



Camp Oklawaha

Rules and Regulations

- **Thank you** for choosing Camp Oklawaha for your Units next campout. The information provided in this document will be useful during your visit to ensure you have the best possible experience at camp. Please keep in mind that Camp Oklawaha enforces the BSA Guidelines as outlined in the “Guide to Safe Scouting” to ensure a safe and enjoyable camping experience for everyone.
- **CampMaster:** This volunteer is very knowledgeable about camp and the Scouting program. They will be available to you and your Unit the entire time you are in camp. They are here to support your program and protect the camp. CampMasters are charged by the Executive Board of the Gulf Stream Council to carry out the policies and procedures of the Council. Your CampMaster’s name and phone number can be found in the Welcome Pavilion and in the Main Pavilion in the center of camp.
- **Welcome Pavilion:** Upon entering camp there is a Welcome Pavilion where a large map of the camp is provided. The map is helpful in locating your campsite and you will find important information regarding key camp assets in the Welcome Pavilion. Weekend campsite assignment will be posted along with contact information for your CampMaster.
- **Campsite Assignments:** Every effort will be given to accommodating your Unit’s request for a campsite; but, many factors may impact the final determination: special needs campers; Unit size; use of facility; and periodically we close a campsite for conservation purposes. Campsite assignments will be posted in the Welcome Pavilion by 5:00 pm Friday. The CampMaster does not arrive on site until 4:30 pm Friday.
- **Facilities:** BSA Guidelines are followed when utilizing any facilities in the camp to ensure proper supervision and safety precautions are followed. Reservations for use are arranged through the Council Service Center prior to your visit. All float plans, training certifications and permission forms must be completed prior to arrival at camp and use of facilities are approved.
- **Service Projects:** A list of approved service projects is available from the CampMaster. By confirming with the CampMaster, your project will impact the camp even more. Thank you!
- **Camp Oklawaha Patch:** Camp patches are available for purchase from the CampMaster. Cost is \$2.00/patch.
- **Check out:** Check out is before 12/Noon on Sunday. A checklist will be provided when the CampMaster checks in with your Unit on Saturday. The CampMaster will collect camp usage fees. Units are responsible for helping to maintain the facilities at the camp. Remember the adage “leave it better then you found it”. The CampMaster must check the campsite and facilities prior to Unit departure. Ask yourself: Would you be OK using the facilities in the condition you leave them?
- We hope this information will help ensure that your Unit has a fun and safe camping experience while at camp Oklawaha. If you need further assistance or information prior to your reservation, it can be obtained through the **Council Service Center:** 561 694-8585 or www.GulfStreamCouncil.org

**THANK YOU, FROM THE CAMP OKLAWAHA COMMITTEE AND
CAMPMASTER CORP**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Adult Leadership Requirements: Please review the Guide to Safe Scouting. Please use the Buddy System!
2. Arrival: Camp Oklawaha **opens Friday evening at 5:00pm**. Campsites assignments are posted in the Welcome Pavilion around 4:30pm. **Check out is Sunday by 12/Noon**. Please have a Unit roster with participant names ready to be turned in along with payment.
3. Each assigned leader is responsible for his Unit and their actions while visiting Camp Oklawaha. **The contingent leader must check with the Campmaster upon arriving at camp, and the area must be checked out with the Campmaster prior to departure.** Units will be held responsible to cover any damage.
4. Vehicles must remain in the parking lot during your visit at Camp. Unit trailers may be dropped at the campsite, but the tow vehicle must be removed to the parking lot. All gear not in trailer must be hand-carried into campsites; wagons are available at the Welcome Pavilion. Pop-up campers and RVs of any kind are prohibited. Bikes, motorcycles and off-road vehicles are prohibited. No riding in back of vehicles including golf carts, gators, pick-up trucks or trailers. No one under the age of eighteen (18) is allowed to drive any vehicle.
5. All fires in camp must be inside designated fire/cooking areas. Fires must be dead before leaving the campsite or going to bed. Certain times during the year the camp is under a “fire watch” due to dryness, lack of rain, etc. No fires will be permitted during this period. Cooking should be done on small cooking fires, charcoal or stoves. Campfires over waist high are considered bonfires and bonfires are not permitted at Camp Oklawaha. Alcoholic beverages including “near beer” and any type of recreational drugs are strictly prohibited.
6. Shoes must be worn at all times except in the shower, tent or bed. Please, closed toed shoes only - no open-toe shoes, sandals or flip flops.
7. Firearms, fireworks and archery equipment are forbidden in a wildlife refuge of which Oklawaha is one. Use of the ranges at Oklawaha is by special permit only, and must be operated under National Standard rules. No slingshots allowed. Pertinent certifications required are: Cub Scout BB Gun and Archery Range certification and/or NRA/NAA certified instructor, during council events only. There is a charge for the range and lost or broken arrows. No personal firearms allowed.
8. When using boats and canoes at both Ute Lake and the Sebastian River, **life jackets must be worn at all times**. This means both youth and adults. Safety Afloat and CPR or a BSA certified lifeguard to use boats or canoes. Packs must have an Aquatics Director coordinating the waterfront for Ute Lake. Boats and canoes must be cleaned up completely after use and returned to the proper place. A minimum of two adult leaders is required for supervision of any group in aquatics.
9. **All trash and garbage must be taken home with you.** Camp Oklawaha is a pack-it-in and pack-it-out wilderness camp. Directions to the county trash site are available from the CampMaster.
10. Swimming activities must be supervised by a responsible adult, 21 years of age or older. Safe Swim Defense or BSA Lifeguard certification must be presented. See aquatic rules. Hours for swimming are an hour after sunup to an hour before sunset.
11. Scouts must not walk outside the boundaries of Camp Oklawaha, as they will be trespassing on private property.
12. In case of an accident of any type, the Campmaster or Weekend Director must be notified immediately.
13. No pets are allowed in camp, even on a leash. Service animals must be noted and pre-approved through the reservation process.
14. Practice “Leave No Trace” principals and please follow the “outdoor code;” take care of our camp and help keep it clean.
15. No sheath knives, machetes or swords.
16. All buildings or facilities under control of the Gulf Stream Council are designated as non-smoking facilities. No smoking is allowed in the campsites. The only “smoking area” is in the main parking lot. Please try to keep smoking from the view of the youth.

BY VIOLATING THESE RULES YOU ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM CAMP.