

Scouting America
Old Hickory Council
GENERAL RULES
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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CAMP RAVEN KNOB & RAVEN POINT

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & SAFETY AFFILIATION FOR COUNCIL FACILITIES

Camping facilities and equipment of the Old Hickory Council are maintained for the purpose of giving all members in the Scouting family an experience in camping, enjoying the outdoors, and the wonders of nature. The welfare of the youth members shall be considered first in all matters relating to these facilities. As Scouts and Scouters, we are governed by the tenets of the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, **and** the Outdoor Code. The guidelines for our rules, regulations, and policies are in concert with, but not limited to: the Guide to Safe Scouting, the Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities, Youth Protection Policies, the National Camping Accreditation Policy (NCAP), and any other Rules and Regulations set down by the National Organization of Scouting America, or its successors.

II. USE OF THE RESERVATION

- A. Who may use Camp Raven Knob, Raven Point, or Wachovia Scouting Center:
1. Youth and Adults who are currently registered in the Scouting program. Adults must hold a current and valid YPT certification.
 2. Families and guests of registered youth and adult members are welcome to visit the reservation. Reservations must be made through the Council Service Center. A Certificate of Insurance (COI) could be requested.
 3. Groups not affiliated with a Scouting unit in Old Hickory Council must make a reservation with the Old Hickory Council and have written proof of liability and accident insurance with a stated minimum of two million dollars.
 4. All reservation use must be in groups of two or more individuals.
 5. All Scouting group use shall be in accordance with the Scouting Rules and Regulations governing such activities.

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B. PROCEDURES

1. [Youth Protection Guidelines](#) apply to all Scouting events and programs.
2. A minimum of two weeks prior to use, all groups or Scouting units must complete an online reservation application @ www.oldsickorycouncil.org. Use of specific areas, facilities, and equipment must be indicated on the application. For assistance with reservations, contact the [Old Hickory Council Service Center](#).

C. AVAILABILITY OF RESERVATION

1. The properties of the Old Hickory Council are available for approved use throughout the year. Restricted periods are listed below and may be changed without notice by the Council Program Committee and/or Council Program Director with the approval of the Council Executive Board. Cooperative efforts will be made in order to share the reservation among various groups. A record of any changes can be obtained at the Council Service Center.
 - a. The weekends of select whole-camp Council Events: Such as Fall Family Adventure Weekends, Camp Staff Training, and Spring Into Scouting.
 - b. The weekends of whole-camp Order of the Arrow events: Winter, Spring, and Fall Fellowships; Induction Weekends 1 & 2; & Vigil Weekend.
 - c. Council Summer Camp period, beginning with Staff Week & Cub Resident Camp session(s), through the conclusion of summer camp.
 - d. December 24th, 25th, and 26th and other holidays when specified in the Council calendar.
 - e. National Camping School and Conclave when hosted at Raven Knob.
 - f. Specified District whole-camp events when properly reserved.
 - g. Special events as approved by the Council Program Committee.
2. The general operating and expected traffic flow hours of Camp Raven Knob and Raven Point will be 7:00 AM to 11:00 p.m. Hours outside these should be prearranged with the Camp Ranger or Council Program Director, or the Executive in charge of the activity for that specific weekend.

III. CAMP FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND CONDUCT

- A. Old Hickory Council facilities, land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, lakes, campsites, airspace, etc., are available by permit only. The facility or equipment to be used by a group must be stated on the permit. Specifically, the use of camp buildings is permitted only with the written permission of the Council Executive or their authorized representative.
- B. Cost, if any, for the use of, or damages to facilities or equipment will be determined by the Council Program Committee acting on behalf of the

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Council Executive Board. Damage to facilities or other property at the reservation is to be paid for by the group, unit or individual, and or individuals who cause or are responsible for the damage. The Camp Ranger will make estimates to repair or replace damaged or destroyed facilities or property through provisions provided by the Council Program Committee.

- C. A consignment form will be required for the use of any camp equipment away from the Reservation.
- D. The following procedures are to be followed when making overnight arrangements:
 - 1. All leaders are expected to reflect the high standards established by the Scouting program in accordance with the Scout Oath and Scout Law and upholding all rules and regulations established thereby including Youth Protection standards for overnight accommodations, camping, and supervision.
 - 2. All camping and sleeping regulations, YPT rules, supervision ratios, and gender accommodations can be found in the most current Guide to Safe Scouting.

IV. REGULATIONS

A. AQUATICS & FISHING: USES OF LAKES

- 1. Fishing is permitted by youth members with adult supervision, Scouters, and visitors with a permit issued by the Camp Ranger, Campmaster, Camp Director, or Scout Executive. North Carolina Fishing Regulations must be obeyed. There is no fishing inside the Aquatics Program Area, delineated by fencing, including no fishing off of the dock. All fishing is “catch and release.” Additional rules may be established as necessary.
- 2. Boating activities at Camp Raven Knob are permitted only in Lake Sobotta and only when indicated on the approved reservation-use application. Adult supervisors/leaders must accept full responsibility for these activities. Life jackets and shoes (which may get wet) must be worn at all times by everyone in the boat. One boat must be kept available for the Camp Ranger or Campmaster. Boats may be available for use from April 1 through October 31 when the lake is operational. Gasoline motors are not permitted on either lake. Adult supervisors/leaders must have a current BSA Safety Afloat certification.
- 3. Swimming activities are only permitted within the designated swimming areas in Lake Sobotta and only when indicated on the approved reservation-use application. Adult supervisors/leaders must accept full responsibility for these activities and must provide appropriate response personnel in accordance with Safe Swim Defense Policy. Adherence to Safe Swim Defense is required for all swimming activities. Proper ratios for swimming supervision and safety apply for all program areas. When conducting council or district activities, a minimum of two lifeguards (American Red Cross Lifeguard, YMCA Lifeguard,

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- or BSA Lifeguard**not past December 31, 2026) must be on duty, and lifeguard coverage must maintain a ratio of one lifeguard for every 10 participants in an aquatic activity. An NCS certified Aquatics Director must be on site. Reservations can be made on the council website.
4. Swimming is allowed in all three areas of the aquatics area, given the participant is qualified to swim in those areas (Swimmer, Beginner, Non-Swimmer). An adult trained in Safe Swim Defense in addition to the lifeguard will be required to be in attendance at all times. Supervision must be provided as outlined in *Guide to Safe Scouting* and current BSA Guidelines.
 5. Boating: Rowboats that are US Coast Guard approved may be used. A properly fitted Type 2 or Type 3 personal flotation device (life jacket) and shoes (which may become wet) must be worn by each person. One qualified adult must be in each boat. Limit to three participants in each boat. In addition to the lifeguard one trained adult in *Safe Swim Defense* and *Safety Afloat* must be present.
 6. The use of private boats are allowed through permission of the Council Program Director or Camp Ranger.
 7. All camp rules and regulations must be followed, along with current Scouting guidelines on swimming and boating.
 8. Lakes are off-limits when frozen or drained.

B. RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES (RATA): FIREARMS ON PROPERTY

1. All use of firearms and shooting activities at Camp Raven Knob will follow the guidelines in the most current version of the following documents:
 - a. Camp Raven Knob Range and Target Activities (RATA) Standard Operating (<https://www.oldsickorycouncil.org/shootingsports>)
 - b. National Range and Target Activities (RATA) Manual (<http://www.scouting.org/Home/OutdoorProgram/ShootingSports.aspx>)
 - c. The Guide to Safe Scouting (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>)
 - d. The National Camp Accreditation Program (NACP): <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/camp-accreditation/>
 - e. Any Scouting publication or guideline which supplements/updates/replaces the listed publications by the SA or its successor.
2. The use of personal firearms and personal ammunition is prohibited in all Scouting programs at Old Hickory Council Properties. Personal firearms can be used for demonstration purposes with approval of the Council Range Activities Director and Camp Director.

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3. Archery equipment is not allowed during summer camp unless approved by the Council Range Activities Director. All personal archery equipment must be inspected by the Council Range Activities Director before being on the range.
4. Use of the shooting ranges at Camp Raven Knob must be scheduled and prior approved by the Council Range Activities Director or Camp Director.
5. Use of firearms at Raven Point is prohibited.
6. Concealed Carry- National Guide to safe Scouting states: While various state laws have authorized individual Scouters to legally carry or conceal firearms, Scouters/parents/volunteers are not permitted to carry them while involved in Scouting activities outside of the range and target activities program. Law enforcement is allowed to carry, when performing their duties or providing security for functions as the request of the council.

C. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Hunting and trapping is not permitted on the Reservation. Trapping by members of the Summer Camp Nature Staff in the Ecology/Conservation Area is permitted under NCAPI guidelines, using cage-type traps only in accordance with Scouting policy concerning live animal care. Violators of this rule will be subject to prosecution under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

D. PETS

Pets will not be allowed on the Reservation. Furthermore, pets are not allowed inside any camp building, sleeping area, or program area. Camp Ranger or year-round personnel are allowed to have pets at the discretion of the Council Program Director. Any open range animal of residents must be up-to-date on their shots and are not allowed in buildings where food is served nor in the health lodge.

E. SERVICE ANIMALS

1. Service Animals meeting the ADA standards are welcome at camp.
2. We use the definitions and distinctions of the ADA for use of service animals on the reservation.
3. <https://www.ada.gov/topics/service-animals/>
4. Therefore, the current definition of service animal relates only to dogs of any breed who are trained to perform a task directly related to a person's disability. Service animals are NOT emotional support or comfort dogs, because providing emotional support or comfort is not a task related to a person's disability.

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F. CONTRABAND: INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, VAPES, and DRUGS

Old Hickory Council operates Tobacco and Drug Free facilities. Refer to the safe guide to Scouting for specifics.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss04/>

and Scouter Code of Conduct

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouters-code-of-conduct/>

The following items are **NOT** permitted on Old Hickory Council properties:

1. Alcoholic Beverages
2. Illegal drugs or narcotics and any paraphernalia pertaining to the use of illegal drugs
3. Vapes/tobacco of any kind
4. Bullwhips
5. Fireworks, explosives, and blasting caps
6. Sheath knives and switchblade knives
7. Only knives used for cooking or demonstration in program may have a blade larger than a 4-inches.
8. Obscene or pornographic materials, in print or electronic format
9. Martial arts devices for use as martial arts: Including but not limited to; Bo and Sticks, Escrima Sticks, Fighting Fans, Nunchaku, Swords and Throwing Stars.
10. *Bows and arrows, throwing knives, and slingshots by permission only (except for scheduled shooting sports activities) Just a reminder, there are to be no personal firearms on the property of Raven Knob or Raven Point. For our full policy, review Section IV, Section B, "RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES (RATA): FIREARMS ON PROPERTY."
 - a. These items, when approved in advance, may only be used under supervision in designated areas, during the approved program time. Outside of this time, they should be properly stored in a location approved by the Range Safety Officer, Camp Ranger, or Camp Director.
11. Any other items deemed inappropriate by the Council Program Committee, Camp Ranger, or Camp Director. Units may have additional items they wish to add to this list, done so at their own election, but may not alter nor supersede this listing.

Individuals accidentally bringing such items to camp must leave them with the Campmaster, Camp Ranger, or Camp Director. Anyone found with any of the above contraband items in their possession may be required to leave the Reservation, and where necessary may face charges from law enforcement.

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G. VEHICLE USE

1. Raven Knob Scout Reservation and Raven Point are private properties and therefore the use of vehicles on the property is a privilege extended by the Old Hickory Council. Adherence to the rules and regulations for the safe use of vehicles is governed by no less than the Council Scout Executive, their designees, the Council Executive Board, Council Program Committee, Camp Ranger, and the Camp Director.
2. VEHICLES
 - a. Rules for motor vehicles and driver's are governed by the same as the State of North Carolina for all matters pertaining to the safe operation of a motor vehicle on the highway.
 - b. National Scouting America Transportation policy states: Except for council-run ATV programs, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Golf Carts, Light Transport Vehicles (LTV's), Utility Transport Vehicles (UTVs), and side-by-sides are banned from program use. This prohibition includes their use at the unit level. [NCAP Standard FA-711](#) provides a standard by which councils and camps may use this equipment.
 - c. All trail or mountain bikes (motorized or not), motorcycles, mopeds, ebikes, all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, and other non-licensed vehicles are not allowed on the Reservation unless by council written permission and with use of a (driving pass). Camp owned and operated vehicles, bikes or ATVs are allowed and are in compliance with the camp, Mountain Biking Program, ATV program, and under the supervision of the Camp Raven Knob ATV Director.
 - d. Anyone operating a golf cart must have taken the online [E-Course](#) through ROHVA. Those operating a UTV must coordinate with the Camp Ranger about the ROHVA Basic Driver Course.
 - e. Liability for injuries or damages caused by the use of such vehicles will be the responsibility of the operator.
3. The maximum speed for ALL vehicles on any council owned property is 5 miles per hour. Failure to adhere to this safety regulation may result in forfeiture of driving privileges.
4. To ensure pedestrian safety and meet NCAP standards for vehicle operation in camp, private vehicles should be limited to loading and unloading. Private vehicles during summer camp should abide by the posted driving times.
5. All vehicles must only drive on existing roads.

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6. Parked vehicles should not block roads at any time. This is especially true during program operations at the climbing tower or range and target activity areas, Ridge Road must be kept entirely clear of vehicles, no parking along-side the road due to emergency vehicle egress.
7. Motor vehicle drivers on the reservation are subject to the laws and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Only individuals with a valid driver's license or restricted license (from any state), are permitted to drive in camp. Failure to adhere to these regulations may result in forfeiture of camp driving privileges.
8. National Scouting America policy states that all drivers must be no less than 18 years of age.
9. Vehicles in camp may be used only with the approval of the Council Program Committee, Camp Ranger, Camp Director, or the Scout Executive. A driving permit should be issued to designate official program use, wheelchair or disability access use, and maintenance vehicle use.
10. Vehicles for wheelchair users and others with physical disabilities: All participants are welcomed at camp. Vehicles used to transport a person who is a wheelchair user or has a physical disability should obtain a driving/parking pass for the safe operation of a vehicle in camp. Use of handicapped parking within camp is designated at large program venues (when available) and efforts should be made to keep these spaces available for that purpose (Dining Hall, Health Lodge, Arena, Program Center, etc.). In other unmarked spaces such as shower houses, campsites, and various program areas, please do not block the road or emergency access points when using the facilities.
11. Transporting people:
 - a. No one may ride in the back of a truck or on the back of a tractor. This rule applies to the trucks with covered beds as well as all others.
 - b. All occupants must be seated in a factory-installed seat with a seat belt.
 - c. Drivers who transport Scouts to and from the Reservation as well as within the camp must meet the age qualification for leaders as specified by the Guide to Safe Scouting.
12. BICYCLES
Persons riding bicycles on Council property will adhere to the following rules:
 - a. All persons riding bicycles must wear an ANSI-approved helmet.
 - b. Bicycles must be in good repair.
 - c. Cyclists will yield to pedestrians.
 - d. Cyclists will ride at a safe speed throughout the property and particularly in the main part of camp.

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- e. Cyclists will restrict their riding only to roads or specific trails designated for single-track bike riding.
- f. Ebikes are not permitted (per the Guide to Safe Scouting).
- g. Except for summer camp program, biking will only be permitted on designated trails and roads. A bike plan that follows Scouting guidelines should be made and must be given to the Campmaster before the bike trip. Any closed sections or dangerous elements of trails (if any exist) can be obtained from the Campmaster at this time.. This plan will include the destination, the number of people in the group, and the expected time of return. The expected return should be before dark.
- h. RIDING BICYCLES TO THE TOP OF RAVEN KNOB OR BACK DOWN IS NOT PERMITTED.
- i. No bike riding at night.
- j. Plan ahead. Know your equipment, your ability, and the area in which you are riding - and prepare accordingly. It is mandatory to always wear a helmet. Keep your machine in good condition and carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions.
- k. It is recommended that each rider carry (water, tire inflating device, a replacement tube and/or patch kit, first aid kit, chain tool, and some form of communications such as a cell phone).
- l. During the operation of the summer camp program, bikes are limited to those taking the Mountain Biking Merit Badge and are to be ridden only during the session.

H. EQUIPMENT USE

Camp tools and equipment may be used only with the permission of the Camp Ranger, Camp Director, or their designees. Power tools and Dining Hall Equipment may be operated only by persons 18 years of age or older in accordance with Guide to Safe Scouting. Users of chainsaws, camp-owned or not, must have current Chainsaw Safety Training certification.

I. BEHAVIOR

Any person or group whose conduct is potentially harmful to others, who violates the Scout Oath and Law, or who disregards the Rules and Regulations of Old Hickory Council properties may be required to leave the property. The Camp Ranger, Camp Director, Campmaster, Scout Executive, Vice President of Program, and the Council President all have the authority to make the decision to remove someone from the reservation property.

J. FIRE

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1. The Camp Ranger, Camp Director, or Campmaster may establish a fire ban as needed.
2. The Troop Fire Guard Plan will be enforced at all times. During summer camp, these are posted on the campsite board.
3. Flames, including all chemical fires, are prohibited in tents and sleeping areas at all times in accordance with national policies.
4. Cooking in sleeping areas by any method is prohibited. Cooking in campsites with open flame must be in the fixed fire rings or in a designated area suitable for in-ground fires. Cooking under shelters is allowed by use of stoves only; no charcoal or open flame cooking is permitted under shelters.
5. Campfires in the established campsites must be in the fixed fire rings. Campfires or cooking fires in the wilderness area will be in compliance with [Leave No Trace](#) camping principles.
6. Lighting in tents and adirondacks can only consist of battery-powered flashlights/lanterns.
7. Properly installed electric or gas heaters and lighting may be used in permanent buildings that have sleeping areas, such as the OA Lodge Building.
8. Fuel-powered lanterns or heaters may be used in latrines and campsite shelters but not in sleeping quarters of any kind.

K. FOOTWEAR

Manufactured closed-toe, closed-heel footwear is required to be worn at all times while at Camp Raven Knob or Raven Point. Crocs-style shoes are not considered to be closed-toe, closed-heel. Bare feet and open-toed sandals are allowed inside the waterfront area, showers, and in sleeping quarters only.

L. COPE COURSE (WHEN IN OPERATION)

1. Equipment and instructor training for the COPE Course shall be under the COPE committee. Summer camp COPE Director shall be certified by COPE Committee and shall also follow National standards for staff.
2. No personal equipment shall be used by participants, except for construction/maintenance or use by staff. No equipment shall be loaned out to any troops or groups. Equipment will be used only by direct supervision of the appropriate committee or their trained and approved representatives. COPE locks will only be unlocked by a representative of the COPE committee.
3. Project COPE program operates only under the supervision of a NCAP Trained Project COPE director or Level II COPE instructor (also approved by the COPE committee for training on an established course at Camp Raven Knob). A Project COPE director or Level II COPE instructor shall be on the COPE site at any time a course or elements are being used along with a trained Project COPE instructor. Each staff member may supervise no more than 12 participants on the low-course activity or no more than 6 on the high-course activity.

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4. Informed Consent Medical Information form shall be filled out and signed by a parent/legal guardian before a youth under 18 can participate in COPE. An adult participating must also complete and sign an Informed Consent Medical Information form.
A comprehensive First Aid Kit must be on site anytime a COPE activity is taking place. The COPE committee will be responsible for their own First Aid Kit. Summer camp staff shall have their own First Aid Kit.
5. Emergency communication by use of the camp radio system or via cell phones is acceptable as long as an adequate signal is being received.

M. CLIMBING PROGRAM

1. The climbing/rappelling program operates under the supervision of the Old Hickory Council Climbing Committee and a National Camp School trained climbing director.
2. Equipment, instructor training, and operational procedures for climbing and rappelling are the responsibility of the Climbing Committee.
3. NCAP establishes the guidelines for effectively and safely managing BSA unit climbing and rappelling activities. *Belay On: A BSA COPE Climbing Manual* details the procedures for conducting climbing and rappelling activities at Raven Knob and will recognize the most current Scouting Guidelines and the use of Climb on Safely:
<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/cope/climb-on-safely/#:~:text=Each%20participant%20and%20staff%20member,than%206%20feet%20could%20occur.>
4. All climbing and rappelling equipment is provided by the Climbing Committee. The use of personal equipment is restricted and at the discretion of the director in charge; Participants may use their own personal climbing helmet, harness, and shoes. Personal helmets, harnesses, and shoes must meet climbing equipment standards, be inspected by the Supervising Climbing Director/Instructor, and be approved for use. Personal climbing/rappelling ropes, hardware, and webbing are not allowed.
5. Climbing/rappelling equipment will not be loaned out or rented to any troop or group. Equipment will be issued and used only with the direct supervision of the OHC climbing director/instructor.
6. Due to the abrasive nature of climbing/rappelling activities on expendable equipment (ropes, harnesses, and carabiners, etc.) and the requirement to replace this equipment on a regular schedule, fees for using Climbing Committee climbing/rappelling equipment will be collected at the time of reservation. See the current fee schedule below or at oldhickorycouncil.org/climbing.
7. Costs associated with the construction, repair, and maintenance of the Climbing /Rappelling Tower will be the responsibility of the Old Hickory Council.

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8. The Climbing/ Rappelling Tower locks (gates, doors, and equipment cabinets) can only be unlocked by a Climbing Director or Level II instructor.
9. All climbing/rappelling activities must be conducted by at least two certified instructors (one of which is at least 21 years of age) for up to 12 participants (1 to 6 ratio). One additional qualified instructor is required for each additional 6 participants. A climbing Director or Level II instructor must be on-site during all climbing activities. CIITs (16-18) are counted as instructors for 3rd+ instructors per NCAP
10. During any climbing/rappelling activity, at least one person present must have current CPR/First Aid training. If climbing where emergency assistance is more than 30 minutes away, a person with Wilderness First Aid or equivalent is required on site.
11. A comprehensive First Aid kit must be on site anytime a climbing/rappelling activity is taking place.
12. The tower phone shall be operational at all times and verified before each activity. Cell phones or the camp radio system can be used for emergency backup as long as an adequate signal is being received.
13. The Climbing Director in charge will assist ALL participants in the correct program elements for their age appropriate activity.
14. Other organizations or groups may apply to use the climbing/rappelling facilities. Authorization is at the discretion of the Old Hickory Council Scout Executive.
15. **Bouldering Room**
 - a. The climbing/rappelling programs operate the indoor bouldering room located within the Program Center at Camp Raven Knob.
 - b. The Bouldering Room is open by reservation only. Reservations may be made through the Council Climbing Committee, or an adult Bouldering Facilitator. A Climbing Director or the Campmaster may unlock the room.
 - c. Bouldering will only be done utilizing trained spotters under the direction of a Climbing Director, Climbing Instructor, or Qualified adult Bouldering Facilitator. Training for Bouldering Facilitators will be provided by the Council or Summer Camp Climbing Director.
 - d. Two trained spotters are needed per climber. Climbers must maintain a separation of 10 feet or more. Spectators and those waiting to climb should be away from the mats.
 - e. Climbers are not allowed to climb higher than the height of the climber's shoulders. This is especially important for Cub Scouts.
 - f. Climbers must only use the rock handholds. Do not use the wooden trim at top of the wall or metal rafters.
 - g. Climbers must not pass under or over another climber.
 - h. At the completion of the bouldering activity the group will be responsible for sweeping and picking up the room prior to leaving.
 - i. Individuals/ groups found bouldering without permission or failing to follow these rules will be escorted off camp property.

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- j. Regulations on the use and cleaning of the Bouldering room are posted on the walls within the room. It is the responsibility of the Council Climbing Committee to ensure that the latest revision of regulations are posted.
- 16. Natural Rock Bouldering
 - a. All training, supervision, and spotting requirements noted in section 17 are applicable to section 18.
 - b. In addition, everyone bouldering and spotting must wear a UIAA/CE-approved climbing helmet.
 - c. Any incident resulting in injuries should be reported to the Council Climbing Committee Chair and any other parties as may be required by the Council Incident Reporting process.
- 17. Bouldering Facilitator Training
 - a. Bouldering Facilitators must complete the Climb on Safely program, training on spotting techniques, instruction on using the Council Incident report form, and any additional training provided by the instructing Climbing Director.
 - b. Certification is active for a period of two years.

N. CONSERVATION

- 1. Old Hickory Council owned Forested Areas:
 - a. Cutting and/or removing wood on or from the Reservation is not permitted except by permission of the Council Program or Properties Committee chairman, the Camp Director, Camp Ranger, or the Scout Executive or designee.
 - b. Signs, metal objects, or nails should not be affixed to trees.
 - c. Hammocks, ropes and other equipment should only be attached to trees with consideration to avoid harm or damage to the tree.
 - i. No hammocks in structures, and all use of hammocks must follow:
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hammock-safety-for-camping/>
- 2. Trash:
 - a. All trash generated by those who use the property must be carried out by them when they leave. This rule does not apply to those attending Summer Camp. Low Impact Camping guidelines will be followed in the Wilderness area of the Reservation.
 - b. Groups using the facility are encouraged to recycle plastic bottles, aluminum, and cardboard. The cardboard recycling container is available at the dumpster area behind the Dining Hall, and the aluminum/plastic recycling container is available at the maintenance center.

O. CUB SCOUT PACK CAMPING PROGRAM FOR THE OFF-SEASON USE OF RAVEN KNOB SCOUT RESERVATION AND RAVEN POINT

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1. The unit must file a use permit at the Council Service Center two weeks in advance. One Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) trained leader must accompany the pack and be present throughout the activity.
2. Camping will be limited to a maximum of three days and two nights.
3. Units must provide their own equipment.
4. Adult to youth ratio must follow the current BSA guidelines. The Unit will be checked in by Campmaster for the weekend.
5. Camping will be allowed in established sites only.
6. Hiking will be permitted on designated trails only. A hike plan that follows Scouting guidelines should be made and must be given to the Campmaster before the hike. Any closed sections or dangerous elements of trails (if any exist) can be obtained from the Campmaster at this time.
7. Cub Scout aquatic requirements are referenced in the Aquatics section A-3.

P. SELLING/TRADING OF MEMORABILIA AND MERCHANDISE

The sale of merchandise and memorabilia on Old Hickory Council properties should be restricted to the following places/activities:

1. Items sold through a council, district, or special activity trading post.
2. Items sold by the Order of the Arrow by lodge or chapter during authorized activities.
3. Council programs or Order of the Arrow functions where there is scheduled program activity set aside for the purpose of memorabilia trading, collecting, selling, or auctioning.
4. At other times determined by the Council Program Committee.

All interactions involving memorabilia/patches/valuables should adhere to Scouting trading ethics where both parties are satisfied with the outcome of the trade or the value of the sale. RKSR uses the International Scouting Collectors Association (ISCA) code of ethics. It is suggested that youth trade with youth, adults with adults, and if a trade or sale exists between a youth or an adult that the parent or scout leader of the youth be present to oversee and monitor the transaction for fairness.

Q. REVISIONS OR ADDITIONS

The Council Program Committee may make any revisions or additions to these Rules and Regulations with the approval of the Executive Board of the Old Hickory Council, provided such revisions or additions do not conflict with **the** National Policy of Scouting America or its successors.



OLD HICKORY COUNCIL FACILITY FEES & RESERVATION POLICIES

Camp Raven Knob has long been one of the premier Scout camps in the country. Our Raven Point property is a beautiful lake shore property on High Rock Lake and our Wachovia Scouting Center features 2 large conference rooms suitable for conference and meeting needs. The Old Hickory Council attempts to provide camping facilities that provide adventure and challenge in a safe, wholesome environment. To continue to maintain our great properties we have instituted a series of user fees as listed below. This fee structure will become effective on January 1, 2025. *Scheduled council and district activities and other activities as may be approved by the Council Scout Executive or their designee are exempt from campsite and facility fees; program fees will still apply.* All reservations can be made at www.ravenknob.com.

Fee Payment: Checks should be made payable to the **Old Hickory Council**. All fees listed are for **per-night** use unless otherwise noted and are paid to the Old Hickory Council service center two weeks prior to use. Reservations that have not been confirmed with payment by the due date **will be released and made available** for other Scouting units and groups. Old Hickory Council units may have their fees transferred from their unit accounts. Fees **will not** be accepted by the Campmaster or Camp Ranger.

Cancellations: Reservations that are canceled twenty-four hours or more before the reserved date will receive a complete refund minus \$25 for processing. Reservations that are canceled within twenty-four hours of the reserved date are not eligible for a refund. We do not offer refunds for cancellations because of inclement weather unless the camp or facility itself is closed; however, rescheduling is encouraged. Please check our website if the weather is in question.

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RAVEN KNOB			
CAMPSITES	Old Hickory Council Units	Out-of-council Units	Non-Scouting Groups
Adirondack Site	No charge	\$5 per person/night up to \$100	\$60 per day/night
Tent Campsite	No charge	\$2 per person	\$40 per day/night
Wilderness Campsite	No charge	No charge	\$30 per day/night
RAVEN KNOB			
FACILITIES	Old Hickory Council Units	Out-of-council Units	Non-Scouting Groups
Dining Hall without kitchen	\$100 per day/night	\$200 per day/night	\$300 per day/night
Dining Hall with kitchen	\$200 per day/night	\$350 per day/night	\$500 per day/night
Program Center Rooms 1-3, 5 & 6	\$10 per day/night	\$20 per day/night	\$40 per day/night
Scoutmasters Lounge	\$20 per day/night	\$30 per day/night	\$60 per day/night
Barnhardt Training Center Day use only	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night	\$80 per day/night
Barnhardt Overnight	\$50 per day/night	\$80 per day/night	\$150 per day/night
Chapel	No charge	No charge	\$100 per day/night
RAVEN KNOB SHELTERS	Old Hickory Council Units	Out-of-council Units	Non-Scouting Groups
Kyle Johnson	No charge	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night

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Josh Davis Shelter	No charge	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night
Raven Scout Shelter	No charge	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night
Scout Craft Shelter	No charge	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night
Sailing Shelter	No charge	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night
Phillip Thompson Shelter	No charge	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night
RAVEN KNOB PROGRAMS	Old Hickory Council Units	Out-of-council Units	Non-Scouting Groups
Boats (row or canoes)	No charge	\$5 per boat per day	\$5 per boat per day
Archery Range with equipment use	\$20 per day	\$40 per day	\$70 per day
Rifle Range per individual; includes equipment and 20 rounds of ammo)	Pricing given at time of reservation	Pricing given at time of reservation	Pricing given at time of reservation
Rifle Range Extra shot	Pricing given at time of reservation	Pricing given at time of reservation	Pricing given at time of reservation
Shotgun Range per individual; includes equipment and 25 rounds of ammo and targets)	Pricing given at time of reservation	Pricing given at time of reservation	Pricing given at time of reservation
* Climbing Tower, includes equipment	\$30 per day	\$60 per day	\$90 per day
* Climbing Off-site	\$50 per day	\$100 per day	\$200 per day
* Bouldering Room	\$30 per day/night	\$40 per day/night	\$60 per day/night
*Gas Grill/Meal	\$25 per meal	\$40 per meal	\$60 per meal

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ATV Program	\$48 for over 8 riders, \$58 8 riders or under	\$48 for over 8 riders, \$58 8 riders or under	Not available to outside groups
RAVEN POINT FACILITIES	Old Hickory Council Units	Out-of-council Units	Non-Scouting Groups
Entire Property	\$32.50 per day/night	\$45 per day/night	\$100 per day/night
WACHOVIA SCOUTING CENTER ROOMS	Old Hickory Council Units	Out-of-council Units	Non-Scouting Groups
Program Room 1-Reservation, includes use of kitchen	\$20 per day/night	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night
Program Room 2 Reservation, includes use of kitchen	\$20 per day/night	\$30 per day/night	\$50 per day/night

Wedding Planner Application available through the Scout Office 336-760-2900.

NOTATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- *Please note that any facility or program with an asterisk (*)* requires authorized personnel for usage. Details are noted in this document and in the facility descriptions on the Weekend Reservation link found at www.ravenknob.com
- Unit and group leaders are accountable for how their units utilize council properties and as such are highly encouraged to inspect their campsites, facilities, or program equipment upon arrival. If such areas are dirty or in need of repair, such should be noted to the Campmaster or Camp Ranger. Campsites, facilities, or program materials that are left in disrepair, dirty or poor condition after being used will result in the group being required to pay for such repairs or cleaning. Furthermore, these units or groups will be required to make a damage deposit prior to future use of Old Hickory Council properties.
- Some areas may not be available at certain times of the year due to weather, construction, or council program use.
- Non-Scout groups, in certain occasions, will need to submit proof of accident and liability insurance in the form of a certificate of insurance evidencing coverage in effect (including contractual liability) for this event with a limit of at least \$2,000,000 combined single limit. This certificate is to be submitted to the Council Office with usage fees prior to the reservation date.
- All persons visiting any Old Hickory Council property will adhere to the regulations set forth by the Old Hickory Council Program Committee, Executive Board, and the current guide to Safe Scouting.

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Camp Raven Knob Wedding Planner

Camp Raven Knob comprises 3,200 acres in northwest Surry County, North Carolina. Founded in 1954, the camp is home to thousands of Scouts and Leaders who come to the camp to enjoy its pristine mountains, streams, and lakes. For several years we have made the camp available for numerous weddings and receptions. Please complete the application below and forward it to our office and we will work with you in planning your special day.

- Step 1. Go to ravenknob.com and follow the link to Weekend Reservations. There you can check on the availability of the Chapel, the Program Center, the Log Cabin, and other facilities. Please note that some weekends the camp is closed for large Scouting activities and as such no facilities are available.
- Step 2. Contact the Camp Director and arrange a meeting at the camp to preview the facilities. Be sure to bring a camera to take pictures of specific areas, as these will be most helpful to the Wedding Director, the Photographer, and the Florist.
- Step 3. Complete the attached form and submit it to our office for approval. Upon approval please remit the fees as totaled on this application.
- Step 4. Contact your insurance agency and secure an insurance rider to cover your liability and protect the Old Hickory Council in case of accidents or injuries. This rider should be in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Special Notes:

Alcohol: Camp Raven Knob does **not** allow the use of alcohol at any time. Please plan to have any portion of your event where you would like to have alcoholic beverages available at facilities outside of Camp Raven Knob. There are several other venues in the area that you might want to consider including country clubs and wineries.

Cancellations: In the event that you need to cancel your reservations you will receive a refund of fees, minus an administrative fee of \$100, if you cancel thirty days or more prior to the reserved date. Cancellations within thirty days of the event will not receive a refund.

Clean up: It is the responsibility of the wedding party to assure that **all trash is bagged and removed** and that the facilities are left in a **clean** and **orderly** fashion. If needed you can hire our staff to clean the facilities that you use. The fee for such will be double the rental fee.

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WEDDING PLANNER & CONTACT APPLICATION

Bride's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Groom's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Wedding Director: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date Requested for Rehearsal: _____ Time: _____

Date Requested for Wedding: _____ Time: _____

Facilities Requested and Fees check those requested:

_____ Chapel	\$250
_____ Scoutmaster's Lounge	\$60
_____ Program Center Room (3 rooms available)	\$40 each
_____ Bouldering Room	\$60
_____ Log Cabin	\$40
_____ Barnhardt Training Center	\$80
_____ Dining Hall w/o Kitchen	\$300
_____ Dining Hall w/ Kitchen	\$500
_____ Scoutcraft Shelter	\$50
_____ Other _____	TBD

TOTAL: _____

For Office Use

Date Received: _____	Date Approved: _____
Total Fee: \$ _____	Approved by: _____

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

This Hold Harmless Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between:

_____ (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnifier"), whose principal address is _____, and

Old Hickory Council (hereinafter referred to as "Indemnatee"), whose principal address is 6600 Silas Creek Pkwy, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

RECITALS

Whereas, the Indemnifier agrees to perform certain services or engage in activities with or for the Indemnatee, and

Whereas, the Indemnifier has agreed to indemnify and hold the Indemnatee harmless from any claims, actions, losses, damages, or expenses arising out of or related to the performance of such services or activities,

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

The Indemnifier agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnatee, its agents, employees, volunteers, successors, and assigns from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, demands, suits, judgments, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees), and causes of action of any kind or character, arising out of, or related to:

- Any injury to persons (including death) or property damage caused, in whole or in part, by the negligence, omission, or intentional misconduct of the Indemnifier, its agents, employees, or subcontractors in performing services or activities.
- Any breach of this Agreement by the Indemnifier.

2. LIMITATIONS

This Agreement does not cover claims resulting from the Indemnatee's negligence, willful misconduct, or violation of any law.

3. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement will remain in effect for the duration of the services or activities performed by the Indemnifier. It shall survive the completion of such services or activities concerning any claims arising from the performance thereof.

4. INSURANCE

The Indemnifier agrees to carry and maintain adequate insurance coverage at its own expense that will cover any potential liabilities arising under this Agreement. The Indemnitee may request proof of such insurance coverage at any time.

5. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

6. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of North Carolina, without regard to its conflict of law principles.

7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements, representations, or understandings concerning the subject matter herein, whether written or oral.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

Indemnifier (Signature) _____

Name of Indemnifier: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Indemnitee (Signature) _____

Name of Indemnitee: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____