

# Pack 250 Unit Leadership Enhancement

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## Cub Scout Camping

**Goal** Help leaders be aware of camping opportunities approved for Cub Scouts and review the health and safety guidelines related to Cub Scout camping

### Discussion:

- I. Confirm the purposes of Cub Scouting – 10 purposes related to the overall mission of the BSA:
  - a. Character Development
  - b. Spiritual Growth
  - c. Good Citizenship
  - d. Sportsmanship and Fitness
  - e. Family Understanding
  - f. Respectful Relationships
  - g. Personal Achievement
  - h. Friendly Service
  - i. Fun and Adventure
  - j. Preparation for Boy Scouts

Every Cub Scouting activity should help fulfill one of these purposes. When considering a new activity, ask which purpose or purposes it supports. Not everything has to be serious, but everything does have to have a purpose – as B-P said, Scouting is “A Game with a Purpose”.

- II. Benefits of Cub Scout Camping:
  - a. Contributes to good health
  - b. Develop self-reliance and resourcefulness
  - c. Enhance spiritual growth
  - d. Contribute to social development
  - e. Citizenship training (member of pack, family)
  - f. Preparation for Boy Scouts
- III. Health and Safety Guidelines (see attached pages) – particular focus on “Privacy Standards”
- IV. Cub Scout Camping Opportunities
  - a. Pack Overnights
  - b. Webelos Den Overnights
  - c. Cub Scout Day Camp
  - d. Cub Scout Resident Camp
  - e. District Webelo Camping Event
  - f. Council/District Family Camp
- V. Planning Pack Overnights (similar for Webelos Den overnights)
  - a. LEADER preparation:

- i. Confirm attendance by a BALOO or LOE-trained leader (next training opportunity attached), and that one leader has “Hazardous Weather” online training. NOTE: Webelos Den Campouts require Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, which is also included in Palmetto Council LOE
  - ii. Select date/location several months in advance (pack planning meeting)
  - iii. Make reservations, turn in Local Tour Permit to Council
  - iv. Check on local regulations re: fire for cooking/campfire
  - v. Form a group to plan program for the campout – should be full of practical, hands-on learning
  - vi. Communicate extensively with everyone involved
- b. ADULT preparation
  - i. Pre-overnighter meeting with parents to discuss plan, secure program help
  - ii. Schedule approximately 2-3 weeks before overnighiter
  - iii. Agenda:
    - 1. Review Date/location for overnighiter
    - 2. Review complete list of “Do”s and “Don’ts” for overnighiter
    - 3. Discuss schedule and engage parents in planning events such as nature hike, fishing, swimming, games, conservation activities/projects, campfire program, service project, interfaith worship service
    - 4. Discuss food/menu
    - 5. Equipment – checklist and discussion
    - 6. Review BSA guidelines on Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco, Fuel/Fire safety, Water safety
    - 7. Secure an Annual Health and Medical Record for all youth and adults who will attend the campout
- c. BOY preparation (handled through Dens)
  - i. Teach boys rules of fire safety
  - ii. Review Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles
  - iii. Plan ahead for campfire program activities so that props can be made, etc.
  - iv. Review personal packing checklist with the boys

**Actions**

- I. All Webelos and Bear Leaders commit to making plans for Webelos Den Camping
- II. Identify candidates for next LOE training session
- III. Graduation Campout planning committee

Next Month’s Topic: Making the Most of Summer Camp