



## Connecticut Rivers Council, Camp Property Usage Guidelines For Short Term Camping

All CRC camps will adhere to policies found in the Guide to Safe Scouting and to National BSA Camp Standards. (<https://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx> )

### **Group Leadership:**

1. Adult Leadership requirements will follow the Guide to Safe Scouting and the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. All Coed youth groups must have both male and female adults, over 21 years of age, in attendance while on group outings. Segregated sleeping arrangements are required.
3. Adequate leadership is required for the entire length of stay.
4. All groups using more than one camp building must have a minimum of 2 adult leaders in each building.

### **Checking In And Out Of Camp:**

1. Group leaders must first check in with the Campmaster or Ranger before seeking access to camp.
3. Upon gaining access to the facility, you and the Campmaster or Ranger will conduct a checklist of the facility.
4. Tent camping locations vary at each Connecticut Rivers Council camp. The Campmaster or Camp Ranger will designate tent camping locations at the respective camps.
5. Please inform the Campmaster or Ranger of your unit's schedule while at camp. We want to be able to contact you in a timely manner should an emergency arise.
6. All groups must check out with the Campmaster or Ranger prior to leaving camp. Your unit must leave enough firewood in cabins or established fire rings for the next group (a little more would be nice).
7. Groups renting the camp kitchens should understand that a limited amount of kitchen utensils would be available for use. Contact the Camp Ranger in advance to be sure of the available items. In addition no food is to be left in any of the refrigerators when you leave
  - 8a. Fees for damages are based on each occurrence. The unit and their sponsoring organization will be invoiced for any damages.
  - b. There is a **\$50 recharge fee** for any fire extinguisher released without an emergency apparent.
  - c. There is a **\$100 reset/replacement** for tampering with smoke and fire detection devices.

### **Vehicles:**

1. Vehicle access to all areas of camp will be at the discretion of the Camp Ranger or Campmaster who will inform you where you can unload your gear. All vehicles **MUST** be returned to the designated parking lots.
2. Vehicles must be parked only in designated parking lots as specified by the Camp Ranger. This insures access to the camp facilities by emergency, law enforcement and camp vehicles.
3. All vehicle use will comply with policies found in the Guide to Safe Scouting. No riders are permitted in the beds of trucks. Passengers are to be transported only in those compartments of vehicles, which are designated by the manufacturer for passenger use, as long as there is a working seat belt.

### **Prohibited Items:**

1. No personal firearms or ammunition, bows, arrows, slingshots, sheath knives may be brought into camp.
2. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances (drugs). Law enforcement authorities will be contacted for illegal possession or use.
3. Snowmobiles, dirt bikes, four wheelers, and related vehicles for recreation are prohibited at any Connecticut Rivers Council property. The Camp Ranger may use such vehicles in emergency, maintenance or security instances.
4. No fireworks allowed in camps.
5. No open flames in tents.
6. Please leave your pets at home, service animals are welcome.
7. No coal or charcoal is to be used in camp wood stoves.

### **Guidelines To Follow While At Camp:**

1. The use of liquid fuel stoves and lanterns are permitted on camp property. A knowledgeable and responsible adult must oversee the handling and use of liquid fuels.
2. **Build campfires only in established fire rings** or following the practices of Leave No Trace. Keep fires small and never leave fires unattended. The Campmaster or Camp Ranger will specify fire-building guidelines at each camp property.
3. Use only permanent latrine or comfort stations located throughout the camp.
4. All trash is to be removed from the campsite or facility. Placed trash in the designated dumpsters if they are available, otherwise take it with you. Never bury your trash. Be sure to use recycling bins if the camp requires this procedure. All food items are to leave camp with you
6. Do not wash or bathe at water sources.
7. Smoking is permitted ONLY in areas designated by the Camp Ranger and never in the presence of Scouts.
8. Please observe quiet time from 10 PM-7AM.

### **Chain Saws:**

**Chain saws are to be used only by Camp Rangers or those designated by Camp Rangers. They are not to be brought with you to camp.**

### **Program Activities:**

1. Group activities including aquatics, shooting sports, C.O.P.E., and climbing & rappelling are available at some camps. Groups must make contact with the Camp Ranger in advance for policies and fees. Required certifications and credentials of instructors must be presented to the Ranger or Campmaster at arrival.

Activity Required Certification \*required for BSA Groups  
 Aquatics Safe Swim Defense\*, Safety Afloat\*,  
 BSA Lifeguard or equivalent (recommended), CPR  
 COPE Project COPE Director  
 Climbing & Rappelling BSA Climbing Director or Instructor, CPR  
 Climb On Safely Training Certification\*  
 Rifle, Shot gun or Muzzle loading NRA Instructor - specific firearm certification  
 BB range BSA BB gun & Range master Orientation Course  
 Archery NAA Level I

**It should be noted that per BSA policy, BB gun and archery activities for Cub Scouts are only permitted at council activities. No BB or archery activities are permitted to be conducted by individual packs.**

2. Fishing is available at some camp properties. The Ranger or Campmaster can inform you of the specific areas at each camp.

3. The Camp Ranger shall determine if any ice related activities are permitted.

**Notify The Ranger Or Campmaster Immediately For:**

1. Injuries must be reported immediately to the Ranger or Campmaster. An incident report must be filed.
2. Lost Person - If you suspect a lost person situation, notify the Ranger or Campmaster immediately for assistance.
3. Fire - Notify the Ranger or Campmaster immediately and safeguard all personnel
4. Suspicious Person(s) - Report any suspicious looking person(s) to the Campmaster or Ranger.