

# Shawnee Trails Council, BSA

## Campsite Adoption Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to encourage Scouting units to be active in development and maintenance of campsites at Camps Roy C. Manchester and Wildcat Hollow by providing certain camp use preferences in return for their commitment to supplement the council's ongoing development and maintenance activities.

### Eligibility

Any registered unit of the Boy Scouts of America (Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Venturing crew or Exploring post) may apply to adopt a specific campsite at Camps Roy C. Manchester or Wildcat Hollow. Preference will be given to units of Shawnee Trails Council. In the event a campsite is adopted by a unit from outside Shawnee Trails Council, that adoption will remain in effect as long as such unit fulfills the obligations specified by this policy.

### Process

Campsite adoption may occur at any time as a result of: a) invitation from the Scout executive, or b) application of the unit to the Scout executive.

The adopting unit's Scoutmaster or troop committee chairman will sign a Campsite Adoption Agreement (attached), which will be countersigned by the Scout executive.

In the event more than one unit applies to adopt a particular campsite, the Scout executive will consider the units' camp development history and ability to effectively carry out their obligations under the agreement in making his determination of which unit(s) will be awarded the adoption.

All projects undertaken and work performed by the adopting unit will be according to Council standards conducted under the supervision of the Scout executive or his designee.

### Obligations of the Adopting Unit

- Complete a qualifying campsite development project proposed by the unit, or specified by the Scout executive (e.g., build pavilion, tent platforms, latrine, clear or expand campsite, etc.). In the event a suitable project on the relevant campsite is not available, the Scout executive may designate an alternative camp development project. At the discretion of the Scout executive, historical camp development efforts of the adopting unit may be considered as satisfaction of this requirement.
- On an annual basis, prepare the campsite for use during scheduled Council events (summer camp, etc).
- On a reasonable adhoc basis, provide resources to address campsite maintenance or development needs.

### Privileges of the Adopting Unit

- Provided the unit has made appropriate reservations and paid the specified reservation fee for its adopted campsite, the council will guarantee assignment of the unit to its adopted campsite for summer camp and other similar scheduled council events (cub resident camp, winter camp, etc).
- In the event aggregate attendance makes it necessary to assign multiple units to certain campsites, the unit's adopted campsite will be assigned multiple occupants only after all suitable non-adopted campsites have been assigned.

- In the event the number of summer camp participants of the unit does not qualify the unit to occupy the entire campsite, or if aggregate summer camp attendance makes it necessary to assign multiple units to the adopted site, the adopting unit will have first choice of sub-site.
- Normal camp reservation fees will be waived when the unit is in residence at camp for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations under their agreement.
- Units with current Campsite Adoption Agreements in place will be recognized with appropriate, prominently displayed signage on the adopted site. The signage will be provided and installed by the Council.

### **Communication**

The opportunity for Scouting units to adopt campsites and/or other areas and projects at the camps is to be communicated to all Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Venturing crews and Exploring posts throughout the Council. These opportunities are also to be communicated in the Leader's Guides for the Council's various programs.

### **Term & Termination**

Campsite adoption agreements will be effective upon completion of the unit's initial project and will be for a term of one year. Agreements will automatically renew provided the adopting unit has fulfilled its ongoing obligations under their agreement. In the event an adopting unit fails to satisfy its annual service requirement, their adoption agreement may be terminated at any time by the Scout executive after providing notice and a reasonable opportunity to satisfy their obligation.

A unit may cancel its adoption at any time by notifying the Scout executive of its desire to do so.

### **Limitations**

This policy or the adoption agreements executed in accordance with it will not be used to deny any registered member of the Boy Scouts of America access to programs and events at Camps Roy C. Manchester or Wildcat Hollow.

Nothing in this policy will be construed as obligating a unit to fund the cost of development and maintenance of its adopted site, except as specified in its adoption agreement.

Nothing in this policy will be construed to convey ownership, authority or control over a campsite to the adopting unit.

Nothing in this policy will be construed to relieve the Scout executive and the Executive Board of their respective responsibility to develop and maintain the council's camp properties.

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