

Pennsylvania Dutch Council Camps

Year Round Camping Guidelines

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1. RESERVATIONS:** All reservations for campsite and cabin camping are made through the Tentaroo Online Reservation System (<https://padutch.tentaroo.com/>). Reservations must be made at minimum one week prior to the desired reservation date and may be made at maximum six months ahead of the current date. Campsite and cabin availability can be viewed through Tentaroo. Reservations for facilities other than campsites and cabins must be made through the Pennsylvania Dutch Council Service Center by calling 717-394-4063.
- 2. REFUNDS / CANCELLATIONS:** There will be no refund or rescheduling for cancellations within two weeks of the reservation date or for no-shows. Reservations may be cancelled or changed using Tentaroo up to two weeks prior to reservation date. Cancellation will result in a refund being made to the unit. If it becomes necessary to close a facility due to inclement weather or other emergency, you will be notified and be given the opportunity to reschedule. Do not assume that the camp will be closed- contact the Pennsylvania Dutch Council Service Center at (717) 394-4063, Bashore Scout Reservation (717) 865-4583, or Camp Mack (717) 626-8711 if in doubt.
- 3. LEADERSHIP STANDARDS:** A minimum of two registered adult leaders 21 year of age or over are required at all Scouting activities. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. All adults in attendance are encouraged to have current Youth Protection Training (all registered leaders must have current YPT) and meet applicable PA background check requirements (See <http://www.padutchbsa.org/act15> for more information). See # 4 below for additional information pertaining to Cub Scout & Webelos Scout camping. Two-Deep leadership must be maintained at all times during the outing. All guidelines found in Scouting's Barriers to Abuse must be followed at all time.
- 4. CUB SCOUT & WEBELOS CAMPING:** Cub Scout Packs MUST adhere to the Pennsylvania Dutch Council Cub Scout Camping Policies (<http://padutchbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Cub-Scout-Camping-Policies.pdf>). Adults giving leadership to a Pack overnigher MUST show proof (training certificate) of completion of Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training. All Cub Scout and Webelos weekend camping activities should occur as parent/son activities with an adult/youth ratio of 1:1. Units who fail to meet these requirements will not be permitted to stay in camp, forfeiting all fees.
- 5. CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES:** All units / groups must check in with the Campmaster or Ranger on duty upon arrival in order to get up to date information relevant to your stay. Check in begins at 7:00 pm unless arranged prior to your stay. You will also be asked to present copies of any training credentials such as NRA Instructor/RSO Certificates, BALOO, BSA GUARD, SAFE SWIM, SAFETY AFLOAT, etc. depending on circumstances of your outing. The Pennsylvania Dutch Council highly encourages units to bring copies of the BSA Health and Medical Record Parts A & B although these will not be checked or collected. Check-out will be by noon on the final day of your reservation unless an earlier time is arranged with the Campmaster or Ranger on duty.

6. **BUILDING CAPACITIES:** Building Capacities are set by the local Board of Health and/or Fire Marshall and are not to be exceeded under any circumstances. Units that exceed the listed building capacity must tent overflow campers outside or rent additional facilities. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are installed for your safety. It is both illegal and extremely dangerous to tamper with or disable them. Violators may lose camping privileges- please tell Camp Ranger or Campmaster if you have a malfunctioning alarm.
7. **EMERGENCIES / INJURIES / SERIOUS INCIDENTS:** All emergencies, injuries, or serious incidents must be reported to the Campmaster or Ranger as soon as possible after seeking any needed medical assistance. The Campmaster or Ranger will work with you to complete all required BSA incident reports.
8. **VEHICLES & PARKING: ALL vehicles must be returned to the parking lot or designated area for the duration of the outing after unloading gear at cabin or campsite.** Please notify Campmaster or Ranger if there is a special reason that an exception should be made. (I.e. disabilities, injuries, illness, etc.) so a parking pass can be issued. Properly parking vehicles ensures access for emergency and maintenance vehicles as needed and limits erosion and other impacts. Remember: Leave No Trace! Passengers are NOT allowed to ride in the back of pick-up trucks or trailers under any circumstances. All vehicles must be covered by current public liability and property damage insurance. Improperly parked vehicles may be towed at owner's expense.
9. **PROHIBITED ITEMS:** Prohibited items include weapons of any kind (slingshots, firearms, archery equipment, paintball guns, crossbows, etc.), fireworks of any type, motorized vehicles (golf carts, snowmobiles, 4-wheelers, dirt bikes, ATVs, etc.) and electric, kerosene or gas heaters. The BSA's policy on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use and Abuse must be followed (See <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/GSS/gss04.aspx>) Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of item(s), eviction from camp property, and legal prosecution if applicable.
10. **PETS:** No pets are permitted in Pennsylvania Dutch Council Camps, with the exception of those belonging to permanent residents (Camp Rangers) and those persons requiring a service animal. In such a case, animals must remain leashed at all times and owners are responsible for any damage or injuries caused by their pets.
11. **WATER & BATHROOM FACILITIES:** The shower house facilities in camp are seasonal and will be closed at the discretion of the Camp Ranger. A Scout leaves a place as good or better than they found it. Please help ensure shower and bathroom facilities are left in good shape when finished. Notify the Campmaster or Ranger on duty of any problems. There are several locations throughout each camp with frost-free hydrants for access to water year round. Check with Campmaster or Ranger for the most convenient location to get water for your site.
12. **TRASH & LITTER:** Please leave your campsite/cabin cleaner than you found it. Before check-out, police the entire area for trash or litter. Place ALL trash bags in dumpster. Please use provided Recycling containers to separate waste. PLEASE put empty propane cylinders next to dumpsters on the ground and the Ranger will properly dispose of them. Pack out any dead batteries or other hazardous materials.
13. **CAMPFIRES / FIREWOOD:** Campfires may be built in any established fire ring or fireplace. Do not move fire rings or build new ones without permission of Campmaster or Ranger. In accordance to State Regulations to stop the spread of invasive species, disease and pests, **do not bring any firewood with you to camp.** Firewood is provided at the lodges and is to be used in lodge woodstoves only. The

group will be responsible to replenish the firewood inside the building, using wood provided in the outside woodshed before leaving camp. There is an ample supply of firewood in the surrounding woods for campsite campfires. Any fallen timber may be cut up and utilized as needed. Any group that cuts down or damages live or standing timber will be held financially responsible. The use of chainsaws is restricted to operators who are at least 21 years old and have successfully completed the BSA Chainsaw Safety Training Class and are pre-approved by the Camp Ranger. Please observe fire safety rules at all times – never leave fires unattended. Certain weather conditions (high winds or drought) may prohibit or limit fires in camp; you will be notified by the Campmaster or Camp Ranger if such conditions exist.

- 14. COPE/Climbing/Shooting:** These activities require separate reservation forms and agreements. Completed reservation forms for these activities must be received no less than two months prior to the desired activity date.

**Bashore Scout Reservation and Camp Mack each may have specific policies and procedures that apply to those facilities found there.
Your Campmaster or Camp Ranger will provide a copy at time of check-in.**