



2016 CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS

WEEKEND #1 APRIL 6 - 8, 2016

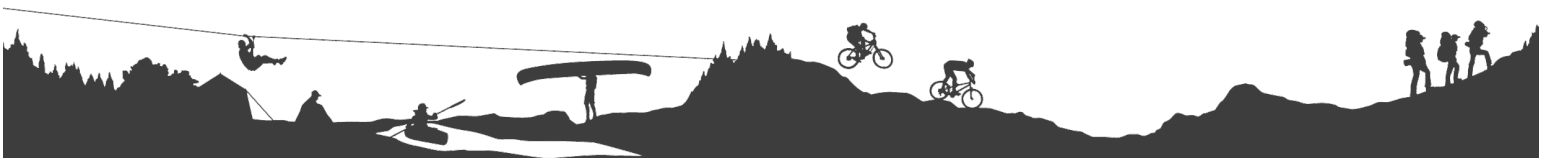
WEEKEND #2 MAY 6 - 8, 2016

WEEKEND #3 SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2016

WEEKEND #4 OCTOBER 14 - 16, 2016

LEADERS GUIDE

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FAMILY CAMP INFORMATION

When Weekend #1 April 6 - 8, 2016
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Be Prepared. There is no rain/snow date for events. All units should prepare for foul weather.

What An opportunity to get away from the busy buzz of the city for the weekend and enjoy some time in the great outdoors with the family at Pipsico Scout Reservation.

Where Pipsico Scout Reservation
57 Pipsico Road
Spring Grove, VA 23881

Contact Evan Sommerfeld
Camp Director
757-497-2688 ext. 212
Email: esommerf@bsamail.org

Wes Parker
VP of Camping Operations
757-635-2696
Email: wparker@pipsicobsa.com

Register Tidewater Council Service Center
1032 Heatherwood Drive
Virginia Beach, VA. 23455

Cost **\$30 per Family**; if paid in full before the deadline (see registration forms)

\$45 per Family; if paid in full after the deadline (see registration forms)

THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE TO REGISTER THRU THE TIDEWATER COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.

Refunds Families must notify the Scout Office before the event begins if a Scout will not be attending. Refunds of pre-paid Family Camp fees will be made by check from the Scout Service Center following the event only in the case of documented illness or family emergency. No Refunds can be given if the Council is notified **less than 10 days prior to the event** as pre-paid expenses will already have been incurred. No refunds for partial attendance will be granted.

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INTRODUCTION

This Cub Scout Family Camping Weekend is an opportunity to get away from the busy buzz of the city for the weekend and enjoy some time in the great outdoors at Pipsico Scout Reservation.

There will be a variety of activities to include things for nature enthusiasts, fishermen, marksmen (aspiring marksmen), water lovers, crafty folks, sports fans, and more. The program schedule is jam packed with activities; however if a Scout tires out or a program doesn't interest you feel free to do your own thing. However please try not arrive late to sessions as safety briefings must start on time.

Participants are invited to camp from Friday through Sunday, or any portion in between. Families are welcome to arrive on Friday to escape the city and set-up camp and relax (this makes Saturday easier). Likewise, after a day of craziness on Saturday you are welcome to take it easy Saturday night and make your way home on Sunday.

No food will be provided this weekend. Campers have the benefit of creating a thrilling menu of steak and crab legs, or keeping it simple. Regardless, be prepared to clean up what you bring. Water is available in all sites, and dumpsters are located at the entrance to camp for any waste. Please check the program schedule when planning your meals to ensure you have enough time to prepare, eat, and tidy up.

For updates please refer to the Pipsico website at <http://PipsicoBSA.com> click on the "Special Events" link at the top of the page.



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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday

5PM-9PM Optional Check-in (for Friday night campers)

Saturday

6:30 - 8:15AM Breakfast Time

7:00 - 8:00AM Optional Check-in (for Saturday arrivals)

8:30AM Flag Raising & Session Assignments

9:00 - 9:40AM Session #1 (*yellow gates are closed to block vehicle access for youth safety)

9:50 - 10:30AM Session #2

10:40 - 11:20AM Session #3

11:30- 12:10PM Session #4

12:00 -1:30PM Lunch Time (In Campsites)

2:00 - 2:40PM Session #5

2:50 - 3:30PM Session #6

3:40 - 4:20PM Session #7

4:30 – 5:10PM Session #8

5:20 - 7:15PM Dinner Time (In Campsites)

7:30 – 8:30 Evening Campfire (Skits by Packs, sign up in showmanship session)

10:00 **Lights Out (Uber Quiet, No Noise, It's Sleepy Time)**

Sunday

8:00 - 10:00AM Check-out (Clean up your areas and have a safe trip home!)

*** For the safety of the 500 people walking on the roads, vehicles are strictly prohibited from driving in camp during Program 9AM – 5:30PM. If you are leaving Saturday you must wait until after 5:30 if you must drive to your site to load gear. Pull carts are available at the Burton anytime.**

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GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION:

CHECK-IN

If you choose to camp Friday evening, check-in will be conducted from **5:30 PM till 8:30 PM** on Friday evening at the Burton Center (Located within Camp Lions, a sub camp of Pipsico Scout Reservation). Do not arrive early, there will be no one to check you in, you may **NOT** enter the campsites prior to check-in.

If you plan to arrive on Saturday, please show up prepared for program and complete your registration between 7:00 AM & 8:00 AM and be ready for the 8:30 AM flag raising ceremony.

For the safety of scouts walking through camp, only vehicles pulling trailers will be allowed in camp. The trailer must be unhooked and parked in the designated area adjacent to your campsite. No trailers are to be parked past the wooden post located inside the campsites. Tow vehicles are to be **immediately** moved to the front parking lot. All other vehicles are to stay in the parking lots and any addition gear or scouts will have to hike in or can utilize one of the FEW available carts located at the Burton Center. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CHECK OUT

Contingents may check-out after the conclusion of program on Saturday evening or stay until Sunday morning. **For camper safety, during program sessions absolutely no vehicles will be allowed into camp for packing up campsites.** Please to come to the Burton Center (camp office) to check out and have your camping area checked for cleanliness. If your group plans to leave on Sunday, please try and check out by 10:00 AM. There will not be patches for this event.

MEALS

No meals will be provided by the camp staff for this events. Participants must plan to prepare their own food.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

Boy Scouts of America volunteers will staff these events. The BSA is a volunteer run program. Every Pack that participates in the event is expected to provide some form of contribution to the success of that event and activities conducted. Staff positions are available for direct program support as well as logistical support. Please inform the event chairman at check-in (or in advance at wparker@PipsicoBSA.com) of the names and contact information for those volunteers in your unit who may help contribute to the event's success.

CAMP RULES

- The Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack
- The Guide to Safe Scouting
- Leave No Trace
- NO fireworks, pets, firearms, electronic games, radios, walkie-talkies, TV's and CD/DVD/MP3/iPod players
- Scouts are not permitted to roam through campsites during scheduled activities.
- Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the camp ground.

CAMPSITES/CAMPING

Campers need to provide their own tents and beddings. All Pipsico tents and cots will be in storage. Sites will be assigned based on registration date and family size.

TRADING POST

The Trading Post will be open during this event. Feel free to bring some extra spending money for your retail therapy. MasterCard and Visa are accepted for transactions over \$10.

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WATER AND BATH FACILITIES

Drinking water is available within every campsite and most program areas. Hot showers (Both male and female) are available at the pool shower facilities only.

Primary bathroom facilities are latrines inside of each campsite and limited use “enclosed” toilet facilities are available (both male and female) at the pool, the front of the Reservation in the Gregson Center, and at the Burton Center in Base Camp.

MEDICAL MATTERS-

MEDICALS

According to BSA policy, all Scouts and leaders should complete an Annual Health and Medical Record form (*parts A&B only*) for all scouting activities. This is just the health history form (excluding the physician’s portion). **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIT** to obtain and maintain copies of these forms for members of their unit for all activities they conduct. Medical forms will NOT be turned in at check-in. The official BSA form is located here: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

All units should bring a unit first aid kit and treat injuries within their capabilities. Units must report all injuries and other medical situations to the camp staff at the Health Lodge, even those they treat themselves. Qualified medical personnel will be on duty at the Health Lodge at all times. If necessary, the camp staff will contact emergency medical services and ambulance services using 911. Unit leaders are expected to control all medications within their units.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

All prescription drugs are kept and administered by the unit. It is to be kept in a secured location out of the reach of children. If medication requires refrigeration, it can be checked in with the Health Officer at check-in. By law, medications must be in a container with a typed label from the pharmacy.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Pipsico Scout Reservation maintains emergency procedures to meet, and in some cases, exceed the standards set by the Boy Scouts of America. It is essential for everyone’s safety that every member of your unit fully understands that these procedures exist - their life, your life, or someone else’s life could depend on it. Please be sure to follow only instructions delivered by the staff chain of command. Likewise, if an emergency arises, or is brought to your attention, please notify the nearest staff member immediately so that we may launch the appropriate procedures. Do not attempt to resolve an emergency situation alone. Notify the nearest staff member. In the event that an emergency arises, an alarm will sound from the program administration building. When this alarm is heard, all units and participants are required to assemble to the field in front of the Dining Hall and await further instruction.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES

Leaders are asked to review the Guide to Safe Scouting before attending camp and ensure compliance by their unit with policies as detailed in the Guide, particularly in respect of youth protection policies. Failure to comply with Guide to Safe Scouting and youth protection policies will result in disciplinary action. Key portions of the youth protection policies found in the Guide to Safe Scouting are reproduced below. Other Guide to Safe Scouting policies are also contained elsewhere in this guide.

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members and protect their own privacy at all times. Except in emergencies, adults and youth may not enter each other’s designated sleeping and shower areas. No Scout may share a tent with an adult who is not his own parent or guardian.

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GENERAL POLICIES-

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & DRUGS

Alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited. All prescription drugs are kept and administered by an adult within the unit. (See the Prescription Medications section above.)

CELL PHONE POLICY

We would request that Scouts not to take cell phones to program sessions or, at the very least, to turn them off during sessions. Use of cell phones during program sessions is inconsiderate to other participants and, in some cases can be extremely dangerous (Scouts participating in shooting sport activities, should not be distracted by a ringing phone).

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Radios, cell phones, CD players, video games, and other personal electronic devices detract from the camping experience and provide an inviting target for theft. Do not bring them into camp. If you permit them during travel to and from camp, please leave them in the car during your stay at camp. Youth campers are not permitted to have two-way radios or pagers in camp, as these have proven to be highly disruptive of the camp routine.

FIRES, STOVES, TENTS & OPEN FLAMES

Fires will be authorized depending on the status of State and City fire prohibitions in effect for the weekend of the event. All ground fires are permitted in the fire rings at each camp site. The staff will update units on the current fire policy at check-in. Units must post water buckets or a fire extinguisher in the fire area. Cutting of live trees, shrubs, or vegetation is prohibited.

For safety reasons, there are to be **no open flames in tents**. This ban on open flames in tents includes a ban on the use of matches, candles, kerosene, propane or liquid lanterns in tents. Lighting in tents is to be provided by battery-powered lanterns or flashlights only. It is, however, acceptable to use a lantern under a dining fly. All cooking fires, campfires and stoves are to be attended while they are burning. Fires are only to be built in designated areas and must be extinguished so that they are cold to the touch when unattended.

INITIATIONS, HAZING & MILITARY TRAINING

Corporal punishment, hazing, initiation of any sort, and military training and drill are not permitted in the Boy Scouts of America.

LIQUID FUELS

Adult leaders only may use stoves and lanterns requiring liquid fuel. Extra fuel must be turned over to the Quartermaster for safekeeping in locked storage.

MONEY & VALUABLES

Each family must decide how much spending money a Scout should take to camp. Each Scout is, however, responsible for the safeguarding of his money and personal property. It is recommended that expensive cameras, watches, and personal entertainment devices be left at home. Regardless, all items should be clearly marked, with the boy's name and unit number.

PETS

No pets are allowed in camp. Please ensure that anyone planning to visit you or your unit during the weekend is also aware of this rule.

RESTRICTED AREAS

The following areas are off limits to all campers: The ranger's home and maintenance areas, camp staff living areas, the kitchen and food storage areas (except for authorized adult volunteers,) any program area where staff

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is not present, and the cliffs along the James River. Scouts may visit the waterfront for beach combing or fishing only when staff is present or when accompanied by an adult leader.

SMOKING & VAPING

Anyone under 18 years old is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at camp. Adults who smoke must do so out of sight of any youth members. Smoking is prohibited in any tent or building. Cigarette butts must be field stripped and placed in a trash receptacle.

TAPS/LIGHTS OUT

A Scout is courteous. All scouts should be in their designated campsites at 10:30 PM to Wind-down the day's activities. Taps is at 11 PM. Unit leaders must ensure that fires and lanterns are out and that all their youth have retreated to their tents and are quiet.

TELEPHONES

Should anyone need to contact a camper on an important matter, the number is (757) 294-3912. This is a business phone, and cannot be tied up with personal calls. Parents will not be able to speak to their children on this line. If adult leaders need to receive regular calls at camp, bring a cell phone or pager, or make arrangements to check with their office on a regular schedule.

TRAILERS

If your unit plans on bringing a trailer, please provide this information on the registration form. Specific campsites have been designated for unit use when a unit has a trailer. The requesting unit is permitted to have one trailer in the designated area at the perimeter of their campsite until checkout.

TRASH DISPOSAL

Participants should practice Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent practicable. If you packed it in - you pack it out! All units are expected to police their camping area and remove all trash to the dumpsters located behind the dining hall or at the front of camp near the barn. Trash that will not fit in the dumpsters becomes the responsibility of the unit to remove from the campground. Do not pile trash next to the dumpsters. If the dumpsters are full at time of checkout then units **MUST** pack out their trash and make arrangements for proper disposal.

VEHICLES IN CAMP

Since safety is our number one priority, vehicles are not permitted past the Burton Center parking lot unless authorized by the ranger for unit gear drop off. Any vehicle that is authorized to drive beyond the Burton Center must remain on the main road. Absolutely no vehicles are permitted on grass or in campsites. Likewise, no vehicles authorized in camp may block the loading dock at the rear of the Dining Hall.

No other motorized vehicles (golf carts, etc.) will be allowed in camp at any time except for use by designated camp staff. If the need arises for a vehicle to be in camp, approval **MUST** first be obtained from the Camp Director (Evan Sommerfeld) or Camp Ranger (Jenny Sommerfeld). Special arrangements will be made for Special Needs Visitors, Scouts and Scouters as requested.

Vehicle owners, and operators, who drive beyond the Burton Center parking lot do so at their own risk. Tidewater Council will not accept responsibility for any vehicle damage within camp.

WEAPONS, KNIVES, FULL AXES, FIREWORKS, & FIREARMS

Pipsico provides all necessary and appropriate equipment for our shooting programs. Personal firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows are not permitted in camp. Also, no water guns are permitted at camp.

Pocketknives may be carried by adult leaders and any Scout who has earned the Whittling Chip. Fireworks & firearms of any kind are prohibited in camp. Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's) please notify the council prior to camp of any special requirements by your department.

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APPENDIX A: REGISTRATION FORM

SEE OFFICIAL FORM AT <http://www.PipsicoBSA.com>

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APPENDIX B: HOW TO GET TO CAMP

Pipsico is located at **57 Pipsico Road; Spring Grove Virginia, 23881**, midway between Norfolk and Richmond.

Pipsico is centrally located to a host of attractions including the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown, just a short distance away via the nearby ferry.

Many other fascinating historical sites from the first 250 years of American history are within easy driving distance (an hour or so). Among these are Colonial Williamsburg, numerous restored colonial plantations, the Revolutionary War battlefield at Yorktown, and Civil War battlefields around Richmond and Petersburg.

For those who want more modern adventure, local amusement parks include Busch Gardens and Water Country USA. A short drive from camp brings visitors to the naval base in Norfolk, the Atlantic Ocean beaches and boardwalk at Virginia Beach, and much more.

Detailed Directions can be found online: <http://pipsicobsa.com/resource-bank/>

