

# **Camp Karankawa**

**Bay Area Council, BSA**



**Policies for Weekend  
Camping**

**All Boy Scouts of America National Rules and Regulations on Camps are followed at Bay Area Council's Camps. The following are specific rules followed by the Bay Area Council but should not be construed as being all inclusive.**

## **GENERAL RULES**

1. All units and organizations should make reservations at least two weeks in advance with the Council Camping and Program Director. A copy of the current reservation form is attached to this policy.
2. Designated unit leaders and/or guests/visitors **will check in at the Richardson Leaders Lodge with the Campmaster or Camp Ranger upon arrival at camp.**
3. The Scout Oath and Law, Cub Scout Promise, Explorer Code, and Outdoor Code are the laws of the camp.
4. A registered adult Scouter, 21 or older, must be in charge of each unit at all times. In addition, two deep leadership **will be strictly enforced.** The whereabouts of the youth while at camp must always be known by the designated leadership.
5. Events with coed participation must have both male and female adult leadership 21 years of age or older, at all times.
6. The camp speed limit for all vehicles is **10 mph on all roads.**
7. **NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES** are allowed in campsites for any reason. They will be parked in designated parking areas. A unit's trailer must be parked in designated areas only.
8. There are three designated parking areas for campers, two in the main camp and one in Cub Frontier. Parking areas are for parking of vehicles and should not be used for camping. Vehicles should use the allotted space as efficiently as possible. **In order to protect the environment and to ensure Emergency Access when needed, ALL OFF ROAD PARKING IS PROHIBITED.** Special designated overflow parking may be assigned by the Council for large District or Council events.
9. Golf Carts, Utility Vehicles (IE Polaris Rangers, Mules, Gators) maybe be used by staff with prior approval from the Camp Ranger and Camp Director. Please note that ATVs or 4 Wheelers are not permitted.
10. **No individual will be allowed to ride on the outside of a vehicle or in the bed of a pickup truck, or in a trailer.** No more than the legally allowable number of passengers shall ride inside any vehicle at any time. Seat belts should be worn in vehicles at all times.
11. PERSONAL firearms, ammunition, air rifles, pellet guns, bows and arrows, and slingshots may only be used for instructional non-firing use, and must be pre-approved by the council's Camp Ranger prior to one's arrival at camp. All approved personal firearms must be checked in to the Camp Ranger upon arrival to be secured.
12. **Dogs and other personal pets are prohibited.** Exceptions will be made for Medical Service Animals when accompanying their partner.
13. No open flames, candles, stoves, gasoline or kerosene lanterns, or heaters are allowed in tents.
14. Gasoline or kerosene stoves or lanterns are not permitted. However, propane lanterns and stoves must be operated in a safe manner under adult supervision. Fuel supplies will be stored separately and secured.
15. Be careful with fires. Some camp sites are equipped with fire rings. Fires should only be built in those rings when provided. No fires are to be left unattended day or night. Provide shovel and fire bucket with sand, water or other fire protection equipment. It is suggested that prior to your arrival at camp that you check the camp's web page to see if the camp is currently under a mandated state or county fire ban.

16. **Conserve water, turn off faucets, and wash stands and/or showers.** Facilities are not to be used to wash dishes or laundry.
17. Do not cut any live trees, shrubs, or underbrush without approval of the Ranger or Campmaster.
18. Keep noise down between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.
19. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in camp. The use of either will result in an immediate dismissal from the property. Notification to both the Scout Executive and the proper authorities also will occur.
20. The use of tobacco products inside any buildings or facilities at Camp Karankawa is strictly prohibited. The use of tobacco products in front of Scouts **is prohibited under BSA National Policy.** Please consult with the Camp Ranger or Campmaster about the location of a designated smoking area.
21. While at camp you are to stay within the borders of the camp's property lines. Do not trespass onto the adjacent private property of the camp's neighbors.
22. All trash will be placed in the dumpster provided by the council. **In cases where the dumpster is full, all trash will be removed from camp and taken home. Do Not Pile Trash up on top of the lid or higher than the lid when closed as it will attract unwanted animals.** At no time will trash be buried.
23. Before leaving camp, the individual unit leader will **"check out"** with the Ranger or Campmaster. The proper cleanup of all facilities used also must be completed and approved by the Ranger or Campmaster before leaving camp.
24. The possession or use of any fireworks in Camp Karankawa is forbidden.
25. The altering of existing facilities is strictly forbidden except with the specific approval of the Council Executive or the Council Program Director.
26. Two-wheel carts are provided for the use of **transporting equipment to or from campsites.** These carts can be dangerous if improperly used. **Youth should be restricted from horseplay on these carts and should be supervised at all times when using them. Anyone caught riding on a cart will cause their unit to lose the privilege to use any carts for the duration of the camp event.**
27. All illegal activities will be reported to the Scout Executive and appropriate civilian authorities.
28. Key Access to any Camp Building must be obtained from the Camp Ranger or his designee for the event or activity.

## **CAMP KARANKAWA PAVILION**

The pavilion is a central meeting place. The pavilion is provided for the use of campers and their guests.

### **The following rules must be followed:**

1. The pavilion must be kept clean. Remove trash from the area and place it in proper receptacles.
2. Turn off lights at night when leaving the pavilion.
3. Observe the lights out and noise policy found in the general rules on use of camp facilities.
4. The pavilion is equipped with basketball goals for the enjoyment of Scouts, Scouters, and their guests. District, Council and other organized activities take precedence over any sports activities.
5. Basketball participants and other pavilion users are responsible for any damages resulting from their activities. Any damages must be immediately reported to the Camp Ranger, Campmaster or Camp Administration.
6. It is expected that groups will share the pavilion's use and respect each other.

## SHOOTING RANGES

The rifle/shotgun ranges will be used only **under the direct supervision of properly qualified and certified personnel**. In addition, the following rules will apply:

1. Qualified persons must have on file proof of certification with Camp Ranger or Camping/Program Director at least two weeks prior to the date of use.
2. Reservations for use of these ranges and proof of certifications must be made at least 4 weeks in advance.
3. Equipment used at these ranges is restricted to **council owned equipment only**.
4. **No Personal firearms allowed in Camp** unless approved by the Scout Executive or Camping Director.
5. **ALL** national BSA policies will be strictly followed on all ranges at all times.
6. Range will be left clean; trash will be hauled out to the Dumpster in Cub Frontier by the Range Safety Officers.

## CAMPSITES

- Campsites include a latrine, wash stand, and fire pit area. These are included in the campsite reservation. Each campsite can accommodate several units. In addition units should bring their own camping equipment.
- Follow the **Outdoor Code** and respect the land on which you camp.
- All sites will be inspected by the Campmaster/Ranger prior to **checkout**.
- The **wash stand** is for people. Food in the washing area is unsanitary and clogs the drains. All dishes should be washed in buckets at the fire pit and cooking area. Dispose of the wash water in woods away from the camp area.
- Any downed wood is available for **campfires**. No live trees should be harmed. The cutting of yaupon shrubs for Scoutcraft projects is permitted. Consult the Campmaster/Ranger for further information. The use of charcoal or fueled stoves for cooking is encouraged. All fuels and stoves must be under adult supervision.
- Campfires should be made in the fire pits. Fires should be attended and not left to burn. All fires must be extinguished and dead prior to checkout. Soaking with water and stirring the ashes is a suitable means for extinguishing a fire.
- **Tables** should be available in each campsite. These wooden tables are part of the campsite facilities and should not be moved to other campsites without permission of the Campmaster/Ranger. Cooking stoves should be well insulated to avoid damage to the table surface. If more than one troop shares a campsite, the tables also should be shared so that each troop has one table if possible.
- Respect the rights of others. Do not enter adjacent campsites without permission, and observe the quiet hours specified for all campers.

## Carts and Trails

A cart for hauling equipment to and from the parking lot is available for each campsite. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trail. Trails are for people and gear. Units are responsible for their cart if any damage occurs.

### Trail and cart users should do the following:

- Never allow anyone to ride, sit or stand on the carts.
- While loading the carts, keep the heavier items over the wheels. Ropes or bungee cords are helpful in keeping bulky loads from falling on the trail.
- **DO NOT** play on the empty carts. This is to avoid injury.
- Carts should be manned by two people, with help from others in keeping the gear steady.
- Trails should be kept clean and free of debris.

- Drive and walk courteously, keeping to the right when meeting others. Flashlights are helpful at night, but should be aimed at the ground, and not at oncoming campers.

## **Cleanup**

Each unit is responsible for leaving Camp Karankawa as clean as or cleaner than it was found. The beauty of the outdoors and usability of the camp cannot be maintained without cooperation of each camper.

- Walk through the campsite upon arrival looking for suitable areas for sleeping, cooking, and activities. This should be done with the Senior Patrol Leader or other youth leader of the unit. Verify that the areas are safe and clean.
- Designate adult supervision responsible for each area and keep the facilities in good order. Involve the youth campers in this from the start, and set the example.
- Bring plastic trash bags for garbage disposal, and place several around the campsite. All food should be in animal-proof storage containers such as lockable ice chests or wooden cook boxes or "patrol boxes". The use of "bear bags", food packs suspended from tree limbs also is helpful. Garbage bags may be placed in the camp Dumpster the Cub Frontier parking area. If the Dumpster is full, units should take their trash out of camp. Do not pile trash around the Dumpsters, on top of the lids, or so high that the lids won't close.

## **At the end of the campout the following steps should be completed:**

- All camp fires should be dead, soaked with water, and the ashes stirred with a stick.
- A walk through by the entire unit should be made to pick up any litter or forgotten items. A "police line" where unit members stand shoulder to shoulder and walk slowly across the campsite works effectively.
- All garbage should be removed to the camp Dumpster, or carried home for disposal.
- When the unit is ready, the Campmaster/Ranger should be contacted for final approval to leave camp.