

Appletree Campsite Rules & Safety Guidelines

Supervision of Scouts and other Minors

- Except during Pack- or Den-organized activities, all scouts and other minor children must be under the supervision of their parents or guardians.
- Scouts will be under the direct supervision of Pack/Den Leaders only during Pack or Den organized activities.
- Every Pack/Den activity must be supervised by at least two conscientious adults who understand and knowingly accept responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in their care. The supervisors should be sufficiently trained, experienced, and skilled in the activity to be confident of their abilities to lead and teach the necessary skills and to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Field knowledge of all applicable BSA standards and a commitment to implement and follow BSA policy and procedures are essential parts of the supervisors' qualifications.
- BSA Youth Protection Policies Apply At All Times.
 - Two-deep leadership rule applies during all Pack/Den activities.
 - When staying in tents, no youth may stay in a tent with an adult other than his/her parent or legal guardian.
 - Parents, Leaders and Scouts must exercise caution, courtesy and common sense when using the shower facilities. Parents should always accompany their children to the facilities to insure their privacy and safety.
 - Adult leaders/campers need to respect the privacy of youth members in situations where the youth are changing clothes or taking showers, and they should take appropriate measures to protect their own privacy in similar situations.

Campfire Safety Rules

- The only campfires allowed are those confined to the fire ring and managed by the official Pack Fire Marshall, following BSA guidelines.
- The campfire is an official Pack activity and therefore must be supervised by the Official Camp Fire Marshal or his designate at all times.
- The Pack will abide by the BSA Rules of Outdoor Fire Safety.
- The official Camp Fire Marshal or his designate will provide eyes-on supervision of scouts, siblings and other minors near the campfire is required at all times.
- NO HORSEPLAY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE AND NO PLAYING WITH FIRE.
- SCOUTS, SIBLINGS AND OTHER MINORS MUST STAY BACK FROM THE FIRE (ONE FOOT SAFETY ZONE).
- DO NOT SIT ON OR PROP FEET ON THE FIRE RING.
- Do not throw any object into the fire (sticks, rocks, food, trash, etc.)
- Once a stick is placed in the fire it must STAY in the fire!
- Roasting marshmallows may be allowed as a Pack activity only under the direction and supervision of adult leaders.
- Fire must be supervised by the Official Camp Fire Marshal or his designate until the fire is DEAD OUT (extinguished by water soaking).

Buddy System

- Scouts (and other children) must be under the supervision of a parent/guardian at all times. However, they may at times be beyond the immediate control of their parents/guardians under two mandatory conditions:
 - The scout/child has received the permission from his/her parent/guardian to leave the immediate area and informed the parent/guardian of their destination and estimated time of return; and
 - Scouts must use the buddy system for all activities at camp when beyond the immediate control of their parents/guardians. The buddy system requires that scouts travel in groups of at least two. No exceptions!
- At all times, parents/guardians should know: 1) where their child has gone; 2) who their child is with; and 3: when their child will return.

First Aid

- A pack provided 1st Aid Kit will be available to all campers and Cindy Thomas is our designated First Aid Coordinator.
- No one but an adult may take items from the Pack 1st Aid Kit.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to bring a family 1st Aid Kit as well.
- Parents are responsible for bringing and issuing any prescription or over-the-counter medications that may be needed.

Food Rules

The Pack will provide one group meal on Saturday evening. All other meals must be prepared by the scouts and their families.

- Parents of Scouts with food allergies must clearly communicate their situation with the Food Preparation Team (see Daniel Holloway).
- Parents must be prepared to provide safe foods for their children if the Pack provided meal is potentially unsafe.
- All food trash must be placed in the metal "bear-resistant" bins and food should not be stored or eaten in tents.
- All dishwashing and hand washing buckets/pans must be emptied at least 200 feet from where people are camping.

Water Rules

There's a lot of water around Appletree – little streams and creeks, the Nantahala River and nearby Nantahala Lake. Expect the scouts to get their feet wet and bring plenty of changes of socks and shoes.

- Scouts (and other children) may be permitted to play and to explore in and around the creek on the far side of the field under adult supervision or under the "buddy-system" rules as detailed above.
- Scouts (and other children) are not allowed to play near the lake or river except under direct adult control and supervision. Any aquatics activity (swimming, tubing, boating, etc) conducted in the lake or river is not sanctioned by the Pack; parents are responsible for the safety of their Scouts and other children in these two bodies of water if they chose to undertake such activities.
- No one (Scouts, siblings, or adults), should enter the culverts on either end of the creek for any reason.

General

- No throwing potentially harmful objects of any kind (such as rocks, crabapples, pinecones etc.).
- Only Scouts who have earned their whittling chip and are supervised by their parent/guardian are allowed to have knives. All knife safety rules apply. Scouts found in violation of this rule will have their knives confiscated and their whittling chips revoked.
- No Scout may use an axe to cut firewood or for any other purpose.
- No fires, grills, gas-lanterns or open flames in tents.
- Sturdy shoes must be worn at all times in camp - no open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops or Crocs. Closed-toe "water-safe shoes" (such as Crocs or Keens) may be acceptable for scouts playing in the creek, but should not otherwise be worn in camp or on the trail. Flip-flops may be worn in the shower.
- Excessive noise is not permitted after 10PM and before 8AM.
- Trees may not be cut. Any fallen wood found on the ground may be gathered for campfires and cookouts.
- Vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Vehicles will be allowed to travel near the campsite to unload and load only. Upon unloading, immediately move your vehicle to the camp parking lot. No vehicles in the campsite. BSA policy prohibits anyone from riding on fenders, hoods and trunks of cars or in open beds of trucks.
- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, weapons (such as firearms, air rifles, bows & arrows) and all fireworks (or other explosives) are strictly prohibited. [Note: Any model rocketry activities conducted by Pack/Den Leaders shall conform with the National Association of Rocketry's Model Rocket Safety Code and applicable US Forest Service restrictions.]
- No pets are allowed at Appletree Campground.
- No smoking at the campsite.

Siblings

- Parents should plan for and provide appropriate activities for siblings younger than the scouts camping or for those siblings that do not want to participate in the scout rank activities.

Cleanup

- Each family must clean up after themselves and share in the cleanup of the campsite.