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# Welcome and Introduction

Dear Manatee Cub Leaders,

Welcome to the Manatee District Fall Cub Family Campout. We would like to invite you to take advantage of all of the opportunities offered this weekend. This leader's guide should assist in your planning and implementation of your weekend activities. Please feel free to ask any of the staff if you have any questions throughout the weekend.

Yours in Cub Scouting,

Mitchell Gordon Cub Family Campout Chairman Manatee District – CFC, BSA

Manatee District Packs,

Welcome! My name is Alex Johnson and I am the youth weekend chairman. It is an honor to serve as chairman for such a spirited group of Cub Scouts and Cub Scout Leaders. We consider it a privilege for the Order of the Arrow to help out at this event and hope to show you what enthusiasm the Boy Scouting Program has in store for your boys. Throughout the day all of my arrowmen staff will be hosting games and crafts as well as providing support for the individual games and crafts that you, the Packs, will be hosting. Once again, on behalf of the Astatula Chapter of the Order of the Arrow, I welcome you to a weekend filled with Native American fun and excitement.

In Cheerful Service,

Alex Johnson Astatula Chapter Order of the Arrow Second Vice-Chief

## **Mission**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Cup Scout Promise and The Law of the Pack.

I, ..., promise to DO MY BEST To do my DUTY to GOD And my Country To HELP other people, and To OBEY the LAW of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

# Vision

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

# **Directions to Camp**

Address: 1951 Malabar Rd. NW Palm Bay, FL 32908 FROM I-95 Exit-173 take SR-514-Malabar Road west 6 miles and turn right into the park road. Once on park property follow signs to the Group Camping Area. For more information contact: 321-508-3444 or visit http://www.brevardparks.com/parks/prksa5.php#PalmBayRegional.

## **Check-In Procedure**

Check-in will be available on Friday, October 10 from 3:00 pm until dark. Please arrive before 8:00 PM. An adult unit representative will provide the following information:

- Unit attendance roster
- Any additional fees for unregistered campers

Updated information will be distributed and campsites will be assigned.

## **Check-Out Procedure**

An adult unit representative shall contact the event staff prior to the unit's check-out for a walkthrough of the unit's assigned campsite. Campsites shall be left cleaned with minimal residual impact. All trash, debris, and other items shall be picked up and hauled away by the unit.

## **Code of Conduct**

Each participant is expected to behave in a scout-like manner in accordance with BSA principles at all times. Inappropriate behavior is not acceptable at any time and may be cause for removal from the campout. Units will be responsible for removing any non-compliant participant(s).

## **Emergency Contacts**

District Cub Family Campout Chairman: Mitchell Gordon 321-693-6975 District Executive: Denise Grennell 321-615-5525 Head Medical Personnel: Vicki Padgett 321-446-0146 OA Chapter Adviser: Eric Snyder 321-243-9132

## **Inclement Weather**

Weather forecasts will be monitored prior to arrival at camp and the unit leader will be notified of any program changes. In the event of inclement weather during the campout please have one unit representative report to the main pavilion for further instructions.

## **First Aid**

All immediate minor first aid issues should be handled by the Pack. Medical Staff will be on site with 24 hour service for urgent and critical emergency care. In the event of a medical emergency, the Campout staff should be notified immediately. Units should have medical release forms for all members.

## **Health and Medical Records**

All units are encouraged to have in their possession Health and Medical Records (Class 1, 2, or 3) in accordance with BSA policy. Cub Scout camping is performed with parent or guardian in a family camping environment. Medical records are not required but beneficial especially in cases of extreme allergies or other exceptions.

## **Informed Consent and Hold Harmless**

Units are responsible for securing from their participants the Informed Consent and Hold Harmless agreements in accordance with BSA policy and their respective charter organization policies. Additional information can be found in BSA publication #33733C – Tours and Expeditions.

## **Guide to Safe Scouting**

All activities will be in accordance with the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. A copy may be downloaded from www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/.

# Uniform

The Scout field uniform will be worn when indicated in the schedule of events (flag assemblies, shows, religious services). Scout themed clothing is highly preferred during all other times. Offensive and inappropriate clothing should not be worn at any time. Event staff will ask participants to remove inappropriate items of clothing.

# Schedule of Events

# <u>Friday</u>

5:00 PM –Arrival and Check-in (arrivals may show up as early as 3:00 PM) 6:45 PM –Flag Lowering Ceremony (No Gathering) 8:30 PM –Opening Campfire (Uniform) 9:30 PM –Pack Leader Cracker-Barrel and Meeting 10:30 PM –Camp-wide Lights-out

<u>Saturday</u>

7:00 AM –Staff Wake-up
7:30 AM –Pack Breakfast Time (Prep, Eat, and Clean)
9:00 AM –Morning Flag Ceremony/Gathering (Uniform)
9:30 AM –Game and Activity Period A
Noon –Pack Lunch Time (Prep, Eat, and Clean)
1:30 PM –Game and Activity Period B
4:00 PM –Individual Pack Time (includes dinner preparation, eat, and clean)
6:45 PM –Flag Lowering Ceremony/Gathering
7:00 PM –Evening Campfire (each Pack presents a skit or song) (Uniform)
8:30 PM –Individual Pack time
10:00 PM –Camp-wide Lights-out

Sunday

7:00 AM –Staff Wake-up 7:30 AM –Pack Breakfast Time (Prep, Eat, and Clean) 8:30 AM –Scout's Own (Interdenominational Service) 9:00 AM –Morning Flag Ceremony/Gathering (Uniform) 10:00 AM –Check-out Begins

# Activities

Each Pack is responsible for supplying all materials to run either a Craft or Game at the Cub Family Campout. Packs may choose to contribute more than one activity to the program. Astatula Chapter Order of the Arrow (OA) youth members will be on hand to assist your adult leaders in teaching the game or craft. Please provide adequate instructions for the OA youth to assist. Activities will be held during the time blocks A and B as shown on the schedule. Specific Program Areas will be assigned to each Pack at the Friday night leader's meeting.

# Campfires

The camp staff will host campfire programs on Friday and Saturday night gathered around the one (1) established campfire ring at the Palm Bay Regional Group Camping Area. No other ground fires are allowed on camp property. Individual Unit fires are allowed ten inches above the ground and contained. The campfire program on Saturday night will allow each Pack to contribute either a song or skit or both. Please contact event staff at lunch time to coordinate what skit or song your Pack will perform for the camp. We welcome Cub Packs to consider the theme of "Native American Times" when designing their songs or skits.

# **Campsite Assignments**

Predetermined campsite assignments have been made for each Cub Pack. The area designated for each Pack is located within walking distance to the latrines and the parking area. One vehicle per unit at a time will be allowed to drop off gear at the campsite. No vehicles will be allowed in the campsite after check-in hours.

# **Campsite Guidelines**

All units' campsites should be maintained in a good state and in accordance with BSA guidelines. Individual units are responsible for all their camping equipment and supplies. Generators will not be allowed in campsites. Each campsite should display the US and Unit Flags. Campsites will be inspected by event staff during the day on Saturday. The inspection is intended to address all health and safety concerns.

# **Patches**

Each registered participant will receive a Cub Family Campout Patch upon check-out.

# Latrines

Palm Bay Regional has a permanent latrine established with running water and flush toilets for men's, women's and family restrooms. Additional portable toilets will be provided. Please keep both the established latrines and portable toilets clean and neat. Units will not be allowed to dig latrines.

# Food/Meals/Supplies

Units are responsible for supplying all their needs for camping equipment, food, water, and any other equipment or supplies needed to host their assigned program areas.

# **Order of the Arrow Service**

The Order of the Arrow's strategic efforts for the past decade have been both innovative and progressive. Among our achievements, we have:

- Been recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society
- Made leadership development a primary focus of our program
- Provided significant service to the Boy Scout program, the Cub Scout program, and the national high adventure bases
- Developed a mentoring program in support of Scoutreach
- Furthered existing and created new positive relationships throughout the Boy Scouts of America
- Spotlighted and embraced the ideals of servant leadership in our national and local programs

The Order reaffirms its commitment to be more relevant and significant to the Scouting movement and in the everyday lives of our members.

At the same time, we believe our success depends on our ability to fulfill our core commitments. Although the methods and extent of our service and programs have changed significantly since the Order's founding in 1915, the fundamental purpose has remained the same. We renew our commitment to this original intent in the context of Scouting's needs today.

## Parking

Families are encouraged to carpool to this event as parking space is limited. Please park all vehicles in the established parking spaces at the campsite first. Overflow parking will be allowed in the field across from the established parking lot. Additional overflow parking will be allowed near the community center construction area.

## **Religious Service**

An interdenominational Scout's Own service will be offered on Sunday morning. If your faith requires additional services to be offered please plan accordingly by providing your own officiate.

## Smoking/Alcohol

No smoking will occur in the presence of youth. Any smoking will be in accordance with all applicable BSA rules and regulations and in designated areas only. Absolutely no alcohol will be allowed at the campout – no exceptions.

## **Trash Disposal**

Units are responsible for securing and removing all their trash from the Campout area. Units shall bring their own trash bags and containers as required. All trash shall be properly secured from animals at all times.

## Water Supply

There is a water source at the camp but units are encouraged to provide all drinking water. Unit leaders must ensure that participants remain hydrated.

## **Youth Protection**

In accordance with applicable policy, all participating units shall have a minimum of one adult trained in Youth Protection present at the Campout. Evidence of training will be required during the campsite inspections. Additional information on Youth Protection can be obtained at www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/gss01.html.

## Theme

The theme is "Native American Times." Please plan accordingly and show some scout spirit related to the theme.

Campsite Map

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