

## **Monmouth Council Family Camp Guidelines 2022**

Welcome to the Leader's Guide for Family Camp 2022. 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](mailto: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:**

If you are unable to attend, we would suggest working with your pack to see if someone else can take your spot. Substitutions are permitted.

We are sorry that we can not refund event fees if your son/scout does not show up to the event.

Any refund requests would need to be made through the Council Service Center during normal business hours, no later than a week prior to the start of the event.

### **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, we can contact you. If you forget this pass, the Greeter at the main gate will have some.

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 one lot and Campers will park between 2 parking lots.

### **UPON ARRIVAL:**

After you park, please stop at the 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 scout / sibling to participate 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. We have a FEW grey wheelbarrows for your use. We ask that you return it to the back of Lawrence Lodge 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.

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 throughout the weekend. Once the stations are closed, the tractor will deliver another truckload of wood.

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 as an important part of the Family Camp experience. A scout is Reverent. Please email Wendy Weiss at [wweiss4@gmail.com](mailto: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 Cub Scouts can only camp with their immediate family. All leaders must have current Youth Protection Training. 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. There are walkways clearly marked. Please be considerate.

### **MAPS & SCHEDULE:**

At check in we will have a map and schedule for you. This will give you the overview of the weekend's activities. There is also a link for the schedule on the webpage.

### **RESTROOMS:**

Between Lawrence Lodge and Webelos Cabin are flushable toilets in a building. Please keep them clean. Check with your scouts after they have used them. We all need to use the facilities and it would be nice to have them in good working order for all.

In the Program Area, on the hill down to Scout Lodge, is a 6 person (individual) flushable bathroom building.

### **FIRST AID:**

If during Family Camp, you need medical attention, the Campmaster / Medic 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 the scouts during Family Camp. There is not a “Smoking Area” at Quail.

**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 commingled 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. We will have garbage cans throughout the station area. Please use them.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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](http://www.bsahandbook.org)

**PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

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

**DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY:**

An important way that adult leaders and parents can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders / Parents should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

As outlined in the Scouter Code of Conduct, Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled drug substances.

The use of alcohol and illicit drugs will NOT be tolerated at Quail Hill Scout Reservation. Offenders should be prepared to deal with local authorities if found using, abusing, and / or in possession of such items on your person or in your vehicle.

Save it for another time.

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.

**LIGHTS OUT** at 10 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 BSA Law to be courteous, kind, and obedient, so if you are talking around your fire into the early am, you are not following the BSA Law. When just your unit camps, you can stay up as late as you want and talk with your fellow adults NOT here.

**DRINKING WATER:**

We will have 5 gallon drink coolers throughout the station area 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 Lions & Tiger Ceremonies and All Faith's Service.

**CHECK OUT ON SUNDAY AM:**

The Check out procedure will start at 8:30 am. Please line up on the back deck of Lawrence Lodge after everything is out of your camping area. The staff will walk with you to your camping area. We will then walk back and forth and thoroughly check your camping area – we check for sticks, rocks, tent poles, garbage, etc. If it is all clear, we will give you approval to leave Quail Hill.

To **prepare** for check out, your half barrel goes back on the pile on the trailer, 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. 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.

**PATCHES:**

We will order the patches right after the event. This way we will have an exact number to order. Approximately 3-4 weeks later when the patches arrive, we will distribute to the unit's mailbox at the Council office.

**PETS:**

NO pets are allowed in Quail Hill Scout Reservation.

**VOLUNTEERING:**

Yes, we need volunteers during the event. Registration, Station assistance, etc. Please lend a hand sometime during the event. Please email Wendy Weiss at [wweiss4@gmail.com](mailto:wweiss4@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.

Some additional questions you may have -

**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 Lion & Tiger Ceremonies and All Faith's Service.

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

No, the fee is the fee, 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 when you return!!

**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?**

We will have all the items you need to complete the stations. Stations are open from 10-4:00 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
5. Monkey Bridge
6. Teepee
7. Fishing
8. Outdoor Games

& more to come.....

Free Sno Cones – open from 1:30 – 3:00 pm (check your map for location)

Campfire Skit Sign Up – open from 1:30 – 3:00 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, worms, towel to wipe your hands on, etc. We will have a bucket to hold the fish(es) that you catch. Winners for Longest, Smallest, and Most Fish will receive a trophy. Good Luck to everyone. The 3 winners will be notified during the Campfire. If we do not have enough volunteers, it will be a fishing station only.

**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. 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 **now** 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.

**Cooking Stoves:**

You can use the wood in your campfire to cook your meals. You can use charcoal in your half barrel. You can use pressurized propane tanks for a camp stove. All must be in accordance with the current Council policy.

**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 will have a microphone and speakers (unless it looks inclement) for the campfire.

**Are siblings / friends allowed to attend?**

YES and all siblings are also invited to Cubtoberfest too. Anyone 5 and older can participate at the stations.

**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 them.

**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.

**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 on the camp facility. Monmouth Council does not allow them at Quail Hill.