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SUMMER CAMP COORDINATOR AND LEADER GUIDE

The Mohegan Council, BSA is proud to offer a variety of summer programs at its premier camping facility, Treasure Valley Scout Reservation (TVSR)! This guide is intended for unit (pack, troop, etc.) volunteers that have been designated as the “camp coordinator” and will organize and support the camping program within their individual unit. General information as it relates to TVSR as well as specific information for each program offered can be found within this information guide and its supplements.

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Who is a Camp Coordinator?

As part of our effort to unify our registration process for all the summer camps we've created the role of the *Camp Coordinator*. The Camp Coordinator should be a trusted adult that is involved in your unit. This is an ideal role for a member of your unit committee. Having a good reputation among your unit's families and Scouts as well as reliability when it comes to communicating information are important attributes for this critical volunteer.

What is the role of a Camp Coordinator?

The main role of the Camp Coordinator is to act as the contact person between the camp director and the unit. If parents or Scouts have questions about camp, the coordinator will reach out to the directors of the appropriate camp for answers. The coordinator should also plan, with the unit leadership, a promotional presentation with Council representatives. The coordinator is also responsible for collecting and turning in registration forms/fees, medical forms, as well as distributing camp information packets and other information to families. The coordinator should make sure that all families are aware of any available discounts as well as any deadlines. The Camp Coordinator should have an understanding of campership assistance that is available for those who may need help funding their summer camp experience. Once your unit has a designated coordinator please e-mail their information to the appropriate Camp Director.

About our camp

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation (TVSR) is a camp full of history and pride. We offer:

- a 1,600 acre woodland camp,
- over 70 miles of hiking and biking trails,
- a variety of eco-systems and wildlife habitats,
- a nighttime view of the sky that will inspire the imagination
- a venue for Scout units to practice skills
- a nationally accredited summer camp program, developmentally appropriate for Scouts of all ages including:
 - boating
 - fishing
 - ecology and nature
 - shooting sports
 - and much more

Many thanks go out to the numerous volunteers who take their time to come out to assist with our wonderful programs for our Scouts! Without their help, Council support, committed staff, leaders, parents and incredible campers, the camp would not be a success.

Overview of our summer programs

Cub Scout Day Camp

Set on the West side of Browning Pond inside Treasure Valley, the Cub Scout Day Camp program offers the promise of Scouting to our youngest members. Day Camp is an opportunity for units to strengthen the bonds of their Scouts and leaders and to engage in an exciting day long program complete with water and shooting sports activities.

Webelos Resident Camp

Set on the East side of Browning Pond inside Treasure Valley, Webelos Resident Camp begins to explore the world of overnight camping for the oldest members of the Cub Scout program. Scouts entering the third or fourth grade in the Fall are eligible to participate along in either week with their parents and/or adult leaders in the overnight experience of camping at Treasure Valley.

The choice of a three or five day experience provides a gradual step to make these Scouts ready for the week-long adventure when they become a Boy Scout. Those Scouts entering the fourth grade in the Fall and who have not had experience in resident style camping may find the first week of camp more suitable as it is shorter in duration. There is no stipulation however for which Webelos Resident Camp experience any Webelos Scout attends – the important part is getting out to camp!

Boy Scout Resident Camp

Set on the East side of Browning Pond inside Treasure Valley, Boy Scout Resident Camp is the essence of camping with your Troop. A week-long experience in the outdoors and a chance to explore a variety of merit badge opportunities in aquatics, shooting, ecology, handicraft, Scoutcraft, and more await every camper this summer.

With added program features like war canoe racing, Magee Day games, an ice-cream social, and more Boy Scout summer camp is a week you'll remember!

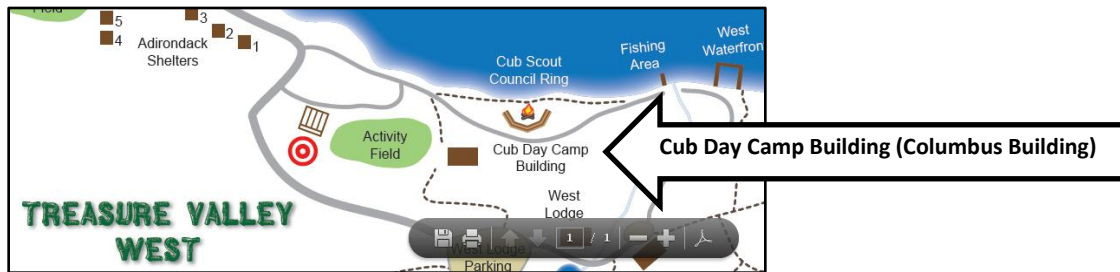
Camp Headquarters

Each of Treasure Valley's camping programs has its own base of operations.

A full map of Treasure Valley can be found in the forms section of this guide as well as on the Mohegan Council website: (<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=24852>)

Cub Scout Day Camp

Columbus Building (Cub Day Camp building on map)



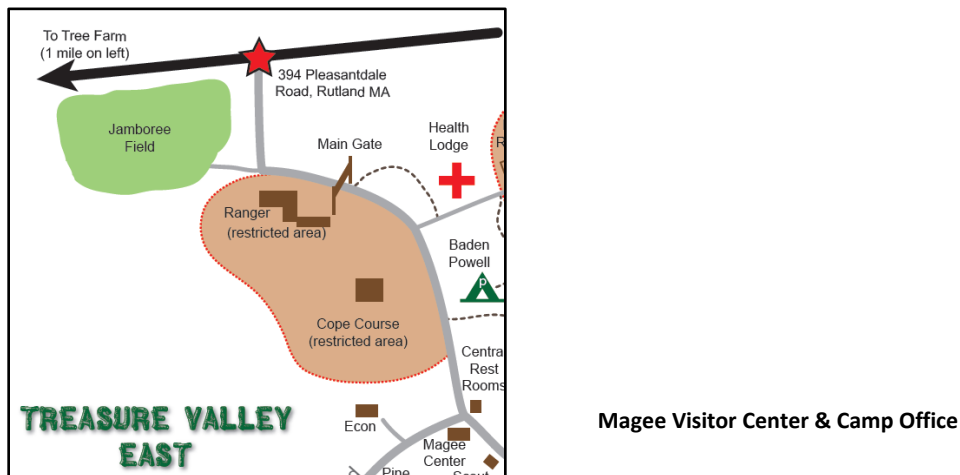
Webelos Resident Camp

Eagle Lodge (Commissary on Map)



Boy Scout Resident Camp

Magee Visitor Center and Camp Office



Lost and Found

Lost and found will be maintained at the Magee office. Items not claimed by the close of camp will be disposed of. Mohegan Council is not responsible for items that are potentially lost or stolen. Please have your Scout make a list of all items brought to camp and check them off when leaving. Label everything!

Mail

Mail may be sent to **attendees of residential camp** at Treasure Valley and will be delivered through the Magee office. Letters and items should be mailed one week prior to the recipient's arrival at camp or be given to the unit leader for delivery through the unit.

Hint: *Please give your Scout strength to be at camp, tell them you trust them and can't wait to hear about the adventures they're having. We ask that you do not include family pictures or statements like "we miss you" as this may lead to the Scout reflecting about what they don't have and worrying about you at home.*

Mail should be addressed as follows:

**Treasure Valley Scout Reservation
c/o Scout's Name, Unit type (Pack/Troop) and Unit #, Campsite Name
394 Pleasantdale Road
Rutland, MA 01543**

Communication

Telephone

Scouts are encouraged to leave cell phones and other electronic devices at home. Summer camps in Scouting are an excellent chance to connect with nature and their fellow Scouts and disconnect from the electronic world of our everyday lives. Communication with family (though discouraged as a preventive measure to home-sickness) is often available through a Scout's adult leadership or through the camp leadership. In the event of an emergency, communication will be made by the camp leadership through the appropriate leadership or parental/guardian channels as necessary.

If urgent communication must be made from your family to a Scout at TVSR, contact may be made at the Magee Visitor Center (**508-886-2213** [fax is 508-886-6693]). Messages received during the day will be placed in the unit's campsite mail box at the Magee Center. If the caller identifies the message as an emergency or urgent, the message will be taken directly to the campsite by a staff member.

Website

The Mohegan Council, BSA is online. Documentation, forms (including this "Guidebook"), and more are available online at: www.mohegancouncilbsa.org. The website also contains updated Summer Camp information as well as weekend rental information. This site will also have up-to-date information on camp, scheduling and more.

Contact Information

Cub Scout Day Camp

A blog will be updated weekly and can be found at: www.csdcmohegancouncil.blogspot.com.
For absences please call or text Amy LaRoche (camp director) 774-200-1419, preferably by 9:00 a.m.

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Webelos Resident Camp

A blog will be updated weekly and can be found at: www.wrcmohegancouncil.blogspot.com

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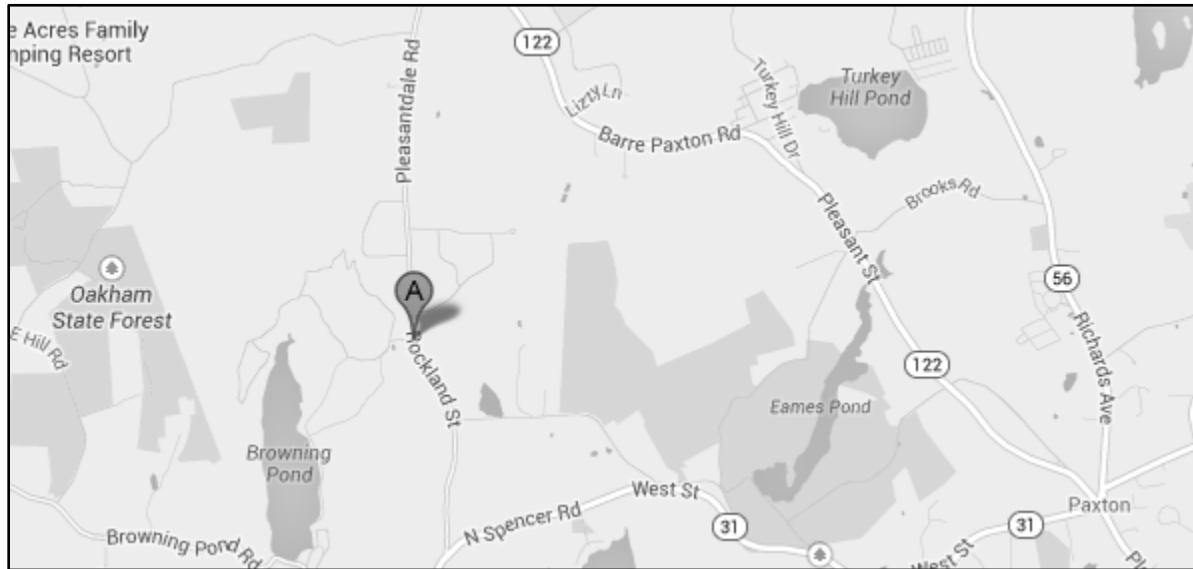
Phone: 508-752-3769

Fax: 508-752-3047

Directions to Treasure Valley

Located 12 miles northwest of Worcester, Massachusetts, Treasure Valley is easily reached.

If you're unfamiliar with the Worcester area or need further guidance to camp, please use the contact information for your respective camp or contact the Mohegan Council Service Center at 508-752-3769.



From the Mass Pike (Interstate 90)/Interstate 84)

Exit at Sturbridge Route 20 and go east. Approximately 1 ½ miles turn left on Route 49 toward Spencer and follow to Route 9. Turn right on Route 9 (east) and go approximately ½ mile to the traffic light and turn left on Meadow Street (on the corner there is a Big Y, Flexcon, Hess Gas Station and a cemetery). Follow Meadow Street approximately 2 miles to stop sign and turn left onto Route 31. Continue on Route 31 past St. Joseph's Abbey and the Black and White Restaurant. About ½ mile past the Black and White restaurant turn left onto Barclay Road (TVSR sign is posted). Treasure Valley is 1 mile on your left.

From Interstate 290 (from Marlboro)

Take Exit 18 (Lincoln Street) and follow signs to Lincoln Square (Route 9). Turn right on Route 9 (heading toward the Worcester Airport and Paxton). Follow Directions from Route 9 below.

From Interstate 290 (from Auburn)

Take Exit 17 and turn left onto Route 9. Follow Directions from Route 9 below.

From Route 9/290 in Worcester

Stay straight on Route 9 – picking up Pleasant Street (north)/Route 122 toward the Worcester Airport and Paxton. Follow Route 122 past the airport, through Tatnuck Square and Paxton Center and into Rutland. ½ mile past the “Detour Deli” (a convenience store) turn left at the next intersection onto Pleasantdale Road. Follow Pleasantdale Road approximately 2 ½ to 3 miles, Treasure Valley Scout Reservation entrance is on the right side.

Camp Refund Policy

All requests must be made using the **refund request form** found in the forms section of this guide and received at least two weeks prior to the start of the camp.

Requests must be sent to the Mohegan Council Service Center 19 Harvard Street Worcester, MA 01609

Any last minute refunds will only be given for extenuating circumstances (i.e. death in the family, major illness). Refunds will not be given for a change of mind, vacation plans, summer school or no shows.

Refunds will not be given once the session of camp has begun.

Fees may be transferred from one Scout to another within the same unit.

Because many expenses occur 6 weeks prior to the start of camp, the Mohegan Council reserves the right to withhold an administrative fee of \$50.00 for any refund given.

Camperships

It is a policy of Mohegan Council to make sure that all scouts have the chance to benefit from the programs offered at Treasure Valley. Should a scout's family be in a financial situation where assistance is needed they may apply by filling out the "Application for Campership Assistance" available at the Council Service Center and for download off the council website: www.mohegancouncilbsa.org (look under "summer camp"). This application must be returned to the Council Service Center no later than **Tuesday, March 4, 2014**.

Provisional Camping

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation offers Provisional Camping for Scouts that are unable to attend camp with their unit. Reasons may include not being able to attend camp during their unit's scheduled week, or for those Scouts who would like to spend a second week or more at Treasure Valley. Provisional Day camping is not a viable substitute for a residential camp experience with the Scout's own unit; effort should be made to attend the overnight camp with the unit! Scout camp exists to strengthen the relationship of a Scout and their unit.

Health and Safety

General Health and Safety

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation employs full time health professionals that are licensed by and meet all requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. NO PHYSICALS CAN BE GIVEN AT CAMP!

Medical Exams

Cub Scout Day Camp-All campers, leaders, and staff must submit at least parts A and B of the National BSA Annual Medical Form. This form should be completed by a parent or guardian for all minors.

Webelos Resident Camp and Boy Scout Resident Camp -All campers, leaders, and staff must have a physical examination within the year prior to the arrival to camp. Parts A, B, and C of the National BSA Annual Medical Form must be updated and signed annually by personal physician. All must submit their Health and Medical Record filled out completely and signed by a medical professional and by a parent or guardian (for those under the age of 18). Current medical forms must be on file to attend TVSR. This is a MA state Law as well as a BSA Policy, we cannot make exceptions. This is why we ask Scoutmasters to make certain that their unit, adults and boys alike have their forms ready prior to camp.

Medical Rechecks

All campers and leaders must attend the medical recheck to complete the check in process. Any illness must be reported or any other change to medical history.

Medications

In compliance with state regulations, all prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications brought to camp must come in their original containers, and permission must be given on the medical form authorizing the camp medical officer to dispense the medications. The camp health officer must hold ALL medications (including over the counter medications) for minors, excluding inhalers and epi-pens as dictated by physicians,

Health Lodge

The Health Lodge is intended for the temporary care of sick or injured campers, leaders, and staff. A resident health officer is always on duty, and a physician is always on call. At Cub Scout Day Camp, the Health Officer's station is at the Columbus building (Cub Scout Day Camp building). For Boy Scout Resident Camp the Health Officer is at the East Lodge before and after mealtime to dispense medications. There will be a schedule made to instruct all regarding medication and proper protocol. If there is a medical issue in camp during the day from 7:45 through 11pm, please report to the Magee Visitor Center and the Health Officer will advise. If

out of that time period, please report to the Health Lodge at the top of the hill where the Health Officer resides.

Injuries

All injuries and illnesses of any type occurring at Webelos Resident Camp or Boy Scout Resident Camp must be reported to the Camp Office (Magee Visitor Center) who will contact the Health Officer. The health officer may be out and about within camp. Any injuries and illnesses occurring at Cub Scout Day Camp must be reported to the camp management at the Columbus building (Cub Scout Day Camp building).

Medical Treatment

Campers in need of treatment beyond that provided at the Health Lodge will be seen at a facility to be determined by the Health Officer and/or the Scout's parents. In most cases, the Scoutmaster or an adult assistant will be responsible for providing transportation. Leaders must not take campers out of camp to seek medical attention without the knowledge of the camp health officer.

Parent Authorization Form

Each minor must have a Parent Authorization Form completed and submitted this allows each camper the privilege to shoot BB's, .22 caliber rifles, shotgun, and archery (appropriate to the developmentally appropriate program). This form also provides additional information about over the counter (OTC) medication distribution in camp. Note: talent release authorization for photographs and video is located in Section B of the BSA Health and Medical Record.

Adult Supervision

Supervision of campers at camp is a responsibility shared between unit leaders and camp staff.

Each unit attending camp must have a minimum of two adult leaders in camp at all times. If for emergency reasons two leaders are not in camp please notify the Camp Office and staff will be provided. All adult leaders in camp **MUST** have a current CORI /SORI check from the State of Massachusetts on file and must be approved by the unit committee. CORI and SORI Forms must be submitted to the Council Service Center by June 15th so that they can be processed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Adults without current CORI/SORI on file will not be permitted to stay overnight.

NO EXCEPTIONS! Adults in camp overnight must also be BSA registered.

Adults must be conscience of their behavior while they are in camp. Excessive yelling, verbal abuse or other inappropriate actions/behaviors will be grounds for removal from camp. Please live the oath and law to its fullest.

Adult leaders in camp must communicate their location to their unit at all times. If unit leaders will not be able to fulfill the two-deep requirement in their campsites, alternative arrangements should be made with camp management.

Buddy System

The Buddy System must be followed at all times in camp, site and sound on camp roads is permissible.

Controlled Substances

Possession or use on camp property of alcohol, or any drug or medicine prohibited by law is strictly prohibited. The Camp Management will not hesitate to involve local law enforcement as necessary and will restrict the party from camp grounds.

Fire Protection

A Fire Protection Plan is located in every site. It is camp policy that fires should not be fought, rather reported to the Camp Office immediately. Firefighting equipment is in each site for life and death situations only.

Firearms and Archery Equipment

Personal Firearms and Archery Equipment are not allowed in camp. Law enforcement not on duty must lock their firearm in their trunk.

Fireworks

Fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts and are also illegal in camp.

Non-Discrimination Policy

“The Mohegan Council, Inc., BSA operates in compliance with all relevant laws, codes, ordinances, statutes, and regulations. The Council does not discriminate with respect to employment, volunteer participation or the provision of services, on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, disability or handicap statues, veteran status, marital status, or political affiliation. The Council policy forbids sexual harassment. The Council has a right to exclude membership inappropriate for the defined mission and values of the Council.”

Passed by the Mohegan Council Executive Board on April 22, 2001.

Harassment/Hazing

Harassment and hazing of any type form Scouts, leaders, staff and visitors is prohibited at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation. This includes, but is not limited to verbal, physical, sexual, initiations, etc. All local, state and federal laws will be enforced. Persons found to have engaged in such will be removed from camp immediately and proper authorities notified.

Insect Sprays

Aerosol sprays are not allowed in camp because they are a fire hazard and also damage tents.

Insurance

The Mohegan Council maintains an insurance policy, which covers all Mohegan Council Scouts and adults while in Camp. This policy is an excess plan. This means that if your Scout is injured at camp, your personal insurance policy becomes primary for coverage, with the camp

insurance picking up any remaining amount. It is the duty of all Leaders and Scouts to report accidents to the Magee Visitor Center or health officer. Out of council units are required to be covered by a similar council policy, by their own unit insurance, or by insurance carried by the individual.

Leaving Camp

Campers must have parental permission to leave camp at any time. Normal sign out procedures apply with permission; a copy of each camper's permission form needs to be turned into the camp office.

Liquid Fuels

Liquid fuels are allowed in camp provided that BSA policy is followed for the safe use and storage of liquid fuels (posted in campsites). Fuels must be stored in the Ranger's Area.

Pets

Pets are only permitted under camp management approval under very specific individual circumstances. UNITS SHOULD NOT bring in animals to camp.

Sheath/Throwing Knives/stars

Sheath/throwing knives are not to be carried by campers or leaders. For all other knives, the rule of thumb is that if it is bigger than your hand, it does not belong at camp.

Propane (Resident Camp Only)

Each in-site cooking campsite is equipped with a three-burner stove, grill and a hot water tank. All in-site cooking must be directly supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older. There are no pilot lights on the gas stoves and grills; therefore, this equipment must be lit manually by an adult when it is to be utilized. There is a pilot light on the hot water tank, should it go out it will need to be relit. If you need help with this please contact the Magee Visitor Center for assistance. An emergency shut off valve is located on the top of each gas tank. No fires/smoking near fuel.

Refrigeration

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation cannot store foods for Troops other than those required for special diets or medicines. Food requiring refrigeration may not be kept in the site per agreement with the Oakham Board of Health. The Cub Scout Day Camp does offer refrigeration for lunches brought to camp.

Security

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation is committed to providing the safest atmosphere possible. Browning Pond has public access and many people often mistake Treasure Valley as a State Park. If you notice anything or anyone suspicious, please contact the Magee Visitor Center (Camp Office) immediately. All leaders, scouts, and visitors leaving or arriving at camp must sign

in and out at the Magee Visitor Center (Camp Office). Visitor's passes must be visible at all times.*

*Cub Scout Day Camp operates out of the Columbus Building (Cub Scout Day Camp building) on the West Side of camp. All visitors to this camp should check-in through this headquarters – it is not necessary to check-in at the Magee Visitor Center if you are checking in at the Cub Scout Day Camp.

Showers (Residential Camps Only)

Showers are available to resident campers between the hours of 7:00AM and 9:00 PM. Adults and Scouts must shower separately. It is preferable for adults to shower during program hours. The shower house will be closed during campfires. Wear bathing suits in group shower please! Block showers are for youth, individual showers are for adults. Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn to and from the shower house. Please have at least one leader accompany a group of scouts to the shower house. Shower house will be closed for cleaning daily, times will be posted. Please understand it is everyone's responsibility to keep camp neat, a Scout is CLEAN. It is an outdoor environment and dirt is constantly brought into the shower house. Please dispose of your personal items appropriately.

Sleep (Residential Camps Only)

It is important that all campers, leaders, and staff get the appropriate amount of sleep each night. Most scouts need at least 8-9 hours of sleep. Quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM daily.

Tobacco Products

There is no smoking in the presence of Scouts! We will provide you with a smoking area. Smoking will be limited to this designated area. Scouts under the age of 18 may not smoke in camp.

Youth Protection

The Mohegan Council and Treasure Valley Scout Reservation are committed to full enforcement of BSA Youth Protection Standards as well as applicable laws. The camp management will not hesitate to involve social services and law enforcement agencies as necessary.

For more information about the Boy Scouts of America's youth protection visit www.myscouting.org.

Personal Bicycles (Boy Scout Resident Camp Only)

Personal bicycles are permitted for resident campers only. Those Scouts bringing their bicycles to camp must: Have the permission of their Scoutmaster; have the bike inspected by a member of camp management, park bikes in appropriate places out of harm's way; a helmet must be worn at all times, and bicycles are ridden with a buddy and only on trails (no bridges). Bicycles must appear to be in good working condition with Mountain Terrain tires (no "touring" tires are permitted). A complete list of rules will be discussed with the Scout upon inspection. Cyclists not following the rules will have their bike "impounded" for the remainder of the week. The Mohegan Council, BSA

and Treasure Valley Scout Reservation will not be responsible for repairing or supervising bicycles or equipment lost, stolen, or broken during the week. The Mohegan Council and Treasure Valley Scout Reservation reserve the right to discontinue the use of private bicycles in camp or alter these rules at any time if it is deemed necessary.

Camp Emergency Procedures (Webelos and Boy Scout Resident Camp)

The Signal

The signals for emergencies are sirens mounted on the roofs of the East Lodge and the Trading Post .

The East Lodge siren will be tested at 12:00 noon for about 10 seconds. No response is required to this test.

What to do when the siren sounds steadily (Troop Leaders and Campers)-

When the siren sounds, program areas will close. All leaders and campers must report to their campsites immediately.

The unit leader will do a roll call and in no more than ten minutes report to the Magee Center via two troop representatives. Troop representatives will stay together and report troop number, campsite, and the names of any missing persons. It is the Leaders responsibility to know the whereabouts of all unit campers.

The representatives will return to the site with instructions.

All campers and leaders must stay in their campsite until notified.

Only official camp vehicles are allowed to be driven during emergencies.

Hemlocks site reports to Waterfront.

What to do steadily sounding siren (Staff)-

Staff members will quickly close their program areas and send campers back to their campsites.

Staff will check in with the Camp Director at the Magee Center with the exception of the waterfront team.

Staff involved in the emergency will check in via radio or runner.

The Camp Director or their agent will summon help as needed and direct the staff action as required.

All Clear

When the sirens stop, the emergency is over unless otherwise instructed.

Drills

Drills will be conducted to insure that everyone knows how to respond calmly and efficiently. Drills are a serious matter, Please treat them as real

Note: All medical emergencies should report directly to the Magee Center. The Staff on duty will contact the Health Officer.

Siren signal for lightning or severe weather

Siren will sound intermittently, this will indicate to units that there is a weather warning and all units will evacuate sites to the respective building. Unit leaders will take rosters with them to buildings and make certain role is taken, Trading post director and handicraft director will open their buildings. Staff will get direction following evacuation.

During program: proceed with Staff to nearest building. If walking in camp, proceed to nearest building!

When units are all in campsites they should report as follows (Resident Camp Only):

Campsite	Report To
Madore, Thunderbird	Magee Building
Chippewa, Hi Mesa, Pine Acres, Evergreen	East Lodge
Sleepy Hollow, Hickory	Handicraft
Hemlocks.....	Trading Post
Baden Powell, Tall Maples	Health Lodge
Staff	Commissary

Camp Emergency Procedures (Cub Scout Day Camp)

Emergency Signals

Any emergency situation that applies to Cub Scout Day Camp will be announced on the public address system or transmitted to staff members by radio and then relayed to Dens. Special instructions may be included with such an announcement and override these procedures. Be aware that there are sirens in East Camp (the Boy Scout side of the lake) that are used as an emergency warning system. The sirens have no direct effect on the operation of Cub Scout Camp. The Rainbow Child Development organization rents part of Treasure Valley to provide a day camp for about 75 boys and girls. They have an emergency warning signal, which is a handheld air horn. Their air horn warning will have no direct effect on the operation of Cub Scout Day Camp.

Most Likely Emergency Situations

Lost Bather Drill (waterfront) or Lost Boy Drill (non-waterfront) -- (LBD)

Upon the sounding of the alarm calmly and quickly have all boys sit on the ground without moving. Both the Den Guide and Den Escort should count (do not fumble with an attendance list) count ALL people

with your den - Cub Scouts, Adults, and Den Guides and agree on a count. The Den Guide will report to the Camp Office with this count, and remain there until "cleared" or told to return for a recount. Should you have a visitor with your den, count and report them separately as: "Den 7, 12 and 1 visitor" The Purpose of the LBD is to be able to account for every person in camp with the utmost speed and accuracy. It shall be the Goal of this Camp to complete an accurate attendance within four minutes, upon sounding of the LBD alarm.

The Aquatics Director and the Camp Director shall be responsible (cooperatively) for scheduling and executing LBDs. The Camp Director shall be responsible to notify the Camp Director or Aquatics Director on the Boy Scout side at least 15 minutes prior to sounding the LBD alarm.

First Aid

For minor injuries and medical problems, report them to the Health Officer at the Camp Office/First Aid Station.

For serious injuries and medical problems (or if unsure as to the extent of the injury), do not move the person! Send a pair of runners to the Health Officer at the Camp Office/First Aid Station. The Health Officer will take the necessary precautions. An adult leader from the group or camp staff will accompany an injured boy to the hospital.

Electrical Storm or Other Weather Conditions

Rainy day program is sunny day program with a poncho.

This does NOT include electrical storms. We will do our best to provide information on upcoming weather events that will impact program as far in the future as we can. However, this is New England, and we all know that weather changes can happen in a matter of minutes. If we should need to suspend program for emergency weather conditions you will be informed either by the public address system or by a Program Area Director or other staff member. Take immediate but calm measured action. Take attendance. Move the den to the Columbus Day Building. Take attendance, again. The staff will provide an indoor program.

Intruder and Visitor Policy

Be friendly, courteous, positive, observant and cautious.

Ask if the person has checked in with the office. They must have a visitor's badge displayed, if they don't ask them to put it on. If they don't have one, escort them to the camp office immediately.

If you have any concerns or if the intruder refuses to cooperate or gets angry, back off and go immediately to the Camp Director with a description of the person. Make note of where the intruder was first seen and which direction he/she was heading. Make note of the physical description of the individual and approximate time of the encounter

Examples of Emergency Situations:

Communications

During an emergency, the radio and telephone systems may be used for official camp communications.

Adult leaders and campers will refer all media questions to the Camp Director or their agent. Troop use of 2-way radios is permitted for unit leaders only.

Animals

Anyone bitten or scratched by an animal must wash the area and proceed directly to the Magee Center.

Prevent these issues by storing food securely, removing all trash and garbage from your area. Does not approach, handle, or feed wild animals. Report any unusual behavior to the camp office.

Child Abuse

Current Abuse: Stop the abuse; protect the victim(s); identify the perpetrator.

Past Abuse: Listen to the camper; take notes if possible. Do not ask questions or interviews.

Report the situation to the Camp Director immediately. She will report to Scout Executive. Discuss the situation on a “need to know” basis only.

Earthquake

Quickly exit buildings. Move away from unstable objects. Make your way to open ground quickly and safely. Turn off propane tanks as soon as it is safe to do so.

Fatality

Secure the area; move campers away from the scene; keep witnesses near. Notify the Camp Office immediately.

Fire

Get campers away from the fire; leave any building immediately. Take a camp roster, make sure to account for unit. Report the fire to the Camp Office and keep boys out of the way of emergency vehicles.

Flash Flood

Proceed uphill quickly.

Hazardous Substances Spill

Move safely away from spill.

Identify the substance; report to the Camp Office. Remove ignition sources.

High Temperature/Humidity/Smog Alerts

Limit activities and allow for frequent rests.

Drink water frequently.

Promptly report any medical problems.

Lightning and Tornadoes

Limit outdoor activities. Management Sound siren if severe, get to a grounded building: Magee, East Lodge, Health Lodge, Trading Post Siren, 3 time sounded will indicate to go to sites evacuation building. Close waterfront and field activities. Stay away from tallest objects, open spaces, telephones, electrical devices, and the shower house.

Lost Bather

Begin quick but efficient search of the area.

Notify waterfront, Camp Office, or staff member immediately, management sound siren, wave team activated. Contact State Police, account for all troop members

Identify person who saw boy last, interview

Keep other boys calm

Lost Person

Conduct a preliminary search of the area.

Notify the Camp Office with all details.

Account for all troop members. Identify person who saw boy last. Keep other boys calm. Staff organized search, contact State Police.

Medical Emergency

Begin first aid if qualified; do not move the victim unless life threatening.

Notify the Camp Office /Health Officer immediately and have ranger crew representatives wait for EMS at Gate to direct appropriately to emergency

Security

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation is committed to providing the safest atmosphere possible. Browning Pond has public access and many people often mistake Treasure Valley as a State Park. If you notice anything or anyone suspicious, please contact the Magee Visitor Center (Camp Office) immediately. All leaders, scouts, and visitors leaving or arriving at camp must sign in and out at the Magee Visitor Center (Camp Office). Visitor's passes must be visible at all times. For security reasons, the main gate to camp may be locked at any time. Arrangements can be made with the Magee Visitor Center if needed.

Swim Classification Procedures

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification check is renewed annually, preferable at the beginning of each outdoor season. Trained lifeguards are on docks and boats ready to assist if there is any issue during the swim checks. Swimming lessons are available to assist a Scout who can already swim become better prepared for the swim check or swimming merit badge. IT is not geared to teach a non-swimmer.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification checks and procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water. The Swimmer's check demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum of 12-foot depth and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below: (intended to ensure a fun safe experience)

Swimmers

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using a forward stroke: side stroke, breast stroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yard swim must be continuous and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Beginners

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

Non-swimmer/Learner

For some Scouts camp may be their first experience with swimming and other aquatic activities. No test is required for this level, but Scouts are all encouraged to at least get in the water.

Waterfront Safety

The waterfront is one of the most popular areas in camp. At the waterfront, our main focus is the safety of campers, leaders, and staff. The following rules must be followed:

1. The Camp Health Officer issues buddy tags only to those whose medical exams indicate that they are physically fit for swimming.
2. Those who wish to use the waterfront must take the Swim Classification Test.
3. Each adult leader should participate in the Safe Swim Defense Plan class.
4. Everyone must wear footwear to and from the waterfront area.
5. The waterfront area may only be entered with the permission of the staff and a proper buddy tag.
6. The Buddy System is used for all water activities. Buddies must stay within **10 feet** of each other.
7. Troop swims must be conducted using the Safe Swim Defense Plan and only with the Waterfront Director's permission.

8. Swimming is allowed at the Carr waterfront only (East side) and Cub Scout waterfront (West side).
9. Good discipline will be enforced at all times. Running, pushing, and horseplay are not permitted.

The Waterfront Director has complete authority for the operation, safety and interpretation of all rules and policies.

Preventing Homesickness

Most people who have ever spent time in summer camp or even at another home for any extended period of time have felt the awful pit in their stomach of home sickness. It is typically fear of the unknown; unknown surroundings, people, routine.

As adults we may minimize the experience that young children go through when they are homesick. Even if we do begin to understand what a difficult thing it can be, we know that our children must at some point leave the home without being traumatized, so we figure they just have to get through it. While that is often the only way to handle it, it would be better if homesickness could be prevented all together, or at least minimized in its effect on our kids. Sounds too good to be true? Maybe not...

Dr. Christopher Thurber at UCLA has done extensive research in the area of children's experience of homesickness (you guessed it—he was a homesick camper too). He has come up with several suggestions for preventing homesickness before it appears.

Getting ready for camp

We all know getting ready for camp means pulling out the sleeping bag and flashlight, but if you are sending a kid to camp for the first time, there's lots of *emotional* prep work that needs to be done as well. Here are three "P's" of Dr. Thurber's tips:

1) Practice:

Don't let camp be the first time a child is away from home. That would be enough to handle alone, without the fact that it's at least a week in an unknown place, often miles from home. Weekends with grandparents or other family or friends are great "practice runs" even if your child doesn't know it. They learn that when they leave home, the world doesn't fall apart, and they eventually come home again having enjoyed great experiences. If the Scout has not attended a campout with their unit, camping in a tent with other boys their age, even in the backyard, is very important. If parents wish to be out there with them, that is okay, please set up another tent. The point is for the progression of a family tent to an independent situation, moving to the boys in the backyard by themselves if possible.

2) Preview:

Part of a child's preparation will be knowing what to expect at camp. Talks with other campers who have been to camp before, seeing their pictures, or showing them pictures of the camp from our website at www.mohegancouncilbsa.org can all help them preview what they will experience.

3) Prepare:

Promising your child you'll bring them home if they don't have a good time is the same as saying "If you want to come home, here's what to do: don't have a good time." I've seen more than one homesick camper trying this as their best shot at getting home. Once a child knows they are at camp to stay, they will make the effort to have a good time, but not before. You can always change your mind later, but do your child the favor by *not* letting them in on the option of an early departure. All kids miss home when they are away (well, OK, maybe not the teens). That's normal. Tell your child that they may feel this way and that it's OK. Another big help is to let them know that *you* will be OK. Many kids' homesickness comes from worrying about how parents are doing at home. Some good intentioned parents tell their kids, "Mommy and Daddy are going to miss you SO MUCH." Instead of conveying love, it tells the kids you need them at home. Let them know that while you will miss them, you will be happy knowing they are having a great time.

WELL, WE TRIED

So, you did all that and still you have a hysterical child calling from the camp director's office? If we at the camp think that an early departure is wise, we will tell you. If we do have to call, it's probably a tactic being used in the camp's treatment of the homesickness. The best thing you can do is support the plan the Scout Master and director are working on, which will probably include: letting the Scout talk about his or her feelings without dwelling too long on them, writing letters and, most importantly, keeping busy. Receiving letters from home will be comforting (you may have to send one before the child leaves to arrive early in the session). Phone calls and visits usually make homesickness much worse, so please refrain from calling the Camp except for an emergency or visiting. If some time passes and the child isn't able to deal better with the homesickness, the camp director may suggest an early departure. If that's the case, it will be helpful to reinforce the fact that the child tried in the first place, and leave a door open for next year.

Letters should include positive thoughts such as "we are so excited to hear about your accomplishments this week, your stories of camp activities, about friends you made, favorite camp memories", etc. The last thing the boys should hear about is the favorite meal they missed, the family pet misses them so much that they won't eat or is sleeping on their bed waiting for their return; you miss them so much, their grandparents visited during their absence, you get the picture. Parent's confidence in the Camp Program and Troop Leadership, as well as the confidence in the Scout that you know they will have fun and do well, is often the most critical piece of a Scout's success. We appreciate your support!

With the right preparation and the right cooperation between parents and camp staff, your child can gain the invaluable experience of being okay away from home. While that is happening, parents can enjoy a guilt-free week or two of peace and quiet, knowing their child is taking some great big steps toward growing up and conquering one of the Scout Laws, being *Brave*.