

## YOUTH PROTECTION

When Packs/Troops/Crews/Ships camp as a unit at OBSR it is their responsibility to provide two deep leadership and adhere to all provisions of the Guide to Safe Scouting as it relates to youth Protection. During check in the Campmaster must ensure the unit leader understands and agrees to obey the following rules. Extra copies of the Youth Protection Guidelines are in the bottom right drawer of the Campmaster's desk.

During Council or District activities at OBSR when there are youth present without their unit leaders it is the responsibility of the **Campmaster(s)** on duty, working with the chairman of the activity, to ensure all Youth Protection Guidelines are followed. This is the Campmasters responsibility and **can not** be delegated to others. The Youth Protection training for the Campmasters must remain current at all times.

### **Leadership Requirements for Trips and Outings** (As contained in the Guide to Safe Scouting, September 2011)

It is the responsibility of the chartered organization of any Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew or ship to inform the committee and leadership of the unit that sufficient adult leadership must be provided on all trips and outings (coed overnight activities require both male and female adult leaders).

1. **Two-deep Leadership.** Two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a parent of a participating Scout or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings. There are a few instances, such as patrol activities, when the presence of adult leaders is not required and adult leadership may be limited to training and guidance of the patrol leadership. With the proper training, guidance, and approval by the troop leaders, the patrol can conduct day hikes and service projects. Appropriate adult leadership must be present for all overnight Scouting activities; coed overnight activities--even those including parent and child--require male and female leaders, both of whom must be 21 years of age or older, and one of whom must be a registered member of the BSA. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring leadership is provided for all activities.

2. **During transportation to and from planned Scout outings.**

- a. Meet for departure at a designated area.
- b. Prearrange a schedule for periodic checkpoint stops as a group.
- c. Plan a daily destination point.

A common departure site and a daily destination point are a must. If you cannot provide two adults for each vehicle, the minimum required is one adult and two or more youth members – never one on one.

3. **Safety rule of four:** No fewer than four individuals (always with the minimum of two adults) go on all backcountry expeditions or campouts. If an accident occurs, one person stays with the injured, and two go for help. Additional adult leadership requirements must reflect an awareness of such factors as size and skill level of the group, anticipated environmental conditions, and overall degree of challenge.

4. **Male and female leaders must have separate sleeping facilities.** Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available.

5. **Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facility.**

6. **Single-room or dormitory-type accommodations for Scouting units:** Adults and youth of the same gender may occupy dormitory or single-room accommodations, providing there is a minimum of two adults and four youth. A minimum of one of the adults is required to be Youth Protection—trained. Adults must establish separate barriers or privacy zones such as a temporary blanket or sheet wall in order to keep the sleeping area and dressing area separated from the youth area.

7. **When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.**

8. **If separate shower and latrine facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers. Likewise, youth and adults must shower at different times.** The buddy system should be used for latrines by having one person wait outside the entrance, or provide "Occupied" and "unoccupied" signs and/or inside door latches. Adult leaders need to respect the privacy of youth members in situations where youth members are changing clothes or taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. Adults also need to protect their own privacy in similar situations.

9. **For Cub Scout outings and campouts** there are additional youth to adult participation requirements. For details see "Camping Requirements" in the Guide to Safe Scouting.