

Ockanickon Scout Reservation

Weekend (Off-Season) Camping Policies & Procedures

If you have any questions about this information, don't hesitate to ask.

HOW TO CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT-Camp opens at 6:00 PM on Friday. **Unit Leaders are required to check-in with the Campmasters in the parking lot before going to the campsite/facility.** Upon your arrival please inform them of your planned departure time on Sunday. Units are required to check-out with the Campmasters no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday.

LOADING AND UNLOADING VEHICLES- At check-in/out **ONLY**, units are permitted to bring **one** vehicle into camp to unload at their campsite or lodge. Load as much gear in the vehicle as possible to avoid a long wait for individual cars needing to enter camp to unload. **Late arrivals are not permitted to drive to site.** Please help us keep our roads clear by not parking on them. **All vehicles must be parked in the camp parking lot for the remainder of the weekend.** *At camp we have many Scouts but none to spare, maximum speed limit on all camp roads is 5 M.P.H. Please do not park on lawns.*

DRINKING WATER-Potable water is available at three locations throughout camp: outside Totem Lodge, outside Foster Hall, and outside the Science Center. You may fill your clean water containers at these locations. **Do not fill individual drinking containers (ie. Nalgene's) at these shared water sources.** Do not clean your dirty dishes at these water fill stations. Units are encouraged to carefully inspect cooking and water storage containers prior to arriving at camp. A chlorine sanitizer should always be used before and after each use of cooking equipment. Clean water is useless and dangerous in a dirty container.

HANDWASHING - Water is not turned on in the campsites, **please bring supplies to set-up a handwashing station at the sink of the latrine** (ie. collapsible water jug, hand soap & hand sanitizer).

TRASH-No Receptacles are Provided at Campsites Units may place their trash bags in the **compactor** behind Foster Hall upon their departure from camp.

Feminine Hygiene Products – DO NOT put in latrines nor flush down toilets. Proper disposal is the responsibility of the Unit. If you have females in your group, please bring a disposal container to keep in your campsite latrine stalls. (ie. plastic snack barrel with screw-top lid & plastic bag liner)

INJURIES AND ILLNESSES-Report all injuries to the Campmasters as soon as possible. If the emergency requires hospitalization or emergency medical treatment, call 911 then the Campmasters. Your unit is responsible for transportation and any costs incurred.

CAMPFIRES & COOKING FIRES-Check with the Campmasters regarding current fire conditions. Use of one fire ring for cooking and one for campfire is permitted if conditions permit. Units are reminded to use low impact camping practices. **Due to insect infestation issues, bringing firewood on to camp property is prohibited by state regulation.** Please gather dead wood

from around camp for your unit's fire needs.

APPROVED HEAT SOURCES-The only approved heat source in a cabin is the heat source installed in the building. The use of electric heaters, propane heaters, kerosene heaters, camp stoves or hair dryers is prohibited.

THE TOHICKON CREEK-This area of our property makes for great hiking, fishing and exploring. Due to changing water conditions adult supervision is required in this area. Crossing the creek onto private property is not permitted.

GREAT BUCK LAKE-Our lake is always open. Check with the Campmasters for ice skating conditions. Ice Skating on Great Buck Lake is at your own risk! Fishing is permitted on a catch and release basis. Pennsylvania fishing laws do apply to our lake. Do not take or kill the grass carp in the lake, they control the algae.

INDOOR FIRE PROTECTION-Smoke detectors are installed in all of our buildings for your protection. It is a violation of local fire codes to tamper in any way with the smoke detectors. Units may be fined and lose camping privileges if they violate the fire code.

B.S.A. TOBACCO POLICY-There is no smoking allowed in buildings nor on the porches of buildings. No tobacco use is permitted around children. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SERVICE PROJECTS-Conservation and maintenance projects for the benefit of our camp are always available. See the Campmasters for details.

PROHIBITED AT OCKANICKON-The following items are simply not tolerated on our property: alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, fireworks, firearms (other than those that are part of an approved shooting activity). Your cooperation is appreciated.

REFUNDS-Weekend reservation fees are due with the camping application, and they are *non-refundable and non-transferable*.

For more information about Weekend or Summer camping at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, please contact us at (215) 348-7205

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