



Camp E. Wallace Oest
2017 Camper's Guide

BUG HUNTERS



If you read nothing else in this book...

READ THIS!

Here is the essential information that you should know before you come to Camp Oest:

- Check-in begins at 1:00pm (unless otherwise noted in pre-session email communication). Please park in the parking lot and head to the Admin Building for check-in. **If attending as a Pack/Den/Group please send your designated leader to check in for the entire group. Be sure to have a roster with you.**
- Please have your medical forms filled out and with you (easily accessible) when you arrive. **All Scouts and adults are REQUIRED to have a completed and signed Annual BSA Health and Medical Form found on our website.** Part C is necessary for Webelos Week only.
- Three meals a day, a canvas tent and sturdy cot, shower facilities with hot water and flush toilets, and round-the-clock coffee are provided, although you may bring your own camping equipment if you prefer (BCSR is not responsible for any possible damages).
- Our theme this year is **Bug Hunters!**, so come prepared to be have the best experience of all time!!!
- Cub Scout Camp is primarily for Scouts to have fun and experience new things, although advancement opportunities are available. Advancements earned at camp will be posted on our website and emailed out at the end of the summer.
- **If you require special accommodations, (dietary, sleeping arrangements, etc.) please contact Tony Smith, the Camp Director two weeks prior to attending camp at tony.smith@scouting.org or 443-573-2542**
- **PLEASE** pay online or over the phone prior to your arrival at Camp, this will expedite the check-in process.
- If you have any questions please check out our website at www.baltimorebsa.org/oest or email the camp director at tony.smith@scouting.org
- **Come ready to have fun!**



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Camp E. Wallace Oest

Hello all 2017 campers!

Thank you for choosing Camp Oest as your summer 2017 destination. We are thrilled to have you experience one of the premier Cub Scout Resident Camps in the world!

The staff at Camp Oest is dedicated to making your stay here the best few days of your entire summer. Our motto is OTM, or Oest the Most- and it is a motto we truly believe in and live by every day. The staff that will serve you during your stay are very high energy, full of enthusiasm, and good Scouting role models for your son. If you believe that Scouting is a valuable experience, you will find the best of it in the young men and women who dedicate their summers to making sure that the hundreds of boys who walk through our gates every year truly have the time of their lives.

We know that you will have the time of your life at Oest this summer as well. If there is anything we can do in advance to help you prepare for your stay, please feel free to contact me. In the meantime, you will find most of what you need to know in this book. I look forward to seeing you this summer!

OTM,

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Before Coming to Camp

Refunds

Fees less the deposit (\$50 per person) will be refunded if Camping Services is notified more than two weeks prior to your arrival date at camp. The deposit and fees are transferable to other campers; your Pack can work this out with Camping Services.

What to expect

First and foremost, be prepared to have fun! Cub Scout summer camp is primarily about Scouts having fun and experiencing new things. However, there will be plenty of opportunities to work towards advancement.

While at Camp Oest, you can expect a high-energy staff, a program of unsurpassed quality, and a healthy dose of Scouting at its finest. Come ready to have “the time of your life”, so sit back, and enjoy the ride while you are here. We will ask adults to help and participate on occasion, but there is plenty of time to bond with your son and watch him learn and grow.

What to Bring

These Items are Essential to a Positive Camping Experience:

- Completed and signed medical form found on scouting.org
- Change of clothing for the days you will be in camp
- Extra clothing, including plenty of socks (a set or two in case you get wet)
- Comfortable shoes
- Cub Scout or adult leader uniform
- Bathing suit (one-piece suit is required for women)
- Poncho or raincoat
- Jacket or sweatshirt (for cold mornings)
- Pajamas/sleepwear
- Towel
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo)
- Sleeping bag or blankets and pillow
- Canteen or water bottle
- Flashlight with extra batteries

Other Recommended Items:

- Insect repellent
- Spending money for the Trading Post!
- Camera and extra film and batteries
- Hat
- Watch
- Daypack
- Notebook and pen/pencil
- Fishing pole and tackle
- **Personal tents are more than welcome (please remember no flames in or near tents)**



Prohibited Items:

The following items are not prohibited in Camp and may result in your dismissal from the property:

Any form of liquid fire starter, all forms of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, depressants, stimulants, sheath knives, firearms, personal archery equipment, all other weapons, fireworks. Cub Scouts should not bring radios, matches, or knives.

Medical Forms

An up-to-date Boy Scouts of America Annual Health and medical record form is required of all campers. Part C is required for Webelos Week only. Medical Forms completed in the last 12 months are still valid. Updated copies of the official medical form can be found at

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/home/healthandsafety/ahmr.aspx>.

Mail

Every Scout loves to get mail at camp! Many of our campers will mail letters or packages a day or two before they leave for camp so that something is waiting for their Scout when they arrive. For large groups we recommend “sneaking” the mail with you and giving it to your Den Chief upon arrival. Mail call is done each night at evening colors. All mail should be addressed as follows:

BCSR—Camp Oest
Your Scout's name—Pack Number
1929 Susquehanna Hall Road
Whiteford, MD 21160-1703

PAY BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Prior to departing for Camp Oest, be sure there is a group leader. This is only needed if the Cubmaster, Den Leader, or their assistants are not attending. The group leader should collect all medical forms prior to departing for Camp Oest as well as create a roster to present at check-in.

Arrive to Camp Oest as a group.

Upon arrive the group leader will be the 1 person check-in for the entire group. This, along with the above suggestions, will greatly expedite your check-in.

Arrival to Camp

Driving Directions

From Baltimore, travel North on I-95; from Delaware and New Jersey, travel South on I-95. Take Exit 80, MD Rt. 543 North towards Churchville. Travel about two miles and turn right onto MD Rt. 136 heading north. Go about twelve miles, crossing MD Rt. 22 and US Rt. 1. Three miles past US Rt. 1 you will come to a four-way stop in Dublin (Dublin Market is on one corner). Continue on MD Rt. 136 until you reach Peach Orchard Road. There is a sign for Broad Creek before this turnoff. Camp Spencer will be on your right. Also refer to the attached map.

Physical Address

3799 Peach Orchard Road
Street, MD 21154
NOT the mailing address



Checking In

Check-in begins at 1:00pm for 3-day, 4-day and Webelos Week sessions. You may arrive earlier, but the staff is unable to check campers in until then.

Upon entering camp, please park in the parking lot (follow the staff direction). Check-in will be located at the Administration Building. You may check in as a family, as a Den, or as a Pack. **If checking in as a Den or Pack, PLEASE send one leader with a roster to check in for the group.**

At check-in, the camp director or assigned staff leader will confirm that you and your group are present, give your campsite assignment, issue identification wristbands to all campers and distribute the program. Scouts will pick up their Camp Oest shirts and patches at the Trading Post during your Camp Tour. Check-in is usually quick, so you will soon be on your way to getting set up in the campsite.

Getting Set-up in the Campsite & Accommodations

All members of the same Pack will be assigned to the same campsite, even if you arrive separately (unless your group exceeds 50 people). Since there may be more than one home Pack represented in a single campsite, campsites are formed into provisional Packs, named according to the theme.

We require that you either carry your gear, have a staff member assist you (many will be stationed in the parking lot and in your campsite), or wait for the camp truck and trailer to take your gear to your campsite.

You will have from the time you check in until 2:00 to unload your gear into your campsite; there will be plenty of time later in the afternoon to finish setting-up.

One or two staff member Den Chiefs (Staff Guide) will meet you at your campsite and serve as your guides for the entire session. They will assist you in setting up your gear and will be your first resource if you have any questions, concerns or needs throughout the entirety of your stay.

The First Afternoon

Once your gear is in your site, you will want to change into your bathing suit and a towel in hand. Be sure you give you Medical Form(s) to your Den Chief. Your first afternoon in camp, you will rotate through medical re-checks, swim test and a camp tour, all guided by your Den Chief.

- **Medical Re-checks:** All campers will have their [medical forms](#) reviewed by the Camp Medic and designated staff. The staff will make sure the forms are filled out appropriately and assist with any medical accommodations you may require. A medical form and re-check are required to enter the Aquatics areas.
- **Swim Test:** All campers will take a swim test to determine swimming ability. The designations are Swimmer, Beginner, and Non-Swimmer. The staff will explain the particular requirements of each test. If a camper does not know how to swim or would prefer not to take the test, a Non-Swimmer tag will be issued.
- **Camp Tour:** Throughout the afternoon, the Den Chief will guide the Pack around camp, pointing out the program areas and providing important information. At the conclusion of the rotation, you should know where everything in camp is located.
- **Trading Post:** A stop along your camp tour the Trading Post is where youth campers will receive their Camper Patch & T-shirt. You will also have an opportunity to shop around at this time if you wish.
- **Campsite Setup:** After you complete everything listed above you will have ample time to finish setting-up in your campsite. During this time, your Den Chief will also work with the youth to design a Pack Flag and Cheer based on our theme.



During Your Stay

The Den Chief

The Den Chief you meet when you arrive at your campsite will be the staff member assigned to your Pack throughout your stay at Camp Oest. He/she will **bring fresh hot coffee to your campsite each morning** as well as meet your Pack before meals and escort you to the parade field or pavilion.

Meals & Food Service

Three meals a day are provided by our fabulous cook and kitchen staff (8am, 12:30pm, and 6pm). Lunch and Dinner include dessert, and there is another snack each evening. All meals will be served to you from the kitchen and you will eat in our spacious pavilion or indoor dining hall. A salad bar is available for lunch and dinner. Fresh fruit and peanut butter and jelly are also available at every meal. **If a scout has diet restrictions please fill out the attached dietary request form and submit to the Council Service Center by emailing tony.smith@scouting.org or calling 443-573-2542.**

Sanitation

Our shower house is open 24 hours a day. It boasts individual shower stalls, plenty of flush toilets and hot water. A latrine with running water is also available in each campsite for hand washing and toilet use as well as new and recently renovated bathrooms in the trading post and Admin building.

Special Accommodations

The Camp Oest Staff can provide any accommodations necessary to campers with special needs or requests. **If you should require any special accommodations, (dietary, sleeping, etc.) please contact the Camp Director 2 weeks prior to attending camp.** If special concerns arise during your stay, please do not hesitate to speak with the Camp Director; we will make every effort to make appropriate accommodations.

Religious Services

We recommend that all campers handle their respective Religious responsibilities prior to coming to Camp. We will hold an optional non-denominational Scout Vespers service during each session.



Leaving Camp

Leaving During the Session

If you should need to leave camp before the session ends, you will need to sign out in the administration building; when you return, you will have to sign back in. This procedure is critical as it allows us to keep track of our campers and know who is in camp at all times. Please be sure to notify other adults in your Pack as well as the Administrative Staff (Clerk) present at the time of departure.

Packing up

Plenty of time will be allocated in the schedule for you to pack up your gear at the end of the session. There will be time before the closing ceremonies to pack up your gear, and time afterwards to haul it pack to the parking lot. As with check in we do not permit you the drive to your campsite. However, we will ask that all equipment be placed by the road at the designated check out time. A camp vehicle will pick up your gear and deposit it at your Packs Equipment pickup/drop off location in the Parking lot. Please note this may take longer then you carrying your gear. If you wish to carry your gear (or use a wagon) back to your car, you are certainly welcome to do so.

Departing at the End of the Session

Once the closing ceremonies are over, please try to depart as quickly as possible so our staff can clean up and reset for the next session. As you leave camp, please make sure to take everything with you. If we find something in your campsite, we will hold it in the administration building. BCSR will not be held responsible for any damages that may occur to Lost & Found items.

Release of Campers

To ensure the safety of all campers, the BAC BSA has enacted the following policy. Any Scout, who leaves camp prior to the normal departure time on Saturday morning with their unit, will only be permitted to leave under the auspices of an adult approved by the parents of the Scout. A Broad Creek Parental Release of Camper form (found on our website) signed by the parents of the Scout, must be on file in the Camp Administration Building in these cases. This form will list all adults, who are authorized by the parents, with whom their son may leave camp. The Scout leader should escort the Scout to the Camp Administration Building to sign out.



The Program

Program Overview (Standard Program)

The program at Camp Oest runs all day long and is high-energy and fast-paced. During the daytime, everyone will rotate by Pack through the following program areas: Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Nature, STEM Discovery, Scoutcraft, and Team Building. Everyone will get a chance to experience each of these program areas. Most programs include a component where Scouts learn (e.g. how to shoot a bow, how to row a boat) followed by a period where they have fun with what they just learned. Brief program descriptions for each program area are as follows:

- **Aquatics:** Get hands on instruction based on swimming ability and improve over the course of the session. Enjoy ample free swim time, as well as opportunities for Webelos to earn their aquanaut
- **Shooting Sports:** Get your hands on shooting instruction in Archery and BB as well as enjoy free shoot. We even offer paintball slingshots as well! New this year, we have action ranges for BB and Archery, and the opportunity to earn the just-released rank-based awards for Shooting Sports!
- **Scoutcraft:** Learn fire and knives! ...and of course fire and knife safety! Scoutcraft is where you learn all the scout skills, and of course cook your own dutch oven dessert.
- **Team Building:** Team building is based on various programs, including the BSA's own Project COPE, which are designed to provide fun, challenging, and exciting games for Cub Scout-age children while also helping them develop team work and leadership skills. The kids will have a blast and will grow in maturity and Scouting spirit at the same time!
- **Nature & Science:** Yearning for the opportunity to experience nature in its fullest while you are out in the woods at Camp Spencer? We have lots of new scenery to explore, trees to discover, and geology to experience. This year we want to get to explore the watershed of Broad Creek on a nature-canoeing adventure
- **STEM Discovery:** This year, we will take advantage of our shared facilities with the BAC's STEMbotics camp that is held in Spencer after Oest concludes for the summer. This means access to our own lab and all the awesome opportunities that come along with that. The experiments will be a mix of interactive activities and "explosive" demonstrations that will get your Scouts excited about science and the opportunities Scouting provides for STEM, such as the NOVA and SuperNOVA awards

Project M.O.O.S.E.

Project M.O.O.S.E.—Moving Onward & Outward Scouting Experience—is a special outpost program for Arrow of Lights and their parents. Everyone meets in the evening after dinner and either hikes or canoes (pending water conditions) to the outpost site. (Gear will be transported to the outpost site by trailer.) Upon arrival, Scouts will help gather wood for the traditional Project M.O.O.S.E. campfire, sing a few songs, enjoy s'mores, and participate in a special ceremony. Most campers choose to sleep under the stars, although shelter is provided for those who would prefer it. In the event of severe weather during the night, a structure is nearby for evacuation. Everybody rises early to be back in time for breakfast. This is for one night, not the whole stay, and is optional. However, it is one of the most anticipated activities among our returning campers. **This is a Boy Scout style outpost so we ask that you pack light.**



The following is all you will need and permitted to bring to Project M.O.O.S.E:

- Sleeping bag & Pillow
- Flashlight
- Bug spray
- Poncho (just in case)
- Canteen / Water bottle
- Sleeping Pad (Adults)

We prohibit the following items to enhance your experience:

- Tents (Several Lean-to's are provided)
- Inflatable mattresses
- Rubber/Plastic Bins
- Cots (few exceptions will be made for medical reasons)

Webelos Week

Webelos Week is the perfect way to prepare your Webelos for Boy Scouts. Whether he is a Web I or II, he will be treated as if he were a Boy Scout. The first and last sessions of our summer are weeklong programs designed to give the Scouts a sneak peek into Boy Scouts, all while enjoying their last camp experience as a Cub Scout. Cubs will lead themselves (to an extent); have waiter, latrine, and fire duty just like Boy Scouts. They will also have the chance to experience Boy Scout style program such as:

- Project C.O.P.E
- A Tour of Camp
- Activity Badge Schedules that will be much like a Merit Badge Schedule
- An evening in post
- Inter-pack Camp fires
- A Scout run closing Campfire
- An age appropriate "high adventure" trip
- And more!

2-Day Session

The 2-day session is a new pilot program being offered this year that is geared towards certain types of families: primarily those who are on the fence about attending our standard program and want to test it out, but also those who feel their scouts are not ready for more than a 36 hour experience, those who are on a tight summer schedule, and those who may be looking for a less expensive way to still attend Oest. The 2-day session is similar to our Fall Weekends, but with an additional 12 hours of program, opportunities for Aquatics activities, 5 meals and accompanying snacks/desserts, evening pool luau and s'mores fire, all the program areas listed, but with a completely open schedule instead of rotations.



Free Time Programs

There are also a number of special programs taking place throughout the session, mostly in the evening hours. Brief program descriptions of special program highlights are as follows:

- **The Pier:** Always a favorite! The Pier hasn't gone away. While it is not in a great location for rotation scheduling, the ample free time offered allows more than enough time to spend as much time, or more, at the Pier as you are used to in our old facility. The Pier is a crowd favorite, with opportunities to learn to row, paddle, and of course play water games. Watch out for our Pier villains and beavers, and be prepared to get soaked!
- **The Bouldering Wall:** A horizontal climbing wall made just for Cub Scouts as a great introduction to climbing
- **The Obstacle Course:** Try to set a personal PR on the obstacle course, and test your agility and speed. Or just come to play a round!
- **Gaga Ball:** Everybody's favorite dodge-ball style individual sport. If you don't know what it is now, you certainly will by the time you leave Oest!
- **Open Programs:** Go back to any or all of your favorite programs from rotation and enjoy their free time activities- especially free swim and free shoot!
- **More:** Listen to daily Program Enhancement Reminders to hear what other opportunities are offered your session.

Evening Program

Evening Program will consist of many free time program options as well as some camp-wide activities. These include a pool luau, a s'mores fire, night-shoot at the BB range, opening campfire, closing party and songfest, staff hunt, and more. Please note that staff hunt is only available during 4-day sessions and Webelos Week. The Closing Party/Songfest and Project MOOSE, two Oest classics and crowd favorites are offered at 3-day, 4-day, and Webelos Week sessions. However, Webelos IIs will need to choose which they participate in during the 3-day sessions.

Fun for Big Kids (Adults)

There are a few benefits for adults attending Camp Oest. Fresh coffee is available around the clock in either the Administration Building or the Kitchen. If you need extra cream or sugar, just ask. Adult swim is provided in the evenings during free swim.

Training

Camp Oest offers an extensive Adult Leader Training Program for all interested adults attending Camp. The following are some of the trainings to be offered:

- This is Scouting
- Cubmaster Leader Specifics
- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
- Youth Protection
- Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat
- Religious Awards Awareness



The Staff

The staff at Camp Oest is second to none! It is comprised of young men and women with Scouting backgrounds who commit their summer to the Cubs. You can expect a high-energy, knowledgeable group of individuals who are highly dedicated to Camp Oest and its program. Adults (18 and over) manage each program area and supervise the youth staff assigned to them. If at any time you need assistance, simply ask the closest staff member and they will gladly assist you.

Because of this, you as parents are campers too. Take advantage of our training, enjoy our coffee, relax in your campsite, and bond with your son – but don't worry about running any of the program!



General Policies and Procedures

Damage of Camp Property

All campers should respect camp property, including tents, structures, equipment, fields, woodlands, and wildlife. The Troop is responsible to pay for the cost of repair. Payment is due before you leave camp. Any damages beyond normal wear and tear will be charged to the unit. Damage to tents is assessed at \$35 per linear inch if the tent can be sewn for up to 12 inches, and \$417.81 otherwise. All other damages are assessed at cost of replacement. For more information, please contact the Camp Director. Please take care to find and report all damaged materials with your Staff Den Chief on check-in.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, a siren will be sounded from outside of the Administration Building. Upon hearing the siren, all campers should report immediately to the dining pavilion with their Pack.

- **Fire:** If you see fire, report it immediately to any staff member.
- **Lost camper:** In the event of a lost camper, notify the camp director. In his absence, notify the program director or closest staff member
- **Severe weather:** In the event of severe weather, the staff will direct all campers into the pavilion or another appropriate place of shelter. Program will be provided as usual. Weather is constantly monitored. Once conditions are deemed safe, campers will be permitted back to their program or campsite.
- **Fatality:** The Camp Director must be notified immediately. Do not discuss the details with anyone.
- **Extreme Heat:** Be sure to monitor your Cubs and Parents at all times. Keep them hydrated and in cool ventilated areas. The Camp Director will adjust activities accordingly to ensure campers are comfortable.
- **Flooding:** Seek high ground and shelter, if possible, immediately. In case of a flood warning, we will keep you posted so that evacuation can take place if necessary.
- **Lightning and High water:** All aquatics activities will be suspended during times of lightning and high water. The appropriate aquatics staff will instruct camper what they should do in order for that staff to secure their area. Campers will treat the situation as severe weather and will follow staff instructions accordingly.
- **Lost Swimmer:** If at any time you cannot find your buddy while at the Pool or Pier you MUST tell a staff member immediately. At this time, you should follow all instruction given by the staff while they execute the appropriate procedures for a Lost Swimmer. During this procedure, you will be escorted to the Dining pavilion for further instruction.
- **Unauthorized Intruder:** If at any time during your stay at Camp you see any individual without a wristband or clear identification of Camp Staff (Oest or Reservation) please notify the Camp Director Immediately. While more often than not this individual may simply be a visitor, we aim to be safe rather than sorry. If you know you have a visitor coming to camp, please instruct them to check in with the Administration building prior to going anywhere else in camp. The safety of our campers is of utmost importance to use. All staff is instructed to ensure each camp has proper identification (wristbands) as well as "shut down" their Program Areas each day ensure no one is left in their area. Though it is typically not needed, we also do security checks around the entire Camp Oest, neighboring Camp Cone and the Hemlocks Wilderness areas.



First Aid

First aid is available in the Administration Building and at all program areas. Unless you are in a program area, please report to the Administration Building. There is a full-time medic on staff and on call 24/7.

Guests

Family and Parents not attending Camp Oest are encouraged to visit. Guests are to park in the parking lot and go to the Administration Building to sign in and receive their guest wrist band. Adult full day visitors will incur a fee of \$10 and youth a fee of \$20. All visitors will pay \$5 per meal they eat.

Health & Safety

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America as stated in the "Guide to Safe Scouting": Camp Accreditation Standards and other official publications of the BSA apply to all camp activities. In addition, Council, local, and state standards apply as well.

Everyone in camp has a responsibility to protect the health and safety of everyone else. One uninformed or careless person can, in a moment, put at risk the health and safety of the entire camp.

- **Annual Health and Medical Record (BSA Form 34605):** All Scouts and leaders remaining in camp more than 48 hours must bring to camp a completed Annual Health and Medical Record (BSA Form 34605), a **Drug Administration Form (BAC Form page 27)**, a **Drug Administration Form (BAC Form, please use latest version)**, and must be re-checked by the Camp Health Officer. Only the current edition of the official Annual Health and Medical Record (BSA Form 34605) will be accepted. Photocopies are acceptable. This assists the Health Officer in obtaining vital information, should someone require medical assistance.
- **Health Surveillance:** The camp leader must monitor the health of each Scout while at camp. Please do not let a small problem get out of hand due to lack of attention. Be on the lookout for skin irritations, ivy poison, ticks, dehydration, etc. at all times. Be alert that some Scouts change their toilet habits at camp. We must watch for changes in a Scout's physical appearance and activity level. Ask questions if changes occur. **It is the responsibility of the camp leader and the scout to report to the health lodge for required medications.**
- **Homesickness:** Studies have shown that as many as 83% of campers between the ages of 8 and 16 will become homesick during some point of their stay at camp. Homesickness can take many forms and includes (but isn't limited to) headaches or sore throats, not eating, or crying. It is important for adult leaders to *Be Prepared* for the possibility of one of their Scouts becoming homesick. It is also important to remember the 'homesick parent' syndrome...most often seen with First-Year campers away from home for the first time. Don't let the parent get clingy!
- **Medical Service:** The Health Lodge is prepared to handle camp illness and accidents. Any camper, who leaves camp for medical reasons, **must first check out at the health lodge.** Emergencies will be handled at all hours, day and night, at the Health Lodge. Should hospitalization be necessary, we have arrangements with local ambulance service and local hospitals. The following are major medical facilities nearby Broad Creek.
- Upper Chesapeake Hospital: 500 Upper Chesapeake Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014
- Patient First: 560 W. MacPhail Road, Bel Air, MD 21014
- **Medications:** Every person in camp for more than 48 hours requires a Drug Administration Record (BAC Form) for Over-The-Counter Drugs that are supplied by the camp to Scouts/Scouters. This form can be found in the appendix.



Pets

Maryland state law prohibits pets in camp by campers or leaders while camp is in session.

Trading Post

A well-stocked Trading Post is open throughout your session. Merchandise typically includes:

- Camp T-shirts and patches
- Candy/snacks/sodas
- Camping supplies
- Crafts/Activities
- Scouting literature and supplies

Wristbands

Several measures are used at Camp Spencer to ensure the safety and security of all campers. All campers and guests will be issued wristbands. If a wristband falls off, please come to the Administration Building to receive a new one. The staff is identified by the Boy Scout uniform and staff shirt. If you see anyone suspicious in camp, please report it to the camp director immediately. Visitor Wrist bands will be dated for date of visit.

Youth Protection

Broad Creek Scout Reservation and the Baltimore Area Council adhere to all Youth Protection Guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America. Above all, we want to keep our youth safe, and we want camp to be a safe haven. All leaders are encouraged to review the BSA Youth Protection manual before coming to camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss them with the Camp Director. Furthermore, ***if any child reports abuse, neglect, or other youth protection issues to you, you must notify the Camp Director immediately;*** you are also encouraged to contact local authorities. You are not to discuss details of the situation with anyone.