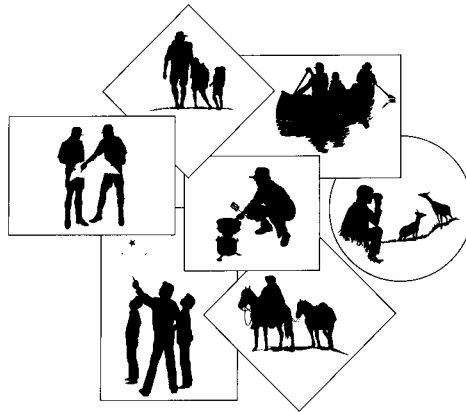


POLICY
GOVERNING
THE USE OF THE PROPERTIES
at
SCHIFF SCOUT RESERVATION
and
ONTEORA SCOUT RESERVATION

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PREFACE

These policies have been adopted by Theodore Roosevelt Executive Board at a meeting on June 21, 2001 based upon the recommendations of the Council Properties and Risk Management Committees to insure:

- The safety of campers, leaders and staff at our properties;
- Compliance with the New York State Health Code, New York State Department of Environmental Control, and other applicable government code requirements for a Children's Camp;
- Compliance with the camping standards of the Boy Scouts of America;
- And to provide a positive camping experience for all.

While it is impossible to anticipate every possible situation and/or questions that the use of our camps will raise, real time on-site decisions related to situations not covered by these policies will be guided by:

The safety of the participants, and

The Scout Oath and Law.

Abbreviations used within this document are:

- ARC – American Red Cross
- BSA - Boy Scouts of America
- DEC - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- GTSS - Guide to Safe Scouting (Current Version)
- NAA - National Archery Association
- NRA - National Rifle Association
- OSR - Onteora Scout Reservation
- SSR - Schiff Scout Reservation
- TRC - Theodore Roosevelt Council

Policies of the National Council BSA that are the same as TRC Policies shall be incorporated by reference. Thus if National Policy changes, the TRC Policy does not have to be updated. The words "must" and "will" used in this policy require absolute fulfillment and are not discretionary by the unit. The words "may" or "can" used in this policy require discretionary consideration by the unit. The terms "are available" or "may be available" require supportive and collective actions and efforts. Waivers to any of policies herein must be applied for at the time the application is submitted to the TRC Service Center.

The policies herein supercede all other TRC "Use of Properties" Policies/Rules and Regulations that have been established in the past. Additional policies established in the future will be added to these codified policies.

The Council Properties Committee welcomes your comments related to these Policies, as well as suggestions for additions, changes and/or clarifications. Comments and/or suggestions should be made in writing and addressed to the:

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A. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

1. RANGER AUTHORITY

1.1 The Camp Rangers at Onteora Scout Reservation and Schiff Scout Reservation are employees of the Theodore Roosevelt Council, B.S.A. They are graduates of the National Rangers Camp School of the Boy Scouts of America.

1.2 During the short term camping season the Camp Rangers have final authority on the reservation, in terms of health and safety matters. It is their responsibility to enforce all Theodore Roosevelt Council and Boy Scouts of America policies and procedures. During the summer camping season this authority resides with the Summer Camp Director.

2. TRC PROPERTY SECURITY AND COURTESY

2.1 Individuals must immediately report any violations of security, destruction of property, unusual activity or individuals on the property to their leaders so proper action may be instituted.

2.2 Leaders must report IMMEDIATELY to the Ranger or Campmaster any violations of security, destruction of property, unusual activity or individuals on the property.

2.3 The use of the "Buddy System" is required for campers leaving their unit's campsite. All campers must check out of their site with one of the adult leaders.

2.4 Occupied campsites and cabins must not be entered, except with the permission of the adult leader in charge of the unit occupying the facility.

2.5 Out of campsite unit and individual activities are limited to the hours of 7:00 A.M. through 10:00 P.M. except for special activities. At all other times campers should be in their assigned campsites and must restrict noise, lights and movement in consideration of others in camp.

2.6 Dogs, cats and other pets except "working" dogs are prohibited in camping and program areas. While in the parking area, they must be on a leash and under complete control.

3. PROPERTY CLOSINGS

3.1 Properties will be closed, with no short-term camping permitted in accordance with the annual TRC calendar adopted by the council or at the direction of the Scout Executive.

3.2 Properties will be closed when there is an excessive natural hazard. OSR will be closed during the big game (deer and bear) hunting season.

3.3 During the camping season period, some areas of TRC properties may be closed to camping as an energy conservation measure.

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3.4 During the gun and bow hunting season some areas will be closed to camping.

4. NON-OFFICIAL VEHICLE USE IN CAMP Roads in camp are restricted to service vehicles and vehicles authorized by the Camp Ranger. All personal vehicles must be parked in the central parking area. During year round weekend camping, all personal gear must be carried in by youth and adult campers to their campsite. Authorization for use of personal vehicles may be granted as follows:

4.1 All personal vehicles must be parked in the central parking area.

4.2 For adult only events held at SSR Hayden Hall (training weekends, etc.) vehicles may be parked in "dead storage" for the weekend at the Hayden Hall parking lot if they are brought in prior to the event beginning and leave after the event is over.

4.3 If there are no youth in camp on the SSR Hayden Hall side of camp, vehicles may be driven in for the Sagamore meetings.

4.4 During year round weekend camping, all personal gear must be carried in by youth and adult campers to their campsite.

4.5 During year round weekend camping, Pack, Troop or Crew gear will be transported by either the Ranger or a Campmaster from the central parking lot to a place on the road closest to the campsite. One load will be taken in at the time the unit arrives and one load taken out before their departure. If several units arrive at about the same time, there may be a short waiting period while other unit's gear is moved.

4.6 During Cub World at SSR, transportation of unit and personal equipment is available from the central parking lot to centrally located drop off points in camp.

4.7 During district or council activities, the Ranger will provide to the volunteer chairperson of the event an unregistered camp vehicle (subject to availability) and a golf cart, for use to transport equipment, supplies, and individuals with disabilities. The chairperson will require that the staff assigned to operate the motor vehicle or golf cart are licensed drivers aged 18+, able to use a stick shift (manual transmission) and that all the camp vehicle rules are followed.

4.8 During district or council activities, where ten or more units are arriving at camp for the weekend (at about the same time), the district may request from the Camp Ranger authority to allow one vehicle per unit to drive into camp. The vehicle must stay on the paved road and may unload at a point on the paved road closest to their campsite. They must unload immediately, turn around and drive

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back to the parking lot. The district will appoint a "gate keeper" who will issue passes and give the vehicle ten minutes to drive into camp and unload. No more than three vehicles will be in camp at any time. If there are violations of this procedure, the district will lose this privilege at future events.

4.9 Throughout the year, vendors providing services will be allowed to enter, if approved by the Ranger. This includes food vendors for Cub World, maintenance companies working on equipment, etc. In unusual circumstances, the Ranger may designate the vehicle of a volunteer providing vendor type service, as a vendor vehicle and allow it into camp.

4.10 Individuals who have transportation needs different than those outlined above should contact the TRC Service Center at least two (2) weeks prior to their arrival at camp. Depending upon the situation, the council will either allow the individual to keep a personal vehicle in camp or send a driver with a golf cart to transport him/her or make other reasonable accommodations.

4.11 Vehicles while on TRC properties will follow the following rules:

1. Operator of the vehicle is a licensed driver aged 18+.
2. The camp speed limit of 10 mph is strictly observed.
3. Passengers may only be carried in permanently installed seats equipped with seat belts. (No riding in back of vans or pickup trucks).
4. Vehicle use is limited to essential travel.
5. The keys are removed from the vehicle and the vehicle locked (if possible) when not in use.

4.12 Operation of golf carts on TRC properties will follow the following rules:

1. Operator of the golf cart is a licensed driver aged 18+.
2. The maximum number of people on the cart is two.
3. The golf cart is operated only on paved roads and established trails.
4. The maximum load (including passengers) is 500 pounds
5. In the event of wet weather the golf cart must be moved under cover.
6. The keys must be removed from the cart when not in use.

4.13 Skateboards, scooters (all types), roller blades, roller skates, ATVs, dirt /trail bikes (unpowered or powered) are prohibited from use on TRC properties. TRC owned mountain bikes for use in a trail bike program are exempt from this restriction.

4.14 Bicycles that are used as transportation to TRC properties must be parked in a central parking area designated by the Ranger and locked until they are removed from the property. Bicycles are prohibited from use on TRC properties except for special program purposes requested at the time the application for use is made.

5. OFF LIMITS AREAS ON TRC PROPERTIES

5.1 The following areas are off limits to all campers;

- All buildings, unless specified on the camping permit.
- Chapels (which require written permission from the respective religious committee concerned).
- Campsites occupied by other units.
- Maintenance yard.
- Project COPE Course.
- Ranger's Home.
- Special areas designated by the Ranger

5.2 Deep Pond (SSR) and Orchard Lake (OSR) are off-limits.

- Except for fishing from the shore in designated areas.
- When used as part of a TRC approved and supervised aquatic activity.
- Except for ice fishing and skating, in designated areas, only after the Ranger has determined that the ice is safe for these uses.

6. VANDALISM

6.1 Vandalism of any sort will not be tolerated and will result in the immediate expulsion of the individual(s) concerned from the TRC property, as well as possible civil or criminal prosecution. It is the responsibility of the unit leader to remove the individual concerned.

6.2 The carving, painting, scraping, etc. of initials, names, unit numbers, etc. on any surface is prohibited.

6.3 The marring or driving of nails into buildings, shelters, tent platforms, signs, trees, etc. is prohibited.

6.4 The forced entry into any building, breaking of windows, removal or defacing of signs, patrol tables or program equipment, etc. is prohibited.

6.5 Adult leaders must stop and attempt to identify any individual(s) committing acts of vandalism and to report such acts immediately to the Ranger or his designee.

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6.6 The moving of patrol tables or program equipment to another area or into a cabin is prohibited without the express permission of the Ranger.

6.7 The installation of temporary trail markers for activities/events must be made in such a way as to preclude marring or damage to trees or camp facilities. All temporary trail markers will be removed at the conclusion of the activity/event.

7. ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

7.1 Alcoholic beverages, unprescribed controlled substances and uncontrolled/illegal substances have no place in the Scouting program. They are prohibited on TRC properties. Use and/or possession of them on TRC properties will result in the immediate expulsion of the individual concerned. It is the responsibility of the unit leader to remove the individual concerned.

8. FIRE SAFETY

8.1 IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE THE RANGER MUST BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.

8.2 LIQUID FUEL The use of liquid fuel stoves on TRC properties will be permitted for training purposes. They must be under the close supervision of an adult leader.

8.2a Liquid fuel containers must be BSA approved "red" containers of 22 ounces or smaller, and kept, except when being used to fuel the stove, in a secure, lockable, vented container, away from any source of ignition or heat in excess of 100 degrees F. Liquid fuel containers must be under the control of the adult leader. These containers may not be stored in any personal sleeping accommodations.

8.2b Units conducting training in the use of liquid fueled stoves must notify the Ranger or Campmaster of their intent when checking in.

8.2c Liquid fueled lamps/lanterns must not be used on TRC properties.

8.3 Propane (LP) lanterns and stoves may be used by adults. Extreme care must be taken in the disposal of empty cylinders. Empty cylinders must be returned to the Ranger for disposal.

8.4 Open flames are prohibited in all tents and structures. This includes but is not limited to candles, propane lanterns, LP stoves, charcoal stoves and heaters.

8.5 The Camp Ranger is authorized to limit and/or restrict the size of cooking and campfires if weather and fire conditions warrant.

8.6 Cooking fires and campfires will be permitted when proper safeguards are taken and;

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8.6a The fire area must be cleared of flammable materials prior to the laying of the fire.

8.6b Liquid fire starters or accelerants are not used in the lighting of the fire.

8.6c Fire buckets, hand fire pumps, or fire extinguishers are available.

8.6d Fires may not be left unattended at any time.

8.6e Ashes and coals must be drowned, stirred and re-drowned, dead out and cold to the touch.

8.6f The unit leader is responsible for training in fire prevention, fire detection, reporting, and fire fighting. All youth members and adult leaders should have unit fireguard plan training.

8.7 Fireworks - GTSS Section VII is incorporated by reference.

9. CAMP SANITATION

9.1 Sanitary facilities for toilet and personal washing are available in the vicinity of all camping areas. Units using these facilities must share in maintaining the cleanliness of these facilities.

9.2 Cooking equipment, plates, cups, utensils, etc. must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized in the unit's camp site. The washing and/or rinsing of these items at the water hydrants or in one of the sanitary facilities or in any body of water in the camp, is unsanitary and strictly prohibited.

9.3 Garbage and solid waste must be placed in unit supplied plastic bags, securely tied and deposited in the SSR dumpster designated by the Ranger (See C.2.1b for OSR). All cans and cartons should be crushed first to reduce the volume of the refuse. This is extremely important since, the cost of the waste removal from the camp is based on volume.

10. ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND ILLNESSES

10.1 INDIVIDUAL UNIT CAMPING

10.1a First Aid is the responsibility of the unit, and all units are must come to camp prepared with proper first aid equipment and trained personnel. Units must bring a Personal Health and Medical Record Form for each individual according to the current rules and regulations of the BSA.

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(Copies of the Personal Health and Medical Record forms (No. 34414A and 34412A) are available from the TRC Service Center, on the internet from www.bsa.scouting.org/forms, or special forms issued by the activity may be used).

10.1b In the event of a serious injury, the Ranger must be notified

10.1c All illnesses are to be reported to the Ranger and the TRC incident report completed.

10.1d If the services of a local physician or hospital are required, the responsibility for payment of fees and charges is the individual. Every unit is expected to have a current accident and sickness policy which may cover partial medical expenses for the unit members. The council does not provide medical insurance and will not accept responsibility for any fees and/or billings.

10.2 DISTRICT OR COUNCIL EVENTS

10.2a All District, Council and Special events must designate a Medical Officer (EMT or higher) and they establish procedures for notification and response to accidents and/or injuries.

10.2b If the District or Council committee running the event has opted to take out the National B.S.A. Accident Insurance Policy, the hospital should be provided with the policy number and instructed to bill the council office. If this accident policy was not secured for the event, the hospital must be advised to bill the individual concerned. In the event the unit has an accident insurance policy of its own, the billing can be submitted to them by the individual concerned.

10.2c All incident reports must be submitted as soon as possible to the Ranger.

10.2d There must be a Personal Health and Medical Form on site for each individual according to the current rules and regulations of the BSA.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 A public telephone is located at the southeast side of the Hendrickson Services Building (Maintenance Shop) at SSR.

NOTE: There are no public telephones at OSR.

11.2 An internal camp telephone system is located in all buildings, selected program areas and outside the Campmasters (Shapiro) Cabin at SSR. The emergency in-camp telephone number is 333, when the system is in operation.

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Check with the Ranger for operational status when the unit checks in. Use of this system for emergency purposes will be in accordance with New York State law. Tampering with the system is also subject to Federal and New York State laws.

11.3 An internal camp telephone system is located in all buildings and selected program areas at OSR. The emergency in-camp telephone number is 33, when this system is in operation. Check with the Ranger for operational status when the unit checks in. Use of this system for emergency purposes will be in accordance with New York State law. Tampering with the system is also subject to Federal and New York State laws.

11.4 Additionally, the properties are serviced with FM radios. Check with the Ranger for applicability.

B. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1. SHORT-TERM CAMPING RESERVATIONS

1.1 Reservations for short-term (day or overnight) use of properties are made with the TRC Service Center, using the appropriate form, starting in June for the following program year.

1.1a The "normal" short-term (weekend) camping period is from Friday at 6 P.M. through Sunday, at 2 P.M. Requests for variations from this camping period, may be approved when necessary to accommodate religious concerns.

1.1b On three (3) day extended weekends, the camping period will be extended through 2 P.M. on Monday. The facility and participant fee for units extending their camping period through Monday, will be an additional 30% of the base fees.

1.2 Short term camping reservations will be made on the current appropriate form with the TRC service center.

1.3 A copy of the approved application will be returned to the unit as its "permit". The council reserves the right to cancel permits on twenty-four (24) hours notice to the unit, in the event of any unusual situation.

1.4 REFUNDS – THEODORE ROOSEVELT COUNCIL STANDARD REFUND POLICY

1.4a Refund requests must be made in writing to the TRC service center and be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the event.

1.4b If a refund request is received less than two (2) weeks prior to the event, but before the day of the event, the maximum refund will be fifty

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percent (50%) of the fee paid. If a refund is not given, the participant would be eligible for patches, hand outs, or other materials given out and paid for by the registration fee. If an activity is rescheduled due to inclement weather, "act of God" or governmental action, all fees will be applicable to the new date. No refunds will be given.

1.4c On major activities or events, unit deposits, if required, are often non-refundable. Individual fee for major events (fees of \$ 100 or more) often have a \$10, \$25, or \$50 non-refundable deposit.

2. LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS IN CAMP Trips and outings may never be led by one adult. Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings. It is the responsibility of the chartered organization of any unit to stress to the committee that sufficient adult leadership must be provided for all trips and outings.

2.1 MALE/FEMALE POLICY These are the policies to be followed when making overnight arrangements for co-ed activities.

- Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facilities. When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.

- If housing other than tents is used, separate facilities must be provided for male and female participants.

- Adult leaders need to respect the privacy of youth members in a situation such as changing into swimsuits or taking showers and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Leaders also need to protect their own privacy in similar situations.

- In camps where separate facilities are not available, times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers. Use the buddy system for latrine use by having a person wait outside the entrance, or use "Occupied" and "Unoccupied" signs or inside door latches.

2.2 YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY The following policy must be followed -
GTSS Section I Youth Protection in Scouting is incorporated by reference.

2.3 YOUTH MEMBER BEHAVIOR RESPONSIBILITIES - GTSS Section I Youth Member Behavior Guidelines and Responsibilities is incorporated by reference.

2.4 CUB SCOUT PACKS are invited and urged to make use of TRC properties for Pack Picnics, Day Hikes, Webelos-Parent Overnights and Family Camping. Cub Scout overnight camping are subject to BALOO program guidelines. Cub Day Events require an adult leader 21 years of age or older in charge and a

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recommended ratio of not less than one adult for each 5 - 8 Cub Scouts, with a minimum of two leaders at all times.

2.5 BOY SCOUT TROOPS - There must be a minimum of two (2) adult leaders (one of whom must be a registered leader, and 21 years of age or older), present at all times and in charge of any Boy Scout activity. In addition, a minimum leader ratio of one (1) leader per each ten (10) Scouts is required.

2.6 VENTURE CREWS / EXPLORER POSTS - Appropriate two deep leadership must be provided for both male and female participants. Both adult male and female leaders in charge must be 21 years of age or older and must be approved by the advisor, on behalf of the chartered organization. Male and female participants must have separate housing. Written parent or guardian approval is required for each participant. In addition, a leader ratio of one (1) leader per each ten (10) participants is required

2.7 FAMILY CAMPING - Family camping is an outdoor camping experience, other than resident camping, that involves Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, or Venturing program elements in overnight settings with two or more family members, including at least one BSA member of that family. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children, and Youth Protection guidelines apply.

2.8 DISTRICT/COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

2.8a - Units participating in District/Council Activities and Events are required to meet the leadership requirements outlined in 2.1 to 2.6 above.

2.8b - When District/Council Activities and Events permit individual (rather than unit registration) the Activity/Event leadership is required to provide provisional leadership that meets the requirements outlined in 2.1 to 2.6 above.

2.9 NON-B.S.A. GROUPS - Leadership requirements will be specified when the permit application is approved. It is expected that non B.S.A. groups must follow B.S.A. Guidelines as a minimum.

3. CAMPMASTER PROGRAM - The Campmaster program at SSR is administered by the Sagamore Service Troop. Campmasters are trained, experienced volunteer leaders who spend weekends at camp to:

3.1 Assist the Ranger in administering the weekend program

3.2 Assist in the checking in and out of units.

3.3 Inspect unit campsites as part of the check out process.

3.4 Assist units upon request with program advice and guidance.

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3.5 Provide (or secure from the Ranger if necessary) transportation for any physically challenged camper or leader.

4. NON - B.S.A. USE OF CAMP

4.1 Organized groups, not members of the Boy Scouts of America, desiring to use TRC property facilities, must make application per paragraph B.1 in writing and received at TRC Service Center one (1) month in advance.

4.2 If the application for use is approved, the group will be required to:

4.2a Submit a standard national BSA Hold Harmless Agreement,

4.2b Provide an acceptable Certificate of Insurance,

4.3 Pay the fee established at the time the application was approved, within the established time frame.

4.3a For not-for-profit groups, the participant fee will normally be the same as that established for Scouting groups.

4.3b For not-for-profit groups, the facility fee will normally be twice (2X) the established facility fee for Scouting groups.

4.3c For non not-for-profit groups, the fee will be established at the time of approval of the application.

5. CHECK IN AT TRC PROPERTIES

5.1 Units will be expected to adhere as closely as possible to the arrival time on the permit. Unless prior approval is secured and the time indicated on the permit so states, units should plan to arrive and check-in as follow:

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| Friday Evening | 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Saturday Morning | 8:00 A.M or later |

5.2 No one will be permitted to enter the property until the unit/individual formally registers with the Ranger or his designated representative. Under no circumstances are campers to be dropped off at the camp early to await the arrival of the unit.

5.3 Access to the property will be denied unless the two deep leadership requirement of the BSA is met.

5.4 Each unit will be required to submit at the time of check-in a written roster of all leaders and campers who are on the property. Failure to prepare the required roster prior to check-in will cause needless delay while the roster is prepared.

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5.5 All units will advise the Ranger at the time of check-in, of their planned time of departure.

5.6 Wrist bands, identifying the individual as being authorized to be on TRC properties, will be issued and worn while on TRC property.

6. CAMP CHECKOUT

6.1 - Units must check out by 2:00 P.M. on the scheduled date of the departure.

6.2 The entire unit must remain in the camping area until the unit site is inspected, any equipment issued to the unit returned, and the unit is formally checked out by the Ranger/designee with a checkout ticket to be turned in to the Ranger.

6.3 Under no circumstances are campers to be left at camp, with not less than two deep leadership, to await the arrival of transportation. It is the responsibility of the unit leader to ensure that all campers have left the property.

7. KITCHEN AND DINING HALL USE

7.1 The kitchen must be operated under the leadership of a council approved currently certified food manager. The cost of hiring any and all kitchen personnel must be borne by the group.

7.2 The person in charge of the kitchen must possess a current Suffolk County Department of Health Services food handlers certification for use of Hickox Dining Hall at SSR. A New York State or prevailing local law food managers certification is required for use of the Long House Kitchen at OSR.

8. **SHOWER FACILITIES** Shower facilities are not normally available except during summer camp operation. Council and District Groups may request, at the time of their reservation submission, that the shower facilities be made available.

9. **AQUATIC ACTIVITIES** As a children's camp, aquatic activities must be conducted in accordance with the New York State Health Code. The code, currently requires that all aquatic activities within the camp be supervised by a currently certified BSA Aquatic Instructor or ARC Water Safety Instructor.

9.1 If aquatic activities (in season) are desired, the unit must arrange for the services of a council approved, currently certified lifeguard.

9.2 The request for aquatic activities must be made in writing at the time the event registration is made.

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9.3 When the use of rowboats, canoes or sailboats on the lake is approved, all occupants, regardless of swimming ability, will be required to wear an approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD), at all times.

9.4 Only commercially manufactured canoes, rowboats, kayaks and sailboats will be permitted to be used on the property.

9.5 No boat propelled by a combustion motor will be permitted. Use of an electric motor propelled boat is permitted.

10. CONSERVATION AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT

10.1 All units and campers must restrict their activities in such a way as to disturb, as little as possible, the wildlife residents of the property.

10.2 Standing timber (trees) living or dead are not to be cut without the express permission of the Ranger. Damaged or dead trees/limbs must be reported to the Ranger.

10.3 The lake must not be polluted in any way. The throwing of any natural or foreign item or substance into the lake is prohibited.

10.4 All units are encouraged to include an approved property improvement or conservation project in their program. The Ranger should be contacted at least two (2) weeks prior to insure that such a project is available.

10.5 Unit leaders and other adult Scouters are encouraged to participate in the regularly scheduled "Beaver Day" workdays on the property..

10.6 No one is authorized to make repairs to any camp equipment or property, without the prior approval of the Ranger.

10.7 No one is authorized to install, upgrade or modify any equipment or facility without the prior approval of the Properties Committee.

11. SAWS AND EDGED TOOLS

11.1 The use of "edged tools" must be carefully supervised. Units must establish a safe "axe yard" within their camping area and the use of axes will be restricted to within this area. Safety precautions must be taken at all times.

11.2 Axes, sheath knives and saws are to be worn or carried by campers only when actually engaged in organized activities requiring their use.

11.3 The use of chain saws on the properties is prohibited, except during work or Beaver Days and when authorized by the Ranger.

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11.4 The Ranger or Campmaster, will insist on safe and proper use of all edged tools and saws in camp. They may restrict, limit or prohibit the use of edged tools and saws, whenever their use is deemed unsafe or unnecessary.

12. SHOOTING SPORTS

12.1 The use or possession of personal firearms, archery equipment, sling shots, gas and air guns is prohibited on TRC properties except by special permission when the reservation is made.

12.2 The archery and rifle ranges may be used only under the supervision of a NAA, NRA or BSA Camp School approved Field Sports Director and requires prior approval when the event registration is made.

12.3 Any archery , rifle or B-B program must satisfy both B.S.A. policy and New York State Penal and Health Codes.

13. FISHING AND HUNTING

13.1 Fishing by registered campers and leaders is permitted, when in accordance with applicable state law. A valid NYS fishing license is required by anyone 16 years of age and older.

13.2 Fishing is prohibited at all times in the swimming area (whether or not the area is set up at the time).

13.3 Hunting may be approved from time to time by the Properties Committee, or their designee. If approved, it will be limited to designated periods only and subject to the following policy:

That during the "big game rifle season", OSR will be closed to all scout camping, and that during the January special Monday through Friday season (if held) in Suffolk County, SSR be closed to all scout camping for the time indicated, and that a restricted number of permits will be issued, to permit hunting only on Monday through Thursday, with no permits granted for Friday hunting. The restricted number of permits will be issued as outlined below.

13.3a A maximum of 20 permits per day be issued for hunting at OSR and a maximum of 10 permits per day be issued for hunting at SSR.

13.3b All applicants for hunting permits be required to sign a hold harmless agreement and be asked to make a donation at the time of the submission of the application, to help defray the cost of administering the program and posting of the property.

13.3c Priorities for the issuance of hunting permits will be as follows:

A. Registered Scouters of the TRC, B.S.A.

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- B. Current FOS supporters
- C. Neighboring property owners and supporters
- D. Local law enforcement, local volunteer fire department and NYS DEC personnel
- E. Non TRC Scouters
- F. Others (if space is still available two weeks prior to the requested date)

13.3d All hunters will be required to check in and out with the property Ranger.

13.3e Minors may be issued permits only if hunting with their parent or guardian.

14. DISTRICT AND COUNCIL LEVEL

14.1 SSR and OSR are to be reserved for the next program year by district and council groups before June 1 of each year. Reservations at SSR and OSR for the next program year are opened to all units as of June first for registration of their program year.

14.2 Buckskin Lodge #412, Order of the Arrow events generally requires the entire camp being reserved. Other events must only reserve the section of the property necessary. There are basically three main areas that can be reserved at SSR a) Harvey Smith Training Building; b) Hickox Dining Hall and lean-tos; and c) Hayden Hall and tentsites.

14.3 A district or council event may reserve a building for an event headquarters only. This will be done at no fee. However, if the district wants to use one of the cabins, they must pay the standard weekend cabin fee. Buildings available at SSR for the event headquarters are a) Hickox Dining Hall (not kitchen) b) Harvey Smith Training Building or c) Hayden Hall. At OSR, a) Long House Dining Hall (not kitchen) or b) Administration Building may be used as headquarters for an event.

14.4 Tent or lean-to sites may be reserved for units. If units attending a district or council event wish to reserve a cabin they must do so through the regular reservation procedure and pay the standard fee.

14.5 Units not attending the district or council event may reserve open cabins, lean-to sites or tenting areas on the property the same weekend as an event.

14.6 A district or council committee holding an event at SSR or OSR is responsible for appointing a facilities chairperson who will be the first person to arrive for the event. This individual checks the status of the entire event area with the Ranger or Campmaster, and is responsible for the group and all logistics.

C. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. ACCESS AT DEEP POND Limited public access to and use of Deep Pond at SSR will be provided subject to the following conditions:

1.1 Access to Deep Pond by the public or the NYS DEC will be by entering SSR at a parking area adjacent to the camp's main gate and utilizing the camp's main trail. Said parking area will be provided by TRC for up to five (5) vehicles; Buses will be prohibited from the parking area.

1.2 Deep Pond will be accessible to the public beginning September 15, 1997 for the sole purpose of fishing and then be accessible from September 15 of each calendar year to June 15 of each calendar year following. Access will be daily between the hours of sunrise and sunset Monday through Thursday and Friday from sunrise until three o'clock (3:00) p.m. Such access will be by permit only, said permitting system to be established and operated by the DEC or its assigns. DEC or its assigns will provide a sign-in log at the trail head. DEC or its assigns will provide routine patrols to verify compliance with parking and permit requirements. No permit holder will be permitted use of any of TRC's facilities for any reason at the camp at any time, except for fishing. No boating by combustion motor will be permitted; and, use of electric motors on Deep Pond is permitted. In the event electric powered boat equipment, being used by the permitted public, should be lost into the pond, the DEC or its assigns will provide divers to retrieve same within five (5) days written notice thereof.

1.3 The DEC or its assigns will have the right to conduct fishery surveys at a date and time mutually agreed upon by the parties, as well as provide the technical assistance to TRC in the management and protection of Deep Pond. Any such assistance and activities including the stocking of Deep Pond will be conditioned upon and subject to the express written consent and reasonable approval of TRC for, among other reasons, to protect fish species now in the pond.

1.4 TRC reserves all lawful rights and privileges in and to the use of the Deep Pond, and nothing in this Access Agreement or any amendment thereto will be construed to limit, curtail or alter TRC's current or future uses of Deep Pond. TRC is subject to all applicable sections of the laws of New York.

1.5 Fishing and boating, and responsibility for the acts of such users is provided for in The New York State *General Obligations Law* ('9-103), and any revisions thereto and any other applicable laws.

2. ONTEORA SCOUT RESERVATION USE

2.1 UNIT CAMPING AT ONTEORA The previously defined rules are applicable to units camping at OSR. The following items are in many cases seasonal concerns, but need to be considered by units camping at OSR.

2.1a There is no potable water source in camp when the camp water system is shut down and drained. The Ranger may supply potable water from his

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home at his discretion. Check with him prior to arrival at OSR. Extreme caution must be exercised by unit leaders to insure that all drinking water is secured from an approved water source, or that water secured from any other source is properly boiled or treated.

2.1b Garbage removal or disposal is not available from camp. The wilderness ethic of carrying out all your garbage must be applied to your camping at OSR. Units must bring their own garbage bags.

2.1c Dull Knife Campsite (past Otter Shelter on the road to the Long House) or other Ranger assigned site(s) are the designated weekend campsites.

2.1d The camp road to the Long House Dining Hall is kept plowed and passable as long as possible each winter. However, if there is an extremely heavy snow, or if ice conditions develop, it may become necessary to restrict all vehicles to the top of the hill by the Ranger's house. It is recommended that units camping at OSR call the Ranger prior to departing for camp to ascertain the road conditions in and near camp.

2.2 GROUP USE OF ONTEORA SCOUT RESERVATION In addition to the specific rules outlined in C.2.1, the following is applicable to group use of OSR

2.2a Groups may request the use of the OSR Administration Building for their headquarters. They will be required to bear the cost of LP gas if heating of the building is necessary.

2.2b If a group desires to use the Health Lodge, they will be required to bear the cost of LP gas if heating of the building is necessary.

2.2c Winter group use will require provisions being made to sand the camp entrance/exit road as necessary to insure egress from the camp in the event of an emergency and at the conclusion of the weekend.

2.2d While every attempt will be made to keep the camp roads and a suitable parking area open, provisions must be made to:

(1) Restrict all vehicles to the top of the hill by the Rangers house and to the public highway outside of camp.

(2) Postpone or cancel the weekend, if severe weather and or road conditions dictate.

2.2e There is no potable water source in camp when the camp water system is shut down and drained. The use of boiled and or chemically

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treated water must be planned for. Extreme caution must be exercised by unit leaders to insure that all drinking water is secured from an approved water source, or that water secured from any other source is properly boiled or treated.

NOTE: The spring on Grooville Road, is not tested by the Health Department and therefore, its safety is not guaranteed.