Great Trail Council Cub Scout Camping Guidelines

1. **Council/District-Sponsored Cub Scout Camping Events** which include -
   - District Day Camp
   - Council/District Cub/Parent Overnighters
   - Council Cub Resident Camping
   - Council Webelos Resident Camping
   - Council-approved District events
   - Council weekend cabin camping — in council camps only

2. **Unit-Organized Cub Scout Camping Events**

   Please note:
   - Failure to follow these specific guidelines may result in loss of BSA liability and accident insurance coverage during the event
   - The adult leader in charge of the event is responsible for the adherence of these guidelines
   - The Pack Committee should approve all camping activities conducted either by individual dens (Webelos/AOL only) or by the pack as a whole.

A. **Pack Tent Camping for Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, & Arrow of Light**

   1. Youth Protection Guidelines and Guide to Safe Scouting must be implemented throughout the program.
   2. Limited to 1 or 2 nights.
   3. Camping activities take place in council-owned or managed facilities or council-approved developed sites, such as national parks, state, county and city parks, or council-approved privately owned campgrounds. Great Trail Council Pack Campground Approval Form must be completed in advance by a BALOO-trained adult to approve such facilities when not camping on BSA Council properties.
   4. Submit appropriate Tour and Activity Plan for activities outside of Great Trail Council boundaries. No Tour and Activity Plan is necessary for Camp Manatoc or Camp Butler however, in all cases and under all circumstances, all Tour and Activity Plan guidelines must be followed.
   5. **Overnight camping by Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scout Dens as dens is not approved and certificates of liability insurance will not be provided by the Boy Scouts of America.**
   6. Tent camping is to be conducted in fair weather conditions only — where the temperature is consistently above freezing (32 degrees Fahrenheit) day and night — the fair weather camping season in Ohio is basically mid-April to mid-October.
   7. Cub Scout outdoor skill limitation recommends canceling the event if bad weather occurs rather than deal with severe weather.
   8. The recommended ratio of boys to parents/guardians is 1 to 1. The council will allow 3 youth to 1 adult, allowing 2 of the youth to be non-family members to the adult. Tiger Cubs must be 1 Tiger Cub to 1 adult in all activities.
   9. Adults giving leadership to a pack overnighter must complete **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Youth Protection and Hazardous Weather** training. One adult trained in all of these is required to be present at all times during the event at a minimum.
   10. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult.
   11. Parents or guardians are responsible for supervision of their children and Scout.
   12. Organized, age-appropriate activities should be planned for Scouts. In some cases, non-members (siblings) may participate if the event is structured accordingly to accommodate them.

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13. Permission slips are required, for all youth, including siblings even when the parents/guardians are attending the function — Cub Scout Leader Book has a permission form available for this use.

14. Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B are required for all campers.

15. Separate tents are required for male and female leaders — married couples may share a tent, no others.

16. When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or legal guardian.

17. Separate times for male and female use of outdoor pit toilet (latrine) facilities should be scheduled or posted, or “in use” signs and procedures should be practiced.

18. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training and policies must be followed at all times during any water related activities. Refer to the “Age Appropriate Guidelines to Scouting” document, in the Guide to Safe Scouting.

19. Archery and BB gun Activities are restricted to day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, council-managed family camping programs, or to council activities where there are properly-trained supervisors and all standards for BSA shooting sports are enforced. Archery and BB gun shooting are not to be done solely at the pack level, unless it takes place on GTC owned property.

*B Camps Manatoc and Butler are closed to weekend unit camping from June 1 through Labor Day

B. Pack Cabin Camping

In addition to guidelines in Section A., all the following points apply -

1. There are no temperature limitations when cabin camping—temperature limitations only apply for tent camping.

2. Cabin camping privacy is required as stated in Youth Protection Guidelines as well as these specific to Manatoc Scout Reservation guidelines:
   ► Male and female adults require completely separate sleeping facilities, separated by a permanent wall and door;
   ► The following facilities have separate sleeping quarters within the building: Atwater Lodge, W. D. Boyce Lodge, Training Lodge, Young Explorer Lodge, Trading Post and Eagle Lodge
   ► Other facilities do not have separate rooms for males and females — in these cases, your unit will be required to reserve two separate facilities, one for males, one for females;
   ► Adult males may sleep in the same cabin room with Scouts as long as there are 2 or more adult males in the cabin room.

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C. Webelos Den/AOL Overnighters or Webelos/AOL Overnighters with a Boy Scout Troop

Webelos Scout overnighters introduce the boy and his parents to the basics of the Boy Scout outdoor program.

In addition to guidelines in Section A., all the following points apply —

1. There are no temperature limitations when cabin camping—temperature limitations only apply for tent camping.

2. These campouts are conducted under the leadership of a Webelos Den Leader trained in Outdoor Webelos Leader (OWL) Training — in addition, at least one adult leader on the outing must be BALOO-trained as well. Both must be in attendance throughout the event.

3. It is recommended that the Webelos Scout be under the supervision of a parent or guardian; the council will accept a ratio of 3 Scouts to 1 adult.

4. Siblings are not permitted to attend.

5. When camping with a Boy Scout Troop, Cub Scout guidelines still apply for all Cub Scout youth and adult members.

REFERENCE MATERIALS — all most current reference material is available through the Great Trail Council or the BSA National Council catalog — some forms are available online at www.scouting.org or www.gtcbsa.org:

- Guide to Safe Scouting
- Family Camping Staff Training Guide
- Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines
- Resident Camping for Cub Scouts
- Cub Scout Leader Book
- Webelos Leader Guide
- BALOO
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Shooting Sports for Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and Parents
- Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities*
- Great Trail Council Pack Campground Approval Form
- Tour and Activity Plan*
- Great Trail Council Cub Scout Camp Promotion Committee

*Indicates available online only

TRAINING AVAILABLE:
- Youth Protection Training (online, www.my.scouting.org)
- BALOO
- Outdoor Webelos Leader Training
- Hazardous Weather (online, www.my.scouting.org)
- Safe Swim Defense (online, www.my.scouting.org)
- Safety Afloat (online, www.my.scouting.org)

MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF ALL REFERENCE MATERIAL AND POLICIES OF THE GREAT TRAIL COUNCIL CAMPING COMMITTEE, CUB SCOUT CAMPING POLICY, ARE TO BE FOLLOWED.