

Daniel Webster Council Cub Scout Camping Guidelines

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The Council Camping Committee has recognized that the various program resources produced by the Boy Scouts of America leave some room for interpretation when it comes to guidelines for overnight camping with Cub Scouts outside of Council-operated summer camp programs. The committee is in the process of producing a Daniel Webster Council-specific document that will clarify the intent of BSA Cub Scout Camping Guidelines and assist volunteers in planning appropriate activities. Until this new document is available, however, the Camping Committee has prepared the summary of guidelines below from the following resources, which are the most current available:

- Guide to Safe Scouting (online version updated May 2012)
- Cub Scouts Leader Book (#33221, 2010 printing)
- Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines (#510-631, 2009 printing)
- Camping and Outdoor Program Committee Guide (#34786, 2011 printing)

This summary should be helpful in planning fun, exciting, and age-appropriate activities for Cub Scouts and Webelos. Please consult the resources listed above for details about adult leader training requirements and tips for preparing for overnight campouts with Cub Scouts. Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL) trainings are offered annually in each district. Consult the Council "Program Planning Resource Guide" calendar or visit www.nhscouting.org/training for available dates. Weather Hazards Training should also be completed online at www.myscouting.org before any outing.

SUMMARY OF CUB SCOUT OVERNIGHT CAMPING GUIDELINES

General Guidelines:

Scouting is designed to be a progression of age-appropriate activities that build on each other to develop skills and build character and fitness. The following guidelines are in place to meet the needs of Cub-Scout age youth and prepare them for the adventures of Boy Scouting.

- Cub Scout camping should be a parent-son event. In most cases, this means each youth is supervised by his own parent or guardian. In ALL cases, each youth is responsible to a specific adult. Therefore, when a parent cannot attend, the family must make arrangements in advance for another adult who is attending to be responsible for their child. This designated adult cannot be the Den Leader in charge.
- The style of camping and activities included in the event must be age appropriate and follow Cub Scout health and safety guidelines. Cubs and Webelos may not go backpacking or camp in remote wilderness settings. Tent camping is restricted to the season between April 1 and November 1. Winter overnights are only allowed if heated indoor accommodations are used.
- Cub overnight camping at Boy Scout camporees and/or events must be carefully planned. Cub Scouts should **not** compete or participate in activities designed for Boy Scouts when camping at District events. Activities designed specifically for Cub Scouts must be planned.
- Webelos Dens are encouraged to participate in joint overnight campouts with a Boy Scout Troop to strengthen ties between a pack and troop. Supervision arrangements as outlined above must be arranged.
- Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Dens can **NOT** camp as Dens except as part of a Pack-Overnighter (as defined on the next page) or at a District or Council organized event.

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Definitions:

"Pack Overnighter" A camp-out planned by a single pack attended by multiple families from that

pack. Must take place at a Council-approved location under the leadership of an

adult with "Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation" (BALOO) training.

"Webelos Den Overnight Campout" A campout for one or more dens of Webelos Scouts from the

same pack. May be a joint campout with a Boy Scout troop. Must take place under the leadership of an adult with "Outdoor

Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders" (OWL) training.

"Webelos-Ree" A District or Council sponsored campout for Webelos dens from multiple packs. Must be

planned and implemented by District or Council leadership.

"Family-Camp" A Council-sponsored campout for families from multiple packs. Council provides

program, meals, and trained program staff.

"Council-approved location" A facility that has been approved by the Council Camping Committee and/or Program Department and meets the mandatory standards listed

on the BSA "Pack Overnighter Site Approval Form" #13-508.

Options for Tiger Cubs:

- Attend a Pack Overnighter or Family Camp with their Adult Partner at a Council-approved location.

Options for Wolves and Bears:

- Attend a Pack Overnighter, Family Camp, or District organized Cub Scout camp-out with a parent or guardian or under the supervision of another Scout's parent with prior approval. Such events may only be held at Council-approved locations.

Options for Webelos:

- Attend a Pack Overnighter or Family Camp with a parent or guardian or under the supervision of another Scout's parent with prior approval.
- Attend a Webelos Den Overnight Campout with a parent or guardian or under the supervision of another Scout's parent with prior approval. This may be a joint overnight with the pack's affiliated Boy Scout troop.
- Attend a District or Council organized Webelos-Ree with a parent or guardian or under the supervision of another Scout's parent with prior approval. This type of event provides the opportunity to interact with Webelos from other packs.
- Attend a District or Council organized Camporee /camping event with a parent or guardian or under the supervision of another Scout's parent with prior approval. During these events, Webelos may **not** compete or participate in activities designed for Boy Scouts.