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Cub Scout Family Camping Policy

Effective January 14, 2026

Cub Scout packs who are conducting their own overnight camping activities may now camp up to two consecutive nights. This is a change from the earlier policy on pack unit-coordinated camping, which was previously limited to single overnight experiences. The updated policy also applies to Webelos and Arrow of Light dens, who can now conduct campouts for up to two consecutive nights.

What does unit-coordinated camping mean?

A unit-coordinated campout is one that is entirely planned and executed by the leaders and parents in a Cub Scout pack, and not by the unit's district or council. That means the pack or unit adults are solely responsible for organizing transportation and activities at the campout, and ensuring that all Scouting American rules are followed. This includes having at least one registered adult leader trained in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) who oversees the planning and is in attendance for the pack campout. Pack camping is a family-centric program. Cub Scout youth should attend the camping event with their parent(s) or guardian(s). Cub Scout youth may tent with a parent or guardian as outlined in Scouting's Barriers to Abuse.

Only Webelos and Arrow of Light dens may conduct den campouts, and those campouts can only include the Webelos or Arrow of Light youth. As with pack coordinated campouts, the den must have a BALOO trained adult leader in attendance and all Youth Protection policies apply.

Webelos and Arrow of Light dens may participate and camp at a Scouts BSA troop unit campout; however, all Cub Scout camping and YPT requirements still apply, including having a BALOO-trained adult leader in attendance.

Council approval is required when units from different chartered organizations camp together, including when a den camps with a Scouts BSA troop.

In order to meet BSA standards and to be covered by BSA liability insurance, Cub Scout Pack Family campouts must include a BALOO and YPT certified leader and must be held at



a facility that has been inspected and approved by the Council Outdoor Program Committee. Unit leaders assume personal liability for campouts that are not conducted at an approved facility or that do not follow BSA policies. Camp Rangers will not allow Packs onsite without a YPT certified leader onsite or to overnight camp without a BALOO certified leader. The Longhorn Council Outdoor Program Committee has approved locations for Cub Scout Pack Family Camping.

The following is the Longhorn Council's Family Camping Policy:

- Family campouts, aka Pack Overnights, may be conducted in accordance with National policies.
- Family campouts may include one family or a group of families from the same unit.
- Family campouts are to involve fun-filled, no-pressure, non-competitive activities which include participation by family members and siblings.
- All National policies regarding Youth Protection Training and BALOO must be followed.
- Family Camping reflects the Longhorn Council's commitment to offer a progressive Scouting program with age-appropriate camping activities. The goal of the pack camping activity is to provide a successful Pack camping outing that is:
 1. Fun
 2. Based on the purposes of Cub Scouting.
 3. Successful in whetting the appetite of the Cub Scouts, his parents, and the leaders to want more of the outdoors.
- Family campouts conducted as part of a Scouting program must be held at a facility that has been inspected and approved by the Outdoor Program Committee to meet BSA Standards. Unit leaders may assume personal liability for campouts not conducted at an approved facility. Approved Family Camping Locations:
 - Worth Ranch, Palo Pinto
 - Sid Richardson Scout Ranch, Bridgeport
 - Camp Tahuaya, Belton
 - Hills and Hollows, Denton
 - Camp Wisdom
 - Camp James Ray
 - Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp



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- Camp Constantin
- Bonham State Park – (approved 8/27/24) - <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/bonham>
- Camp Kiwanis – (approved 10/1/24) - <https://campkiwanisparistx.com/>
- Eisenhower State Park – (approved 10/5/24) - <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/eisenhower>
- Towson State Park – (approved 10/1/24) - <https://www.travelok.com/state-parks/raymond-gary-state-park>
- Blackland Prairie Raptor Center – (approved 10/6/24) - <https://bpraptorcenter.org/camping/>
- Raymond Gary State Park (approved 9/24/2024)
- Broken Bow – Beavers Bend (approved 9/24/2024)
- Pine Creek State Park (approved 9/24/2024)
- Tyler State Park (approved 11/17/2024)
- Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge (approved 11/8/2024)
- North Fort Hood (approved 4/2025)
- Lake Murray State Park (approved 1/19/2025)
- Llama Land Ranch (approved 1/18/2025)
- Hickory Creek Park (approved 01/01/2025)
- Camp Finlayson, Fort Hood (approved 10/22/25)
- Frisch Park, Killeen, TX (approved 11/13/25)
- Camp Carter, Fort Worth (approved 11/13/25)
- Meridian State Park (approved 2/2/26)
- Tri-Rivers Retreat Center (approved 2/2/26)