

# 2020 Camp Grizzly Pre-Camp Leader's Guide



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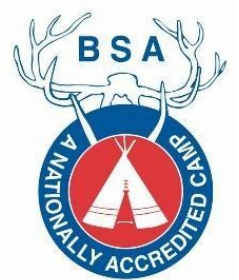
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*“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law”*



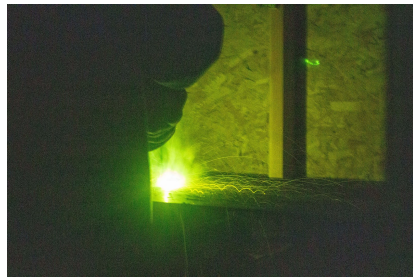


# Welcome

Welcome to Camp Grizzly, “Pride of the Palouse” and the home of the finest Camp Staff you’ll ever find! Since 1938 Camp Grizzly has been the home to summer adventure for countless Scouts and Leaders.

Camp has a proud tradition of unit service and great programs. Our experienced and energetic staff are waiting to meet you and make this summer the best ever for your unit.

Located along the Palouse River, 12 miles East of Potlatch ID (next to Laird State Park), Camp Grizzly comprises over 440 acres. Camp Grizzly appeals to Scouts young and old who are looking to spend some time tucked away in the woods.



At Camp Grizzly we strive to give youth a hands-on experience where they can be successful in learning new skills. With merit badges ranging from basic Scout skills to participating advanced

programs like Forging or our ATV Safety Course, your Scouts are sure to have a meaningful experience.

Thank you for choosing Camp Grizzly as your destination for Scouting this Summer!



## Staff & Leadership

Camp Grizzly prides itself on having one of the best, most devoted and energetic staff teams in the BSA!

Our staff are carefully chosen and trained, with a focus on bringing the mission of the BSA to the lives of your scouts.

This year's staff leadership can be found in our current Program Guide, found at [nwscouts.org/campgrizzly](http://nwscouts.org/campgrizzly).

## Contact Information

Main Office Number: 509-325-4562

Current Leadership Contact Information Can Be found at [nwscouts.org/campgrizzly](http://nwscouts.org/campgrizzly) as well as in our current years program guide.

## Location

**Camp Grizzly is located at 1101 Palouse River Rd., Harvard, ID, 83834**--straddling the Palouse River. To get to camp, we recommend entering our address on Google Maps, and following the directions. The camp's main parking lot is located just outside the main gate of camp. We ask that when parking, you back your car in to maintain easy access in the event of an emergency.

See Appendix for a complete map of the camp, with all of our campsites. Shortly before camp, we will contact you to confirm your troop details, and assign you your campsite. If you would like to request a specific campsite, please do so during registration, and contact us as early as possible. We will do our best to accommodate your needs, however we cannot always guarantee site requests.



# Arrival

Check-in time is from 1:00pm-4:00pm on Sunday. Please contact us if your troop needs to arrive earlier or later than 1:00, or on Saturday. While Saturday arrivals are generally okay, staff or meal service is not available until Sunday check-in.

One of our Commissioner Staff, as well as your Troop Guide for the week, will greet you in the parking lot and direct you to your campsite. Please note that only one vehicle at a time may be allowed to drive into camp, vehicles are not permitted to drive into their campsite and must remain on the main road. Some campsites may require you to carry your gear a short distance.

## Required at Check-in

- Full roster of everyone in camp with member ID #
- Current Medical Forms Parts A, B and C for each youth and adult

## Business Manager Check-in

One leader must meet with the Business Manager for Check-In. They are located in the main building. Make sure you have payments for remaining balance.



## Camp Tour

After your check-in is complete, your Troop Guide will give you a tour of the camp and the Program Areas. See the camp map in the Program Guide. The depth of your tour will depend on how much time your unit has on premises, prior to the Scoutmaster and SPL Meeting.

If you would like images of your campsite, please email the camp director at [campgrizzlydirector@gmail.com](mailto:campgrizzlydirector@gmail.com).

## If you Need to Change Classes

The evening of arrival is the SPL/Adult Leader meeting. Shortly after this, all merit badge counselors will meet with participants. Ask your guide for the location.

## Medical Checks

After You unload, your troop guide will guide your Scoutmaster to the Med Shack to turn in your Troop's Medical Forms. Make sure everyone coming to camp has a completed Medical Form signed by a licensed physician--one will not be available at camp.

If you have any youth or adults with special needs or dietary requirements, please indicate during registration, so we can ensure we meet your needs as best we can. We will do everything we can to ensure accommodations are available to fit your needs. Note - this includes if a member of your unit needs a C-Pap machine--not all sites have electricity available, though we do have a limited supply of portable batteries.

## Swim Checks

Each Youth and Adult who plans on participating in activities or classes at the waterfront must take a BSA Swim Test.

Some aquatics merit badges and programs require passing this test to participate. If someone fails to pass the swim test who is signed up for any of these programs, there will be an opportunity to either change which classes they

attend, or retake the swim test Monday morning.



It is recommended that Leaders and Parents work with scouts before arriving at camp to ensure that they are

prepared to take the test. Please note that they need to pass the test in our lake, which is usually between 60-75°F. If a Scout does not pass they can still take the Swimming Merit Badge, as we separate out our classes according to skill level, and individually work with participants.

### BSA Swim Test Procedure:

*Guidelines for the BSA Swim Test can be found in the Guide to Safe Scouting*

- Jump feet-first into deep water (over head-height)
- 100 Yards without stopping
  - 75 yards "power-stroke" (include a sharp turn)
  - 25 yards resting back-stroke
- Rest by floating



## Blue Cards

We do have a limited supply of blue cards available at camp. You are welcome to bring blue cards pre filled-out, though. Scouts are responsible for bringing their blue cards to their first class.



## Adults in Camp

Each unit in camp must be under the leadership of at least two adults at all times, one of whom must be a registered leader in the unit, at least 21 years old. The other must be at least 18 years old, and either a registered Scouter or parent of one of the youth in the unit. Any parent or leader who spends more than 72 hours at camp is required to be registered, have finished their background check, and have taken youth protection prior to the start of camp.

All BSA Youth Protection rules will apply during your stay at Camp. Unit Leaders are responsible to make sure registered adults have current youth protection training, and that interactions with youth meet with all established policies.

Adult leaders are encouraged to be active while in camp.



There are a wide variety of activities for adult leaders to participate in, including training courses, high adventure opportunities, service projects and more. (See program guide for details)

There will be a brief leadership meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with key camp leadership to address any needs.

## “Go Ask Your SPL”

At Camp Grizzly, we encourage that Scouting efforts and activities be “Boy Lead,” as much as possible. While we do encourage adult leaders to be actively *aware* of what is going on with their youth in camp, we believe that primary leadership efforts for the youth should be done by the youth. One of our mottos we want adult leaders to learn to say is “Go ask your SPL.” As such, senior patrol leaders are expected to communicate information shared at frequent SPL meetings.

Troops should be divided into patrols, with an active Senior Patrol Leader, and each patrol should have an active patrol leader, identity, flag and spirit. Senior Patrol leaders will meet with Senior Camp Staff on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to discuss pertinent information.

## Youth Protection Guidelines

- 2 deep leadership
- No one-on-one contact
- Respect of Privacy
- Separate Accommodations
- Constructive Discipline
- Appropriate Attire
- No Hazing
- No Secret Organizations



## Health and Safety

Our location and environment at Camp Grizzly present some unique safety concerns:

### Wildlife

During your stay with us, you are bound to see plenty of birds, squirrels and rabbits, and perhaps some larger wildlife as well. Do not disturb the wildlife in any way--no feeding, chasing, teasing or trapping. Camp was their home before you arrived, and will continue to be long after you leave. Please encourage your Scouts to respect their home.

Bears have rarely been seen on property, but every season we do have a number of moose sightings. If you spot a moose on property, STOP! Do not approach it, try to take its picture, call out to or yell at it. Put something large between you and the moose, like a tree or large rock and back away. Report the sighting to staff immediately.

## Insects

The Mosquito population varies from year to year. We recommend bringing some insect repellent to use if needed. We also have a substantial Yellow Jacket population. We do our best to control both, but the best controls are taking care of trash and garbage. Don't give them a reason to be near your campsite!

## Dehydration and Overheating

Every year we have some Scouts get sick from not drinking



water. Please make sure that everyone who attends camp brings a water bottle and uses it! It can get hot, and we want to make sure everyone stays cool and safe

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staff member Medic Mark councils for every caffeinated beverage, one should drink an equal amount of water. Chilled bottled water and electrolyte powder are for sale in the trading post. Both are reasonably priced.

Always carry a water bottle with you in camp. If you don't have one with you, staff may tell you to go get it.

## Special Medical and Dietary Needs

All prescription medications must be kept under lock and key while in camp. If troops do not bring their own lockable storage for keeping medication at their campsite, medications may be stored at the Med Shack with the medical staff. Refrigeration is also available at the Med Shack for those whose medication needs to be kept cool.

The only exception is medications for life-threatening conditions, such as heart issues or severe allergies, which may be carried and self-administered under the direction of a personal physician.

We have multiple "goal zero" portable batteries for medical devices such as a CPAP machine. If you require electricity for such equipment, please contact us as early as possible to ensure you can use our CPAP machine. Any other site requests may be waived in favor of medical needs.

Any dietary or medical needs must be addressed by filling out the applicable information during registration, so that we may be properly prepared to work with you on such requirements.

All meals will be served in the same kitchen, although we do provide gluten, dairy and nut free meal options if we are informed before your arrival in camp.

Our kitchen staff will do their best to meet dietary needs, however additional options may be limited and not as varied as our typical menu. We do not serve any peanuts or tree nuts in our kitchen, we serve sun butter (made with sunflower seeds) instead of peanut butter on our snack table throughout the day.

Please note that we do sell products with nuts in the trading post.

## Dining Hall Menu

Please feel free to check out our menus (which will soon be available at the above link) to let us know if you have any questions.



## Communicating Special Needs

Please ensure any special medical or dietary needs are recorded in your registration as soon as possible. Most special order foods such as gluten or dairy free require a minimum of 2-3 weeks of lead time for ordering to ensure they are in camp when you arrive.

Each youth and adult has a place to input the information in their personal information section of their online registration. If you have any trouble with the form please feel free to contact us.



# Camp Policies

## Things not to bring:

Some things have no place in a boy scout camp, either for safety purposes or to meet with the mission and focus of summer camp programs. If something is not listed and you would like to know if it is allowed, please reference the Guide to Safe Scouting or contact us to ask.



**Please do not bring the following items to camp:**

- Pets (other than licensed service animals)
- Firearms
- Personal watercraft
- Illegal drugs (including marijuana)
- Smoking is allowed ONLY in designated areas.
- Alcohol
- Fireworks
- Open Toed Shoes (guests must follow this even if they are only attending for a few hours)
- Chainsaws

(the camp ranger may authorize chainsaw use and provide one if needed)

- Non-scouting Knives. Safe and mature use is appreciated,  
(i.e. throwing knives, large sheath knives, double-bladed knives)

## Guests in camp:

Guests are welcome at camp during your visit. All guests must report to either the Trading Post or Business Office upon arrival to check in, and receive a wristband. They must also check out before leaving.

Any guest staying in camp longer than 48 hours will be considered participants and their corresponding unit may be charged. Guests staying more than 48 hours must provide completed BSA medical forms parts A, B and C. Any guest staying 72 hours must also be registered with the BSA and have taken the Youth Protection Training.

## Guest Meals:

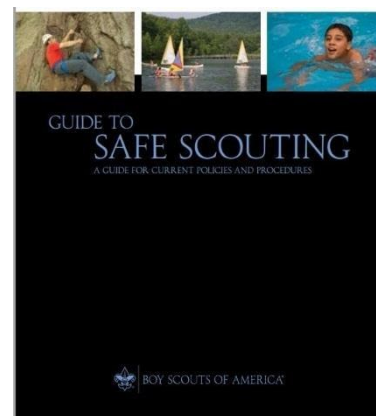
Guests may purchase meals at the trading post to eat with their fellow scouts or family members. The cost is \$6 for breakfast or lunch, and \$8 for dinner. If you know guests will be coming throughout the week, please inform the camp staff about guests when you arrive to ensure we will have enough food for them.

## Buddy System:

All Scouts need to travel with a scout buddy while in camp. Remind your senior patrol leaders and other scouts to buddy up when they leave your campsite.

## When in doubt...

We follow the guide to safe scouting and the NCAP (National Camp Accreditation Program) guidelines. If you're not sure whether something is appropriate in a camp setting, look it up! Still not sure? It's probably better to error on the side of caution and leave it out!



## Mail at Camp:

Friends, Family and Fellow Scouters are welcome to mail letters, notes or packages to their Scouts while they are at camp. Mail is distributed daily at the evening flag ceremony. It is recommended mail is sent to arrive early in the week or before scouts arrive, and is marked with the date it should be delivered. Any mail that arrives after the camp session will be returned to the sender.

## Address Mail to:

Scout Name, Troop #, Date to deliver package  
Camp Grizzly  
1101 Palouse River Rd  
Harvard, ID 83834



# Trading Post:



The Trading Post offers program materials, snacks, Camp Grizzly

brand clothing and paraphernalia and more! The trading post will operate during most program hours of camp, and during free time.

NEW FOR 2020 - All program fees, such as kits, bullets, etcetera will be included in the cost during registration. The equivalent value of basic kits can be traded for more-advanced kits, depending on availability.

The trading post will not sell any caffeinated beverages after dinner is over, to the youth. This is in an effort to prevent staying up past lights out and avoiding hyperactivity after certain hours.

Troops can pre-order the current year's camper shirts online at [nwscouts.org/campgrizzly](http://nwscouts.org/campgrizzly) by clicking on the order link, or during registration. Shirts and other items pre-ordered will be available when you arrive at camp. (Note - the design on the shirt below is a classic Camp Grizzly design, and not the current year.)



## Patch Trading

Participants are highly encouraged to bring their patches to camp! While some classic patches are for sale in the Trading Post, many staff members harbor fine collections, and are willing to trade.

## Technology and Internet Use:

We do not prevent the use of cell-phones, tablets, portable music or gaming devices by campers, except during class time. If unit leaders choose to regulate the use of technology in their own campsite, we leave it up to them. However, there is very limited cell phone coverage in camp. Due to data limits, camp does not currently offer any access to wifi. Please know this before planning to work at camp.