Grand Canyon Council

Cub Scout Camping Guidelines
The Grand Canyon Council, BSA, is dedicated to ensuring that our Scout programs continue to provide safe and exciting learning experiences for Scouts and leaders of all ages. To ensure the safety and positive experiences for our Scouts and Scouters, Grand Canyon Council, BSA, has established the following guidelines and best practices for its members’ participation in Cub Scout camping activities:

All Council/District-Sponsored Cub Scout Camping Events have specific guidelines and policies unique to the event and are to be followed while at the event. These include:
- District Day Camps
- Council/District Cub/Parent Overnighters
- Council Cub Scout Resident Camping*
- Council Webelos Resident Camping
- Council approved District events
- Council weekend cabin camping (In Council camps only)

**Unit Organized Cub Scout Camping**

1. The adult leader in charge is responsible for the adherence of all policies and guidelines.
2. The Pack Committee should approve all camping and outdoor activities conducted by the Pack.
3. Pack Tent Camping
   a. Youth Protection Guidelines and Guide to Safe Scouting must be implemented throughout the program.
   b. Limited to 2 nights or fewer.
   c. 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.  
      ** Grand Canyon 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.
   d. With the exception of Webelos/Arrow of Light Dens, individual dens are unable to organize overnight camping events and certificates of liability insurance will not be provided for pack overnighters with only one participating den. If your entire Pack consists of only one den, please contact the Council Program Director on how to proceed.
   e. Lions, with their adult partner, may participate in child-parent excursions, pack overnighters and council-organized family camping.
   f. Tent camping is to be conducted in fair weather conditions only — where the temperature is consistently above freezing (32 degrees Fahrenheit) day and night.
   g. Cub Scout outdoor skill limitation recommends canceling the event if bad weather occurs rather than deal with severe weather.
h. The council will allow 4 youth to 1 adult, allowing 2 of the youth to be non-family members to the adult. Lion and Tiger Cub Scouts must be 1 Scout to 1 adult in all activities.

i. The leadership organizing the pack overnighter must complete the following trainings: Youth Protection Training, BALOO, and Hazardous Weather training. A minimum of one adult trained in BALOO and Hazardous Weather Training is required to be present at all times throughout the event.

j. In all cases, each adult participant is responsible for a specific youth.

k. Parents or guardians are responsible for supervision of their Scouts and non-Scout children.

l. 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.

m. Permission slips are required, for all youth, including siblings even when the parents/guardians are attending the function.

Activity Consent Form

n. Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B are required for all participants. Annual Health

o. Separate tents are required for male and female leaders — married couples may share a tent. Youth sharing a tent must be of the same gender and no more than 2 years apart in age.

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

q. 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.

r. 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.

s. 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 operated solely at the pack level.

4. Pack Cabin Camping

In addition to guidelines in Section 4., all the following points apply -

a. There are no temperature limitations when cabin camping— temperature limitations only apply for tent camping however, forecasted weather conditions must still be observed.
b. Cabin camping privacy is required as stated in Youth Protection Guidelines as well as these specific guidelines for Grand Canyon Council Properties:
   ▶ 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:
     • Camp Geronimo
     • R-C Scout Ranch
     • Heard Scout Pueblo
   ▶ 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 leaders may sleep in the same cabin room with Scouts of the same gender if there are 2 or more adults and 4 or more youth, all of the same gender in the same cabin room. Adults and youth of different gender may not share a room.

5. Webelos Den/AOL Overnighters or Webelos/AOL Overnighters with a Scouts BSA Troop.

Webelos Scout overnighters introduce the scouts and their parents to the basics of the Scouts BSA outdoor program. Scouts BSA Troops should plan activities that are both age appropriate and designed to welcome Webelos to the world of Scouts BSA. When executed well, this outdoor adventure helps the youth and parents with a successful transition. Scouts BSA Troops should refer to the Age Appropriate Activities Guide.

In addition to guidelines in Section 4., all the following points apply

1. There are no temperature limitations when cabin camping. Temperature limitations only apply for tent camping however, forecasted weather conditions must still be observed.
2. These campouts are conducted under the leadership of a trained WebelosDen Leader and 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 4 Scouts to 1 adult.
4. Siblings are discouraged to attend.
5. When camping with a Scouts BSA Troop, Cub Scout guidelines still apply for all Cub Scout youth and adult members
6. Required Training
   a. One adult member is REQUIRED to have completed Hazardous Weather Training, as well as Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training, in accordance with the National BSA policy.
   b. Grand Canyon RECOMMENDS that at least TWO adults are BALOO trained, in the event that one becomes sick or is unable to attend.
   c. Any Pack camping conducted without a BALOO trained adult will result in loss of BSA liability and accident insurance coverage and further action may be needed.

The following training may be completed on www.my.scouting.org:
   1. Youth Protection Training
   2. Leader Specific Training
      • Den Leaders and Assistants
      • Cub Masters and Assistants
      • Committee Chairs and Committee Members
   3. Hazardous Weather Training
   4. Safety Afloat
   5. Safe Swim Defense
   6. BALOO Pre-Course Requirement

The following trainings are provided by Council/District trainers, and may be found on the Council calendar or Training page:
   1. District Roundtables-Held monthly
   2. Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)-a minimum of one adult must be BALOO trained for any outing, Council recommends at least two adults attend
   3. Baden Powell University-A Council wide training traditionally offered the first weekend of November
   4. Wood Badge Training-An Advanced Leadership Training
Camps, Facilities and Maps

*To reserve any of the camp facilities or to register for year-round camp sessions, contact Grand Canyon Council Office at 602-955-7747.

**Heard Scout Pueblo**
1901 E. Dobbins Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85040
www.HeardScoutPueblo.org

Description: Heard Scout Pueblo is located in the heart of Phoenix at the base of South Mountain.

Nationally Accredited Camp: Yes Cub Scout Camping Approved: Yes

Facilities/Programs Offered:

- Tent Camping
- Cabin Camping
- Shooting Sports
- Hiking Trails
- Aquatics
- Nature Area
- Cope
- Climbing
- Restrooms

Directions: From Phoenix, take I-10 E, S32nd St and E Baseline Rd to S 20th St. Continue on S 20th St to the destination.
Camp Geronimo
2599 W Weber Creek Road
Payson, AZ 85541
www.CampGeronimo.org

Description: Camp Geronimo boasts nearly 200 acres of forest and meadows. In the shadows of the Mogollon Rim, trails lead from camp to the top of the rim where Scouts can stand at the very edge of the Colorado Plateau.

Nationally Accredited: Yes
Cub Scout Camping Approved: Yes

Facilities/Programs Offered:

Tent Camping, Cabin Camping, Shooting Sports, Hiking Trails, Nature Area, Swimming Pool, Fishing, Restrooms and Showers

Directions: From Phoenix, take State Highway 87 north to Payson, continue through Payson about 12 miles until you reach the Control Road turn-off marked by highway marker 265. Turn right. Follow Control Road (dirt) for seven miles. Turn left onto Weber Creek Rd, near mailboxes and into camp. Allow approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours driving time.
R-C Scout Ranch
19887 E AZ Hwy 260
Payson, AZ 85541
www.CampR-C.org

Description: R-C Scout Ranch

Nationally Accredited: Yes  Cub Scout Camping Approved: Yes

Facilities/Programs Offered:

Tent Camping, Cabin Camping, Horseback Riding, Shooting Sports, Fishing, Hiking, Nature Area, Showers and Restrooms

Directions: R-C Scout Ranch is on Highway 260 approximately 19.6 miles east of the intersection of 260 and Highway 87 in Payson, AZ. The entrance is between mile marker 271 and 272 on the south side of the road.
Camp Raymond

7709 S Boy Scout Camp Rd Parks, AZ 86018

www.CampRaymond.org

Description: Camp Raymond is located on the edge of Sycamore Canyon nestled into the cool pines. Campsites are located under tall ponderosa pine trees and most are a short distance from the center of camp.

Nationally Accredited: Yes

Facilities/Programs Offered:

Tent Camping, Picnic Tables, Nature Area, Shooting Sports, Hiking, Nature Area, Aquatics, Fishing, Showers and latrines

Cub Scout Camping Approved: Yes

Directions: From Phoenix, take I-17 north to interstate 40. Go west on I-40 to Parks exit 178. Go south approximately 10 miles following the county road signs that indicate Scout camp. Allow about 3 hours of driving time.
Little Grand Canyon Ranch

5950 W Table Mesa Rd New River, AZ 85087

Description: Little Grand Canyon Ranch

Nationally Accredited: Pending  Cub Scout Camping Approved: Yes

Facilities/Programs Offered:
Tent Camping

Directions: From Phoenix, follow AZ-51 N, AZ-101 Loop W and I-17 N to W Table Mesa Rd in New River. Take exit 236 and turn left. Turn right onto W Table Mesa Rd and follow to camp entrance.
Other Approved Great Places to Camp

*Please note that camping outside of Council owned properties require the **Grand Canyon Council Pack Campground Approval Form** filled out and filed at the Council Office.

Lake Pleasant: [https://www.camplakepleasant.org](https://www.camplakepleasant.org)

Turney Gulch Group-Part of Prescott National Forest: 
[https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232208](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232208)

Cave Creek Group Site-Part of Tonto National Forest: 
[https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/267559](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/267559)

Chavez Crossing-Part of Coconino National Forest Recreation: 
[https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232143](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232143)

Moqui Group Campground-Coconino National Forest: 
[https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coconino/recarea/?recid=54930](https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coconino/recarea/?recid=54930)

Bumble Bee Ranch: 
[https://www.bumblebeeranch.com](https://www.bumblebeeranch.com)

Pioneer Living History Museum:  
[www.pioneeraz.org](http://www.pioneeraz.org)

Please note that *all* State, County and Regional Parks are approved for Cub Scout camping by the Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America.
Reference Material

All current reference material is available through the Grand Canyon Council or the BSA National Council catalog. Some forms are available online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) or [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org)

- Guide to Safe Scouting
- Cub Scout Outdoor Guidelines
- Cub Scout Leader Book (Available for purchase in the Scout Shop)
- Webelos Leader Guide (Available for purchase in the Scout Shop)
- BALOO: Pre-Orientation only online ([my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org))
- Safe Swim Defense ([my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org))
- Safety Afloat ([my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org))
- National Weather Forecast ([www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov))
- Age Appropriate Activities
- Grand Canyon Council Pack Campground Approval Form

### AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR CAMPING

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Please Note:
Failure to follow any guidelines or procedures may result in loss of BSA liability and accident insurance coverage during an event. Further action may be needed.

Disclaimer:
Every effort has been made to keep this information and the council website up to date and accurate. We will also try to publish pertinent changes in a timely manner, so please check the website pages often: grandcanyonbsa.org

*The BSA’s adult registration requirements — which mandate that all adults accompanying a Youth to a residence camp or other Scouting activity lasting 72 hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training.

**The Grand Canyon Council Pack Campground Approval Form should be submitted to gccprogram@scouting.org and notice of approval will be within 48 hours.

Grand Canyon Council Cub Scout Camping Committee