

Camp Ross Frequently Asked Questions

General and Registration

Q: Where is Camp Ross located?

A: Camp Ross is located at the Goshen Scout Reservation in Goshen, VA, approximately 3 hours south of the Nation's Capital. The Goshen Scout Reservation is home to 5 Scout Summer Camps and includes programs for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts, Scouts BSA, High Adventure, and Family Camping.

Address: 340 Millard Burke Memorial Hwy, Goshen, VA 24439

Q: What are the adult registration requirements?

A: All Packs are required to have two registered adult leaders present with groups of any size, regardless of group size. All Packs must have a ratio of one adult to every four youth.

E.g., A group of 4 Scouts requires 2 registered adult leaders. A group of 20 Scouts requires 2 registered adult leaders and three additional adults (total of 5 adults).

Q: Can siblings, family, or friends who are not in Scouting attend Camp Ross?

A: To attend Camp Ross, youth participants must be registered members of Scouting America and be a rising Webelos or Arrow of Light Scout. A Parent / Guardian of a Scout are permitted to attend Camp Ross, even if not a registered member of Scouting America, but are only responsible for their child and must be supervised by a registered adult leader from the Pack, per the Guide for Safe Scouting.

Q: Are there age restrictions on activities?

A: All activities at Camp Ross are structured and planned based on Scouting America's Age-Appropriate Guidelines and the Guide for Safe Scouting.

Q: Is financial aid available to attend Camp Ross?

A: Yes. Financial Aid, or "camperships," are available for all National Capital Area Council summer camps and are granted for up to 50% of summer camp costs. Application forms can be found at www.ncacbsa.org/participation-fee and on the Goshen Scout Reservation website, www.gotogoshen.org/registration.

Amenities and Facilities

Q: Will I need to bring my own food and sleeping accommodations?

A: Goshen Scout Reservation provides all meals and sleeping accommodations for attendees. This includes meals from Sunday Dinner to Saturday Breakfast. Campers sleep in a canvas tent on a cot during their stay. Campers should bring their own sleeping bag. Please see the “Camp Ross Packing List” for more details.

Q: What campsite am I staying in?

A: Campsites are assigned two weeks prior to your arrival at Camp Ross. Packs can request a campsite as a part of their summer camp registration.

Q: What is provided in each campsite?

A: Each campsite has canvas tents on wooden platforms, cots, picnic tables, a shade fly, fire ring, latrine, and handwashing station with potable water. Each tent sleeps two campers.

Q: What happens if we have an odd number of scouts attending? Can a Cub Scout tent on their own?

A: Packs are able to attend with an odd number of Scouts. Scouts may tent in their own tent or a tent for three scouts can be arranged.

Q: Can a Scout share a tent with their parent / guardian?

A: Yes. In accordance with the Guide for Safe Scouting, while in Cub Scouts, youth may share a tent with a parent / guardian. We encourage parents and their Scouts to begin preparing for Scouts BSA, where tenting with a parent or guardian is not permitted.

Q: Are there showers and flush toilets available?

A: Camp Ross has a large shower house with 17 shower stalls and 4 flushing toilets. Campers are encouraged to utilize the latrines at their campsite, however the flush toilets are also available for use.

Q: Is there internet and electricity available?

A: Fiberoptic Internet is available at the Camp Ross Leader’s Lounge and Dining Hall. Electricity is available at most buildings and can be used to charge electronics and medical equipment. Campsites are not equipped with electricity.

Q: What cell phone provider is supported at Camp Ross?

A: Verizon is the primary cell provider available at the Goshen Scout Reservation, although some report that T-Mobile has signal in some areas. AT&T and Sprint are not supported at the Goshen Scout Reservation.

Q: What is available in the Trading Post?

A: Apparel, souvenirs, camping gear, snacks, soda, ice cream, and slushies are available in the Trading Post. We recommend each Scout bring ~\$100 for spending in the Trading Post.

Medical

Q: Do I need to bring my Medical Form?

A: Yes. All attendees (youth and adult) are required to bring copies of their completed Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C). Please note that Part C requires a completed Physical and signatures from the medical provider. Participants not residing at Camp for more than 72 do not need to provide Part C of the Medical Record.

Q: What type of medical support is available at Camp Ross?

A: All camps at the Goshen Scout Reservation have a certified and designated First Aider and First Aid Station. The Goshen Scout Reservation also employs a team of certified medical responders (EMT certification and higher) who support and advise the Camp First Aiders and provide higher level of care. Goshen Scout Reservation maintains a close relationship with Rockbridge County emergency services.

Q: What do I do if my Scout has medication that needs to be refrigerated?

A: A locked refrigerator is available in the Camp Ross First Aid room for storing personal medication through coordination with the First Aider. Medication should be stored in their original containers and have enough to sustain a week at Camp.

Q: Who administers medication to my Scout while they are at Camp?

A: Pack Adult Leadership is responsible for handling and distributing medication while at Camp. Please speak with the attending Pack leadership and ensure they are aware of your Scout's medical needs and medication requirements. Medication should be stored in their original containers and have enough to sustain a week at Camp.