



# Planning Great Campouts for Your Pack

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# Why Take Cub Scouts Camping?

- **Contributes to good health.**
- **Helps develop self-reliance and resourcefulness.**
- **Enhances spiritual growth.**
- **Contributes to social development.**
- **Camping is an experience in citizenship training.**
- **Helps earn JTE status.**
- **Introduction to knowledge and skills to be used as a Scout.**

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# Before You Go

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# Rules to Remember

- **Leadership:**
  - Two registered adult (21+) leaders required at all times.
  - At least one registered female adult leader required for events involving girls.
- **Training:**
  - Youth Protection Training required for all leaders.
  - BALOO training required for one campout leader.
  - Safe Swim Defense required for aquatics.
  - Safety Afloat required for boating.
  - Hazardous Weather Training recommended.

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# Rules to Remember

- **Tent Accommodations:**

- Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- Youth sharing tents should 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.
- Spouses may share tents.

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# Rules to Remember

- **Lodging/Cabin Accommodations:**

- Whenever possible, 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.
- 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.

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# Rules to Remember

- **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.
- **Vehicle Insurance:**
  - WA State minimums required for transporting scouts, more is recommended.
- **Location:**
  - Cub Scout campsites must be council approved.

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# Questions About Rules?

- **BSA Guide to Safe Scouting:**
  - Updated May 2018 for Family Scouting program.
  - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>
- **Ask your District Executive!**
  - Excellent resource for Scouting information in general.

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# Campout Committee

- **Form a Campout Committee:**
  - Two to six people is good.
  - Shared experience and responsibility.
  - Divide the work- buying food, transporting gear, making reservations, etc.
  - Start meeting early, campouts take time to plan and execute.
- **Get RSVP's**
  - Roster of who is going, adults and youth.
  - Better planning for food, accommodations.

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# Where To Go

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# Location, Location, Location!

- **Cub Scout campsites must be Council approved.**
  - Contact your Council's Camping Department or your District Executive to confirm.
- **Campsite Approval Form:**
  - <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/PDF/13-508.pdf>

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# Location

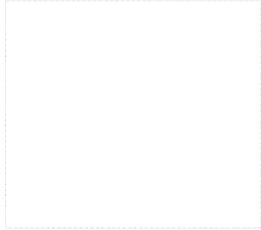
- **Keep it simple: use Scout camps!**
  - Council Approved.
  - Economical, \$40 - \$160 per Weekend.
  - Conveniently Located, Water Adjacent Properties.
  - Greater Safety / Less Liability.
  - Modern Facilities with Indoor and Outdoor Options.
  - Campsites with Tents or Cabins and Water On-Site.
  - Set Up for Scouting.
  - Ranger On-Site.

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# Dining Hall



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# Lake Challenge



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# Sevenich Campfire Bowl



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## Chief Joseph

Capacity— 48+4



- 3 clusters of 4 four-person stents. Each cluster has a dining shelter and table.
- 2 two-person leader stents
- Leader shelter in center of camp



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## Denali

Capacity— 24+4



- 3 eight-person Adirondacks
- 2 two-person leader stents
- Flat areas for tents



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## Mt Rainier

Capacity— 16+2



- 8 two-person tents
- 1 two-person leader tent

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# Scout Camp Links

- **CSC Camp Off-Season Rental:**
  - Camp Edward, Pigott, Sheppard and Parsons.
  - <http://www.seattlebsa.org/off-season-camp-rental>
  - \*\*\*New System October 2018.
- **Camp Fire Mountain (Mount Baker):**
  - <http://firemtn.org>
- **Camp Thunderbird (Pacific Harbors):**
  - <http://www.pacificharbors.org/camp-thunderbird/>

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# More Locations

- **Other Good Locations?**

- State Park Campgrounds.
- City Park Campgrounds:
  - Camp Long (West Seattle).
- Other Group Camps:
  - Ensign Ranch (Snoqualmie), LDS.
  - Camp Schoenwald (Burien), Kiwanis.

- **Something More Serious?**

- <http://www.tkopezkwis.org/gocamping>
  - T’Kope Kwis Kwis Lodge’s online camping directory.

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# Other Camping Options

- **Really Easy Camping Experience:**
  - Cub Resident Camp.
  - Parent/Pal weekends.
  - Winter Camp.
  - Cub Day at Camps.
- <http://www.seattlebsa.org/cub-scout-camping/>
- <http://www.pacificharbors.org/camping-cub-scouts/>
- <https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/camping/cubs/>

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# Equipment

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# Basic Equipment

- **Personal Gear:**

- Weather Appropriate Clothing, Hat, Rain Gear, Waterproof Bags.
- Tent, Sleeping Bag, Air Mattress.
- Headlight w/ Batteries, Lantern, Flashlight.
- Camp Chairs.
- Mess Kit, Personal Cooking Gear (if needed).
- Personal First Aid Kit, Medicines.
- Knife, Whistle, Matches/Lighter.
- Tool Kit or Multi-Tool.
- Water Bottle, Canteen.
- Compass and Maps (if needed).

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# Group Equipment

- **Pack Kitchen Gear:**

- Stove(s) with griddles, extra propane.
- Coolers.
- Cooking Utensils:
  - Knives, Spatulas, Forks, Spoons, Tongs, Pot Holders, Cutting Boards, measuring cups/spoons.
- Mixing Bowls, Serving Dishes.
- Pots and Pans of Various Sizes.
- Wash Basins (3), Dish Soap, Sponges.
- Paper Towels, Cleaning Product, Garbage Bags.
- Aluminum Foil, Food Storage Bags.
- Dutch Oven, S'more Sticks.

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# Group Equipment

- **General Pack Gear:**
  - Axe, Shovel, Water Bucket.
  - Water Storage Containers.
  - Pop-Up Canopy, Tarp or Dining Fly.
  - Folding Table
  - Lanterns with Fuel and Mantles.
  - Large First-Aid Kit (group size).
    - EpiPen? Other Medications?
  - Wagon, Cart.
  - Folding Tables, Chairs.
  - Flags?
  - Rope, Clothesline.

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# Feeding Everyone

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# Feeding Everyone

- **Leave Food up to Individuals:**
  - Easiest for the Camping Committee, less potential waste.
  - Coordinating cooking and clean up can be difficult.
  - May be a barrier to camping for some people.
- **Feed Everyone as a Group:**
  - Cooking and cleaning easier with communal meals.
  - Promotes group unity and sharing of responsibility.
  - Hard to cater to all individual tastes.
  - Don't forget about food allergies!

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# Feeding Everyone

- **Having a good RSVP helps with meal planning.**
  - Know how much food to plan for each meal, less waste.
  - Keep track of food allergies.
- **Shop for food as a group.**
  - Don't leave it up to one person.
- **Friday night dinner?**
  - Have people eat dinner before arriving.
  - Have something pre-cooked or very easy to cook.
    - Set-up always takes longer than expected.
    - People may come in at different times.

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# Campout Activities

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# What To Do

- **Plan a Full Schedule.**
  - May need to keep the boys occupied the whole weekend.
  - Be weather-flexible.
    - Have multiple activity options for rain or shine.
- **Be Prepared to Go Off-Schedule.**
  - Unstructured time outdoors is great for boys, especially “city kids”.
  - Boys love to run around and explore in the woods.
- **Think “Cub Resident Camp” for Ideas**

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# What To Do

- **Advancement:**
  - Consult your handbooks, there are multiple campout related Adventure Requirements and Electives for all Cub levels.
  - Have awards on hand, if possible.
  - Hold an awards ceremony at the evening campfire.
- **Use the Internet / Books for Activity Ideas:**
  - Do your research before you go.
  - Some activities require special materials that need to be ordered ahead of time.

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# What To Do

- **Campout Activities:**

- Hiking.
- Plant and Tree Identification.
- Leather Craft and Paracord Projects.
- Whittling Chip:
  - Have cards on hand to present.
- Cooking / Meal Preparation (advancement!)
- Board and Card Games.
- Fishing (license not required for kids).
- Plan Skits and Songs for Campfire or Other Events.
- Swimming or Boating (training required).
- Sports

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# What To Do

- **Activities, Cont.:**
  - Polar-Bear Plunge.
  - Orienteering (bring compasses and maps).
  - Outdoor Cooking.
  - Campfires:
    - S'mores, Dutch Oven.
  - Camp Service Project.
  - Scout's Own Service.
    - Sunday Morning before you leave.
- **Don't Forget to Take Pictures!**
  - Group Camera / Photographer?

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# End of the Campout

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# End of the Campout

- **What To Do When Leaving Camp:**
  - Clean up!
    - Police campsite for any litter.
    - Clean bathrooms and sweep cabins.
    - Haul out all garbage.
  - Check out of camp with the Ranger.
  - Split up leftover food.
  - Dump your garbage (potentially not on-site).
  - Return Pack gear to storage.
    - Be sure to dry things out if wet!

- **Leave Things Better Than When You Arrived!**

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# After the Campout

- **Have a Follow-Up Committee Meeting:**
  - What went well, what could be improved?
  - New ideas while they are fresh in people's minds?
  - Go over campout expenses.
    - Reimbursements due?
  - Choose a Campout Committee for next time!
- **Questions?**
  - Contact your Council Camping Department or District Executive.
  - Check with local Boy Scout Troop.
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# Questions?

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# Class Evaluation

- Go to <http://seaptc.org>
- Click on “Class Evaluation”
- This Session’s Code: 6373
- Get Your PTC Patch!

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