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Cohort Camping Guide
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Welcome and What Are We Doing Here?

**Welcome to camp!** We are so glad you are planning to spend some quality time enjoying our amazing camps! In this very unusual time, we have done our best to provide Scouts in our Cascade Pacific Council time in the outdoors to be refreshed safely. You’ll have more elbow room, a covered dining area, and an outhouse designated for your cohort. Enjoy your stay as you hike, learn Scout skills, and explore camp.

**It is crucial you know and prepare your Scouts for HOW “cohort camping” works.** Our ability to offer camping at all for now depends on our members sustaining physical distancing to, from, and while at camp. It is tricky and much more restricted than normal Scout camping. State and county restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, strictly limit how we camp.
What does “Cohort Camping” look like?

| **Cohort** | Pre-arranged groups of 10 people OR up to 10 scouts and 2 or 3 adults. These groups stay the same AND remain physically distant from each other AND other camping groups throughout their entire stay. 10 youth is a strict state limit. If you have 11 you have 2 cohorts. |
| **Campsites** | **Each cohort functions independently** (their own gear, leadership, travel arrangements, campsite). Cohorts from the same pack or troop cannot visit, share gear or campsites, or do activities together. Cohorts from the same pack or troop will be assigned away from each other to help with this. |
| **Travel to and from camp** | Cohorts must caravan to arrive simultaneously for check-in, remain in vehicles on arrival until all cohort members are present (plan for this), AND be transported individually. Only those in the same household may ride in the same vehicle. |
| **Pre and Post Screening** | Cohort leaders are responsible for collecting prescreening information within 24 hours of arrival at camp and reporting it to the camp for all cohort members using this form before leaving for camp. It will be confirmed on arrival at check in. |
| **Self-Guided Cohort Activities** | No areas are staffed. Program areas, including shooting ranges and waterfront are not available for use. Activities are self-guided and contained to those in your cohort. While camp gear is not available and our program areas are closed, there is still plenty to do! You can work on advancement or Scout skills, just relax, or plan to head out of camp for an afternoon or day. |
| **Adult supervision** | Must match Youth Protection guidelines and the ability of Scouts and youth to follow all guidelines |
| **Food** | Time for your Scouting cohort Iron Chef cookoff! You bring all your food and cooking gear. |

If you have questions, please contact the Cascade Pacific Council Camping Department at 503-225-5759 or info@cpcbsa.org
COVID-19 “At-Risk” Camp Participant Statement

Your safety along with the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Cascade Pacific Council’s top priority. In light of COVID-19, we are taking additional precautions at camp on top of our long-established health and safety measures.

These precautions are important, but they do not remove the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. By choosing to camp with us, you acknowledge these risks and your unique set of circumstances in deciding whether to attend camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make those choices.

To prepare for cohort camping this summer, our council Health and Safety Task Force made up of physicians, Scouting volunteers and professionals has been coordinating with state and local health departments to ensure we are aware of and follow their guidance to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 at camp.

Some people with COVID-19 show no signs or symptoms of illness but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. These factors mean that an infected person may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, you must present written approval from your health care provider on arrival at camp.

Our mitigation plan includes:

● Pre-attendance communication
● Completing our online pre-screening form with your cohort prior to travel to camp. These are confirmed on your arrival at camp. Note: Should anyone in a registered cohort or a staff member not pass the arrival screening, they or the staff member will not be allowed to enter camp.
● Hygiene reminders/ample signage throughout camp.
● Hand washing/sanitizer stations throughout camp.
● Trained staff to regularly clean/disinfect high-touch surfaces, common areas, and equipment.
● An emergency response plan that includes isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.
● Check-ins with cohort leadership after leaving camp to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

Beyond all these steps, our ability to offer camping at all this summer is based on the ability of our members to sustain physical distancing while at camp.

Thank you for working with us to keep all our campers safe this summer,

Your Cascade Pacific Council Camping Team
Check In/Out: What to Expect

- **Cohort check in** is at an assigned time between 4-7 PM on your first day. It is important to caravan and arrive together since the whole cohort must remain in their vehicles and be present before checking in. Follow the “Check In” signs for your camp. When you park, remain in your vehicle.
- Our Camp Hosts will greet you in your car. Parents who are driving but not staying may not travel beyond the parking lot, even on foot. Registered guests only
- Please wear your face coverings at check in.
- Our hosts will need this information on your arrival before heading to your campsite:
  - Completed Pre-screening for each cohort member (do this online on the day of your arrival - required for contact tracing)
  - Confirmation that no one arriving at camp has COVID-19 symptoms
  - BSA medical form parts A and B for each cohort member (you keep these)
  - Doctor’s note for anyone in your group with COVID-19 risk factors confirming they are safe to attend.
  - Affirming that your group consists of those listed on your reservation (contact tracing requirement)
- At most camps you can park ONE car (not trailer) at or near your campsite in an area marked for you. You will still have to walk your gear in a little way as our camps weren’t designed as car camps. Have Scouts pack to hike their own gear into camp. Other vehicles remain in the parking lot.
- **Check out** is outside the Camp Office by 4 PM on your last day. It is important that you take your trash with you (State rule), and check your site so it is ready for the next campers. Don’t forget to check with our Camp Hosts for any Lost and Found items, which will be held at the Scout Office for 45 days before being donated.

Facilities/Amenities

Your dining area, washstand, outhouse, and sleeping space will have been disinfected prior to your arrival. **Please do not use or go into any sleeping spaces or other facilities not assigned to your cohort as they are being rotated for use by others.**

Campsites assignments may change on your arrival due to construction and work projects around camp.

**Your Campsite -**

**Sleeping Space:** Individual Scouts must sleep in their own tent, mini-dack or adirondack (if available) unless housed with members of the same household. Youth Protection standards must be followed
More about your campsite:

For your stay you’ll be assigned a campsite that includes:
- covered dining shelter
- picnic table
- water source
- handwashing sink
- trash receptacle (plan to pack your garbage)
- fire ring
- Please bring reusable water bottles and do not use camp drinking fountains.
- A nearby outhouse will be assigned for your cohort.
- Showers are not available for cohort camping.
- Some trails may be designated as one-way only to preserve physical distancing requirements.
- CPAP machines - bring your own battery pack / inverter; staff can guide you to recharging locations.

Weather - Oregon weather can vary greatly. It can be quite cold at night. It will occasionally rain, sometimes quite a bit! Be Prepared: check the weather report and bring sunscreen, raingear, sweatshirts, jackets, and other needed gear.

Clean Up
Our volunteer staff will sanitize common areas such as outhouses and handwashing sinks. We ask that your cohort leaves your campsite as you found it, sweeping out your shelter, wiping your table, and doing a litter sweep to make sure food, trash, and recycling is brought home with you.

Fires
If fires are allowed, use dead, downed limbs for fires.
Camp Rules and Safety

- **Quiet Hours** - 10 PM to 7 AM
- **Only registered guests are allowed in camp, even on foot, even if “just for a minute.”**
- **Prohibited Items**: Pets (including emotional support animals), Tobacco products, e-cigs, vape pens, alcohol, drug use (including marijuana), Fireworks, Firearms/Archery gear, chainsaws.
- **Off-limit Areas** - swimming, boating, camp buildings and storage, construction areas, sleeping spaces, showers, and outhouses not assigned to your cohort.
- **Phones** - Cell service is poor at most places in our camps, which makes camp a perfect place to unplug from our screens for a while. Our camp office has a phone for emergency use. Ask your Camp Hosts if there are any special cell hot-spots near camp.
- **Medical Emergencies** - Please bring your own cohort first-aid kit for minor injuries. Emergency numbers are posted at the camp office. Our camps have emergency supplies and thorough procedures. Contact the Camp Hosts/office to access.
- **Stay on Established Trails**
- **Leave the plants, trees, and wildlife alone**: We are guests in their home. This includes all forms of feeding, chasing, and trapping of animals (Exception: trout fishing). Only use already downed or split wood for firewood (if fires are allowed).
- **Do Not Deface, Destroy, or Purposefully Damage Camp or Other's Property**
- **Vehicles** - Speed on camp roads is 5 mph. Seat belts are required for all occupants. Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab. RV’s, Trailers, ATV’s are not allowed in camp

Prepare Your Cohort

The largest challenge and threat to Cohort Camping is leaders and youth who do not know or ignore these strict safety standards.

Without these guidelines, we lose the ability to trace and isolate outbreaks, and potentially, the ability to offer these camping experiences at all.

Besides this guide, our National office has an excellent checklist to prepare called “Restarting Scouting”
Camp Maps: Camp Cooper
Camp Cooper: Driving Directions

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP COOPER

Camp Cooper is located 17 miles North of Willamina Oregon, starting from the three-way junction by the grocery store. Most of the trip is paved, save for the last 1/2 mile into camp. The first 11.2 miles are two-lane, and the last 6 miles are single lane. They are heavily used, so keep you eyes open!

Drive north from Willamina past the Hampton Mill. Stay on Willamina Creek Road for 6 miles, turn left at 'Cooper' sign to Coast Creek Road.

Stay on Coast Creek Road (it will turn into Gilbert Creek Road and you will start gaining elevation) for 5.2 miles. At the three-way intersection, follow the 'Cooper' sign to the right onto Bald Mountain Road.

Stay on Bald Mountain Road for 6 miles. The 'Cooper' sign will be on the right, and will point you to the left down a gravel road.

Stay on the gravel road for 1/2 mile, keeping to the left; you will find yourself in the lower parking lot. Welcome to Camp!
Butte Creek: Camp Map
Butte Creek: Driving Directions

Map showing driving directions to Butte Creek / Gilbert Ranch.
EMERGENCIES IN CAMP
If you hear a siren, please gather your group and report immediately to the camp office. Making sure everyone is accounted for is a crucial piece of working through many camp emergencies. Do not leave camp before instructed by or before informing our trained staff.

If possible, bring your car keys and your medical forms when reporting to an emergency meeting spot. If you arrive without them, do not leave to get them unless instructed to by camp management.
- Stay Calm. Dramatic responses add confusion and distraction to a difficult situation.
- Never place yourself in a dangerous position.
- Should you discover an emergency, stay on the scene, render aid as you are able, and send word to the Camp Host or Camp Ranger.
- All accidents and injuries must be reported immediately to the Camp Hosts.

NATURAL DISASTERS:
If there is an earthquake or other natural disaster, take shelter and remain where you are until it is over. When it is safe to do so, gather your cohort members in a safe place and try to remain calm. Do not attempt to relocate unless your location is unsafe. For earthquakes at our coastal camps, as soon as the shaking stops, move inland and uphill toward the parking area.

FIRE
Move your cohort away from the fire area, leaving any threatened belongings. Report location, size, source of the fire, and wind direction/strength of out of control fires to the Camp Hosts promptly.

LIGHTNING
If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. Move to a safe shelter like your vehicle or an enclosed building. Stay in a safe shelter well after you hear the last sound of thunder.

If you are caught outside with no safe shelter nearby the following actions may reduce your risk:
- Get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
- Get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks.
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)
- Never lie flat on the ground, shelter under an isolated tree, or use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.

SERIOUS INJURY
In the event of a serious injury, the following procedures occur in this order.
- Stabilize the victim.
- Notify EMS via Camp Host (in person or via relay).
- If needed, treat for shock.
- Check on the wellbeing of each witness.

MISSING PERSON
Missing people at camp are usually found quickly. Using the buddy system, providing accurate rosters, and ensuring your children are within clear view and earshot at all times help prevent people going missing. While exploring our camps, conduct regular buddy checks to keep your group together.

If someone goes missing at camp:
- Check likely areas (sleeping area, showerhouse, outhouse, campsite)
- Ask others if they know the person’s whereabouts and when they were last seen
- Notify Camp Host
Construction Areas

Some campsites and areas of camp may be closed to facilitate some big improvements to our camps, for safety, and to distance families from noise and dust. We are including some of the main projects from each camp, because we think you may be excited to hear how your camps are improving thanks to generous donors and property sales.

Baldwin: A new showerhouse is being built in the central part of camp, with a second one being added soon. New washstands, flushing outhouses, picnic tables, and mini-dacs are also being added.

Meriwether and Camp Clark: Two renovated showerhouses were completed this summer. New lodging is being added just inland from the Dining Hall area. An Ecology Center is being built at one end of the lake. Repairs to existing campsites continue. New washstands, flushing outhouses are complete. Camp Clark mini-dacs are having bunks installed and are being painted.

Pioneer: New washstands, flushing outhouses, and picnic tables are being added. We are also renovating our waterfront area, and adding new fishing docks. A renovated showerhouse is also in the works.

Butte Creek Scout Ranch: Flushing outhouses with sinks and a fully renovated showerhouse are nearly complete as summer starts. A new water system came on line in the last year or two. The main dining hall is also being deeply repaired.

Cooper: A major overhaul of the water system was completed this year. Adirondack campsites are being added.
Our Camps

Many of our camp properties and facilities are available for rental and use by Scout units and guest groups, with priority and reduced pricing given to Scouting units and organizations that charter Scout units in Cascade Pacific Council.

Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark:
Awaken each morning to the roar of the Pacific Ocean. Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark are beautiful camps with expansive views of the ocean and secluded beaches. At low tide, diverse tidepools can be explored where Camp Lookout meets the ocean. Breathe in fresh, cool ocean air. Absorb the sounds of wildlife and the ocean all throughout camp during your memorable Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark adventures. Started in 1926, the 795 acre Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark Scout Reservation is on the Oregon Coast at the base of Cape Lookout, twenty miles south of Tillamook.

Camp Pioneer:
Camp Pioneer is a true mountain camp, offering a combination of rustic, traditional scout camp experiences with a modern twist. Perched at an elevation of 4,526 ft. and located along the edge of the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area, we are proud to be the “Jewel of the Cascades.” As you enter camp, the iconic view of Mt. Jefferson reflected in the waters of Pine Ridge Lake will take your breath away. At Pioneer, you can discover that the opportunities for outdoor exploration are endless – as are the activities our top-quality staff offers for those wishing to remain in camp. Camp Pioneer offers a world-class backpacking and hiking program in the heart of Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area. Take part in hikes, climbs and caving activities. In the center of camp, Pine Ridge Lake offers great fishing along with canoeing, rowing, swimming, and paddle-boarding. Fine tune your Scoutcraft skills like pioneering, cooking, archery and shooting. Pioneer was founded in 1936 by local Oregon Scouts and carries a tradition of being built “by Scouts, for Scouts.”
Camp Baldwin: Breathe pine-perfumed air, explore the forest, and take in views of mountain peaks and eastern valleys. Camp Baldwin is the council's premier horse and high adventure camp. Nestled high in the eastern foothills of the Mount Hood National Forest seventeen miles west of Dufur Oregon, Camp Baldwin sits in a pine forest at 3,400 feet. In the middle of the 640 acre property is the 6 acre Lake Hanel filled with trout and crawdads. Horsemanship is central to the camp's program. For older Scouts, the camp has a natural rock face climbing program, day-long whitewater rafting and windsurfing trips, mountain biking, mountain boarding, and an advanced CL wrangler program. Our staff welcomes you to discover the Baldwin Spirit at the “Pride of the Cascade Pacific Council.”

Butte Creek Scout Ranch: Welcome to the wild, wild west!. Butte Creek is the year-round home to the largest horse herd in any council scout camp. The moment each Cub Scout steps onto Main Street and lays eyes on the old frontier town of Butte Creek, he or she will find it easy to imagine themselves as part of the wild west. Butte Creek has a western town Main Street, and a western theme that runs through all we do. Join us for day use, picnics, fishing, or our famous weekend horse rides!

Camp Cooper: In the rainforest at the peak of Oregon's Coast Range, Camp Cooper features lush plant and animal life, and a 90 foot waterfall on the property. Two new adirondack campsites and covered dining shelters make the rainy season easier. The camp dining hall and spacious deck are great for troop or pack gatherings and training. Hike or bike the trails and logging roads throughout the area. Peek over one side of the hill to overlook the Willamette Valley, and the other to access coastal rivers and streams.
Camp4All: Give Every Scout an Unparallelled Outdoor Experience

100% of proceeds from our Camp4All campaign go to getting Scouts to camp and giving them an unparalleled experience at our nationally-recognized camp properties.

Designate your donation to fund outdoor education opportunities; such as camp attendance scholarships for youth and camp staff scholarships, provide program supplies and equipment, maintain camp facilities, and provide critical camp staff training!

Why designate your gift? Because Outdoor Experiences are Life-Changing
CPC offers some of the most impressive camp properties nationwide in the Boy Scouts of America.

1. Camp4All support from the community ensures:
2. Life-changing experiences. More youth will unplug, experience incredible personal growth and maintain a life-long appreciation for the outdoors.
3. More scholarships so that every Scout can camp.
4. Exceptional programs. CPC will invest in even more innovative experiences and quality programs.
5. Superior properties. CPC will continue to promise access to well-maintained, safe and clean properties.
6. Retention & advancement. Youth will remain in Scouting and deepen their personal growth learning because of summer camp.

Camp4All Community Giving

There are a multitude of ways you can make an impact for generations through community giving. Here’s how:

General Fund: Support local Scouting strategic initiatives! Community donors: When making your donation don’t forget to use the drop-down to designate your district.

Matching Gifts: Supercharge your gift! Your company may match your charitable donation.
Planned Giving: Put your assets to work for generations with our tax-efficient charitable strategies.

To learn how to donate, please visit:
https://cpcbsa.org/donate/camp4all/