

Camping Resources

- A [Merit badge counselor](#) does not count as a registered leader and does not count as part of any two deep leadership.
 - A merit badge counselor is not a unit position nor does their district/council role require overnight participation.

Cub Scout Camping (unit-coordinated)

Must have two deep leadership and at least one registered adult leader trained in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).

- Tenting:
 - Parents and guardians, and siblings **may share a tent** with their family.
 - If same sex siblings from different families and are Troop level age (10-18), they can choose to share a tent but would need to follow the 2-year age rule.
 - *Any registered Scout BSA sibling attending family camping with their Cub Scout sibling - the family camping night(s) do not count towards rank advancement, OA nights, or Merit Badge requirements.*
- Who needs to be Registered:
 - **Cub Scout parents or legal guardians** taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program **with their own child or legal ward** are **not required** to **register** as leaders.
 - In addition, the **parent or legal guardian** must be **accompanied by a registered leader** at **any time** they are **with youth members other than their own child/ward**.
 - **All other overnight adults** must be **currently registered** in an adult fee required position.

Webelos and Arrow of Lights camping update

- Only Webelos Scout dens and Arrow of Light dens/patrols may conduct den-coordinated overnight campouts that are no more than two consecutive nights with a BALOO trained leader.
 - Webelos den or Arrow of Light den/patrol coordinated camping is only for the youth members of those dens/patrols, their parents, and their registered adult leadership. (*no siblings*)
- During **Webelos Scout dens and Arrow of Light den/patrol camping**, each Scout should attend with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

- A Webelos Scout or Arrow of Light Scout whose parent or legal guardian cannot attend a Webelos den or Arrow of Light patrol overnight camping trip may participate under the supervision of at least two registered leaders.
 - The leaders and a parent or legal guardian must agree to the arrangement, and all Youth Protection policies apply.

Arrow of Light Camping

- **Only Arrow of Light** dens/patrols can **attend Scouts BSA troop unit campout** or attend a Scouts BSA “camporee” or **other events** designed for Scouts BSA during the day and/or overnight.
 - Council Coordinated “Camporee”:
 - AOL can attend either with their den/patrol or as individual Scouts.
 - **Den/Patrol camping** - attend under the supervision of two deep leadership from their Arrow of Light den/patrol or pack. parent or legal guardian(s) may attend with the Arrow of Light den/patrol and their child, either alongside the two-deep leadership or as part of it if they are registered with the pack
 - **Individual Scouts** - Arrow of Light Scouts can attend with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the local council coordinates two deep leadership per NCAP Standard HS-502.
- Arrow of Light Scouts can participate and camp at a unit coordinated campout with a Scouts BSA troop they are eligible to join.
 - They must attend as an Arrow of Light den/patrol under the supervision of two deep leadership from their Arrow of Light den/patrol or pack.
 - must have a BALOO trained adult leader in attendance and all of Scouting’s Youth Protection policies apply.
 - **Scout BSA camping rules must be followed - all adults attending must be registered and paid with the BSA**

Scouts BSA/ Crew/ Ships/ Posts Camping

- All unit’s camping must have at least two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over.
- All Leaders staying overnight/camp with the unit must be registered/multiplied into the unit they are staying with. ([they must be approved by the charter partner](#))
 - There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females.
 - If a link male and female troop are camping at the same camp, they each need their two-deep registered leader.
 - All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant with.
- Tenting
 - Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for
 - male and female youth.
 - Youth and adults must tent separately, this includes parents/guardians and their children.
 - Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.

- **Q. Can I share a tent with my son or daughter who has special needs?**
 - A. Youth and adults tent separately in the Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturing programs. Youth who have a special need or disability who may require a parent or legal guardian to tent with them must develop a plan in conjunction with their local council Scout Executive to address their specific needs.
- Youth who are not registered in the unit may not accompany parents or siblings in camping programs
- [Linked boy and girl troop](#) (separate troops, same charter org) need to provide separate leadership for their troops (at least 4 21 and older leaders total with at least one female)
- [Cabin Camping Accommodations:](#)
 - Separate cabins or lodging should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth when possible. Where separate accommodations cannot be provided, modifications may be made.
 - Where completely separate accommodations are not available, additional supervision is required.
 - If adults and youth of the same gender occupy single-room accommodations, there must be a minimum of two adults and four youth, with all adults being Youth Protection trained.
 - Physical separation by other means, including temporary barriers or space, should be used only when no other arrangements are possible.

Council/District Camping

- All volunteers/staff must be registered and paid in our council with the BSA (*merit badge counselor don't count*)
- [Q: I am an adult attending a district or council overnight activity, do I have to be registered?](#)
 - A. Yes, if you participate/stay overnight, you must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in.
 - For example, an adult volunteer attending an overnight Order of the Arrow event must be registered in a unit, district, or council position. Adults may select from the list in the FAQ below of adult leader position options provided in the "Registration Guidebook of the Boy Scouts of America" that is available for their unit, district or council position. Registration as a merit badge counselor does not meet this requirement.
 - The 2024 Registration Guidebook can be found by logging in to MyBSA>Resources>BSA Resources>Registration Resources> Manuals, Resources & Reference Guides.
- Cub Scouts:
 - Cub Scouts can attend with their parents/families and do not need their packs or den to attend.
 - Packs attending don't need a BALOO trained leader to attend.
- Scouts BSA:
 - All youth and leaders must be registered and paid in the BSA

[Co-Ed Pilot Camping](#)

- Campsites must be arranged to separate genders adequately. This separation could be achieved through natural barriers, physical distance, or by the campsite being divided, so long as the separation achieves privacy for both adults and youth, as well as by gender. Adult leaders are responsible for establishing the barriers and reminding Scouts that members of one gender must not enter the tent/housing of another.
- Can a single female Scout overnight with her combined troop if no other female youth are present?
 - Yes, if a registered adult female over the age of 21 is present overnight and the female youth tents alone, OR she is accompanied by and tents with her registered adult leader mother. Starting September 1, she may use the "truddy" system during the day, OR she may buddy with her registered adult leader mother, as explained in the update to [Scouting's Barriers to Abuse](#).
- How many registered adults do I need to meet youth safeguarding requirements? Does one of them need to be a woman if girls are present?
 - A combined troop follows the same Scouting's Barriers to Abuse as a boy's or a girl's troop. You need at least two registered adult leaders over the age of 21, with one of them being female if female youth are present.