

BSA Commitment to Safety



Adult Supervision

- Two registered adult leaders 21+ required at all Scouting Activities.
- There must be a registered female 21+ if female youth Scouts are present.
- All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity 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. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement. 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.
- 18- to 20-year-old adult leaders do not qualify as adult supervision.
- Adult supervision is required in all areas to regularly monitor activity and behavior where youth are present.

Buddy System

- Always single gender and no more than 2 years apart in age.
- Only be made between youth members – adults cannot be paired with youth
- At no point should any youth be walking around by themselves

Separate Accommodations - Lodging

- Separate lodging arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Spouses may share tents
- Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age
- In Cub Scouting ONLY, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family
- In Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts, youth and adults must tent separately (exceptions for special needs Scouts)
- Adults must be within ear shot and eye shot of all youth tents

Separate Accommodations – Restrooms

- Separate shower and toilet facilities for youth and adults, and male and female
- If not available, separate times should be scheduled and posted
- Privacy must be respected by both youth and adults

Digital Privacy

- Inappropriate use of digital devices is prohibited, including:
 - Youth only interaction (with no adult supervision)
 - Taking inappropriate pictures
 - Sexting
 - Online bullying or hazing
- Respect each other's privacy including online and on digital platforms

Sexual Activity Prohibited

- All sexual activity is prohibited in Scouting
- Public displays of affection are prohibited
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities

Hazing, Initiations and Bullying

- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity
- All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical and cyberbullying are prohibited

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