

CAMP POLICIES

Tobacco Products

Adults are asked to use discretion when using tobacco products and should avoid them in the presence of campers. Smoking is not permitted in camp buildings nor is the use of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18.

Controlled Substances

Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted on camp property. All medications should be turned in at the Health Lodge.

Firearms

Firearms and ammunition are available at the camp for use in the Field Sports Area. No other firearms will be permitted in camp.

Troop Leadership

Each troop must have two registered adult leaders in camp at all times, one of whom must be 21 years or older. The other unit leader may be 18. One of these leaders must be registered in the BSA.

If there is a substitution of unit leaders during camp, then there should be an overlapping period in order to maintain program continuity and adult supervision over the Scouts at all times. This overlap will allow time for the leaders to relay information needed to guide the unit properly. Leaders should sign in and out at the Health Lodge.

BSA Guidelines on Youth Protection

Two-Deep Leadership

Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.

No one-on-one contact

One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youth.

Respect of Privacy

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing into swimming suits or taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. They must also protect their own safety in similar situations.

Separate Accommodations

When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than that of his own parent or guardian. Separate shower and latrine facilities have been made available for male and female use during camp.

Proper Preparation for High-Endurance Activities

Activities with elements of risk should not be undertaken without proper preparation, supervision, and safety measures.



Dress Code

Youth and adults are to be in appropriate dress at all times; most of the time this will be the Class B Boy Scout or Venturer uniform. At dinner, chapel service, and the Evening Flag Ceremony, the Class A Boy Scout or Venture uniform is the only appropriate dress. Occasionally, other dress may be acceptable. For example, those taking the COI Ranger program will need to wear rugged clothing for rappelling one day of the week and swimwear another day. While swimwear is appropriate at the waterfront, both male and female youth and adults are reminded to wear appropriate covering to and from the waterfront. Males and females should wear a shirt over their swimwear while walking to and returning from the waterfront. All are to be mindful of their dress when going to and from showers as well. Leaders and Advisers are responsible for insuring that youth and adults in their Troops and Crews are dressed appropriately. Remember that both males and females may be in camp. Closed-toe shoes are generally recommended; however, if open-toe shoes are worn, socks must be worn as well (even if going to the shower or waterfront).



Check In/Out Policy

Anyone leaving or arriving at times other than Sunday check-in or Saturday check-out must sign in and out at the Health Lodge.

Release of Campers

No camper who is a minor will be released to the custody of an adult other than the legal parent or guardian unless written permission is provided to the camper's unit leader. No camper who is a minor will be allowed to leave camp with anyone for any reason except as part of official camp programs or with special written parental permission. Any special arrangements should be made before camp.

Pets

No dogs or other pets may be brought into camp at any time, except for those aiding the blind. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Telephone

The camp's telephone number for administration and emergencies is (864) 895-8989. This phone is not available for use by the campers. A phone will be provided for use by adult leaders; please bring your calling card or call collect.

Mail

The camp has daily mail service. No mail should be sent to the Scout after Wednesday because it will not arrive in time. Mail should be addressed as follows.

Return Address	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scout's Name _____	
Scout's Troop # _____	
Camp Old Indian	
601 Callahan Mountain Rd.	
Travelers Rest, SC 29690	

Vehicles in Camp

Absolutely no vehicles will be allowed beyond the Parking Lot. At check-in and check-out, Troop or Crew equipment will be moved by the staff using a camp truck. All vehicles must be parked in the large parking area. The small lot at the Thackston Lodge must remain clear for emergency access and is limited to staff parking.



Guests/ Visitors

Parents and family members are encouraged to visit camp on Wednesday after 5:00 PM. Guests other times during the week will disrupt the campers' program and are not permitted.

LEADERS: Camp programs are designed for Scouts, leaders, and advisers. Please share the following policy with parents and adults who accompany your unit to camp: children who are not registered Boy Scouts or Venturers (e.g., younger siblings and Cub Scouts) are not permitted at camp any other times except Wednesday between 5:00 and 10:00 PM.

Health and Insurance

Insurance

Blue Ridge Council units use the council policy (information and forms were provided to each unit). Other units must provide their own accident insurance. Unit leaders must bring to camp check-in: 1.) Policy number, 2.) Claim forms, 3.) Name of insurance carrier. Camp medicals must be complete!

Medical expenses incurred by youth and adults while in camp (doctor, hospital fees) will be paid by the council or unit insurance policy and/or parent/guardian's insurance. Leaders should be ready to provide the Scouting insurance number as well as parent/guardian insurance numbers in an emergency. It will be the responsibility of the Scout's parents and unit leader to make any claims for insurance. The parent or guardian's insurance will be the source of primary coverage. However, Blue Ridge Council units may file up to the first \$300 on the council policy, regardless of other coverage. Parents will be called if a Scout has to be taken to the doctor or the hospital.

Medical Form and Physicals

Each participant (youth or adult) must complete the COI Medical Form every year. Anyone arriving without the form completed, including a physical if necessary, must leave camp until an exam can be completed at the participant's own expense.

Please see the **COI Parent Information and Medical Form** for instructions on sections that must be completed based on age and choice of program.

Special Health Requirements/Prescription Medications

All prescription drugs must be locked up at the health lodge. Refrigeration is provided as needed. Exceptions must be approved by medical officer and include those carried for life-threatening conditions, such as inhalers, heart medication, and bee-sting kits. Campers requiring special treatment such as insulin, etc., should provide necessary medications and make written arrangements with the Health Officer.

Transportation to Hospital

Unit leaders will be asked to provide transportation if one of their Scouts needs to be taken to the local doctor or emergency room. In the case of serious, medical emergencies, transportation will be provided by EMS.

Immunizations

The State of South Carolina requires all immunizations listed on the medical form prior to camp.

Emergency Procedures

Limitations of Activity

Campers and leaders will be notified as necessary if activity must be limited because of temperature, humidity, or severe weather.

Emergency Call

The general emergency call will be the ringing of the bell near the Dining Hall and the blowing of the bugle. Units should line up in the meadow in formation when they hear this call.

Fire

In the case of fire, evacuate the tent, building, or area immediately. Notify the Program Director, Ranger, or Camp Director.

Medical

Stay Calm! Immediately notify the camp Medical Officer. All first aid must be logged in at the health lodge.

Child Abuse

Suspected child abuse—whether physical, mental, emotional, or sexual—should be reported to the Camp Director or, if he's not present, the Program Director. You should not try to seek proof yourself.

Earthquake/Flood/Severe Weather

Take cover. The Program or Camp Director will assemble units if required. Commissioners may be sent to each campsite to give appropriate instructions.

Lost Person/ Lost Swimmer

If you suspect a lost person or lost swimmer, immediately notify the Program or Camp Director.

Unauthorized Persons

If you suspect unauthorized persons have intruded onto camp, immediately notify the Program Director, Camp Director, or Ranger. Authorized visitors must sign in at the Health Lodge.

Frisbee is a popular game in the meadow during free time. The meadow is also great for orienteering, volleyball, and the famous staff-scoutmaster softball game.

