



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®  
GULF STREAM COUNCIL

# Camp Oklawaha

**Rules and Regulations**  
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Thank you for choosing Camp Oklawaha for your Unit's next camp-out. 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.

Adult Leadership Requirements: Please review the Guide to Safe Scouting. Please use the Buddy System! Each assigned leader is responsible for his or her unit and their actions while visiting Camp Oklawaha. **The unit leader or event coordinator must check with the Ranger upon arriving at camp, and the area must be checked out with the Ranger prior to departure.** Units will be held responsible to cover any damage.

Rangers: This person 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. Rangers are charged by the Executive Board of the Gulf Stream Council to carry out the policies and procedures of the Council. Your Ranger's name and phone number can be found on the council website in the Welcome Pavilion and in the Main Pavilion in the center of camp.

Camp Hours: Camp opens at 5pm on Friday and closes at 12pm on Sunday. Should you need an early arrival time or a later check-out time please contact the Ranger to make arrangements. We will do our very best to accommodate your needs.

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 Ranger.

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. If we alter your campsite from your reservation, we will contact you prior to your arrival to camp.

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 tour permits, float plans, training certifications, health forms and permission forms must be completed prior to arrival at camp. Please have copies of all training certifications required for facilities usage, float plans and tour permits if applicable as well as BSA health forms / permission slips for all of your participants with you upon check in.

Arrival at Camp: You are allowed to drive into the camp to drop off your gear provided everyone from your unit follows the directions and they are as follows:

1. We enforce a 5 mph speed limit on all vehicles entering the camp at all times.
2. All vehicles **MUST** remain on the roadways at all times. Unit trailers are allowed to be parked in your campsite just off of the roadway. ( *Please do not pull your trailer into the back of your campsite* )
3. When you arrive at your campsite you must unload your gear at the roadside entrance to your campsite and immediately move your vehicle to the main parking area. (Park vehicles in parking-lot before setting up. )

4. UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES will NOT be allowed in camp on Saturdays. ( **NO EXCEPTIONS** )
5. On checkout day you may drive into camp provided your gear is packed and next to the roadway.
6. All units are expected to police themselves and any unit not following these rules will **NOT** be allowed to bring vehicles into camp on check-out day. (All gear will have to be carried to the main parking area )

Check out: Check out is before 12/Noon on Sunday. A checklist will be provided when the Ranger checks in with your unit on Saturday. Units are responsible for helping to maintain the facilities at the camp. Remember the adage "leave it better than you found it". The Ranger **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? )

Accidents: In case of an accident of any type, the Ranger must be notified immediately.

**NEW: Hammocks / Campers:** Due to the damage of our trees and injuries to your Scouts as of January 1, 2017 any type of hanging hammock will **NOT** be allowed. Campers are not permitted on the property. Only tent camping is permitted.

Campfires: Camp fires are allowed unless a fire ban is in effect. All campfires must be of split wood **ONLY** no lumber will be allowed. A pail and shovel designated for fire use only are provided in each campsite, you must make sure your fire-pail is 2/3 full before starting your campfire. All fires in camp must be inside designated fire/cooking areas. Fires must be dead before leaving the campsite or going to bed. Campfires over waist high are considered bonfires and bonfires are not permitted at Camp Oklawaha

Alcohol and Drugs: Alcoholic beverages including "near beer" and any type of recreational drugs are strictly prohibited. Also prohibited is the use of medical marijuana in any form.

Shoes: 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.

Firearms: 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.

Boating: 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.

Swimming: 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.

Swimming Attire for all Scouting participants: Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional and modest. For males, swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate. Tight fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure are not allowed. For females, bikinis are not allowed. Modest tankinis or one piece swimsuits are appropriate."

Trespassing: Scouts must not walk outside the boundaries of Camp Oklawaha, as they will be trespassing on private property.

Pets: No pets are allowed in camp, even on a leash. Service animals must be noted and pre-approved through the reservation process.

Knives: Sheath knives, machetes or swords are not allowed on camp property.

Smoking: All buildings or facilities under control of the Gulf Stream Council are designated as non-smoking facilities. **Smoking is not 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.

Trash: Trash should be placed in the dumpster at camp or removed from camp.

Recycling: As Boy Scouts we practice Leave No Trace. Each campsite has a large blue recycle bin. PLEASE use these for recycling and NOT for garbage. Please read the bins for a list of recyclable items.

**THESE RULES ARE SET FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR SCOUTS AND ALL OF OUR CAMPERS  
THANK YOU, FROM THE GULF STREAM COUNCIL AND THE CAMP OKLAWAHA STAFF**

**Any violation of rules may result in your removal from camp.**