

Ross-Rhodes Scout Reservation  
Rules and Regulations  
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The Ross-Rhodes Scout Reservation, located near Bismarck, Arkansas, is leased by the Ouachita Area Council, BSA, from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The use of this facility must conform to the rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America and the Corps of Engineers. Reference is made to the following published documents:

1. Lease No. DACW38-1-90-149
2. Rules & Regulations (C/E) EP 11652-316, May, 1986
3. Health & Safety Guide, BSA #33415B 2000 Printing
4. Guide to Safe Scouting, BSA #34416C c. 1998, 2002 revision
5. Youth Protection Awareness Training, AV09V001A

The camp facilities are provided to bring the opportunities of the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America to the youth of the Ouachita Area Council. Cub packs, Scout troops, Explorer posts, Venture crews and the various district and council committees should include the regular use of the Ross-Rhodes Scout Reservation in their annual outdoor plan. There is adequate room for several units to use the camp at the same time, providing camp separation and exclusivity for individual program efforts. Priority will be given on a first come, first served basis.

\*1. Registered units (packs, troops, posts, crews and committees) of the BSA will file a LOCAL TOUR PERMIT accompanied by a completed STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE at least seven (7) days in advance of the requested date of use. The LOCAL TOUR PERMIT and STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE can be obtained from the Ouachita Area Council Service Center.

\*2. Every unit with youth members present, must have two adult leaders, age 21 or older, present in camp with the unit at all times. Effective *date for these new provisions*, at least one of the leaders must have participated in a Council presented Camp Orientation program and have attended a BSA presentation of the Guide to Safe Scouting and Youth Protection Awareness Training. The Guide to Safe Scouting and Youth Protection Awareness Training must have been attended within the past 13 months and the date of attendance must be stated on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE.

\*3. At check-in, a list of the names of all youth and adults (regardless of BSA registration status) must be filed at the Camp Registration Facility near Pavilion 1. This will allow the location of campers in case of emergencies. When present, a Camp Caretaker or designated representative may assign the campsite area to be occupied

\*4. All unit camping in the improved area of Ross-Rhodes Scout Reservation will be in established campsites only, Use of pavilions for camping is prohibited. **Campsite #10** may be reserved one time each year for unit aquatic camping activities.

Units may low impact/no trace camp in all unimproved areas (Ross Foundation Lease).

Units may low impact/no trace camp on the **campfire point** one time each year.

\*5. If there is to be any waterfront activity, the SAFE SWIM DEFENSE PLAN and SAFETY AFLOAT procedures must be followed. This activity must be indicated on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE and the LOCAL TOUR PERMIT at the time it is filed at the Scout Service Center. At least one adult attending the camp must have current certification in the SAFE SWIM DEFENSE PLAN and SAFETY AFLOAT and their dates of attendance as well as certification expiration dates must be on the STATEMENT OF INTENDED FACILITIES USE and the LOCAL TOUR PERMIT at the time it is filed at the Scout Service Center.

Swimming is permitted at the beach area only.

\*6. Camp improvements and conservation projects may be undertaken only with the prior approval of the Camp Caretaker, the Council Camping Committee or a designated representative.

7. Low environmental impact camping practices are to be encouraged at all times.

8. Each unit must provide its own containers for garbage and trash and will be responsible for removing them at the completion of their stay at camp.

**\*9. No liquid fuel may be used to start or accelerate any open fire.**

\*10. The use of ground fires for cooking is to be minimized and confined to fire rings in those campsites so equipped. Campfires may be held only in designated campfire areas. Fire fighting equipment is to be present prior to lighting of any fire. An adequate number of filled water buckets are required. Plastic, styrofoam, glass and aluminum products are not to be placed in any fire (aluminum cookware may be used for cooking).

11. Liquid fuel devices may be used for cooking under direct supervision of a unit leader.

12. No flames, fires or liquid fuel lights may be in any tent.

\*13. No standing tree may be cut for any purpose without prior Camp Caretaker or Camping Committee approval. There is sufficient ground wood present at all times for any fires.

14. The presence and use of any of the following is STRICTLY PROHIBITED: ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS, FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, and PETS.

\*15. The use of tobacco products in any form is discouraged and is PROHIBITED in any building, or tent, whether owned by the individual, unit or the Ouachita Area Council. Tobacco product use is also PROHIBITED in the company of scouts. Adults must respect other adults by not smoking in the presence of non-smokers. All tobacco product residue (including but not limited to wrappers, butts and spit containers) must be removed from the reservation by the user.

\*16. Each unit is responsible for any damage caused to camp property that could reasonably be attributed to the actions of members of the unit or its guests. Each unit agrees to promptly reimburse the Ouachita Area Council for any reasonable damage claims presented. Any damage observed should be promptly reported to the Camp Caretaker if present or to the Scout Service Center on the following business day.

17. Any materials posted during activities must be removed immediately following the activities.

18. Any emergency situation (fire, medical, police) is to be promptly reported by the unit leader to the appropriate emergency agency and to the Camp Caretaker if present. If a Camp Caretaker is not present the Ouachita Area Council should be notified.

Hot Spring County Sheriff	332-3671
Bismarck Fire Department	865-3636
Bismarck Ambulance	1-800-245-9801
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ranger	246-5503

\*19. Kitchen, Weyerhaeuser Training Center, Cabe Outpost, waterfront, and amphitheater use is restricted and governed by additional policies and regulations.

The Camp Caretaker, Scout Executive, or any member of the Council Camp Committee welcomes suggestions for improvements.

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