



## CUB SCOUT CAMPING GUIDELINES

### *Sam Houston Area Council*



Cub Scouting and the out-of-doors – a winning combination for a successful pack program! The Cub Scout outdoor program is designed to provide boys and their families with experiences that are an ever-increasing challenge as they progress through the Cub Scout program. Packs in the Sam Houston Area Council are encouraged to make overnight camping experiences a part of their annual program plan according to the following guidelines:

**Pack Overnights** are overnight camping events that are planned, organized, and run by the members of an individual pack.

- Conducted at Cub World (make reservation through Camp Strake) or a council-approved location (file a Local Tour Permit *and* “Site Approval Standards for Pack Overnights.”)
- All pack members (including Tiger Cubs) and family members may attend. Each child should be under the supervision of his/her own parent or guardian. \*
- One adult from the pack, who will attend and give leadership to the pack overnights, must complete Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).

**Council-Organized Family Camping** is a fee-based overnight camping event for which the council provides staffing, food service, and program.

- Conducted at McNair Cub Adventure Camp at Bovay Scout Ranch.
- Packs, dens, or individual families (including Tiger Cub families) may make reservations. Contact Bovay registrar for reservations.
- All family members may attend. Each child should be under the supervision of his/her parent or guardian.\*

**Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Resident Camp** is a three-day, two-night summertime program organized by the council.

- Conducted at McNair Cub Adventure Camp at Bovay Scout Ranch.
- Packs, dens, or individual families (including Tiger Cub families) may make reservations. Contact Bovay registrar for reservations.
- Boys who transition to a Wolf or Bear den at the end of the school year should register for Cub Scout Resident Camp. Boys who transition to a first-year or second-year Webelos den at the end of the school year should register for Webelos Scout Resident Camp.
- New Tiger Cubs who register at the conclusion of their kindergarten year are not eligible to attend a Resident Camp program.

#### **Webelos Den Overnight Camping**

- Conducted by Webelos den leadership at a council camp (make reservations through the appropriate council office) or a council-approved site (file Local Tour Permit).
- Webelos dens may reserve council camping facilities at Cub World (Camp Strake), McNair Cub Adventure Camp (Bovay Scout Ranch), or Camp Brosig.
- Webelos dens are encouraged to camp with troops, but should do so only at times when the den is the focus of the troop activity. Webelos Scouts dens should not spend the night at Boy Scout-based events such as camporees.
- Each Webelos Scout should be under the supervision of a specific adult, in most cases his parent or guardian, even when participating in overnight activities with a troop. \*

**NOTE: Tiger Cub and Cub Scout dens are not authorized to camp as a den unit except for resident camp or a council-organized family camping event conducted at McNair Cub Adventure Camp.**

\* It is the intent of Sam Houston Area Council that Cub Scout camping activities have a high degree of parental involvement. General rule of thumb for the Sam Houston Area Council is currently 75% of the Scouts in attendance must have at least one parent in attendance at any Cub Scout camping activity.

See *Guide to Safe Scouting* ([www.scouting.org/pubs/gss](http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss)) and the latest edition of the *Cub Scout Leader Book* for further information on Cub Scout camping policies and guidelines.