. Please separate these items accordingly and be sure they are placed in the correct dumpster. Be prepared with heavy duty trash bags to remove your trash from your campsite.

FOOD:

Food is ultimately the responsibility of each family. However, if a Cub Scout Pack prefers to work together on a menu for the weekend, that is acceptable. For those packs that choose this, please check for food allergies and preferences. Proper food preparations, sanitation and general campsite cleanliness must be observed. For example, for food preparations, be extra cautious about the possibility of cross contamination of meat, poultry and vegetables. When cleaning up after meals, please wash dishes using the 3 basin method which uses a hot soapy water basin with bio-degradable soap, a hot rinse water basin and a 3rd basin with cold water and sanitizer. If you are not sure about these or other food preparation procedures, please review the USDA Website on Food Safety

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/food-safety-education/get-answers/food-safety-fact-sheets/safe-food-handling/basics-for-handling-food-safely> or download the Kitchen Companion Guide at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Kitchen_Companion.pdf

If you have not taken Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), a very helpful resource is the Boy Scout Handbook Chapter 10-Cooking, check it out under Table of Contents at www.bsahandbook.org

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

Alcohol, fireworks, firearms, and non-medically prescribed drugs are strictly prohibited at Family Camp.

DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY: It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America and Monmouth Council, BSA that **NO** drugs or alcoholic beverages are brought into or consumed on council camps or in any BSA activity. In the event that any parent, leader or youth is found with drugs or alcoholic beverages, they will be asked to leave immediately. In the event that an individual appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, they will be immediately removed from the property and/or the police contacted.

DO NOT BRING ALCOHOL. Event Staff will roam the Camp looking for anyone who may possess or be under the influence of alcohol. Anyone possessing or under the influence of alcohol will be immediately removed from the property and/or the police contacted. Save it for another time.

LIGHTS OUT at 11 am – that means all fires are extinguished, all talking is done, noise is at a minimum. Think of your neighbors, they are close. Our campsites are right next to each other. It is the Scout Law to be courteous, kind, and obedient, so if you are talking around your fire into the early am, you are not following the Scout Law. This is not an event where your unit is the only one camping, your neighbors are close to you and noise travels across the camping field, please do not disturb your neighbor. Please set the example for our cubs. You are here to enjoy the family time together.

DRINKING WATER:

We will have 5 gallon drink coolers throughout the station areas during the Saturday activities. Please bring a reusable drink container (label it) to use during the weekend. Cups **WILL NOT** be provided. We will refill the 5 gallon coolers during Saturday as necessary. Stay hydrated.

Things to bring:

Your own food for all day Saturday and Sunday morning (hot cup), extra drinks / water bottle, snacks (if you need them, FYI the Trading Post will be open) Tent, tarp, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, chair, dining fly/canopy, small table, flashlight / lantern, glow in the dark items, ie Frisbees, balls, etc. Camp cutlery, Raingear or

Poncho (just in case!), hat, 2 two liter soda bottles for Soda Bottle Rockets (extras will help), (a wagon or wheeled cart which will save some leg work carrying gear to and from the camping area) , Fishing gear (Poles, Worms, and tackle boxes). Extra set of clothes in case you get wet. Insect Repellent, Sunscreen, PJ's and Toiletry Kit, Class A Uniform for Tiger Cub Induction Ceremony.

CHECK OUT ON SUNDAY AM:

To **prepare** for check out, your half barrel goes back on the trailer behind Lawrence lodge, neatly stacked, along with the frame and water buckets. All the ash from the half barrel goes in the grey ASH cans that are located near the trailer. Pieces of wood that did not burn completely are re-stacked on the truck with the wood. Any unused pieces of wood are returned to the truck. Carefully police your campsite to be sure all garbage and litter are picked up as well and wood or sticks, tent stakes and anything that might be a problem for a lawnmower. Your garbage and recycling go in the proper dumpster in the parking lot behind the flag pole, between P1 & P2 parking lots (or you can take home the garbage and recycling). The grey wheelbarrows are returned to behind Lawrence Lodge.

The Checkout procedure will start at 8:30 am and the deadline to complete checkout is 11:00am. Please line up on the back deck of Lawrence Lodge after everything is out of your camping area. The staff will inspect your camping area with you. We will walk back and forth and thoroughly check your camping area – we check for sticks, rocks, tent poles, garbage, etc. and will point out anything left that you will need to pick up. If it is all clear, we will give you your ziploc bag of the event patches. (Only those that pre-registered will receive their patch at this time – walk-ins will receive their patch in the unit's mailbag at the Council office. If you pre-register about a week before the event, we may not have enough patches either. If we need to re-order the patch, this takes 4 weeks.)

PETS:

NO pets are allowed at Quail Hill Scout Reservation.

VOLUNTEERING:

Yes, we need volunteers during the event. Registration, Scavenger Hunt check in at 5:00 p.m., Station assistance, etc. Please lend a hand sometime during the event. Please email Wendy Weiss at ww Weiss4@gmail.com before the event so we can work something out. Thank you, we greatly appreciate it. We would appreciate 2 adults per unit to volunteer. 2 adults can volunteer in the AM and 2 different adults can volunteer in the afternoon.

ROSES & THORNS COMMENTS:

Upon check out we will have a sheet for your comments. The staff works hard all year to bring a great program to you. We appreciate your feedback. We are always looking for improvements for next year.

GENERATORS:

They are not allowed at Family Camp.

Frequently Asked Questions

What uniform do we wear for the event?

All cub scouts / adults need to dress for the weather. Wear sneakers or boots-NO open toed shoes, rain gear if applicable, etc. Make sure you label everything. Class B is the uniform for the weekend, Leave your Class A home unless you are participating in the Tiger Cub Graduation Ceremony/New Tiger Induction Ceremony on Saturday.

Do I pay a reduced fee if I am coming for the day and not camping?

No, the fee is the fee to attend and participate, even if you are there for a few hours or the whole time.

Can I attend after / before my son's ball game?

Yes, you can come after your son's game or come and leave for your son's game. We won't promise the best parking spot!!

If I am the only one from my pack, where will I camp?

We will have a campsite for the "singles". You will be able to help each other and enjoy the experience.

What are the stations at Family Camp?

Please bring a 2 liter soda bottle for water bottle rockets and all your own fishing supplies, we will have all the items you need to complete the other stations, Stations are open from 10-4 pm

These stations are subject to change – we may not have a station due to NO volunteers to run the station (PLEASE volunteer, we need your support and assistance)

1. BB
2. Archery
3. Sling Shot
4. Water Bottle Rockets (Bring 2 - 2liter bottles)
5. Leatherwork / Craft
6. Monkey Bridge
7. Teepee
8. Chippewa Kitchen
9. Camping Display
10. Fishing (Bring your own fishing gear)
11. Outdoor Games

& more to come.....

Free Sno Cones – open from 1:30 – 4:00 pm (check your map for location)

Campfire Skit Sign Up – open from 1:30 – 4:00 pm

What time is lunch on Saturday?

12:30 – 1:30 pm. We ask that you enjoy your lunch. The staff will enjoy their lunch too. All stations will be closed so everyone can re-charge for the afternoon activities.

Is there a Fishing Derby?

Yes, there is a Fishing Derby. You need to bring all your own supplies – pole, hook, bait, towel to wipe your hands on, etc. We will have a bucket to hold the fish that you catch to show the judges. Winners for Longest, Smallest, and Most Fish will receive a trophy. Good Luck to everyone. The 3 winners will be notified during the Campfire. All fishing at Quail Hill is Catch and Release.

How do we make a campfire on the main activity field?

We will have available for you - one half barrel, 1 half barrel frame, 2 fire buckets, and cut wood. You will need a lighter and fire starter/kindling. NO fires are made on the ground. We will have water available for the fire buckets.

All items in the half barrel must be put in the ASH aluminum cans at the end of the weekend.

These will be located in the same area as the pick up area where you will be returning the frame, fire buckets and half barrel. ALL unburned wood goes back on the truck. Any large burned pieces of wood goes back on the truck.

When you extinguish your fire, there will be water in the half barrel along with the ash, please dump all this in the ASH barrels located behind Lawrence Lodge (where you found these supplies). NO ONE is to dump their ash water in or around the activity / camping field.

How do I cook?

You can use the wood in your campfire to cook your meals. You can use charcoal in your half barrel. You can use propane tanks for a camp stove. All must be in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Will there will be a Scavenger Hunt?

Yes, please bring a pen and plastic bag to collect the items. At 5 pm we will start collecting the paper. The winners will be notified during the Campfire. The winner will be based on the most correct answers and the earliest time of handing it in. Give it a try, you never know.

How do I transport all my gear to the camping area?

We suggest bringing and using a wagon, hand truck, etc. We suggest you bring a day pack (backpack) for all your day's items.

Do we need to have a skit, song, cheer ready for the Saturday night campfire?

Be prepared with the skit, song or cheer for the Saturday night campfire. Practice with the den BEFORE arriving. When they know their lines and use their outside voices everyone benefits. We may have a microphone and speakers for the campfire.

Are siblings / friends allowed to attend?

YES and all siblings are also invited to Water Carnival and Cubtoberfest too. Bring the whole family.

Can the scout camp with an another adult?

This is Family Camp, we would love to see families present. An uncle, grandpa, etc. can bring the scout and camp with him. No youth can sleep in a tent with an adult except for their parent/legal guardian.

Can I bring a game that the entire pack or other families can play?

Yes, you can bring frisbees, wiffle balls & bat, ladder ball, corn hole, etc.

We ask that these **NOT** be played in the camping area. We don't want to break anyone's tent, etc.

We will have a station of Games. Come try them out.