

Cub Scout Pack Camping
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Why do boys join the Scouting program? To go camping, have fun in, and experience, the outdoors, and earn cool badges, patches, belt loops, and knots.

What kind of camping experiences are available for Cub Scouts? Pack overnights, Day Camps, Resident Camps, Council-Organized Family Camps, Webelos Overnight Campouts, and joint Webelos overnight campouts with Boy Scout troops.

How many adult Scouters in the room have a camping coordinator in your pack? [Ask for a show of hands.] If you don't know who this person is, you should seek them out. If you don't have one, you need to find one person dedicated to this. *It will probably make things a lot easier for the pack.*

Here are a couple of popular campsites within 1 ½ hours of the CFISD that I have been to in the last couple of years: New Kentucky, Bovay, Stephen F. Austin, Lake Somerville, Kleb Woods, Spring Creek, Brazos Bend, Zube Park, Bear Creek, Burroughs, Jesse Jones, Strake, etc. *There are plenty of parks in the Houston area to experience.*

How do we as leaders make the camping experience fun and safe for our Cubs?

- Be well-trained (YPT, First Aid/CPR, NLE, Cub Specific, BALOO, OWL)
- Plan for contingencies after pre-campsite visit and tour permit (e.g. lake nearby)
- Match the campsite with the age-appropriateness of the Scouts in attendance
- Be familiar with, and have on hand, a copy of the Safe Guide to Scouting
- Have responsibilities for meals/activities assigned in advance
- Encourage the DLs to assign their Scouts individual responsibilities
- Have an exit plan (e.g. inclement weather), as well as, a Plan B
- Respect the camping area and its inhabitants

Speaking of respecting the camping area, and the surroundings, Rich is going to talk to us about the importance of Leave No Trace. Rich...