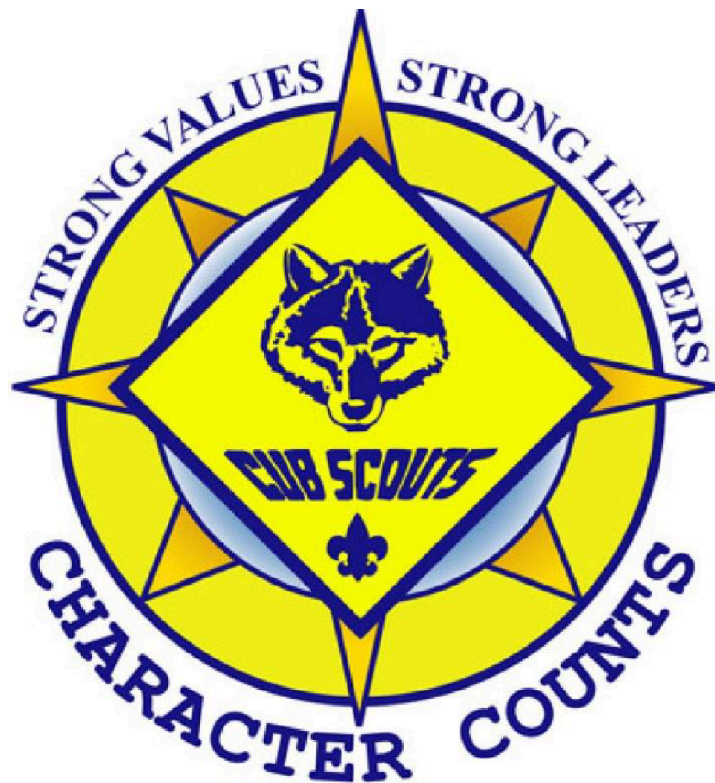


# ***Cub Scout Pack 113***

## ***Camping Guide***



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## Overview



Scouting is an outdoor-based program. Camping is permitted by Cub Scouts only in an age-appropriate context. Scouts must have an adult family member with them at all times when camping. If your Scout wishes to attend only the daytime activities of a Family Campout you must make prior arrangements with another adult to take responsibility for your child if you cannot stay with him/her.

*Please do not ask the Den Leader or Cub Master to take responsibility for your son. It is not possible for the leaders to conduct the program, watch their own children, and be responsible for your child.*

All Cub Scouts and parents attending Scouts BSA activities should have an updated BSA Medical Form on file with the Pack.

All camping is in accordance with Scouts BSA policy, as spelled out in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#). Part of this policy includes two-deep leadership. In addition, for Pack camping (which is open to all family members) at least one leader must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO). For Webelos den camping (which is open to just Webelos Scouts and parents) at least one leader must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills (IOWLS).

Pack 113 abides by [Leave No Trace principles](#), and follows the Scouts BSA [Outdoor Code](#). It's important that we help our Cub Scouts learn to respect and appreciate nature, and an overnight campout may be the best place for this! Additional perspective on Leave No Trace in regards to Scouting can be found [here](#).

Scouts BSA has specific rules and prohibitions with respect to camping, which will be reviewed by your leader prior to each event.



## Key facts to know

- All family members are welcome to camp with us.
- Scouts must be accompanied by an adult; typically the parent or guardian. If a parent or guardian cannot attend, separate arrangements with another adult must be made in advance to represent and chaperone the Scout.
- Only the recognized parent/guardian of a Scout may sleep in their same tent. Scouts can share a tent together; but without non-parental/guardian adults in the same tent.
- Provide your own sleeping arrangements (tent, hammock and sleeping bags).
- Meals and activities will be provided by the Pack.
- For many of the sites we use (i.e. Cub World, Camp Craig and Camp Friedlander), there is not an option to drive up to the campsite. This is called “carry in.” Expect to have to use carts and/or carry your equipment a small distance to the campsite (300~500 yards).
- For what to bring, see the [suggested packing list](#) within this guide. You are welcome to bring anything, but truly don’t have to bring everything you commonly bring on weekend multi-day camping events. Remember, it’s often “carry in.”
- Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are not permitted at Pack overnights nor any other Scouts BSA activity.
- You don’t have to spend the night. We realize camping is not for everyone. Feel free to come for the daytime activities, dinner and campfire ceremony; then head home.
- Arrange your own transportation. Details on where and when to go should be posted well in advance.
- Be sure to sign-up in advance to attend (or decline). Meal planning depends on it.
- Meet new friends, learn new skills and come have fun!!
- For more information, your initial contact should be your Den Leader. If they are not available, you may also reach out to the Cub Master, Assistant or Coordinator for each specific camp event.

## **Who's invited?**

Pack 113 aims to conduct organized, family-friendly Pack overnights. These events are open to all family members, and we encourage all parents, guardians and siblings to all attend. In Cub Scouts, each Scout must have an adult present; typically a parent or guardian. If the parent or guardian cannot attend, arrangements can be made with another parent to serve as that Scout's chaperone; but they are not permitted to sleep in the same tent as the Scout.

Webelos Scouts are permitted to have Den level campouts. These are scheduled separately and will be coordinated by the Den Leader. A parent/guardian/adult chaperone will still be required for each Scout.

## **Who to contact?**

Your initial contact should be your Den Leader. If they are not available, you may also reach out to the Cub Master, Assistant or Coordinator for each specific camp event.

## What to bring?

Our Pack overnights are meant to be fun experiences that introduce Cub Scouts to fun, outdoor camping. All meals will be provided for all attendees; and activities will be arranged. You will need to supply your own sleeping arrangements (i.e. tent or hammock) except in special situations when we sleep in Forts or Castle structures. Note that for many of the sites we use (i.e. Cub World, Camp Craig and Camp Friedlander), there is not an option to drive up to the campsite. Expect to have to use carts and/or carry your equipment a small distance to the campsite. The following is a recommended list of items to bring to our Pack overnights:

### Packing List:

- Tent & Tarp or "footprint" for under the tent - should be roughly the size as the tent
- Sleeping Pad / inflatable mattress
- Sleeping bag, rated ~10° lower than expected temp.
- Pillow (sweatshirt rolled up works too)
- Rain Boots / Waterproof Shoes – water and mud are inevitable!
- Clothes - Dress in layers, plan on it being colder than you think. Bring change of clothes. The kids are going to get dirty and wet – guaranteed!
- Rain jacket / waterproof outer layer
- Pullover & winter hat (aka toboggan) for cold nights
- Trash bag (or plastic shopping bag) for dirty clothes
- Sunscreen (and hat if you prefer)
- Bug spray
- Folding chair is nice if you don't mind carrying it in
- 1 flashlight per person, or lantern
- Snacks – The Pack provides meals; but it doesn't hurt to have some snacks on-hand.
- Water bottle / canteen – we have water access at all sites.
- Mess kit – The Pack is trying to become more eco-friendly in our waste, so please bring your own reusable mess kit and even utensils if possible.
- Activities – The Pack will have coordinated activities; but bring anything you like or would like to share with other scouts. Frisbee, kickball, GaGa, football, etc.

### Emergency Kit:

- Toilet Paper (in a ziplock bag) - its ok to squeeze the Charmin to make it smaller
- Dental Floss - Comes in handy if you need to make an emergency repairs, and if you need to clean your teeth!
- Duct tape
- Small folding knife - for adult, not Scout (unless they have their whittling chip)
- Lighter
- Bandanna - useful as a napkin, rag, emergency bandage, or whatever

## **When to come?**

Each Pack 113 Overnighter is unique; but typically starts Saturday afternoon (as early as @12noon) and ends Sunday late morning. We know our Scouts are involved in many activities and Scouts might not be able to make it until 4 or 5pm. No worries! You can come anytime and leave anytime. In fact, a number of families come for the daytime and campfire activities, and do not spend the night. We are grateful for whatever time you are able to join us!

## **Where to go?**

Each pack 113 Overnighter is unique. Look for location information to be announced a week or two before the actual event. We do often camp at least once or twice at the Scouting Campgrounds owned out in the Loveland area (Cub World, Camp Craig and Camp Friedlander).

## **How to get there?**

Families need to make their own arrangements getting to and from the campout. Certainly you can arrange carpooling on your own, if convenient. All sites we select will have a designated area to park. Expect many of the sites we use to be considered "carry in," which means you do not drive directly up to the campsite. You have to cart and/or carry your gear in a short distance (typically a few hundred yards).

## **Why attend?**

Key word... FUN! Our Pack Overnights are designed to be fun, easy experiences to introduce Cub Scouts to camping. You need not have extended experience camping to be able to attend these events. Show up with basic gear and we will handle the rest. Anything you are not familiar with, just ask and we will answer! Flag Ceremonies... Hiking... BB guns... Archery... Kickball... Campfires... Songs & Skits... Games... Camp food... S'mores... are just a few of the things to expect.

## Camping Tips and Tricks

- Setting up your tent at home before you leave is always a good idea. Remind yourself how to put it together, but it will also tell you if you have missing or broken parts before you get there.
- High ground is preferable to being at the bottom of a slope, but we may not have much choice there. Find as flat of a spot as possible.
- Once you find a spot, pick up any twigs or rocks that you see that will be under the tent. Then lay out the tarp and lay on it where you think you will sleep. This will tell you if you missed something, and it's better to find out now that there is rock under you than when it's dark and you are trying to sleep.
- Once you assemble the tent, go around tuck/fold the tarp under the tent (tuck underneath toward the ground, not the tent). There should not be any piece of tarp extending out from under the tent - it will catch dew/rain and channel it under the tent resulting in a wet floor.
- After camping, air out the tent and other wet gear at home.
- You also do not want to store your sleeping bag in the stuff sack it comes with. It is better to store it loosely packed to avoid clumping and breakdown of the filling - particularly if it is down, but also for synthetic fill.