

# Pack Overnight Camping Guide

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# Introduction

Pack overnight camping is a way for Cub Scout packs, Webelos Scout dens and their families to enjoy camping in a pack or den-organized, structured, age-appropriate, safe and fun manner. The purpose of this guide is to provide a concise summary of the national and council rules, regulations and recommendations regarding pack overnight camping as well as references on where to find more detailed resources. More detailed program information is available by taking Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL).

This guide does not address council or district run Cub Scout events or the day and resident camps run by Milwaukee council. For more information on those events contact the council service center.

Adults planning, organizing and running a pack overnight camping trip should be familiar with the following documents and/or forms:

1. Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines (13-631) – request at the council service center or online at <http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts/resources/13-361>
2. Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities <http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/18-260>
3. Guide to Safe Scouting – request at council service center or online at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss>

## Pack Overnight Camping Policy

The following guidelines are a summarized version of national BSA and council Cub Scout camping policy. All policy applies to Webelos Scout den overnight camping except where otherwise noted.

- Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts may participate in pack overnight camping. At least one adult on a pack overnighter must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), No. 34162A to properly understand the importance of program intent, youth protection guidelines, health and safety, site selection, age-appropriate activities, and sufficient adult participation. Check the council calendar, newsletter or website for dates and locations of BALOO training.
- Webelos Scouts may participate in overnight den camping. These events SHOULD be conducted under the leadership of a Webelos den leader who is trained in Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL), No. 13-33640 an outdoor-emphasis training provided by the district or council
- Pack overnight camping must be conducted at council-approved locations. Locations include council-owned property, city, county, state and federal parks as well as private land. For a list of all approved locations refer to the appropriate section of this document. To request that a campsite be added to the council-approved list, packs may use the Pack Overnighter Site Approval Form (13-508B) to submit the site for approval.
- Packs must complete a Local Tour Permit Application, No. 34426, and hand it in to the council service center at least 14 days prior to the event. A tour permit is not needed for travel within Potawatomi Area Council and Milwaukee County Council boundaries including Indian Mound Reservation. A tour permit is not required for travel to Potawatomi Area Council owned property including Camp Long Lake.
- At least one adult or youth member of the family must be a registered member of the BSA. In most cases, each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult. The following ratios are recommended: Tigers- one to one, Wolf and Bear- two Scouts to one adult, Webelos- three Scouts to one adult.
- If nonmembers (siblings) participate, the event must be structured accordingly to accommodate them.
- The Guide to Safe Scouting needs to be followed for all activities.

## Approved Locations

The following locations have been approved by the Potawatomi Area Council for pack overnight camping activities. To request that a new site be approved, contact the council office. National BSA policy requires camping at council-approved sites only.

### ***BSA Owned Property***

Camp Long Lake, Potawatomi Area Council, BSA  
N4350 Boy Scout Road  
St. Cloud, WI 53079  
(920) 533-8258  
(emergency use only)

Potawatomi Area Council office  
(262) 544-4881

Indian Mound Scout Reservation, Milwaukee County Council, BSA  
37612 Indian Mound Road  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
(262) 567-6229  
(emergency use only)

Milwaukee County Council office  
(414) 774-1776

### ***Wisconsin State Parks***

For all reservations call (888) 947-2757. <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/>

#### **Kettle Moraine Northern Unit**

Northern Unit Forest Headquarters  
N1765 Hwy. G  
Campbellsport, WI 53010  
(262) 626-2116

Greenbush Group Campsite  
(262) 626-2116

Long Lake Recreational Area  
(920) 533-8612

Mauthe Lake Recreational Area  
(262) 626-4305

Pike Lake Unit  
3544 Kettle Moraine Road  
Hartford, WI 53027  
(262) 670-3400

#### **Kettle Moraine Southern Unit**

Southern Unit Forest Headquarters  
S91 W39091 Hwy. 59  
Eagle, WI 53119-0070  
(262) 594-6200

Pine Woods

Ottawa Lake  
(262) 594-6220

Whitewater Lake  
(262) 473-6427

## **Wisconsin State Parks cont.**

Devil's Lake State Park  
S5975 Park Road  
Baraboo, WI 53913-9299  
(608) 356-8301

Point Beach State Forest  
9400 County Hwy. O  
Two Rivers, WI 54241  
(920) 794-7480

Governor Dodge State Park  
4175 Hwy. 23  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-2315

Wyalusing State Park  
13342 Cty. Hwy. C  
Bagley, WI 53801  
(608) 996-2261

High Cliff State Park  
N7630 State Park Road  
Sherwood, WI 54169  
(920) 989-1106

## **Waukesha County Parks**

For all reservations, call (262) 548-7801. <http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/parks/>

Menomonee Park  
W220 N7884 Townline Road  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051  
(262) 255-1310

Muskego Park  
S83 W20370 Janesville Road  
Muskego, WI 53150  
(262) 679-0310

Mukwonago Park  
C.T.H. LO  
Mukwonago, WI 53149  
(262) 363-7658

Naga-Waukee Park  
651 S.T.H. 83  
Hartland, WI 53029  
(262) 646-3555

## **Private Locations**

Camp/Quad  
Open one weekend each in June, July and September. Contact council Program Director Bob Anderson for information and dates. (262) 544-4881.  
6885 County Route Q  
Hartford, WI 53027