



Prickly Pear District Camping Guidelines

These are the rules and guidelines for all Prickly Pear District outdoor functions for all Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts, Crews, Posts & Ships. Full responsibility for discipline and unit leadership at all district functions rests with the designated unit adult leader. Two-deep leadership, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law apply at all times. In addition, the following areas should be observed for the health and safety of the Scouts.

Adults:

A camporee should be a learning experience for the Scouts. Adults should be in the background, available for advice, not to do the work.

Scouts must be under supervision of an adult (registered leader or parent/volunteer age 21 or older) at all times.

Alcohol and Drugs:

Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, non-prescribed drugs or illegal substances is prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Axes and Knives:

Most serious accidents occur from axes and knives.

Axes / ax yards are for leaders/adults only. Cub scouts do not meet age requirements to handle axes.

Carving initials or designs on trees adds nothing to its value and destroys its beauty for others. No defacing of trees, tables, buildings, etc. This is a state law.

No pocketknives unless the individual has earned the Totin' Chip / whittling chip (Bears & up) and is carrying it. May not be used by Cub Scouts without direct adult supervision.

If a Scout has a folding knife, these knives should be used for camping skills **only**, and not to play games with. **All straight blade sheath knives will not be allowed**. Folding sheath knives with locking backs are O.K.

Basic Rule:

Each person who cannot abide by the Scouting way will be requested to go home.

Chain Saws:

Chain saws are allowed if used by an adult leader and are used outside of the camping area.

Firearms / Archery:

No firearms or archery equipment (except District BB guns & District archery equipment) are allowed. No personal BB guns or archery equipment is allowed.

Fires:

One campfire per campsite. For environmental reasons, fire ring or leave no trace fires (barrel raised above ground (minimum 12") or fire in firebox with fire cloth underneath).

Fires are not to be left unattended. Refer to the Fire Safety Code in the Official Boy Scout Handbook.

Fireworks:

Fireworks of any kind are in violation with the State Fire Marshall and the violator will be removed from camp. The one and only exception to this rule is the use of smoke balls at an official crossing-over ceremony.

Fuel:

Lanterns or stoves burning liquid fuel, if used, must be serviced by designated Boy Scouts who have Fireman Chit cards with them. Only those Scouts can handle these items under the supervision of troop leaders or other registered adults. Lanterns, stoves, and fuel must be kept under close control and stored properly.

Gateway Flags:

All troops and packs will display their flag or sign. Gateways can be used to identify a troop and will not be scored heavily in campsite judging. The American Flag will be in the left when entering a campsite.

Hay or Straw:

Hay or straw may be used for backstops on shooting sports, but must remain in bales and on a ground covering.

Leaving Camp:

No Scout should leave the camp unless accompanied by their buddy and has permission of the designated unit leader. Units leaving early must notify the camp chairman before departure. All units must have site inspected before departure.

Modern Technology:

Cell phones, Mp3 players, electronic games, etc., will not be allowed. Unit leaders will enforce. Unit leaders may have cell phones for emergencies.

Outdoor Code:

Adhere to the Outdoor Code at all times. Refer to the Official Boy Scout Handbook.

Parking:

Vehicles must be parked in designated areas by a specific time. Vehicles arriving later (e.g., after dark) must park in a designated area and check in at camping headquarters first before entering camp.

Pets:

Animals of any kind are prohibited, except for licensed service animals (you'll need to leave & take them home if you bring them)!

Quiet Hours:

Quiet hours from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (no generators then).

Raiding:

Raiding other campsites is not keeping with the Scout Spirit and will not be tolerated.

Tents:

In accordance with the Boy Scouts of America's long-standing rule of no flames in tents, liquid fuel stoves and lanterns should never be used in tents.

- Do not pitch tents near open flames.
- Do not use lighted candles, matches or other flammable sources near or in tents.
- Only flashlights and electric lanterns should be used in tents.
- District staff will provide warming facilities when necessary.

Also, the following must be adhered to:

- Parents and their Scout(s) may sleep together in the same tent.
- Scouts may sleep together in the same tent.
- Adult relatives may sleep with their related Scout(s) in the same tent.
- Adult substitutes CANNOT sleep with a Scout unless they are related.

Campers are allowed for families at Cub Scout overnight events.

Tobacco:

No TOBACCO of any kind – smoking & chewing is discouraged, must not occur in front of the Scouts and must occur only in a closed vehicle away from campsite! This also includes any battery-operated type of smoking device.

Toilets:

Portable toilets only. No cat holes or trenches will be allowed. No piddling on trees. Respecting PRIVACY must be shown. No defacing.

Transportation:

All drivers must be 21 years old. The national policy of the Boy Scouts of America prohibits Scouts riding in the back of trucks – with or without camper bodies. Each passenger must ride in proper seat and wear a seatbelt. Travel permits are needed unless you are only transporting your child.

Trees:

No living tree, branches, or dead-standing trees should be cut down without the permission of the district camping staff.

Uniforms:

Scouts and leaders should wear Class A uniforms at all large group formal activities (flag ceremonies and evening campfire); Class B uniforms (BSA t-shirt, etc.) for all other activities and around campsites.

Waterfront:

Waterfront is off-limits unless approved by the district staff.

Webelos Den Camping:

Webelos Scout / parent overnights introduce the Webelos Scout and his parent to the Boy Scout camping program under the leadership of the Webelos den leader. In most cases, the Webelos Scout will be under the supervision of his parent.

However, if the parent cannot attend, arrangements must be made by the Scout's family for another youth's parents (but **not** the Webelos leader) or another adult relative or friend to be a substitute at the campout. It is important that parents understand the need for an adult/Scout relationship. Common logic should prevail when an adult is considering being a substitute for more than one or two Scouts.

It is essential that **each** Webelos Scout be under supervision of an adult. However certain guidelines must apply:

- Parents and their Scout(s) may sleep together in the same tent.
- Webelos Scouts may sleep together in the same tent.
- Adult relatives may sleep with their related Webelos Scout(s) in the same tent.
- Adult substitutes CANNOT sleep with a Webelos Scout unless they are related.

Joint Webelos den / troop campouts are encouraged for dens of 2nd year Webelos Scouts with their parents to strengthen ties between the pack and the troop. Webelos dens are encouraged to have several overnights a year.

Camporees are designed for Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts. A Webelos Scout den can attend a camporee, but it must be affiliated with and camp within the environs of a troop (as established by the joint Webelos den / troop activity guidelines).

Remember, only registered Scouts and adults are insured at camporees. All non-registered persons are not insured and the Boy Scouts of America is not liable.

Webelos Scout dens should seriously consider weather conditions when they plan overnight campouts. These campouts must be a good experience for all those attending, including the adults.

Webelos Scouts must utilize clothing and equipment for the proper season of the year. This will avoid any mishaps from improper clothing and equipment. Parents or adults partners need to ensure that their Webelos Scout complies with this guideline.

Remember, Webelos Scouts are still Cub Scouts as far as regulations are concerned.

Cub Scout Den or Pack Camping:

Overnight camping by Cub Scout dens or Cub Scout packs (other than at an approved camping facility operated by the local council or district) is not approved.

However, Cub Scouts can attend Scout camporees during the daytime. However, they must leave immediately after the campfire.

Cub Scouts can compete in camporee events, but they will not be scored for awards.

VIOLATION of these District Scout Camp Rules may result in you being asked to leave the event and possibly loss of future event attendance privileges.

Do - Have fun!!!