



**Blue Ridge Mountains  
Scout Reservation**

# ADMINISTRATION

## CONDUCT, EMERGENCY PROCEDURES, WILDLIFE

Nations, states, communities, and even families have laws. These are simple rules by which people must live in order to have harmony. If we didn't have rules or laws to govern ourselves, society would be impossible. At Scout Camp, we have just one law—**The Scout Law!**

Why mention that in this guidebook? Because it gets right into that philosophy of personal conduct that we expect at camp. You should be aware that at camp each Scout must meet a stringent criterion in order to become a member of our camp staff. Besides the interview and screening process, all of our staff agrees to live by the 12 points of the Scout Law. Many of our staff are Eagle Scouts and most are members of the Order of the Arrow.

The 12 points of the Scout Law guide our camp. All camper and staff conduct is judged by how it measures up against these guidelines. At camp we cannot tolerate and will not permit activities that do not meet the criteria of the standards set forth in the Scout Law.

We ask for your cooperation and understanding as adults in helping us maintain a high standard of moral and personal behavior. We can do no less.

We purchase high quality program equipment for all of our programs. Our guests appreciate the pride and care we take in maintaining these high standards. Please take care of camp gear, the Scouts following you have a right to expect the same quality.

### Uniforming

Why do Boy Scouts have a uniform? For the same reason a football team or baseball team does. A uniform gives a sense of group identity, team spirit, and purpose. It also helps to designate equality from the start among members within a group. At camp, the official Scout uniform is appropriate dress at any time during the week. We ask units to wear a full Class "A" uniform to all retreat ceremonies, chapel services and Sunday and Friday night campfires.

### Wildlife Safety

With over 16,000 acres of wilderness, Scouts have an opportunity to observe many types of wildlife in their natural habitats. Our Reservation is blessed with a wide range of biodiversity that includes deer, bats, raccoons, birds, skunks, turkey, snakes, coyote, amphibians, and even bear. It is wise to remember that these animals are the permanent residents of the backcountry while we are the visitors. Therefore, treat all animals with respect and observe them from a distance. Do not follow, feed, tease, or handle wildlife. If you discover a snake or animal that is behaving strangely, please notify the camp staff immediately. Specific rules for dealing with the wildlife found on the Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation can be requested from the Camp Office or the Nature Lodge. Bear information will be handed out at Sunday check-in.

### Charges for Damage to Camp Equipment

Normal usage and wear will result in some breakage of equipment; however, the cost of malicious damage or breakage due to horseplay will be charged to the unit. These fees must be paid before leaving.

#### Cots:

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| Mattress replacement (rips, cuts, writing on the cover) | \$30 |
| Cot replacement   | \$45 |

#### Tents and Flies:

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| Rips and tears (per inch)                                 | \$25   |
| Writing on canvas or destroying waterproofing (per panel) | \$7.50 |
| Tent replacement  | \$240  |
| Tarp replacement  | \$101  |
| Ridge poles   | \$15   |
| Uprights  | \$12   |
| Fire Extinguisher—Refill                                  | \$30   |