**Camp Nocatee “Woodland Adventure” Camporee – Need to Know:**

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES:

* Friday dinner is on your own as a troop. Many troops meet in Clewiston to eat before heading to camp (Subway, Wendy’s, McDonalds) or bring bagged dinners to eat on property.
* Check in is between 5:30 pm and 7 p.m. on Friday evening. 7 p.m. is a firm end time, the camp gates will be LOCKED at that time. (Saturday morning arrivals permitted only if necessary and arranged in advance.)
* Troops should plan on arriving together to camp. It will be the troop leader’s responsibility to communicate all information to their troop members and assist troop members in getting to the campsite.
* No one is allowed to go to the campsites until both the Site Assigned 1st Aider and TCT are onsite.
* When you arrive:
  + The Site Assigned 1st Aid car will go to Founder’s Hall for check in.
  + **All other cars should go directly to the parking lot when arriving.**
  + Check in will be at Founder’s Hall.
  + Only one member of the troop should check in for the whole troop. All other members of the troop should communicate directly with that troop member for any instructions or questions.
  + The troop should arrive to camp together and head to the campsite as a group after check-in. The troop leader is responsible for making sure members of the troop have the necessary information and for directing all troop members to the campsite, even if they arrive at different times.
  + The Site Assigned 1st Aid car can be filled with all site items that need to be transported to the site. Site items that were brought in any other vehicle need to be brought (walked) from the parking lot to the Site Assigned 1st Aid car. You may bring wagons or carts to help transport items to the site.
  + All girl and adult personal items (backpacks, sleeping bags, pillows, etc.) should be carried by themselves to the campsite. Keep this in mind when packing your items, view our packing demonstration video for packing tips.
  + Once onsite, the Site Assigned 1st Aid car will remain at the camp site.

DEPARTURE PROCEURES:

* The entire site must be emptied, cleaned and approved by the ranger before anyone can leave.
* This may take several hours so everyone should plan on staying until 11 am.
* Cabins must be emptied, swept and cot mats turned upright.
* Unit houses must be emptied, including the refrigerator(s), cleaned, swept and mopped.
* Bathrooms must be emptied, cleaned, swept and mopped.
* All garbage should be bagged and left out in one pile for the ranger.
* Please share these responsibilities among all troops (girls and adults) at the site.
* The site Camp-Trained person has a complete list of what must be done.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

* Each troop should have a troop 1st Aider with them also, who stays with the troop throughout rotations. The Site Assigned 1st Aider does not necessarily rotate with the troops.
* The cabins sleep 8 people to a cabin. Girls sleep in separate cabins from the adults.
* There are cots with 3” mats. Cots should not be moved from or within the cabins.
* S’more sticks should be soaked in advance of the fire (we will have water buckets out near the fire pit).
* Troops may want to paint, tape, mark or label their fire sticks (they are re-useable, you’ll want to bring them back home with you).
* Come prepared with songs to sing at the Friday campfire.

ADDITIONAL NOTES, Continued:

* Unit houses have refrigerators and electrical outlets (but not necessarily coffee makers). Cabins have electric (lights, fans and outlets for *limited* watt usage).
* There are 135 girls camping. You do not need to bring swaps for every girl, but bring a variety so that there are enough to swap (approximately 10 per girl in your troop).
* Everyone attending must be registered Girl Scout members, adults must also be background cleared.
* Be courteous to all those running the activities and those attending with you. Girls Scouts have courteous behavior at all times.

**Basic Camporee Rules & Safety Points:**

* The buddy system must be used any time girls and adults leave their camp area or need the bathroom.
* The whistles are for emergencies only. Please do not allow girls to whistle them unless it is an emergency. They should treat using the whistles the same as calling ‘911’.
* No running.
* Clothes need to be modest in nature and protect from the elements (girls and adults).
* Closed-toed, heeled shoes and socks (above the ankle) are required.
* No spaghetti strap tank tops, halter tops, tube tops or shorts that are not modest in length.
* Bandanas (firescarves) must be worn around the campfires.
* No alcohol.
* Smoking at firepits only - No smoking in cars, near girls, in cabins or on trails.
* No pets or fire arms.
* No driving at camp (once cars are parked in the lot, they will not move until after checkout).
* Please turn interior and exterior lights off in all cabins, unit houses and buildings during the day.
* Adhere to the Girl Scout Law while at camp.
* Remember “Leave a place better than the way you find it”. \* The camp is ‘tired’. But we love it and want to preserve it. Please help to make sure girls are treating it respectfully. (i.e. be gentle with doors, toilet seats, screens, etc.).
* Notify camp chair and/or camp ranger if anything breaks or is not working properly so that it can go on the list of repairs for future campers. Non-emergency repairs will not be made during the camporee.
* Respect wildlife.
* Adhere to “Leave No Trace” guidelines (<https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/>)
* “Kick It Before You Pick It” (be careful for what might be living underneath things you want to pick up).
* No food or drinks are allowed in the cabins. It can attract bugs or animals.
* No electronics. Troop leaders use your discretion as far as allowing girls phone calls home and use of electronics for picture taking, but girls should not use electronics for any other reasons throughout the weekend.
* Please keep camp site bathroom doors shut at all times. The lights and the moisture attract A LOT of mosquitoes.
* Please pick up and dispose of all trash found on the grounds. (Not just in your site)
* Swimming is not permitted in the lake. Alligators and snakes may be present. Please do not throw things in the lake.
* Respect all wildlife, remember this is their home.