

Pack 34 Winter Campout at Cub World

Place: Cub World, Conroe (877)-272-2267 (tollfree). This large facility consists of Camp Strake (for Boy Scouts) and next to it, Cub World for Cub Scouts. **Be careful not to take the first exit at the "Camp Strake" sign, but go to the next exit to find Cub World.** The directions are straightforward:

- Take I-45 North towards Conroe (Cub World is just 2 miles South of Conroe).
- **Do Not Take Exit #83** "Camp Strake-Crighton Rd".
- **Take Exit #84** "Fraser Street - Loop 336 - Hwy 75"

Turn left (or West) onto Loop 336 Drive about 1/2 mile, before you see the Cub World Entrance on the Left. Stop at the Camp headquarters to get a map, to get Pack 34's camp site, vehicle pass, and regulations.

Please check-in with the Cubmaster after you arrive so we may add your name to the weekend roster.



Pack 34 Camping

All Cubs should be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on all campouts. Exceptions to this policy should be cleared with the Cubmaster, Patrick Starich, or Committee Chairman, Alan Bryant. As always your entire family is welcome and encouraged to attend campouts. Parents are responsible for supervision of their children at all times. One or more den leaders will usually arrive early evening on the first day of a campout. Some families camp both Friday and Saturday nights, some only Saturday night. Families who do not wish to camp overnight are most welcome to attend for the day. There are no camping fees. Camp events begin and end at the campsite. All families are responsible for transporting their own children to and from camp. Car-pooling requires preconfirmation of a valid drivers license and proof of insurance and should be cleared with the Cubmaster or Committee Chairman prior to travel.

Meals

Pack 34 does not provide meals at camp. Each den and patrol is responsible for planning, organizing and conducting a meal program of their own design and at their own expense. Your den's leaders will welcome your offer to assist with meal planning, grocery shopping, and meal preparation/clean-up. Please pitch-in and do your part.

Cub World Facilities

Cub World lies at the north end of Camp Strake just off Loop 336 west of I-45. Clean, modern, private bathing and toilet facilities are available near campsites 2 and 3. Older, more primitive, and less private latrines and showers are also located near each campsite.

Activity areas include Huck Finn rafts on the still-water pond, a two-story wood stockade building (site of our annual squirt-gun battle), a pirate ship near the lagoon and big dirt hill, an expansive sport field, covered pavilion and ceremony island.

What to bring

- Scout uniforms (to be worn at Saturday night campfire), Wolf Handbook, and play clothes
- Toilet kit, towel, soap, toothbrush etc.
- Insect repellent and sun screen
- Fishing gear, hiking boots, binoculars
- Clothing for warm/cool (50-70 degree) days and cold (40-50 degree) nights
- Outdoor games (Frisbee, soccer ball, football, baseball glove/ball)
- Raingear, work gloves
- Flashlights and fresh batteries, emergency radios
- Tent/ground cloth, sleeping bags, lanterns, stoves and other camping

equipment that makes you comfortable.

- Propane stoves and lanterns and cooking equipment, if you need them
- Firewood, charcoal, etc. **NO LIQUID CHARCOAL STARTER**
- Personal food/drinks

If you are not an experienced pro-camper and feel your camping skills are a bit rusty you can find a comprehensive camping checklist at <http://www.camping-usa.com/checklist.html>

Please do not bring

- Sandals or open toed shoes except for showering
- Electronic toys, Gameboys, Boomboxes, CD Players, etc.
- Pets (prohibited in all Scout operated campgrounds)
- Liquid fuels or equipment that uses liquid fuel - **only propane fuels may be used**
- Axes, hatchets or machetes
- Wenzel or Ozark Trails Brand Lanterns more than one year old, unless personally cleared with Pat Starich. (Coleman lanterns are fine)
- Alcoholic beverages (prohibited at all scout functions)

Official Cub World Camp Policies

- **Quiet Hours are from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.** There will be other scout families camping near us at Cub World. We are all Scouting ambassadors; let us set an example for other scouting units.
- **Trucks/Vans:** Passengers may not be transported in the back of an open truck or vehicle with open doors. Please park your vehicle and hike while at camp.

- **Speed Limit:** Speed limits are 20 mph on black-top roads and 5 mph on dirt roads or as posted.
- **Liquid Fuels Not Permitted:** Kerosene, gasoline, charcoal starter, Coleman fuel or any other flammable liquid is prohibited at all Sam Houston Area Council Scout camp facilities
- **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all scouting events.**
- **Firearms, Archery Equipment, Air Rifles, Paint-ball guns, Sling-shots and Fireworks are prohibited at scout campouts**
- **Fires are restricted to designated areas within each campsite. Fires must either be attended or extinguished at all times.**
- **Trash and garbage should not be burned or buried. Please deposit trash at the dumpsters near the Cub World entrance.**
- **NO PETS - NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **NO BICYCLES - NO EXCEPTIONS (don't ask Mr. Starich why, I don't know why).**
- **Shoes must be worn in camp at all times**
- **Check-in is after 3 p.m. on Friday. Check-out is before 2 p.m. on Sunday.**
- **Collection of firewood is sometimes permitted at BSA operated camping areas. Collection of firewood is never permitted at State Parks and State Natural Areas. Please plan to bring firewood you plan to burn at camp. Always check with the Cubmaster before gathering firewood from the surrounding forest at Cub World.**

XIII. Pack 34 Camping Ground Rules

(from the Pack 34 Parent Handbook)

1. **No Sticks:** At ages 6-10 years many boys can't resist the urge to pick up a long stick and swing, hit, poke, jab, or spar at each other. At least one of our boys seems to incur a minor injury by another boy wielding a stick at each campout. The danger related to sticks is even more of an issue after dark. Any boy caught swinging poking or jabbing another boy with a stick will be warned once and required to meet and discuss the importance of this rule with his parent(s) and the Cubmaster upon a second incident. Please do not allow your son to carry a stick at camp.
2. **Knives: Only Cubs in the Bear program (3rd grade) and above who have successfully earned their "Whittling Chip" card may carry a pocketknife at Scout events.** Please do not allow your son to carry a knife until he has earned this elective. The official Cub Scout pocketknife or other folding knife with locking blade no longer than 2.5 inches is recommended. Many schools have zero-tolerance rules regarding the carrying of pocket knives. Please check with your school before allowing your boy to carry his knife to school. Pack leaders or parents who observe a boy using his knife in a dangerous or irresponsible way are authorized to confiscate a knife promptly and return it to a boy's parents.

3. **Buddy System:** No cub should leave the camping area, even to go to the latrine without at least one “buddy” or his or her parent. Parents should practice the “buddy system” too. When leaving the campsite to go on a hike, two leaders and parents should accompany the boys. Adults in charge of a hike should prepare a roster of everyone going along, state where they are planning to go, when they plan to return, and leave notice with a pack leader who stays behind.
4. **No Running within the Campsite:** Kids love to run. Yet, injuries related to trips, slips and falls are among the most common camping accidents. Trip hazards seem to be everywhere within the campsite (logs, rocks, sticks, tent guy lines, etc). Many young boys have a strong desire to test the force of gravity. Running only accelerates the potential fall, increases the force of impact, and increases the risk of serious injury. Please ask your child not to run within the campsite. Bring a soccer ball, Frisbee, or football and we’ll find an open green space where running is safer.
5. **Tent Privacy and Respect:** Cubs must respect the private spaces of others. No child is permitted to enter another family’s tent without first getting permission from that family’s parents or adult guardians. Nobody wants to sleep in a tent that has been tracked with mud and dirt.
6. **Bathing and Latrine Privacy:** In accordance with BSA Youth Protection Policies, both boy and adult privacy should be respected in a practical and reasonable way when bathing and using the latrines. In Cub Scouting, parents (or an adult authorized by a boy’s parents) are responsible for supervising and monitoring the safety of their children in latrines and showers. Leaders are instructed to respect the privacy of all scouts and supervise only to the extent of ensuring health and safety, as in the event of sudden illness, accidents, injuries, dangerous horseplay or roughhousing.
7. **Cubs may not sleep in tents with adults who are not their parents or legal adult guardians.** “Sleepovers” at campouts are only permitted when cubs of similar age sleep together in a tent with no adults.
8. **No open toed shoes, sandals or bare feet in camp. Please do not even bring your sandals to camp.** Sandals do little to protect your feet from breaks, sprains, cuts, and stubbed toes, stray campfire sparks or crushing by heavy objects such as a logs. **Please get your son a pair of sturdy hiker style boots for camping and bring a back-up pair of sneakers.**
9. **Contraband and Restricted Substances:** Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all scouting activities. Please abide by this rule and help us conduct a safe and accident-free program. Tobacco use is permitted but restricted to areas out-of-sight from the scouts. Please consult your Den or Pack Leader for the location of a designated smoking area.
10. **Fire Safety:** Many young children are almost transfixed by fire. Parents must supervise their children at all times, but especially around the fires. Cubs are prohibited from adding wood (or anything else) to the fire without

express permission and supervision from their parent or a leader. The fire shovel and sand pail are intended to be fire safety devices and must remain near the fire ring.

- A ring of sticks, rope, or split wood can be used encircle the campfire at a radius of about four to five feet. Tiger Cubs should be instructed to stay outside the ring unless accompanied and supervised by a parent. Dens can modify this policy, as their cubs grow older and more responsible around fires.
11. **Cubs cooking food, especially marshmallows, must have one-on-one, parent-child supervision at all times.** A burning marshmallow is a sticky flaming mass that can cling to skin or clothing and cause a very serious burn.
- Liquid fuels (Coleman fuel, white gas, kerosene) are prohibited at campouts. Please bring only propane or solid fuels to campouts.

"Sleep-Overs" and Clarification of BSA Youth Protection Policy

Cubs are encouraged to sleep with their families at campouts. "Sleep-overs" are permitted in a separate "cubs only" tent and only with other cubs of their age group. Adults may not sleep in a tent with any cub who is not an immediate member of their family. This simple policy is aimed at protecting both children and adults.

Outdoor Safety Manual

Pack 34 has prepared an Outdoor and Camping Safety Manual for parents and cubs. It is loaded with colorful pictures and useful information on outdoor safety. The Outdoor and Camping Safety Manual will be available for review at all family campouts.

Nearby Emergency Medical Facilities in Conroe

Emergency medical facilities are just across the road from the entrance to Cub World. If you witness an accident requiring emergency medical care, please notify the boy's parents and scout leaders immediately. Except for an imminent life-threatening situation, please do not transport another family's child to an emergency facility without their parent's and leader approval.

HCA the Healthcare Company

Conroe Regional Medical Center

936.539.1111

504 Medical Center Boulevard, Conroe, TX 77304



Other Emergency Contacts

Montgomery County Sheriff Dispatch: 936.760.5800

Cub World Headquarters: 877.272.2267

Mr. Starich's Mobile Telephone: 713.530.2411

BSA Unauthorized and Restricted Activities -The following activities have been declared unauthorized and restricted by the Boy Scouts of America in the September 2004 Guide to Safe Scouting:

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- **All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are banned from program use. ATVs are defined as motorized recreational cycles with three or four large, soft tires, designed for off-road use on a variety of terrains.**
- **Boxing, karate, and related martial arts—except judo, aikido, and Tai Chi—are not authorized activities.**
- **Chainsaws and mechanical log splitters may be authorized for use only by trained individuals over the age of 18, using proper protective gear in accordance with local laws.**
- **Exploration of abandoned mines is an unauthorized activity.**
- **Varsity football teams and interscholastic or club football competition and activities are unauthorized activities.**

- **Fireworks secured, used, or displayed in conjunction with program and activities is unauthorized except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert.**
- **The selling of fireworks as a fund-raising or money-earning activity by any group acting for or on behalf of members, units, or districts may not be authorized by councils.**
- **Flying in hang gliders, ultralights, experimental class aircraft, or hot-air balloons (whether or not they are tethered); parachuting; and flying in aircraft as part of a search and rescue mission are unauthorized activities.**
- **Motorized go-carts and motorbike activities are unauthorized for Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. All motorized speed events, including motorcycles, boats, drag racing, demolition derbies, and related events, are not authorized activities for any program level.**
- **Participation in amateur or professional rodeo events and council or district sponsorship of rodeos are not authorized.**
- **Pointing any type of firearm (including paintball, dye, or lasers) at any individual is unauthorized. However, law enforcement departments and agencies using firearms in standard officer/agent training may use their training agenda when accompanied with appropriate safety equipment in the Law Enforcement Venturing program.**
- **Hunting is not an authorized Cub Scout or Boy Scout activity, although hunting safety is part of the program curriculum.**

(The purpose of this policy is to restrict chartered packs, troops, and teams from conducting hunting trips. However, this policy does not restrict Venturing crews from conducting hunting trips or special adult hunting expeditions provided that adequate safety procedures are followed and that all participants have obtained necessary permits and/or licenses from either state or federal agencies. While hunter safety education might not be required prior to obtaining a hunting license, successful completion of the respective state voluntary program is required before participating in the activity.)

Reference: *Ranger Guidebook*,
No. 3128

- **Motorized personal watercraft, such as Jet-Skis™, are not authorized for use in Scouting aquatics, and their use should not be permitted in or near BSA program areas.**
- **Except for (1) law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, and (2) circumstances within the scope of the BSA hunting policy statement, firearms should not be in the possession of any person engaged in camping, hiking, backpacking, or any other Scouting activity other than those specifically planned for target shooting under the supervision of a certified firearms instructor. (Among the purposes of this policy is to prohibit adult leaders from bringing firearms on BSA camping and hiking activities or to unit meetings.)**
- **Parasailing, or any activity in which a person is carried aloft by a parachute, parasail, kite, or other device towed by a motorboat or by any other means, is unauthorized.**
- **All activities related to bungee cord jumping (sometimes called shock cord jumping) are unauthorized.**
- **Technical tree-climbing with ropes and harnesses is unauthorized as a unit activity.**