Camp Ross 2022 Leader's Guide



A note from your Camp Director:



Hello Future Camp Ross Campers!

We are very excited to have you down to Camp Ross this upcoming summer and hope you are just as excited to visit. This booklet will provide information that will help to ensure you arrive at camp prepared and ready to have an absolutely awesome week with us!

Please read through the information here and let us know if you have any questions at all! Keep in mind that our program is constantly changing and shaping itself around many factors including the Webelos requirements, but most importantly FUN, so these documents may change slightly leading up to the summer of 2022.

We are already spending countless hours getting ready for your arrival this summer to give you the absolute best camping experience that you can have.

Please let us know if you have any questions at all!

And always remember. ROSS IS BOSS!

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Basic Rules of Camp Ross

1. General Rules:

- a. Buddy System scouts are required to have a buddy at all times.
- Running in camp no one is allowed to run in camp, even during emergencies, as it is unsafe to do so because of the number of rocks and tree roots sticking out of the ground. The exception to this ruling being our Parade Field
- c. Anyone entering or leaving Camp Ross, must sign In/out. This includes hikes and when new leaders arrive or leave mid week.
- d. No smoking around scouts. This is National BSA Policy. No smoking in leader lounge. The use of Tobacco is permitted at our designated area located by our Water Tower.
- e. Report all injuries immediately to the first aider.
- f. Please be on time for all flag ceremonies (7:50 AM, 8:15 PM) and make sure your scouts show proper respect for the flag. Only need Field Uniform (Class A) during evening flags
- g. Please stay on the designated trails.
- 2. Shoes in Camp
 - a. Only hard soled, closed toe shoes are permitted in camp. (Crocs and similar brands are permissible)
 - b. Soft sole, open toed shoes such as sandals, flip flops, and aqua socks are only permitted at the waterfront or showerhouse. However, you must travel in your normal camp shoes.
- 3. Shower house
 - a. Shower house is closed from 6:30 7:00am and 9:45 10:30pm for staff showers, and from 1-2pm for cleaning.
 - b. BSA policy prohibits adults from showering with scouts. Supervise from outside.
 - c. The shower house is used by the entire camp, please be courteous and clean up after yourself when using the shower house
- 4. Dining Hall Rules
 - a. Take care of washing hands and restroom breaks before the meal, not as we start or during
 - b. Meal Times
 - i. $8:00 \sim 8:30$ AM Breakfast (follows flag raising at 7:50 AM)
 - ii. 12:00 1:00pm Lunch (Pick up between these times, Drop off container before afternoon program)
 - iii. $6:00 \sim 6:30$ PM Dinner (flag lowering at 8:15 PM)
- 5. Program
 - a. Do not arrive early for a program session. The extra time between sessions allows our staff a short break and time to prepare for the next session.
 - b. Do not enter a program area if it is closed, or use an area as a shortcut
 - c. Use buddy tags for every aquatics activity. After your swim check, they should not leave the peg board. Adult Leaders please be sure that all scouts have removed their buddy tags from the inside buddy board and are accounted for before leaving the area.

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Emergency Procedures

• Weather

- During most bad weather campers will stay in their individual sites.
- Remain in sites during bad weather unless otherwise directed by staff.
- During periods of extreme weather or tornados the Air raid siren will be sounded and all campers should report to the Dining Hall, and then await further instructions from the staff
- Lost Scout/Leader
 - When a scout or leader is assumed to be lost a leader should:
 - First check their tent and other tents and the immediate surrounding area
 - If the person is not found report to admin with:
 - The person's name and description
 - What they were last seen wearing
 - Their favorite program area
 - Any other descriptors
 - Upon report, a normal day will continue and a staff search crew will depart from admin to search the whole camp
 - If after 1 hour the scout is not found the air raid siren will be sounded and all campers and staff should report to the parade field
- Intruder
 - Adult leaders should be wearing a colored wristband provided by camp
 - If you notice an adult not wearing one, especially near the outer areas of camp, you should report this to admin staff immediately
 - You should not approach the person if you are not 100% comfortable with the situation, unless a scout could be in danger
- LBD's
 - The LBD alarm will be signified by three blows of the air horn, three times
 - Upon hearing this all areas immediately close and all campers stay in the area where the schedule says they should be
 - The all clear will be indicated by 3 long blasts of the airhorn
- Fire
 - All uncontrolled fires should be reported to admin staff immediately; even after it is put out a report still should be made to admin staff
 - Upon a forest or wild fire the air raid siren will be sounded
 - All campers and staff should report immediately to the parade field where the commissioner will take attendance
 - From there, STAFF ONLY will depart with fire equipment to try and control the fire

Webelos Scout and Leader Equipment Checklist

WEBELOS PLEASE DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS: Footlockers, Axes, hatchets, Sheath Knives, matches, Electronic Devices, TV, radio, expensive watches or jewelry, and any other valuables you would not want you son/daughter to risk losing.

WEBELOS & LEADERS PLEASE BRING THESE ITEMS:

- □ Complete Uniform (Pins removed)
- □ COMPLETE MEDICAL FORM
- COMPLETE MEDICATION INFORMATION FORM (if applicable)
- □ WATERBOTTLE
- □ Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- □ Washcloth (2 min)
- □ Comb/Brush and Mirror
- □ Sturdy Hiking shoes and Sneakers
- □ Extra underwear and Socks
- \Box Bath Towel (2 min)
- \Box Beach towel
- □ Handkerchief
- □ Swim Trunks (no cut-offs)
- □ Raincoat
- □ Shower soap/Soap in a container
- \Box 5 sets of T-Shirts and Shorts
- □ Warm sleeping Bag or multiple blankets

OPTIONAL ITEMS FOR LEADERS ONLY:

- □ Lantern (Battery or Propane)
- □ Foot Locker or Unit Chuck Box
- □ Paring knives, and cutting board (for Tuesday night dinner)
- □ Zip-Lock bags
- □ Hand Sanitizer
- \Box Propane coffee pot/Cowboy coffee pot
- □ Books, Cardgames, S'mores supplies
- □ Hatchet/Small Hand Ax/Bow

- □ Insect Repellent
- \Box Small pillow
- □ Shampoo
- □ Long pants (1 pair)
- □ Sweater and Jacket
- □ Day pack/Fanny Pack
- □ Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- □ Flashlight
- □ Spending money for Trading Post
- □ Camera with Film (optional)
- □ Water Shoes for Aquatics (optional)
- □ Pencil and Paper (optional)
- Webelos Scout Handbook (optional)
- Theme related costumes or T-shirts (optional)

Instructions for Sunday Arrival

- Arrival at Camp Ross between 1 and 4 pm
 - Greeted by site guide
 - Receive tour of Camp Ross, Medical Check in, and settle into campsite area (not necessarily in this order)
 - Dinner: 5:50pm
 - Please line up outside the Dining Hall opposite the flagpole
 - Leader's Meeting: 7pm
 - Please send one leader per Pack.
 - Approximately 1 hour long
 - Meet the Area directors and Camp administrative team and review camp rules/procedures
 - Evening flags and opening Campfire: 8:15pm