

# GREATER TAMPA BAY AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

Rules are made for the safety of campers, protection of equipment, and to provide fairness to all, for the protection of our Scout units, outside groups, all adults, youth, campers, non-campers using any of facility owned by Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and must be observed at all times.

### **PRIVACY**

Adults must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp. Adults must also protect their own privacy in similar situations. No youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of any adult other than his/her own parent or guardian.

### **CLOTHING**

Proper attire for activities is required. Adults must ensure that they wear appropriate attire. Sexually suggestive clothing, garments with sexually suggestive, vulgar, or drug related wordings and/or graphics and clothing which provokes or may tend to provoke violence shall not be worn. The Boy Scouts of America Congressional Charter prohibits Scouts from wearing imitation United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps uniforms for Scouting activities. In order to comply with this mandate, the Boy Scouts of America does not permit the wearing of camouflage or combat-type military clothing in Scouting activities. Exceptions to this policy (such as Sea Scouts, Venturing Crews chartered by ROTC units, military personnel, etc...) will be handled on a case by case basis prior to the unit's arrival at camp. No open-toe shoes due to tree stumps, rocks, branches (at camps). If swimming (in certain camp area/camp location where permitted and pre-arranged with Camp Rangers/Camp Masters), is allowed with proper safety rules/regulations applied and approved by Camp Rangers/Camp Masters, **conservative** bathing suits must be worn at all times by all participants.

### **PROHIBITED ON CAMP PROPERTIES**

- Personal firearms, bows and arrows, sheath knives or ammunition of any kind in the possession of any Camper.
- Fireworks of any kind.
- Alcoholic beverages, marijuana, or other unlawful drugs
- Tobacco products – BSA National and Greater Tampa Bay Area Council regulations prohibit use of tobacco products on any council owned or operated property at any time. There is no designated smoking area at any Council owned or operated facility (only in parking lots). Tobacco products may be possessed by adults but must not be in view or used. Adults should support the attitude that youth are better off without tobacco.
- No Pets of any type (except service dogs in compliance with the American Disabilities Act)

### **FIRES**

Request and follow the ranger's/camp master's instructions on the number and locations of fires. Observe fire bans. When permitted, fires must be confined to established fire rings. Fires must not be built up to dangerous or nuisance proportions, must be tended at all times and must be fully extinguished. The use of liquid fuels for

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starting any fires is prohibited. Compressed or liquid gas stoves or lanterns will be used only under adult supervision and control. No flames of any type are permitted in tents.

### **VEHICLES**

Vehicles, other than camp, emergency, and authorized work and handicap vehicles, are not permitted beyond the designated parking lot. Campers must plan to hike from the designated parking area to your assigned campsite. One vehicle per unit/group may enter camp area, only for the purpose of dropping off/picking up camping gears and event gears. Trailers are available to move gear to the campsites but will make only one trip per unit to the campsite. Handicap vehicles must remain parked at the designated site for the duration of the camping event. The speed limit on the camp entry road and interior roads is 5 miles per hour.

### **CAMP ACTIVITY HOURS**

All activities will occur within hours published for each camping event. Other times are quiet times.

During quiet times all groups will remain within their assigned campsites and be considerate of others. Do not enter other campsites without the permission of that site's unit/group leader. Use of camp buildings without permission during quiet times is prohibited.

### **SANITATION**

Units/Groups are responsible for cleaning all facilities, including latrines and grounds in campsites and in surrounding areas and roadways. Units will take all trash and garbage bags to designated dumpsters. Report to Camp Rangers/Camp Masters for clearance before check out.

### **USE OF CAMP BUILDINGS**

Camp buildings may be used only as requested and approved on the Camp Use Permit, upon payment of the appropriate building use fee. Any unauthorized use of buildings will result in imposition of the building use fee.

- **RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE**: Units/Groups are financially responsible for any damage to their assigned campsite, activity facilities and equipment and for damage caused by their Scouts, parents, leaders and outside groups.
- **ENFORCEMENT**: Camp Rangers/Camp Masters will not interfere with group activities except in the case of violation of camp rules, Code of Conduct, or un-Scout-like behavior. Camp Rangers/Camp Masters will report violations to the group leader, who, in turn, will see that the rules are observed. Camp Rangers/Camp Masters have the authority to expel individuals or units from camp if the conduct warrants. Anyone asked to leave will not receive a refund. Local law enforcement may be notified if necessary.
- **SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT**: It is the policy of Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America and all of its affiliated properties to provide a smoke-free environment for all Scouting participants. Therefore, tobacco products are not allowed on any camp properties, service center and/or any affiliated properties of the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council. (Smoking is allowed in parking lot areas only).