



**CALLING ALL CUB SCOUTS:**

# **SUPER CUB SPRING FAMILY CAMP**

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**CAMP PELLISSIPPI**

**WEEKEND 1: APRIL 16-18, 2021**

**WEEKEND 2: APRIL 23-25**

# **Participant Guide**

# SPRING FAMILY CAMP

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Dear Parents:

We are proud to deliver an innovative Spring Family Camp experience to focus on the fun, fellowship and family atmosphere that have made Scouting the successful program that it has been for over 100 years. It is a high-quality program designed to help strengthen the year-round pack program. Scouts will spend their weekend doing fun-filled, adventurous & family-oriented activities!

Spring Family Camps are a great opportunity in the development of our scouts, they will get the opportunity to test their Scouting skills, work on exciting stem experiments, playing exciting games, making crafts, doing skits, singing songs, hanging out with their friends & building lasting memories with their families and friends!

The Great Smoky Mountain Council and it's Cub Scout Program Staff have built a solid reputation of providing an exciting experience that every Scout will remember, they will never forget the fun and experience they gained at Camp Pellissippi.

If you or your Scout have special needs (accessibility, equipment, food allergies/intolerances, severe allergies, etc.), please let us know before camp starts so we can make the appropriate accommodations at campsites, Dining Hall, and Health Lodge. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

On behalf of the Great Smoky Mountain Council and the 2021 Council Cub Program staff, we look forward to seeing you this Spring!

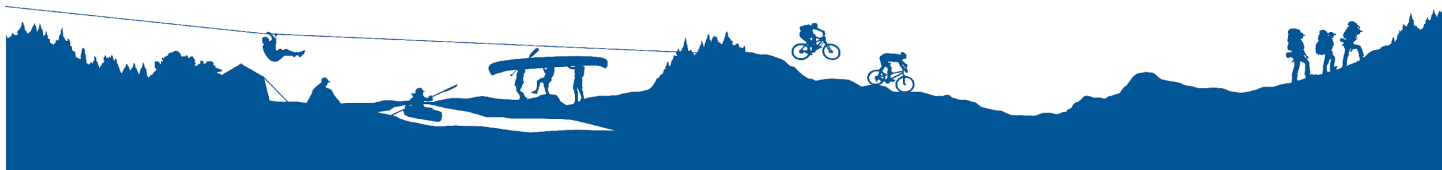
Yours in Scouting,

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# CALLING ALL CUB SCOUTS!

## **INTRODUCTION:**

A signal appears in the night sky!

Will you be the Cub Scout who answers the call to train in shooting sports, engineer STEM gadgets, and craft your way to saving the day? Join us for our superhero themed Spring Family Camp for Cub Scouts! There are two weekends your family can choose to attend.

Weekend 1 - April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

Weekend 2 - April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

Both weekends promise to be packed with Fun, Fellowship, Family, & Adventure!

## **REGISTRATION**

**Early Bird Deadline ends on Saturday, March 26, 2021**

**Online Registration closes on Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**Walk-on registration is available for these camps, however, food will be ordered beforehand so meals may not be guaranteed for walk-on participants.** Online registration allows either parents to register individual or multiple Scouts or leaders to register multiple Scouts, <https://www.easttnscouts.org>. There is a paper registration form in the end of this packet that may be mailed or turned in to the GSMC Scout Service Center (1333 Old Weisgarber Rd., Knoxville, TN 37909). If you mail it, please do so at least one week prior to the close of registration, then follow up with a phone call to the Scout Service Center (865-588-6514).

If your Scout, you (if attending), or an adult you are registering has special needs; check off the appropriate special needs boxes when registering, then print and fill out the special needs/medications form provided online and in this packet and present it at check-in. Please do not mail the special needs/medications forms (or BSA health forms) with your registration/ payment; they will be shredded. These are to be presented at check-in on the day camp starts. Additionally, please contact the Camp Director prior to camp, to ensure we can accommodate you.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Refunds for medical reasons may be given (doctor's letter required). All refund requests must be made in writing to [Jeff.Smith@Scouting.org](mailto:Jeff.Smith@Scouting.org) at least 10 business days in advance of camp. NO refunds will be given after the event.

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The Great Smoky Mountain Council is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic. Please know that our top priority is to keep our Scouts, volunteers, staff, and their families safe. Below are the steps we are currently taking to safely offer a camping experience to the best of our ability. Please understand these steps might change before camp in April. We appreciate your patience during this quickly evolving situation.

1. All Scouts, volunteers, and staff must fill out and sign the Scouting COVID-19 Pledge prior to arriving at camp. A blank copy can also be found later in this guide.
2. We are strictly following all COVID-19 precautions. This includes: indoors - limiting capacity to no more than 50% of venue occupancy or less, physical distancing of 6 feet apart (farther is safer), appropriate face coverings worn when safe distancing is not possible, cleaning surfaces regularly. Higher risk individuals are strongly encouraged not to attend Spring Family Camp during the pandemic.
3. Using unit and course registration records for contact tracing. If anyone at a Scout meeting or activity is positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms and have been in physical contact with Scouts, they must report it to their unit.
4. We will screen all participants (Scouts, volunteers, and staff) daily for COVID-19 symptoms with the following questions:
  - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
  - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath or sore throat?
  - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
  - Loss of smell or taste?
  - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
5. We will temperature screen all participants (Scouts, volunteers, and staff) daily using a no-touch thermometer. Temperatures should not exceed 100.4 degrees.
6. Any participant (Scouts, volunteers, and staff) showing symptoms will be asked to leave immediately.
7. We are transitioning to single tent camping. Scouts from the same household of the same gender can sleep together (if they are not more than 2 years apart).
8. Units in adirondacks or cabins must align themselves so Scouts sleep head-to-toe at least 6 feet apart.
9. Class and dining facilities will be spaced at least 6 feet apart.
10. All participants should wash their hands with soap and water regularly for at least 20 seconds. It will be highly monitored before each meal. Wearing of gloves is not recommended. If soap and water is not available in an area, use of hand sanitizer will substitute.
11. Scouts cannot self-serve their meals. Food and beverages will be served by the dining hall staff.
12. Frequently used items around camp will be disinfected constantly.

## CHECK-IN AND DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

Scouts should arrive in their uniforms, if they don't have a uniform please wear a scout t-shirt.

Campers may arrive individually or in groups (Dens, Packs). All Scouts must have an adult with them at check-in, such as a parent or registered leader. Do not just drop off your Scout to check in by himself.

### **Check-in will be near the camp gate at the entrance.**

1. Staff will check your registration and take your completed BSA medical forms and special needs/medications forms (if applicable) for all people attending (adults and Scouts). If a leader is bringing their Pack's medical forms, please ensure that the directors are aware of this before camp starts, so they can alert the check-in staff. Medication in Ziploc bags (labeled with name and dosing schedule) should also be turned in at this time as well. All campers will receive a wristband that shows they are supposed to be at camp.
2. Then you will drive to your campsite to unload your gear. PLEASE DO NOT PULL IN AND PARK IN YOUR CAMPSITE. Park just off the road with enough room for other cars to pass by safely. You will only be parked for a few minutes. This is crucial for safety and preventing traffic issues.
3. After unloading your gear, you must move your vehicle to the parking lot located at the top of the hill.
4. After parking your vehicle, you can now setup your tent and camping gear.
5. Dinner is on your own Friday evening.

### **CHECK-OUT AND PICKUP PROCEDURES**

The procedure for campers (Scouts and Adults) for check-out consists of the following steps:

1. Campsite - Return to campsite after chapel. Pack up your gear and clean the campsite one last time. Once they have finished, the campsite guide will radio a director to come and check the campsite.
2. Trash - Bag up all trash and place it at the end of the campsite road next to the main camp road.
3. Gear - You have two options: 1) walk your gear to the parking lot or 2) safely drive your vehicle back down to your campsite to pack up.
4. Under Canopy-Before leaving camp, stop by and pick-up medical forms, patches, turn in evaluation forms, and sign-out from camp.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **CAMP PELLISSIPPI**

Camp Pellissippi was the Great Smoky Mountain Council's primary camp until the 1970s, Camp Pellissippi lies on the shores of Norris Lake near Andersonville. Today, Pellissippi is a rustic camp with five cabins and numerous sites containing Adirondack shelters (3-sided bunk shelters) and tent space. The camp features a campfire area, parade field, chapel, trading post, stage area, shooting range and much more. A map to Camp Pellissippi can be found at the end of this packet, along with a map of the camp.

### **ACCESSIBILITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

We will gladly offer assistance and make reasonable accommodations for your special needs, but first we have to know what is needed. Contact the Camp Director right away, to ensure we can accommodate you. Check off the appropriate special needs boxes when registering, then fill out the special needs/medications form provided online and in Appendix E and present it at check-in. Please be aware that although we will make reasonable accommodations where possible to meet special needs, staff and volunteers may not be experts in special needs; thus, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all needs. The Great Smoky Mountain Council reserves the right to deny admission to camp or dismiss from camp anyone whose medical condition, mental condition, behavior, personal conduct, or influence on other camp participants is deemed detrimental to the camp community.

### **MOBILITY NEEDS**

Camp Pellissippi has no way to move the physically disabled around camp on a routine basis. Arrangements should be made to bring a rough-terrain wheelchair or disability-specific Electric Powered Assisted Mobility Device (EPAMD) to camp if you or your Scout needs it. Even with such a device some areas may still be inaccessible. Please note that charging of such devices may not be convenient to your sleeping area.

### **DIETARY NEEDS**

If you or your Scout has special dietary needs (food allergies or food intolerances), contact the Camp Director as soon as possible before arriving at camp. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate your needs. Additionally, fill out the applicable sections of the special needs/medications form provided

### **OTHER NEEDS**

If you or your Scout has any other special needs (excluding medication), contact the Camp Director as soon as possible prior to camp. Additionally, fill out the applicable sections of the special needs/medications



form provided and bring it with you to camp.

## **MEDICATION POLICY**

All prescription medications (for adults and Scouts) should be kept in their original container(s) and placed in a heavy-duty Ziploc bag, one per individual, along with any dosing cups (for liquid). The bag should be clearly labeled with the person's name and dosing information/schedule. Medications should be turned in at check-in to our medical personnel. They will be stored and administered at the Health Lodge daily or left in the care of a parent/guardian or designated unit leader. Personal inhalers and EpiPen's are acceptable to be carried by campers on camp property; however, their presence must be made known to the health lodge staff and Campsite Guide to ensure your child's safety.

All medication (prescription and over-the-counter) that campers should take on a regular basis (or for emergencies, like nitroglycerin) must be documented on the special needs/medications form provided and in the camp-specific appendices. To ensure all campers receive their medications at the right time and so that the Health Officer is aware of any emergency medications for some people, copies of the form will be given to the Campsite Guide and the Health Officer.

# CAMP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## **CPAP MACHINES**

CPAP machines should be able to operate on a rechargeable energy source (e.g., battery pack). You must bring your own energy source or contact the Camp Director prior to the pre-camp meeting.

## **ELECTRICAL USE**

No electrical cords are allowed to be run from building to building. Cases where electricity is needed for health reasons must be cleared with the Camp Director before the pre-camp meeting.

## **VEHICLES**

Parking is provided at the parking lot at the top of the hill. No personal vehicles are allowed to stay in campsites or along the road. Please observe our speed limit of 10 miles per hour when driving into camp. If your Pack plans to bring a trailer, please notify the Camp Director prior to the pre-camp meeting.

## **VISITORS**

Anyone entering camp property must register at the Camp Office immediately upon arrival, unless they have already checked into camp. All visitors will be asked to show identification, particularly those wishing to pick up Scouts. Unauthorized visitors are not allowed to come onto the camp property. Camp Pellissippi is private property, and the staff is required to control access to the camp for protection of Scouts. Visitors will receive an identification badge or wristband at the Camp Office. Persons in camp without a badge or wristband will be stopped and asked to return to the Camp Office.

## **CELL SERVICE**

Cell reception for many cell providers is spotty at Camp Pellissippi but has improved over the years. If you need to get a hold of the directors, you can either text or call them.

**PLEASE NOTE: Camp Pellissippi is NOT responsible for lost or stolen property. This includes wallets, money, etc. Please make sure your Scouts only carry what they need.**

## CAMPSITE INFORMATION

Camp Buck Toms has a total of 5 campsites. Each campsite has a fire pit, flagpole, covered pavilion with picnic tables and lights, space for ground tents or hammocks, and Adirondacks (3-sided bunk shelters).

In keeping with BSA youth protection policies, courteous use, and best camping practices, **the following rules are mandatory** for using the Adirondacks:

1. No one is permitted to sleep in an Adirondack with a person of the opposite sex or an adult other than his or her own spouse, parent, or guardian. Adult males, adult females, youth males, and youth females must bunk in separate Adirondacks. At Cub Scout if an attending parent wishes to camp with their Scout, please bring a tent.
2. A tarp may be used for the front entrance to keep out the weather (there is a metal rod for this). Tarps are not provided by camp and must be brought by Packs or Scouts/adults. An 8 foot by 10 foot tarp works well.
3. No hammocks or tents are allowed inside or attached to the Adirondacks.
4. No hanging from the bars or rafters inside the Adirondacks.
5. No eating or drinking of sugary drinks in Adirondacks, as food debris attracts insects and small furry creatures (e.g., raccoons, mice).
6. No loose food items in the Adirondacks. Store food in hard-sided containers, preferably ones that latch.

### **BATHHOUSE RULES**

A shared bathhouse is located in camp up the hill from the parade field and winter lodge. It has multiple single room restrooms accessed from the outside. Two of the restrooms have shower facilities. Sinks for handwashing are located outside of the bathhouse.

In keeping with BSA youth protection policies, **the following rules are mandatory** for using the bathhouses:

1. Only one of the following groups may occupy a single side of the bathhouse at a time: adult males, adult females, youth males, and youth females.
2. There may be signs to designate what group is occupying a side of the bath-house (male/female, youth/adult). Please use these consistently.
3. If children need adult assistance for the bathroom (or shower), only a parent or legal guardian may be present with that child in the bathhouse.
4. In case of accident or medical emergency, a non-parent/guardian may enter the bathhouse of youth, regardless of gender. Two-deep leadership is strongly recommended in this case.

# CAMP RULES

**CAMP PELLISSIPPI IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.**

## **BUDDY SYSTEM**

All youth must have a buddy and travel across camp paired with their buddy. Youth should not move about the camp alone at any time. The safety of our children is paramount. As part of camp orientation, the buddy system will be reviewed with the campers.

- Buddies must stay together at each activity, at meals, and even at the restrooms.
- Two buddies must accompany a camper sent from a program area to the campsite or Health Lodge

Additionally, BSA Youth Protection policies are to be followed at all times: two-deep leadership (two registered leaders, or one registered leader and one adult) and no one-on-one contact with youth not your own children at all times.

## **FOOD IN CAMP**

Breakfast on Saturday and dinner on Saturday are provided by camp. Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, and Sunday breakfast are not provided and are the responsibility of campers. Families can pack a lunch or coordinate group cooking with members of their Pack. Store all food and sugary drinks in hard-sided containers, preferably ones that latch. Avoid leaving food debris around, as they attract insects and opportunistic furry creatures.

## **SHOOTING SPORTS**

All youth and adults are to follow the instructions of the Range Officers at all times. No exceptions. Failure to do so will result in removal from the activity. Please do not bring your personal shooting sports items, the camp will provide them.

## **DINING HALL**

Saturday breakfast and Saturday dinner meals will be provided by the Dining Hall staff. Please keep the following in mind:

- We will be following all COVID-19 federal, state, and local guidelines.
- Be courteous to your neighbors while in line or at table.
- When you are done, take your trays, cups and eating utensils to the kitchen, then clean off the tables with the materials provided and sweep around your eating area. Remember, a Scout is helpful, and a Scout is clean.

## **CAMPFIRES**

Fire rings are provided in each campsite. Please use them wisely and keep the following in mind:

- Collect only dead wood or bring only kiln-dried or local firewood. Do not use live trees or branches.
- Only wood to go in fire and stay in fire; no flames outside of fire ring.
- No running or horseplay inside fire ring, and no roasted marshmallow (or other food) slinging contests.
- Have a bucket of water nearby (having a shovel is a good idea too).
- Fires require adult supervision at all times. Fires must be fully extinguished if a responsible adult will not be there to watch it.
- If no appreciable rain has occurred in a month or more, a fire ban may be implemented.

## **PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS**

No physical or verbal bullying. Throwing objects is prohibited except as part of planned activity.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- No smoking in camp (this include electronic cigarettes). Smoking may be done in your car or parking area out of sight of the Scouts.
- No alcoholic beverages permitted on Camp Pellissippi property.
- Fixed blade/sheath knives are prohibited for everyone. Scouts are not allowed to bring or possess knives at camp.
- No firearms, BB guns, or archery equipment are allowed on camp property other than that provided by camp at the shooting ranges.
- No pets are allowed at camp

# EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Emergency procedures are in place at Camp Pellissippi to ensure everyone stays safe and healthy. Please review, the procedures presented below with your Scout prior to arriving at camp.

## **SEVERE WEATHER**

The camp director will monitor the forecast and radar on a regular basis throughout the duration of camp. In the event of severe weather, we have procedures in place to ensure the safety of campers. We will immediately send out an alert letting all parents know what is going on and when the danger has passed. Social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook) may also be employed.

If severe weather occurs, the Camp Director will sound the camp alarm and call Code Yellow over the radio. All Campsite Guides will have radios as will all program stations. Campers should take the following steps as directed by their Campsite Guide:

1. Groups at indoor activities will remain in place.
2. Groups at outdoor activities will move in an orderly fashion to the nearest shelter.
3. In case of tornado, those at or near a campsite should proceed to the bath-house; Adirondacks are not tornado safe shelters. Those within buildings should move to an interior area (if not already there). Those in open areas or open shelters should crouch in a ditch or low to the ground and cover their heads.
4. Await further instructions (e.g., all clear alert over the radio) from the Camp Director before proceeding to the next camp activities.

## **FIRE**

If a fire occurs in one of the buildings, notify a staff member immediately, and take the following steps:

1. Everyone moves in an orderly manner out of the affected building and into the nearest open area.
2. Follow all instructions. Ensure that everyone stays put and out of the way of firefighters.

## **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

Camp Pellissippi has a certified Health Officer located in the Health Lodge who is typically a doctor, registered nurse, or EMT.

1. All emergency will be reported to a staff member immediately.
2. All campers will be cleared away from the injured/ill person and continue camp activities.
3. The injured/ill person will not be moved, the injured/ill person will be made as comfortable as possible while waiting for the Health Officer and/or Camp Director.
4. First aid will be administered if needed.
5. The Health Officer or Camp Director will inform the camper's parents (if a youth) of the accident or illness.
6. If the Health Officer or Camp Director determines that emergency personnel or equipment is required, provide a clear path to the injured/ill person for emergency personnel.

# WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Please make sure that all luggage and gear are marked with name and Pack number. The best method is duct tape and permanent marker. We encourage all participants to bring their luggage and gear in either a foot locker or backpack for ease and portability.



## CLOTHING ITEMS

- Scout Uniform (minimum of shirt and neckerchief/slide)
- 4 pairs of underwear
- 4 T-shirts or other shirts
- 1 long-sleeved shirt
- 1 or 2 pairs of swim trunks
- 2 or 3 pairs of shorts (preferably fast-drying)
- 5 pairs of socks
- Lightweight shoes (fully enclosed)
- Shower shoes
- Lake shoes (or water sandals)
- Poncho or raincoat
- Hat for sun and rain

## FOR SLEEPING ON BUNKS

- Camping pad or bunk cushion
- 2 blankets or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Pillow case
- Mosquito netting (optional)

## HEALTH, SAFETY, AND COMFORT

- Water bottle or canteen

- Insect repellent
- Medication if needed
- 1 or 2 towels
- 1 or 2 washcloths
- Soap
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Small first aid kit
- Chafing powder
- Foot powder
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated fan
- 2 or 3 sets of new batteries
- Dirty clothes bag

## OTHER STUFF YOU MIGHT WANT

- Camera
- Watch (not expensive)
- 8 x 10 foot tarp for the front of your Adirondack
- Paracord or other utility cord

# SPRING FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

## Camp Pellissippi

Scout \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Youth \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Pack \_\_\_\_\_

Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Session I: April 5-6 \_\_\_\_\_ Session II: April 26-28 \_\_\_\_\_

**\$35 per one Scout and one adult**  
**\$15 per each additional youth/adult**

**\$20 per Each Walk-On youth/adult**

(Applies Beginning 4/18)

**Scout & Adult \$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Additional Adult/ Scout \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**

**To volunteer or questions, please contact**

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# MAP OF CAMP PELLISSIPPI

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