



Outdoor Service Guides

Tenting & Camping

1. Purpose

This policy establishes what is explicitly permitted and/or explicitly forbidden during an Outdoor Service Guides sanctioned camping event. The purposes of the policy are:

- To protect children from mistreatment and/or abuse;
- To avoid areas of legal jeopardy;
- To redress social justice issues;
- To protect vulnerable individuals from discrimination.

2. Non-Discrimination

Camping or tenting that segregates or relegates individuals based on gender identity or expression, religious choice, sexual orientation, race, ability, income level, or nationality is expressly forbidden in all units of OSG.

3. Camping Policies

Each program section within Outdoor Service Guides has its own camping policies:

3.1. Rovers and non-Rover adults tent in Rover camp or in Family Camp, and may share a tent with any other adult.

3.1.a. Adult leaders tent with their sections as described below.

3.2. Pathfinders tent with Pathfinders in the Pathfinder camp, within sight or sound of select Rovers associated with the Pathfinders.

3.2.a. Pathfinder leaders tent within sight or sound of Pathfinder Camp, observing Two-Person Leadership requirements.

3.2.b. If Pathfinders are on a first class journey or other solo camping adventure, the Scouts may camp without Rovers present.

3.3.c. Pathfinders may share a tent with another Pathfinder or tent by themselves.

3.3. Timberwolves tent with Timberwolves in Timberwolf camp or with their own parents or legal guardians in Family Camp.

3.3.a. Timberwolf leaders tent adjacent to Timberwolf Camp, observing Two Person Leadership requirements.

3.2.b. Timberwolves may share a tent with other Timberwolves or tent by themselves.

3.4. Chipmunks and Otters tent with their families. Each Chipmunk and Otter must have a parent or legal guardian present in camp throughout the camping experience.

3.4.a. Chipmunks and Otters tent with their own parents/guardians in family camp.

3.4.b. Two or more Otters may tent together in Family Camp with **no adults in the tent**. The parents or guardians of both Otters must be onsite and give permission for this arrangement but must not share a tent with youth.

3.5.c. Otter and Chipmunk leaders tent in Family Camp.

3.5. Where youth scouts (non-siblings) are tenting together, scouts must tent with others in the same section and all tenting arrangements must be consented to by the scouts themselves and approved by the parent or legal guardian as well as the leaders of the scouts involved.

3.5.a. Scouts tenting together must be in the same section and no more than three years apart in age.

3.6. No adult may tent with a youth unless they are that child's parent or legal guardian.

3.6.a. Specific accommodations for special needs may be requested by parents/guardians according to the camper's documented medical or behavioral plan. In such cases, this must be discussed with and agreed on by the leaders of that activity, and a signed agreement may be requested by the leaders.

3.7. Family camp refers to a set-up where scouts camp as families rather than being separated into sections (Chipmunk, Otter, Timberwolf, Pathfinder, Rover).

3.8. Shared tenting for scouts in romantic relationships is not permitted for youth. There is no such restriction placed on Rovers, nor on adults in the Family Camp.

3.9. Bunk House and Other Accommodations. In cases of large shared accommodations, multiple families may be required to share a sleeping space. Care should be taken to ensure that children are never alone with adults who are not their parent or legal guardian.