Family Adventure Guide
Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark
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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 with your family exploring our amazing camps! In this very unusual time, we have done our best to provide Scouting families in our Cascade Pacific Council time in the outdoors to be refreshed safely. We have never been able to offer a summer of such open access to explore and enjoy our camps for our whole Scouting family! Enjoy your stay as you hike, bike, play games, and explore camp.

While there won't be any program equipment available, there is plenty to do. You can plan family activities or plan to head out of camp for an afternoon or entire day to one of the many local attractions. This is a family event; a welcome, two night, three day getaway!

That said, due to state and county restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are still limited in the types of activity we can offer. For example:

- **Our ability to offer camping at all this summer is based on the ability of our members to sustain social distancing while at camp.**
- **Bring your own food** and cooking gear as we are not allowed to offer food service. Time for your family Iron Chef cookoff!
- **All activities on our properties are for single households only.** This means it is NOT an opportunity to get to know the family in the next campsite, for the kids to bring friends, for extended family to come to camp together, or for families from the same pack or troop to camp nearby.
- **Program activities are self-guided.** This guide has lots of ideas, and you'll have some of your own.

As a members-only activity, your family should have a more peaceful and pleasant experience than you might have at a public campground, not to mention much more elbow-room, a covered dining area, and a designated shower and outhouse. We encourage you to take advantage of this unusual summer to try camping with your family at Camp Clark, Camp Meriwether, Camp Baldwin, and Camp Pioneer. Each one is a special place worth exploring!

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

Your family’s 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 family 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, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending camp.

Our mitigation plan includes:
- Pre-attendance communication
- Completing our pre-screening form with your family prior to travel to camp. These are confirmed on your arrival at camp through our pre-screening form. Note: Should anyone in a registered family or a staff member not pass the arrival screening, the family or 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 families 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 social distancing while at camp.

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

Your Cascade Pacific Council Camping Team
Things To Do:
Self-Guided Hikes and Nearby Activities

Besides the beautiful, natural campsite setting, here are a few activities to enjoy as a family during your stay:

1. Hiking - Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark features opportunities to hike right from camp.
   a. Beach hiking
   b. Cape Lookout
   c. Tidepools at the base of Cape Lookout at low tide.
2. Biking - is allowed with helmets on camp roads. Please be wary when riding on camp roads - look out for service/construction vehicles.
3. Lakeside - while Camp Meriwether’s lake is closed to swimming and boating this summer, it is a great place to watch nature from the shore.
4. Solitary places - for meditation, reading, and finding peace and quiet. At Meriwether and Camp Clark, these include:
   a. Around your campfire at night
   b. The campfire bowl or chapel
   c. The beach
5. Stargazing - camp stars are the best stars!
6. Campsite games - bring your own chess board, puzzles, and other family activities.
7. Family Campfire -
   a. Please keep fires in designated campsite fire rings, and make sure it is “dead out” before going to bed.
   b. S’more or cobbler kits may be available for purchase from the camp store.
   c. Firewood can be claimed from dead wood already on the ground, and quality seasoned firewood is available for purchase at the “Firewood Shack”
8. Activities on the beach:
   a. At low tide, build a fire on the beach. Don’t forget your hot dogs or s’mores. Just make sure it is completely out. People sometimes find buried fires days later, and just last summer an escaped fire nearly claimed this beautiful camp.
   b. Take a hike to the tide pools at low tide.
   c. Bioluminescent Night Hike - take a walk on the sand close to the ocean and you may see luminescent streaks where your feet drag, especially closer to the cape. This happens in the dark of the night. It could be a late night!
   d. Fly a kite
   e. Build a sand castle!
   f. Play in the streams, but stay out of the ocean. Rip currents are a danger here. If you would like to play in the ocean, nearby Pacific City is a better option.

If you have questions, please contact our Camp Hosts. We hope you enjoy your stay here at Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark. You can find our hosts around camp at the Camp Store during open hours, or at the main Camp Meriwether office from 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM.
Check In/Out: What to Expect

- **Check in** is between 4-7 PM on your first day at the Camp Meriwether or Camp Clark office, depending on where you are staying. Follow the “Check In” signs for your camp. When you park, remain in your vehicle.
- Our Camp Hosts will greet you in your car just outside the camp office.
- 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 forms for each family member (we keep these)
  - Confirmation that no one arriving at camp has COVID-19 symptoms
  - BSA [medical form](#) parts A and B for each family 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 only one household and those listed on your reservation (contact tracing requirement)
- At most campsites at Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark, you can park your car 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
- **Check out** is at the Camp Office by 4 PM on your last day. It is important that you leave your trash in the designated location, 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, shower area, and sleeping space will have been disinfected prior to your arrival. Please do not use any sleeping spaces or other facilities not assigned to your family as they are being rotated for use by others.

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

**Your Campsite** - For your stay you’ll be assigned a campsite that includes:
- covered dining shelter
- picnic table
- water source
- handwashing sink
- trash receptacle
- fire ring
- sleeping shelter if requested (adirondack or mini-dacks)
Please bring reusable water bottles and do not use camp drinking fountains.

A nearby outhouse will be assigned for your family, as will a shower stall (and designated times if necessary).

Some trails may be designated as one-way only to preserve social distancing requirements.

CPAP machines - bring your own battery pack / inverter; staff can guide you to recharging locations.

Weather - Oregon Coast weather can vary greatly, even in the summer. Temperatures average around 70 degrees during the day and 50 degrees at night. It will occasionally rain, sometimes quite a bit! Be Prepared with raingear, sweatshirts, jackets, and other needed gear.

Clean Up
Our experienced staff will clean common areas such as showers, outhouses, and handwashing sinks. We ask that your family leaves your campsite as you found it, sweeping out your shelter, wiping your table, and doing a litter sweep to make sure food and any trash is placed in the garbage can, with the garbage can and recycling brought to the road.

Camp Store
Seasoned, dry, firewood will be for sale in a central location. You will see a building that will have the bundles of wood on the outside. Payment is on the honor system. Just slip the money in the drop box on the side of the building. No cash? Catch us at the Camp Store.

You will be able to purchase your Camp Meriwether and Camp Clark swag at a small camp store. When you check in you will have the opportunity to pre-order items and have them delivered to your site. Hours will also be posted for shopping at the store service window.
Camp Maps: Camp Clark

Adventure Cove
at Camp Clark

1. Sandicraft
2. Campercraft
3. BB Range
4. Field Sports
5. Woodcraft
6. Archery
7. Cookery
8. Nature
Camp Maps: Driving Directions

Camp Meriwether
Camp Clark (Adventure Cove)
Cascade Pacific Council, BSA
17500 Cape Lookout Road
Cloverdale, OR 97112
GPS: 45° 19.036N / 123° 57.712W
Elevation: 100ft

SYMBOL KEY:
- Rest Stop
- Camp
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Water
- City Area
- Mileage

To Astoria
Tillamook to Astoria: 67 miles

To Portland
Tillamook to Portland: 73 miles

To Lincoln City
Tillamook to Lincoln City: 43 miles
Camp Rules and Safety

- **Quiet Hours** - 10 PM to 7 AM
- **Only registered guests are allowed in camp**
- **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.
- **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. At Meriwether and Clark, these are generally on or overlooking the beach.
- **Medical Emergencies** - Please bring your own family 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**
- **Refund Policy** - Payment due in full at time of reservation. A full refund may be granted only when requested at time of cancellation at least thirty days prior to the event. No refunds if cancellations are within thirty days of your reservation. Refunds are not made at camp.
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 family members in a safe place and try to remain calm. Do not attempt to relocate unless your location is unsafe.

FIRE
Move your family away from the fire area, leaving any threatened belongings. Report out of control fires to the Camp Hosts immediately. Reporting the location, size, source of the fire, and wind direction/strength will help with the response.

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 tent platforms, and mini-dacs are also being added.

**Meriwether and Camp Clark:** Two showerhouses are being renovated to come on line as summer starts. 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 will continue on a rotating basis. While many new washstands, flushing outhouses, and picnic tables are complete, more are being added, especially at Camp Clark. Camp Clark mini-dacs are having bunks installed.

**Pioneer:** New washstands, flushing outhouses, picnic tables, and tent platforms 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.
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: 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!
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/