

Camp Yocona Vehicle Use Policy

The Boy Scouts require each Council to establish a vehicle policy for camps to meet National Camp guidelines. These guidelines are in effect for all Scouting events on camp. Vehicle use must be limited for the protection of the scouts and Scouters using the property.

This policy applies to all persons and leaders of units during activities at Camp, including event staff and volunteers. Please come prepared to walk a little more than you may have previously and if needed make arrangements with the Ranger or Camp Director if special circumstances apply.

The Natchez Trace Council has established the following rules and requirements for vehicle use on camp:

- 1) Speed limit on camp is 12 mph
- 2) Vehicles must be left in the parking lot at all times.
- 3) A vehicle pass is required for a vehicle to enter camp.
- 4) Operators must use safety belts
- 5) All vehicle operators on camp must be at least 18 years old.
- 6) Persons with disabilities or limitations needing transportation must see the Ranger or Camp Director to arrange for vehicle assistance. Individuals with a valid handicap parking permit will be allowed to drive their vehicle on camp property and park in their assigned camping area.
- 7) Vehicles are to be used by only the person with authorization. No passengers should be in vehicles.
- 8) All vehicles so equipped must use headlights and flashers while operating on camp.
- 9) You will be allowed to take in **one** vehicle, per unit, to transport gear to your campsite
- 10) Only two vehicles will be allowed per campsite at any one time to drop off equipment or trailers.
- 11) Each troop is allowed one trailer in their campsite for storing gear and troop equipment; no vehicle may be attached to the stored trailer in the campsite.
- 12) Only service and camp vehicles are allowed on roads past the parking lot.
- 13) Vehicles owned by staff members, leaders, and visitors are parked in designated camp parking areas
- 14) Staff with permission to use vehicles should schedule driving to avoid peak times of Scout movement on roadways.

- 15) All vehicles used in camp for camp purposes (e.g., including personal vehicles used for camp purposes) must meet this standard and council and Guide to Safe Scouting guidelines
- 16) Transporting Scouts in the bed of a pickup truck, covered or uncovered, or in the back of an open vehicle is against BSA National Health and Safety policies.
- 17) Passengers may not be carried in the beds of trucks or in UTVs or trailers
- 18) Access roads are not to be blocked at any time.
- 19) Except for council-run ATV programs, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Golf Carts, Light Transport Vehicles (LTV's), Utility Transport Vehicles (UTVs), and side-by-sides are banned from program use. This prohibition includes their use at the unit level. NCAP Standard FA-711 provides a standard by which councils and camps may use this equipment.

ATV's, Golf Carts, LTV's, UTV's and Farm Equipment

No Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV's) on camp without authorization (Only Ranger, Camp Medical Officer and persons directly given permission by the Ranger or Camp Director and who have completed the appropriate training) during Scout programs.

No All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) may be used on camp property during Scout programs.

Training for golf carts or Light Transport Vehicles (LTV's) must follow the specific manufacturer's training requirements and include operating limitations. Training must be documented and maintained on file.

Training for UTVs must follow specific manufacturers' training requirements and include blended or hands-on certification of all operators via www.rohva.org. Online training only is not adequate; drivers must also complete the hands-on Basic Driver Course component certified by the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association.

UTVs and golf carts may be used by maintenance personnel or to transport disabled or other individuals on camp property when the operator is 18 years of age or older and is trained in the safe operation of the vehicle.

All vehicle use training needs to be documented with the Ranger and/or Camp Director prior to use on camp.

Other Vehicles:

Hayrides may be provided following the guidelines in the Guide to Safe Scouting, No. 34416.

Fifteen-passenger vans, regardless of ownership, may be used for camp purposes only if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The van is of 2005 or later model year manufacture, as indicated in the owner's

manual.

2. The van is equipped with Electronic Stability Control.
3. The van is equipped with seat belts for the driver and each passenger.

“Motor vehicles” include:

- Trucks and automobiles
- All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) (not including ATV program vehicles subject to Standard PS-205 All-Terrain Vehicle Programs)
- Utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) • Recreational off-highway vehicles (ROHVs)
- Golf carts or LTVs
- Farm equipment

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