

**Washington Crossing Council
2023 Spring Cub-a-rama
Under The Stars
APOLLO
April 1st-2nd 2023
Leaders' Guide**

Summary

This Spring Cub-a-rama is a Council-wide Cub Scout overnight camping event supported by all four districts of the Washington Crossing Council. It is NASA-themed. The attending Cub Scouts are going to participate in various stations and activities that will challenge them by using their Scout (and other) skills. S.T.E.M. activities will be heavily incorporated. Due to limited parking at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, we strongly encourage all packs to carpool as much as possible.

Registration and Contact Information

WCC Registration Site: <https://bsawcc.org/event/cubs-under-the-stars/>
Cub-a-rama Coordinator: Bwax94@gmail.com

Fees, Refund and Returned Check Policy

The fee schedule for all attendees is: \$15 per Adult; \$15 per Cub Scout.

This event will abide by the WCC refund policy. Please refer to [the registration site](#) to review this policy.

Youth Protection Policy

All registered adult leaders must be current in their Youth Protection Training (YPT). Any violation of BSA policy or YPT will result in immediate action by local authorities and/or Washington Crossing Council. It is highly recommended that all adults complete Youth Protection training, but not currently required. Starting 9/1/2023, YPT will be required for all adults camping overnight.

Cub-a-rama Mission Control

The location for Cub-a-rama mission control will be in Palmer A.

Cub-a-rama Preparation

The Cub-a-rama will be held unless the weather is considered dangerous, as identified by the BSA hazardous weather training. In other words, it is a rain or shine event. Scouts and Scouters should be prepared for the challenges that April weather can present. All activities will be outdoors except for activities located in the Science Center. Participating scouts should have their "Scouting essentials" with them.

Participant Items ("Scouting Essentials")

- Rain gear (per scout)
- Trail food or snacks (per scout)
- Flashlight (per scout)
- Extra clothing (specifically dry socks)
- First-aid kit (one per scout and one per patrol/Pack)
- Sun protection (SPF30 minimum is recommended)
- Compass (one per patrol, a map of OSR will be provided if needed)
- Water bottle (at least one per scout, refilling locations are located several places at OSR)

Attendance

This event is intended for Cub Scouts who are currently registered with the BSA. This is not a family camping event so non-Scout siblings are not permitted.

Location

Ockanickon Scout Reservation
5787 State Park Road
Pipersville, PA 18947
<https://goo.gl/maps/DG6f5L1MHCFbuqsZ6>

Parking and Vehicles

Limited Parking and Carpooling: Space is limited for parking so everyone is asked to carpool as much as possible. All vehicles will be parked in the main parking area or overflow parking. There is a Vehicle ID that should be placed in the dashboard of every vehicle parked at camp. (Refer to the additional forms section of this guide.)

Gear Drop-Off and Pick-up: We can allow cars to drop off and pick-up gear at camp sites, but ONLY on Saturday 7:30AM - 8:30AM and on Sunday beginning at 7:00AM. Each site will have a pass, and only one vehicle will be allowed in camp per site at a time. Cub-a-rama staff will be on-site to open the gate.

Trailers: If a Cub Pack has a trailer, it may be dropped off in your campsite and left overnight as long as the towing vehicle remains in the parking lot. See “Gear Drop-Off and Pick-up” for times and procedures. The same rules apply.

PLEASE pack as much as you can into a single vehicle to reduce camp traffic.

The speed limit in camp is 5 MILES PER HOUR, no exceptions.

Food and Camping Gear

Meals: Please bring everything necessary to provide meals for your Pack or youth, this includes food for lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Tents and Camping Equipment: Each family must provide their own tent and all equipment needed for an overnight camp out.

Medical Forms for All Participants (Adults and Youth)

Unit leaders should have on hand current BSA Annual Health and Medical Records (Parts A and B) for all youth and adults.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Check-In Procedures and Rosters

Pack check-in will begin at 7:00am and be performed at Manny Marks Pavilion, next to the parking lot in front of Buck Lake. The Cubmaster or pack event coordinator will provide the Pack’s final attendee roster and vehicle list. The roster should be submitted via the online registration system. The attendee roster is Part 2 of the registration process. **Each Pack must provide an accurate list of every person in camp.** Due to limited parking, we are asking that each car display a “Vehicle ID” on their dashboard (see attached forms).

The Pack should have BSA annual medical health records (parts A and B) for each person attending from their Pack. It is the pack’s responsibility to keep these health forms. After check-in, Cub-a-rama headquarters will be located at Palmer A. Headquarters should always be

occupied by Cub-a-rama staff (unless otherwise is necessarily unavoidable), or appropriate contact information will be clearly posted.

“Sick Bay” will be located at Mission Control (Palmer A). A medical officer will be present for emergencies. Contact information will be provided at check-in. Packs and Scouts are encouraged to handle minor injuries using personal and Pack first-aid kits. Major injuries should be directed to the medical officer. Life-threatening injuries should be handled by calling 911 AND contacting the medical officer and Cub-a-rama Staff! All packs should have copies of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B for all adults and youth.

Campsites

Prior to arrival at camp, the Cub-a-rama coordinator will inform packs of their assigned campsite.

Packs will be camping in established wooded campsites. The campsites are large enough to accommodate dining flies and shelters. Each campsite should be identified with a Pack banner, sign, flag, or gateway. Propane is allowed. No liquid fuel allowed. Based on Pack size, camp and other factors, campsites may be shared with other Packs. Contact the Cub-a-rama coordinator at Bwax94@gmail.com if specific packs should be placed together.

Some campsites have access to electrical power, but not all. If you have a MEDICAL need for power, (e.g., for CPAP), please make that known well before the Cub-a-rama. This can be indicated in the online registration system in the special needs section that is accessed when entering individuals on the unit roster. You can also contact the event coordinator at Bwax94@gmail.com. Changes to site assignments will not be possible at check-in. Durable extension cords of sufficient length (100' or shorter) are the Pack's responsibility to provide.

Use of Cabins and Other Buildings

The Cub-a-rama event does not make use of any cabins or other buildings; however, some campsites have lean-tos which can be used.

ACCESS TO THE POOL AREA, CLIMBING TOWER, ANY OTHER BUILDINGS OR PROGRAM AREAS AT OSR, LOCKED OR OTHERWISE, IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN.

Water

Hydration is essential. Encourage all attendees to bring water bottles and drink from them all day long. Water is available at the Science Center, behind the dining hall, and next to Totem Lodge.

Sanitation and Accommodations

Garbage: Secure all food and garbage in or around your campsite. Please make sure you bring trash bags. There are no trash receptacles at the campsites.

Trash Disposal: Before the end of the event, packs should bring all trash and place it inside the trash compactor located behind Foster Hall (dining hall).

Restroom Facilities: All campsites have a camp latrine and attendees are encouraged to use them, however, the Welcome Center will be open. Each camp latrine will be inspected before packs arrive and during check-out. Any inappropriate items discarded in the latrines will be extricated by the attending pack, not Cub-a-rama staff. Please implore your pack members to not dispose of any inappropriate items!

Toilet Tissue: Toilet paper will be provided, however, we recommended that each pack provide their own as well. If additional toilet paper is needed in a latrine or the Welcome Center, please let staff at Mission Control (Palmer A) know ASAP.

Uniform

Cub Scouts attend camping trips to have fun and get dirty. As such, this event is not requiring field uniforms (also known as Class A uniforms). Pack t-shirts (also known as activity uniforms or Class B uniforms) and/or other weather-appropriate attire are recommended. There will be an optional Interfaith Service on Sunday morning. Traditionally, field uniforms (Class A) are worn at such services but the uniform is not required.

Adult leaders are encouraged to wear their field uniforms (Class A) so they can be easily identified.

Prohibited Items

The following items are strictly prohibited: real or toy firearms, slingshots, BB guns, bows and arrows, "paintball" or air-soft guns, crossbows, real or toy throwing or stabbing weapons or items which could be used as such, explosives, sheath or fixed-blade knives, fireworks, model Rockets outside of the program area, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, hazardous materials, tasers, recreational drugs (legal or otherwise), etc. This is not an exhaustive list. An item is not allowed simply due to its absence from this list. If you need to ask if an item is allowed, it probably isn't.

Whittling Chip for Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts may not have knives at camp without a valid Whittling Chip. Adults can and are expected to intervene when observing unsafe use of a pocket knife.

Smoking Policy

The use of tobacco products, cigarettes, cigars, vapes, chewing tobacco, etc. are permitted for adults only (21 years old and older) in designated areas only. Those areas are at specially marked fenced-in areas at Foster Hall, and Totem Lodge. Use of tobacco products is NOT PERMITTED anywhere else on OSR camp property.

Guide to Safe Scouting

The latest version of the BSA *Guide to Safe Scouting* can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>.

Encouraged Items

Scouts and attendees are encouraged to bring smartphones. We want attendees to tell their friends and families the fun they have at Scout events. However, these items are prohibited from being used for illegal or unauthorized activities, e.g. smartphones are not permitted in latrines or anywhere privacy is expected.

Campfires

Conditions permitting, Pack campfires are allowed in established fire rings. All appropriate precautions must be followed. Fire buckets, rakes and/or shovels, must be fire-ring adjacent, and must be supervised by qualified adult supervision. The proper extinguishing of any fire will be confirmed at check-out. Please never leave any campfire unattended and fires need to be dead-out (cool to the touch) before you go to sleep at night.

Campfire Program

As is customary, Saturday night will conclude with a campfire program. Each pack or den is encouraged and expected to perform a song, skit, or cheer. <https://www.boyscouttrail.com> is a good resource. Please remember to keep it scout-appropriate. All songs, skits, and cheers must be approved by camp staff.

Planned Schedule

(Subject to change; update available at check-in)

Saturday

7:00am Arrival

7:30-8:30 Gear drop off in campsites / campsite setup

8:30am Packs assemble (Grand Parade Field)

9:00am Opening and Announcements

9:30am - 12:30pm Stations are open

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch, stations are closed/ Campsite setup

1:30pm - 5:30pm Stations are open

5:30pm Stations close

5:30pm - 6:50pm Dinner

7:00pm Campfire Program (Campfire Circle)

10pm All-quiet in camp, attendees in campsites

11:00pm Lights Out

Sunday

7:00am Reveille and breakfast

9:00am Interfaith Worship service (optional)

8:30am - 11:00am Campsite Inspections and Check-out

Check-out

Units may stay no later than 11:00am on Sunday. All campsites will be inspected prior to check-out. Each unit must send a representative to Mission Control (Palmer A) when they are ready for inspection. Once inspected, units will be checked-out and given their patches. There is no closing ceremony on Sunday morning.

Have a Safe Trip Home!

Additional Forms

Vehicle ID Form: The following pages include additional forms that participants must use for parking. Each vehicle must have the “Vehicle ID” form completed and on display on the dashboard of the vehicle.

Vehicle Roster: The unit leader is responsible for submitting a complete vehicle roster at check-in.

VEHICLE ID Leave this visible on your windshield

Name: _____

Pack # _____ Cell #: _____

VEHICLE ROSTER

Pack: _____

Driver's Name	Make	Model	License Plate