

## POLICIES FOR USE OF CAMPING FACILITIES

*\* The primary publication that covers all health and safety issues in the Boy Scouts of America is titled "Guide to Safe Scouting". Every adult leader should be familiar with this publication before using Camp Binachi.*

1. Camping facilities and equipment are maintained for the express purpose of giving all youth members in the Scouting family an experience in camping and enjoying the outdoors & the wonders of nature. Therefore, the welfare of the youth members shall be the primary concern of all matters that relate to the use of these facilities. The **CODE OF CONDUCT** shall be the **SCOUT OATH** and the **12 POINTS OF THE SCOUT LAW**.
2. **NO SCOUT OR NON-SCOUT GROUP MAY USE THE FACILITIES WITHOUT A PERMIT**. We ask that at least a 14-day notice be given for any request to use the camp.
3. All Out of Council Scout groups and non-scout groups must provide **proof of insurance** and a liability policy covering the Choctaw Area Council as additionally insured.
4. Camp will be closed to everyone on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. The camp will also be closed during OA functions. Weekend camping is not permitted during Summer Camp, day camps, family camps, and Camporees.
5. Unit leaders must check-in with the Camp Ranger upon arrival at camp. Please have your signed copy of the permit with you.
6. Fees for the use of camp facilities and/or equipment are self-explanatory on the Camping and Facilities Permit Forms.
7. Fishing is permitted in certain areas only. Cub Scouts may fish with an **ADULT** leaders present and within reach. Boy Scouts are the responsibility of their unit leadership. **FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED FROM THE DOCKS – INCLUDING THE BANKS ADJACENT TO THE SWIMMING DOCKS**.
8. When boating and canoeing is permitted, the unit leader accepts full responsibility, and **LIFE JACKETS WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES**. Unit leaders must have a current SAFETY AFLOAT Certification Card.
9. All vehicles must use the authorized parking areas only. The Camp Ranger must authorize parking in other areas.
10. Hunting and trapping are prohibited at all times on Camp Property.
11. Privately owned weapons, including BB guns, pellet guns, and archery equipment are **NOT PERMITTED** on Camp Property.
12. The shooting sports range areas are for Special Use only. **ONLY NATIONAL CAMP SCHOOL TRAINED INSTRUCTORS or NRA RSOs approved by council ARE PERMITTED TO RUN PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS!** We ask that a 30-day notice be given for any use of these facilities.
13. No group shall be permitted to cut trees or change the terrain unless the Camp Ranger gives prior approval.

14. There shall be **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS** of any nature permitted on Camp Property. Anyone under the influence of the former mentioned substances will be denied entry or will be dismissed from Camp Binachi.
15. Unit leaders using the waterfront must have a current **SAFE SWIM DEFENSE CERTIFICATION CARD**.
16. All accidents, injuries, fires, and unusual circumstances must be reported immediately to the Camp Ranger or the Person In Charge.
17. No pets or domestic animals are permitted. The only exception would be a guide dog for the blind, or pets owned by the Camp Ranger if approved by the Scout Executive.
18. **TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES** when a Scout Unit is present at Camp. One adult must be 21 years of age or older, and a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. The second adult must be another registered adult or a parent of a participating youth – approved by the Unit Committee. All adults with Scouting groups must have current Youth Protection Training
19. Co-Ed Groups participating in overnight activities must have Co-Ed adult leadership.
20. Riding in the back of a truck or trailer by anyone is prohibited.
21. Four-Wheelers are prohibited at Camp.
22. Keep Camp Binachi Clean! Paper and garbage is to be put into garbage bags. **TAKE OUT WHAT YOU BRING IN.**
23. **SHEATH KNIVES** are not permitted!
24. Outpost camping and hiking permitted only within Camp Binachi properties. The Camp Ranger must approve outpost campsites.
25. Cub Scout camping and boating please see **GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING**.
26. **FIREWORKS** of any kind are **PROHIBITED**.
27. Campfires are permitted, but please keep them small. Remember: You are in the woods! Before checking out, remove all unused material, and return it to the woods. Make sure fire is water dead out, and all ground cover is replaced. (You should not be able to see where you had your campfire.)
28. **LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING**. Guidelines should be followed.
29. The Camp Ranger must inspect the premises at check-in, and prior to checking out of Camp Binachi. Also, your inspection sheet must be signed so that you can receive your deposit back from the Council Service Center.