



OTTER OUTDOOR SAFETY TIPS

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See also Scout Law and Otter Requirements



When in doubt follow the Otter Law and Promise:

An Otter is always busy and bright and helps other people by doing a good turn every day.

I promise to do my best, to obey my leaders and my parents and to be a good Otter.



Carry a whistle with you in case you need help. Remember it is a tool and not a toy.



Use the Buddy System and always tell an adult where you two are going. Every Scout is your buddy; so share, be nice, and help them as you would want them to do to you.



Be kind to animals. Leave them alone as they may be scared or sick. Use your inside voice as well; we are in their home.



Adults carry the camp tools (knife, saw, axe, et cetera). If you use your manners to ask, then they will teach you how to use those tools. Sticks can be tools for investigating as they keep your hands clean and injury free, but they are not toys (no sword play please).



Adults make and use the fire. If you use your manners to ask, then they will teach you how to build one and cook over it too.



Be helpful by setting up and then clearing the table at meal times. Share the food and use your manners. Help wash the dishes if any.



Keep your belongings clean and cared for. It demonstrates responsibility, thrift, and helps your family when you get home. Your Scout Leaders are not responsible for your stuff if it gets lost or broken.



The Otter Motto is “Busy and Bright”.

BE CHEERFUL and HAVE FUN!!



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PARENT NOTES:

Please see the “Campground Rules for Adults” discussion on the BPSA Basecamp and the BPSA Youth Protection Guidelines.

“Never do for a Scout what he can do for himself.”

Sir Robert Baden-Powell

1. Two deep coed leadership, always. No adults in tents with scouts, or alone in camp or on the trail except if it is parent & child only. There will be opposite sex tents except for family tents and toilet facilities as well.
2. Scouts need to learn how to do things by themselves or with their peers. Adults are here to coach, not do. If Scouts need to be shown, the adult can demonstrate a skill, but then the Scout should do it on their own, or at least try. We are more interested in Scouts doing than being perfect.
3. This is a youth-centered outing, with diverse families present. What may be acceptable alone with your family may not be with the group. Set a good example: no swearing, no drinking, no smoking and do not talk over Scouts or other adult leaders when they are addressing the group.
4. Please review the *Essentials for Otter Scout Hiking* in your *Otter Handbook* before helping your child pack for their trip.