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# 2019 SUMMER CAMP LEADER'S GUIDE



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**PEACEFUL VALLEY**

**SCOUT RANCH**

## Welcome!

Thank you for choosing a Denver Area Council Camp for your 2019 summer adventures! This Leader's guide outlines the Denver Area Council Camps policies and information which apply to both of our properties, Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch (PV) and Tahosa High Adventure Base (TH). A Program Guide for each camp at PV and each program at TH will be released in the spring. We hope this information in this guide is helpful in planning your adventure at one of our camps. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members of the Denver Area Council's Camp Management Team.

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*1 Rainbow over Tumblesom Lake, Tahosa High Adventure Base*

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## *Greetings from the Camping Director*

Greetings Valued Unit Leader:

Thank you for your commitment to a Denver Area Council Camp. For over 80 years, both Tahosa High Adventure Base and Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch have offered a superb in-camp experience, and we have no plans to slow down now! Each of our programs are individually tailored to meet the requirements and expectations of all units attending summer camp. A special welcome to our many new units. You will have a blast!

The staff at both Peaceful Valley and Tahosa are highly trained, motivated, and eager to assist your unit with the program that promises to give your Scouts the ultimate summer camping experience. Our staff will do everything possible to exceed your unit's needs and expectations. Please let us know what assistance we can provide you and your unit.

The 2019 season is an exciting time for the Denver Area Council Camping Program. Please take the time to review all information in this leader guide, as many items have changed. New and updated policies include our new Family Scouting Programs, Scouts BSA, Youth Protection, 11-day meetings, and other important information.

We are pleased to welcome back Toni Lyman as the Camp Director at Tahosa High Adventure Base. Toni last served as Camp Director at Tahosa in 2016. Since then, she has been training new camp directors and being Camp Mom.

Down at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, we are pleased to share that Will Corcoran will be returning as the PV Ranch Director. In addition to Will, Camp Directors will be returning with Josh Harris taking the reins at Camp Cris Dobbins, Michel Swanson at Magness Adventure Camp, and Stephen Field returning as the PV Operations Director. Joining the management team at PV will be Jacob Morris as the Camp Director at Camp Dietler.

John Braselton will be taking on the new role of Camping Specialist for the Summer Season, supporting all of our summer camp programs. John will also be coordinating efforts at the Hamilton Scout Headquarters for the summer season, as well as the new 11-day meeting.

The Denver Area Council is confident you will find both properties to be very warm, friendly, and inviting places. Our camps are staffed with dedicated individuals who strive to ensure your unit's total satisfaction. If we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call or email me. Start preparing for your experience at camp now! Regarded by many as the BEST summer camps you can find!! "The Home of Adventure Unlimited." Both Peaceful Valley and Tahosa have proudly served the Scouts and Scout leaders of Colorado — and many units from around the United States — with a safe, quality, fun-filled camping experience. Tahosa and Peaceful Valley are a "real adventure for the time of your life". Thank you for using one of our Denver Area Council Camps.

Have a terrific summer!  
We look forward to welcoming you "home"

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# *Guiding Principles of the Denver Area Council*

## *Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement*

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



## *Boy Scouts of America Vision Statement*

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

## *Denver Area Council Camping Mission Statement*

The mission of the Denver Area Council summer camping program is to provide each Scout with a memorable and challenging outdoor experience. DAC camps enriches the fundamentals of Scouting through unique opportunities for leadership and educational growth.

## *The Scout Oath & Law*

These principles have served Scouting well for over 100 years. They are the basis for everything we do at camp, and we ask that you help your Scouts and leaders use these as a guide in camp.

### **Scout Oath**

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

### **Scout Law**

**A Scout is:** Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent

## *Scouting 10 Essentials*

First Aid Kit – Extra Clothing – Rain Gear – Water – Flashlight – Trail Food – Sun Protection – Map & Compass – Pocket Knife\*

**\*At Scoutmaster Discretion**



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All Scouts and leaders attending Denver Area Council camps need to be prepared! Scouts and leaders must bring a daypack that is large enough to carry the “10 Essentials” while in camp. The “10 Essentials” should be carried at all times since you never know when the weather may change or an emergency will occur.

**If an emergency occurs at one of our camps (Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate Area or Shelter) your day pack will most likely be the only thing you have or can bring. For this, all Scouts and leaders will be required to have their “10 Essentials” with them at all times.**

In addition, adult leaders should also have in their daypack; their wallet, identification, cell phone/charger, car keys, and their personal medications. The Unit Scoutmaster should also include a unit roster in their daypack. It is the responsibility of the troop’s adult leaders to ensure that everyone in their unit have the necessary equipment with them.



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## Camping Dates and Fees

Peaceful Valley	Dates	Camp Tahosa
Week 1	<b>June 9-15</b>	<i>Camp Closed</i>
Week 2	<b>June 16-22</b>	Week 1
Week 3	<b>June 23-29</b>	Week 2
Week 3	<b>June 30-July 6</b>	Week 3
Week 5	<b>July 7-13</b>	Week 4
Week 6	<b>July 14-20</b>	Week 5
Week 7	<b>July 21-27</b>	Angel Fire & Alpine Adv.

NOTE: Magness Sessions are half-weeks and respectively run Sessions 1-14.

2019 Summer Camp Fees for Peaceful Valley	
Program	Fee
Cris Dobbins	\$ 399.00*
Dietler	\$ 349.00*
WEST	\$ 179.00
Magness	\$ 179.00
WEST & Magness Adult	\$ 85.00
Sibling at Magness	\$ 115.00

2019 Summer Camp Fees for Tahosa	
Program	Fee
EaglePoint	\$349.00*
Tahosa Trek	\$369.00
Alpine Adventure	\$399.00
Mountain Man	\$419.00*
Wilderness Wisdom	\$349.00 Plus \$50.00 for 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid and Wilderness 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Certificates
Wet and Wild	<i>To be determined</i>
Angel Fire	\$ 419.00

(\*) Indicates that there are additional fees for merit badge/program kits and fees not included in overall price of camp.

Adult Leader Fee for Scouts, BSA Camps (Does Not Include Magness or WEST - See Above Chart)			
Number of Scouts	Free Adult Leaders	Additional Required Adult(s)	Additional Adults
1-20	2-free adults	None	\$200.00
21-30	2-free adults	1-\$75.00	\$200.00
31-40	2-free adults	2-\$75.00	\$200.00
41-50	2-free adults	3-\$75.00	\$200.00
51-60	2-free adults	4-\$75.00	\$200.00



4 Lake Party at Magness Adventure Camp



5 Shotgun at Camp Cris Dobbins

## Fee Schedule

Date	Payment Type	Amount	
Camp Reservation	Deposit for Troop	\$ 100.00	\$100 nonrefundable <b>deposit</b> is due to hold your 2019 reservation. This fee will be credited to your camp fees for 2019.
November 5, 2018	First Payment	\$ 50.00	A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per camper for the above number of Scouts listed is due. (\$50.00)
February 4, 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment	\$ 100.00	\$100.00 per camper for the registered number of Scouts is due. (total \$150.00)
April 1, 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment	\$ 100.00	\$100.00 per camper for the above number of Scouts, and the full applicable leader fee for each adult beyond the two (2) free leaders. (total \$250.00)
May 1, 2019	Final Payment	Remaining Balance	The outstanding balance for each camper and adult is due.

## Camperships

Requests for camperships (scholarships to attend camp) must be in writing to the Council Camping Committee detailing why a Scout needs financial assistance. You may request a campership application from the Frederic C. Hamilton Scout Headquarters, or you may find it on the Council website [www.DenverBoyScout.org/camps](http://www.DenverBoyScout.org/camps). All requests should be submitted in prior to **May 1, 2019**. A Scout may not receive or apply for a campership **after** attending summer camp. Only Scouts from the Denver Area Council are eligible for camperships

### Refunds Prior to Attending Camp

**Campers who cancel before May 16, 2019** will be refunded full amount of payments less the \$50 non-refundable deposit. Swapping of Scouts is allowed, and the Denver Area Council will not penalize for swapping a Scout for another, provided that the count does not decrease. A Refund Request Form can be found online and the participants will receive a full refund, less the \$50 non-refundable deposit less for the following reasons after the deadline if:

- physician provides a letter stating the reason the participant cannot attend is medical,
- death in the immediate family, the participants will receive a full refund, less the \$50 non-refundable deposit.

### Refunds After May 16 or at Camp

**Scouts cancelled after May 16, 2019** will **NOT** be refunded their camp payment, as by that time, planning and purchases have been made. Swapping of Scouts is allowed, and the Denver Area Council will not penalize for swapping a Scout for another, provided that the count does not decrease.

- physician provides a letter stating that the reason the participant cannot attend is medical,
- unit leader provides a note stating that there was a death in the immediate family, the participants will receive a full refund, less the \$50 non-refundable deposit.

**“No Show” Scouts:** If you have “No Show” Scouts at your 2019 Summer Camp check-in, causing your overall number to decrease from your preregistration numbers, **your unit may be subject to a \$100 fee per “No-Show” Scout in addition to the full camp fee.** Please keep us posted with your current participation numbers.

If a Scout or participant becomes ill or has an injury while attending camp and is sent home by the Health Officer prior to Wednesday a 50% refund will be granted. After Wednesday, no refund will be granted.

**Scouts Sent home for behavioral issues will NOT receive a refund.**

**For a refund, a “Refund Request Form” must be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup> to the Camping Registrar.**



# SUMMER CAMP DEALS!



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## **Adult Leader Gifts**

Special gifts for the unit's registered Scoutmaster, the "Summer Camp" Scoutmaster and adult leaders that attend summer camp!

## **Free T-Shirts!**

For all units that have paid their summer camp fees by April 1, 2019 (Scouts, BSA) and May 1, 2019 (Cub Scouts) each registered Scout as of that date will receive a complimentary t-shirt!



## **Fee Matching**

Make a deposit of at least \$5 per camper by December 15th, 2018 and the Denver Area Council will match the deposit up to \$20 for Scouts, BSA and \$10 for Cub Scouts.

## **Investment in Character Discount**

Schedule your IC presentation, meet and exceed your goals to receive up to a \$20 per Scout discount. Denver Area Council units only. Must meet all benchmarks and deadlines to receive full credit.

## **Loyalty Unit Camping**

Units that are registered for summer camp 2019 will receive "loyalty pricing" for off-season camping.

## **Second Week of Camp**

Scouts, BSA interested in a second week of summer camp will receive 25% off of the lower-cost camp.

## **Trifecta of Tahosa**

Scouts, BSA who attend three programs (NYLT, EaglePoint, Treks) will receive 50% off of one of the non-NYLT programs!

[www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Camps](http://www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Camps)



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## Scouts, BSA 11-Day Meetings & Camp Paperwork Submission

Due to new State of Colorado Child Care Facility requirements, all paperwork for youth and adult campers **MUST be turned into the Council 11-days prior to the camper's arrival at the camping facility.**

At this meeting, the Camp Administration will be present from each camp to include Camp Directors, Health Officers and Food Service Managers. Additionally, the Camping Registrar will be present to take any remaining fees. You can also ask questions about camp at this meeting.



**!** Links to all forms can be found on each camp's website page on the right-side bar.  
[www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Camps](http://www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Camps)

### Youth Camper Paperwork Checklist (Each Camper)

- BSA Medical Form Parts A, B and C for Scouts, BSA
- Copy of insurance card
- Colorado Addendum Immunizations
- Colorado Addendum Contract to Carry (for those that carry emergency medications)
- NEW Colorado Addendum (to be released early 2019)**
- Medication Administration chart filled out (if applicable)
- Special Diet Request form (if applicable)

### Adult Camper Paperwork Checklist (Each Camper)

- BSA Medical Form Parts A, B and C for Adults at camp for a total of more than 72 hours for the week (If you come every day, and leave every night you still need part C.)
- Copy of insurance card
- Respective camp Adult Leader Reference Form **for Scouts BSA adults only**
- Special Diet Request Form (if applicable)
- Youth Protection Training Certificate

### Whole Unit Paperwork Checklist

- Swim Classification Record (if done prior to camp)
- Unit roster for youth and adults attending
- Check (made out to Denver Area Council) for any unpaid registration fees

Camp Date	11 Day Meeting	Suggested Postmark Date if Mailing Paperwork
June 9-15	May 29	May 20
June 16-22	June 5	May 27
June 23-29	June 12	June 3
June 30-July 6	June 19	June 10
July 7-13	June 26	June 17
July 14-20	July 3	June 24
July 21-27	July 10	July 1

All meetings are at the Hamilton Scout Headquarters (10455 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver, CO 80215) and are from 5:30-7:30 in a drop-in style meeting.

#### Can't Make the Meeting?

Mail your paperwork to:

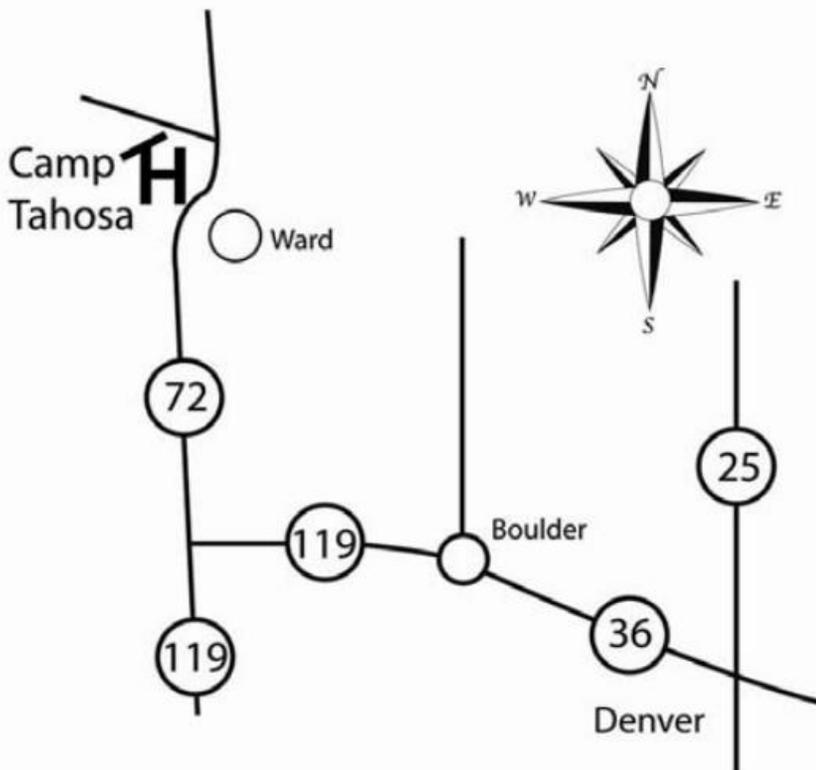
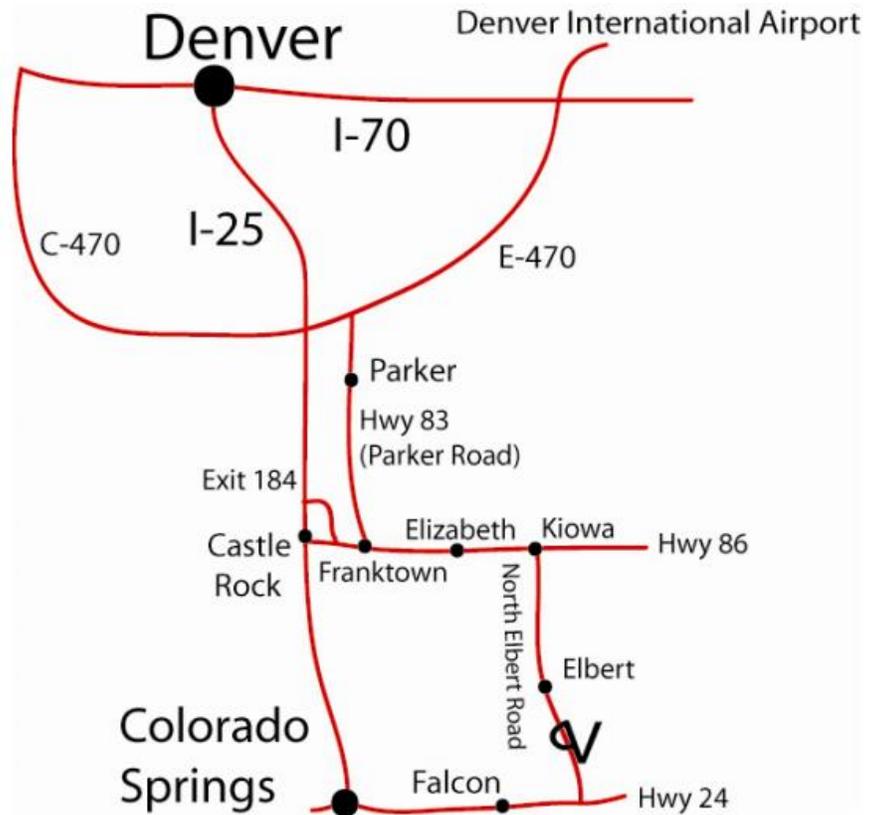
Summer Camp Paperwork  
 10455 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 100  
 Denver, CO 80215

**DO NOT MAIL PAPERWORK DIRECTLY TO THE CAMP!**

**Questions? John Braselton, Camping Specialist**  
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## Driving Directions to Peaceful Valley and Tahosa Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch

From Denver, take I-25 south to Exit 184 onto Founders Parkway near Castle Rock. Turn left at stop sign to Founders Parkway. Take Founders Parkway to traffic light (Highway 86 intersection). Turn left at stop light onto Highway 86 and follow Highway 86 through Franktown and traffic signal at Parker Road. Continue on Highway 86 through Elizabeth until you come to Elbert Highway on your right (just before the town of Kiowa). Turn on Elbert Highway and continue through the town of Elbert. Turn left (east) into Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch at the second entrance for Camp Cris Dobbins and Camp Dietler. Turn right (west) at the second entrance for Magness Adventure Camp. The address is 22799 North Elbert Road, Box 97, Elbert, Colorado 80106.



### Tahosa High Adventure Base

To access Camp from Denver. Drive northwest to Boulder, Colorado. Take Canyon Boulevard or Arapahoe Avenue west, the streets eventually merge into CO 119. Continue west into Nederland. In Nederland, turn north on CO 72. You will pass the outskirts of Ward, Colorado. 4.5 miles beyond Ward, turn off CO 72 west onto county road to Camp Tahosa. There is a sign for Camp Tahosa on CO 72, but it appears quickly so be on the lookout for the sign. Drive time: 1-½ hours.

**Camp Contact Information and Scout Mail**  
(Parent's Page – Make copies for parents while their Scout is at camp)



**Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch**  
**Camp Cris Dobbins**  
**Camp Dietler**  
**Magness Adventure Camp**  
**W.E.S.T.**

22799 N. Elbert Rd  
Elbert, CO 80106

Mailing:  
Scout Name, Camp, Week #, Unit #  
P.O. Box 97  
Elbert, CO 80106

Main: 303-648-3023

Email: [Peaceful.Valley@Scouting.org](mailto:Peaceful.Valley@Scouting.org)

**Tahosa High Adventure Base**  
**EaglePoint Base Camp**  
**Alpine Adventures**  
**Tahosa Trek**

173 County Road 96  
Ward, CO 80481

Mailing:  
Scout Name, Week #, Unit #  
173 County Road 96  
Ward, CO 80481

Main: 303-440-4040

Email: [Camp.Tahosa@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Tahosa@Scouting.org)

Send an email to your camper while they are at camp! Send an email to the camp email with the Scout Name, Camp and Unit number in the subject line. Messages will be printed and delivered within 24 hours!

\*Excludes those on trek!\* Please note, responses are not possible.



## Camp Policies

### *Campsite Accommodations*

**Tahosa: DOES NOT PROVIDE TENTS!** Most campsites have a latrine nearby. Showers are in the dining hall for adults, and in a portable shower house for youth. Water is limited at Tahosa and showers will be scheduled for twice a week for youth. Adults may shower every day if they desire. Buildings (lodges) are provided to store smellables. This is shared with other units. **Campers may NOT sleep in the lodges.**

**Peaceful Valley Camp Cris Dobbins:** Cris Dobbins does provide tents on a wooden platform for youth and adults. **No cots are provided.** Latrine facilities are in each campsite with hot showers. Adult showers are provided for adults only at the shower house in St. Joe's, Gilwell Hall or the Pool locker room. A dining fly and picnic tables are provided.



There is a ADA campsite for those that need it. Please contact the Camping Registrar and Camp Director if this campsite is desired.

**Peaceful Valley Camp Dietler:** Camp Dietler **DOES NOT PROVIDE TENTS!** Campsites have a latrine facility and hot showers. A dining fly and picnic tables are provided.

**Peaceful Valley Magness Adventure Camp:** Tents, a wooden platform and two cots with a pad are provided. You are also welcome to bring your own tents and/or cots if you desire. Indoor bathroom facilities with hot showers are provided nearby at the "shelter" you are assigned.

### *Dining and Food Service*

**Tahosa:** Our dining hall provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner for EaglePoint participants as well as Tahosa Trek and Alpine Adventure participants while they are in camp. You have the option to eat in the dining hall, cook in your own campsite, or do a combination of dining hall and campsite cooking. If eating in the dining hall, units are expected to help with clean-up. For campsite cooking, the unit must provide supplies including cleaning materials. The camp only provides food for campsite cooking. There is no campsite cooking on Sunday, Friday dinner or Saturday morning.

**Peaceful Valley Cris Dobbins:** Our dining hall provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner for all campers.

**Peaceful Valley Camp Dietler & W.E.S.T.:** Food is to be picked up by Scouts at the Commissary and taken to the campsite. All meals are cooked, consumed and cleaned in the campsite. Staff will provide guidance to cooking, but adults are encouraged to also provide guidance to Scouts.

**Peaceful Valley Magness Adventure Camp:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in your assigned "shelter".



6 Campsite Cooking at Camp Dietler

**Special Diets:** For those with special diets, please fill out the "Special Diet Request Form" and submit at least three weeks prior to arriving at camp to [Jara@KandleDining.com](mailto:Jara@KandleDining.com). The form is online at [www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Camps](http://www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Camps).

**Scouts, BSA:** In accordance with BSA National policy, effective February 1, 2019 the program previously known as “Boy Scout” will transition to “Scouts, BSA.” In keeping with the spirit of Scouting, all Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch and Tahosa High Adventure Base programs will be open to all registered Scouts beginning February 1, 2019. We will not be hosting any weeks exclusively for male or female participants, though **male and female units will not be permitted to stay in the same campsite**. Every possible attempt will be made to accommodate linked troops needs and desires to be in the same part of camp, but they will not be permitted to stay in the same campsite at the same time.

**Participant Requirements:** All Scouts, leaders and adult volunteers need to be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. This membership could be through a Scouts, BSA Troop, Venturing Crew, district or council level position. All Scouts participating in Alpine Adventure or COPE-High Ropes (at Tahosa) activities must be at least 13 years old and First Class by June 1st of the participation year. Expectation is that all participants are in good physical and mental health for any of the camp programs and conform to the BSA height and weight requirements for high adventure programs.

**Uniforms:** Campers are requested to wear full Field Uniforms to evening flags and dinner. Activity Uniforms or Scout-appropriate clothing is appropriate for breakfast and day time activities.

**Registered Adults:** Following the policy from the Boy Scouts of America: All adults (including parents) visiting camp must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. This includes visitors staying overnight.

**Damage to Camp Equipment and Facilities:** Each unit is responsible for taking care of camp equipment assigned to them and leaving the campsite better than found. The unit is responsible for all costs for repairs or replacement of damaged equipment. You and your campsite host will jointly inspect all equipment when you arrive and when you leave. Vandalism is a criminal offense and a fine will be assessed. Charges will be based on the repair or replacement costs estimated by the Camp Ranger.



**Adult Leadership:** The Denver Area Council requires “two-deep” adult leadership for all units. Two deep leadership is for the protection of both youth and adult participants. Both adult leader must be 21 years of age or older by the time the unit arrives. Per Colorado law regarding Child Care, there must be one adult for every ten youth with a minimum of two adults. **Additionally, all youth must be supervised 24/7 by a fingerprinted/background checked staff member. Staff tents will be in each campsite. Parents can supervise their own children, but not other children. Please help us in following the policy and ensuring youth are always being supervised by camp staff.**

**Youth Protection Training:** All adult participants, including your volunteer parents, are required to be current in Youth Protection Training. **Please bring a valid Youth Protection Training certificate to check-in.** You can complete Youth Protection Training online through the Online Learning Center at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org).

**Anti-Harassment Policy:** Denver Area Council Camps enforces a zero-tolerance policy. Denver Area Council and Boy Scouts of America prohibit language or behavior that belittles or puts down any person. This policy includes: unwelcome sexual advances, racial slurs, chastisement for religious or other beliefs, and any derogatory actions or comments. Any form of hazing, initiations, ridicule, or inappropriate teasing is prohibited. The consequence for any of these actions will result in, but are not limited to immediate removal from camp property and involvement of local law enforcement.

**Sleeping arrangements:** Youth and adults must sleep in separate tents. A parent may share a tent with his/her son or daughter, but not with other youth. All youth must have at least one tent mate per state law and Youth Protection guidelines.



**Showers:** All youth and adults must shower separately. Males and Females must shower separately. Separate shower schedules should be established for the campsite or the shower facility. Schedules must be posted outside of the showers.

**Language:** Verbal abuse, discriminatory or derogatory remarks, belittling, extreme sarcasm, and off-color conversation or jokes are not tolerated, from youth or adults.

**Discrimination:** Facilities owned and operated by the Denver Area Council, BSA, are equal opportunity facilities that do not discriminate on basis of age, sex, color, race, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, national origin or religion. All participants shall observe this code while on property.

**Leader Conduct:** Scouters should avoid unnecessary or inappropriate physical contact with Scouts. Two-deep leadership is required. If you feel a one-on-one meeting is needed, please hold it in a public setting. All leaders must be aware and follow the Youth Protection Guidelines.

**Discipline and Treatment:** Corporal punishment or intimidation tactics are strictly prohibited. Campers will not be handled roughly, struck, or shaken. Separation will be brief and appropriate to the age and circumstance, and in a safe and comfortable place within hearing distance of an adult. You may not deny a camper a meal as a form of punishment.

**Abuse Reporting:** Colorado law requires all Scouts and Scouters to report any good faith suspicion of child abuse or neglect. Inform the Camp Director and/or Camp Ranger/Superintendent immediately. They will proceed in accordance with legal requirements and BSA policies and assist you in reporting to proper authorities.



**Tobacco:** Denver Area Council camps are a tobacco free environment. Scouters are prohibited from smoking, using smokeless tobacco, or e-cigarette devices in the presence of Scouts and on camp property. If you do use tobacco you must go off property. Youth under 18 years of age may not use tobacco products at any time.

**Do Not Bring to Camp:** Please do not bring firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, marijuana or marijuana products, animals/pets and fireworks. Additionally, do not bring expensive items that may be damaged due to the nature of summer camp.

**Removal from Camp:** Denver Area Council reserves the right to remove any person from BSA property for violation of camp rules, DAC policies, BSA policies or local, state and federal laws. In some cases, local law enforcement may be contacted. All decisions are final and no refunds will be granted.

**Guest Policy:** Guest visits are encouraged, but staff will need to plan for their arrival. Please email [camp.tahosa@scouting.org](mailto:camp.tahosa@scouting.org) or [peaceful.valley@scouting.org](mailto:peaceful.valley@scouting.org) ahead of time. Additional fees apply to those guests who stay for meals. All guests staying on camp property overnight must provide Parts A, B, and C Health Form and must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. Please bring these forms when you check in at the Welcome Center. Day visitors - a person who is on property from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. must be a registered member of the BSA, and a health form (Parts A & B) is recommended but not required. **Meals for Visitors: \$6 Breakfast \$7 Lunch \$8 Dinner**  
**Day visitors must be off camp property no later than 9:00 p.m.**



## Vehicle Policy

During check-in or checkout, **one vehicle per unit** will be allowed to drive on the service roads to the campsite to drop a trailer or any oversized gear. All vehicles must be returned to the parking lot. Absolutely no non-camp vehicles are allowed to drive into the campsites or off the main roads at any time.

**If a Scout or adult leader has special mobility needs, a permit can be obtained from the camp Health Officer to drive the individual around camp. In order to receive a permit, you must have a state issued handicap placard or a doctor's note, NO EXCEPTIONS! The driving rules are below, and any violation of these may result in your permit being revoked and may result in fines to your unit.**

- Vehicles must stay on roadways and MAY NOT be driven directly into the campsite.
- Each occupant of a vehicle should have a proper seat and use a seat belt.
- Drivers of vehicles must be at least 18 years of age, with a current driver's license.
- Follow all posted speed limits. At all times, use caution for the safety of campers.
- Scouts and leaders are prohibited from riding in the back of pickup trucks or trailers, riding on bumpers, top of vehicles, etc.

Vehicles that have received a permit for a mobility need should only be used for the persons with that need (and a buddy if necessary for YPT compliance). It is not appropriate for unit leaders to provide a shuttle service for Scouts at camp. Remember, a Scout is physically fit, and driving Scouts around encourages others to do the same which adds unnecessary traffic and risk.

**No vehicles (excluding permitted and camp vehicles) are allowed on the service road outside of check-in and checkout times. This policy also pertains to adults rotating throughout the week.** Please be aware that adults will not be allowed to drive up to their campsite if they are rotating during the week. Anyone checking in late or checking out early must hike their gear between their car and campsite, so please pack accordingly.

Campers and motor homes may be permitted to stay at camp only in select areas at Peaceful Valley. The main area is Winchester Flats at Camp Dobbins. In select cases, a camper may be allowed in the lower Dietler lot or one of the Magness shelter lots. However, management reserves the right to deny use of these lots at any point. There are no hookups or dumping stations. We strongly encourage only participants and visitors with extreme needs to utilize this option. Please contact the Ranch Director, Will Corcoran at [will.corcoran@scouting.org](mailto:will.corcoran@scouting.org) before you arrive at camp.

Scouts and adults are prohibited from riding in the bed of pickup trucks or on/in trailers. Each occupant of a vehicle must have a proper seat and use a seatbelt.



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## Youth Protection Policy Information



**It is required that all adults attending camp have taken the Youth Protection Training.**

Colorado Law and BSA policy mandates that camp staff, adult volunteers and all other members of the Boy Scouts of America are mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect. Abuse can include adult on youth and youth on youth contact.

While we do not wish or anticipate any abuse to occur at camp, in rare instances it happens. Please follow the guidelines below.

### **If you suspect child abuse or neglect at summer camp:**

You are a mandated reporter as a member of the Boy Scouts of America. You must take the following steps. You may not designate someone else to do this for you. Child abuse or neglect suspicions can be from home (and noticed while at camp) or can occur at camp from adult on youth or youth on youth scenarios.

- 1. Ensure that everyone is safe before doing anything.**
- 2. Notify the Camp Director and/or Camp Ranger/Superintendent immediately.** They can assist you in this process, but you must still make the report.
- 3. Notify the local Law Enforcement Agency**  
Tahosa: Boulder County Sheriff's Office 303-441-4444 or 911  
Peaceful Valley: Elbert County Sheriff's Office 303-621-2027 or 911
- 4. Notify the Colorado Department of Human Services.** 844-CO-4-KIDS
- 5. Notify the Boy Scouts of America.** SCOUTS FIRST Helpline 844-726-8871

The Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America operates summer camping programs that are licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services. The license indicates that the program has met the required standards for the operation of a child care facility. The current license and most recent inspection is available for review in the camp office at both Camp Tahosa, Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch and the Council Service Center.

Additionally, if you would like to file a complaint about Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch (License #47810) or Tahosa High Adventure Base (License #25517) as it relates to Colorado Child Care Facility regulations, please contact the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood at 303-866-4511.

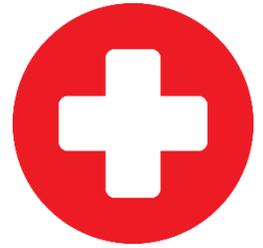
We all play a role in preventing **child abuse and neglect.**



**1-844-CO-4-KIDS**  
(1-844-264-5437)

## Health Information

Disclaimer: All participants are required to be in good physical condition and mental health. Tahosa Trek and Alpine Adventure (Tahosa) are very rugged, and their difficulty should not be underestimated! For the safety and enjoyment of the unit, crew and staff, overweight or out-of-shape individuals will not be allowed to participate. Individuals with back, neck, knee or other similar injuries may also be restricted. Please refer to the “BSA High Adventure Height and Weight Requirements” for more information.



## Health and Medical Records Checklist

- All youth participants must have a medical form with parts A, B, and C. Additionally, all youth must have the Colorado addendum and the **NEW Colorado Addendum (released early 2019)** filled out. Please attach a photo copy of the youth’s health insurance card. (Forms can be found at [www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Camps](http://www.DenverBoyScouts.org/Camps))
- All adult participants staying overnight must have a medical form with parts A, B, and C. Please attach a photocopy of the adult’s health insurance card.
- RECOMMENDED:** Day visitors should provide a medical form in case of emergency.
- Make a copy of all medical forms for both youth and adults. Copies cannot be made at camp, and the Denver Area Council will keep these records for designated amounts of time per Colorado law.

## Medications Checklist

- All youth who take medications including but not limited to prescribed medications, herbal supplements, vitamins and over-the-counter medications must have these listed on Part B of the medical form.
  - Part B must be signed by a licensed medical practitioner under the medications list.
  - Per Colorado law, all medications will be stored and dispensed by camp medical personnel.
  - All medications must be in original containers, marked with the Scout’s name and unit number. Only send dosages needed for the week.
    - Daily pill containers and any other containers are not allowed.
  - Medical Marijuana is not allowed and will not be dispensed per the Guide to Safe Scouting.
  - All youth who need to carry life-saving medications must complete the “Contract to Self-Carry”. This must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
  - RECOMMENDED:** The “Medication Administration Record” filled out prior to arrival.

## Pre-Camp Leader’s Meeting



- There will be a Leader’s Orientation Meeting held on **Saturday, April 27, 2019** during Scout Show. Time will be announced later. **Attendance by a unit representative is very important.** The camp management will go over any questions that leaders have regarding summer camp. If you are unable to attend, join us on Facebook Live! If your unit is unable attend, please feel free to contact Tahosa High Adventure Base or Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch with any questions not covered. Any questions emailed ahead of time will be covered during the meeting.
- [Peaceful.Valley@Scouting.org](mailto:Peaceful.Valley@Scouting.org) [Camp.Tahosa@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Tahosa@Scouting.org)

## Safety & Weather Considerations

Though safety is always emphasized at Denver Area Council Camps, not all accidents can be avoided, especially while in the backcountry on Tahosa and Alpine Adventure Treks. *If desired, participants can purchase a Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue (COR SAR) Card, which will cover the costs of a rescue from the backcountry if an accident occurs (Tahosa Trek or Alpine Adventure Only). The card may be purchased at any location that sells Colorado Hunting and Fishing Licenses. If you already have a Colorado Hunting or Fishing License, you are covered. (This is for Alpine Adventure and Tahosa Trek Only)*

**Weather:** The Colorado weather will pleasantly surprise you, as most of the days are sunny with a chance of brief thunderstorms in the afternoon. The humidity is low and nights are cool and good for sleeping. Storms are common in the afternoons and it is important to watch the skies because storms often come in quickly. Be careful to avoid being above timberline after noon (treks). Temperatures can range from a high of 80-90 degrees during the day to 40-50 degrees or cooler at night. Be prepared.

**Altitude:** All participants need to be aware of the additional challenges and dangers, which higher altitudes can create. At 10,000 feet, there is 30% less oxygen in the air than at sea level, and the lungs will have to work that much harder; the rise of 2-4,000 feet in elevation from Denver should not be underestimated. Individuals who are out of shape and/or smoke will notice a pronounced difficulty in breathing after strenuous activity. **Also, at higher elevations, UV rays are stronger and exposed skin is much more susceptible to these damaging rays. Sunblock needs to be worn always.** Other challenges caused by altitude include slower boil times for water, longer cook times, difficulty sleeping the first few nights, and the possibility of altitude sickness. Mountain or altitude sickness is a condition that affects some hikers at higher elevations (usually above 6,000 feet). Please note that Tahosa's altitude is approximately 9,000 feet and Peaceful Valley's elevation is around 7,000 feet. The most common symptom is a headache, often accompanied by nausea, dizziness and loss of coordination. Victims may also suffer slightly slurred or slowed speech, loss of appetite and insomnia. In its mild form, mountain sickness is not serious and sometimes can be alleviated with aspirin and an increased fluid intake. Descending one or two thousand feet will cause most symptoms to disappear. Please prepare your Scouts with an acclimation and hydration regiment 2-3 days before coming to camp.



7 Scouts on a Tahosa Trek

**Dehydration:** Symptoms include nausea, light-headedness, headaches, dizziness, weakness, or muscle cramps. Suggested prevention is drinking plenty of water; at least 4 quarts throughout the day. Water stops should be scheduled, and all are encouraged to drink, even if they are not yet thirsty.

**Hypothermia (for Tahosa Trek and Alpine Adventure):** Hypothermia is abnormally low core body temperature. As the core temperature drops, vital organs begin to shut down. Symptoms range from shivering in mild cases to unconsciousness in severe cases. Treat by warming the body from the inside with warm fluids to the outside with dry and warm clothing and blankets.

## Conservation and Leave No Trace (LNT)

Denver Area Council Camps strives to maintain the land we use by practicing these basic principles:

### Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to

Be clean in my outdoor manners,

Be careful with fire,

Be considerate in the outdoors, and

Be conservation minded.

### Leave No Trace

While at Camp, as well as in the backcountry, your unit will practice Leave No Trace principles.

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimize campfire impact.
6. Respect Wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors. Visit these websites for more info: [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) or [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)



8 *Sunset over Silver Lake at Peaceful Valley*



**Fires at Tahosa:** The Tahosa Ranger is responsible for all fires on property. The decision of having a fire ban at camp is based on information received from the Boulder County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Forest Service.



**Fires are strictly prohibited at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch.**



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# IN AN EMERGENCY

## WHEN YOU HEAR IT. DO IT.

 <p><b>Lockout</b></p>	<p><b><u>LOCKOUT! SECURE THE PERIMETER!</u></b>  <b>RADIO/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY. NO SIREN.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hikes/Cycling return to main camp area.</li> <li>• Do not travel between camps.</li> <li>• Nobody can leave the property.</li> <li>• Property gates are locked.</li> <li>• Business as usual.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Lockdown</b></p>	<p><b><u>LOCKDOWN! RUN! HIDE! FIGHT!</u></b>  <b>SHORT WAVY SIREN. (Flat “Evacuate Area” siren for all clear, assemble)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If possible, attempt to move away from threat by running into woods with a buddy or small groups.</li> <li>• If running is not possible, find a place to hide. Lock doors, turn off lights, stay silent and out of sight.</li> <li>• As a <b>last resort</b> and only if your <b>life is in danger</b>, do what you can to protect yourself</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Evacuate</b></p>	<p><b><u>EVACUATE AREA! REPORT TO ASSEMBLY POINT!</u></b>  <b>FLAT LONG SIREN.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather nearest personal belongings.</li> <li>• Report to the {<b>Camp Specific Area</b>}. If unavailable, secondary location: {Camp Specific}</li> <li>• <b>STAY OFF THE ROADS. USE TRAILS.</b></li> <li>• Group with unit.</li> <li>• Remain silent and follow directions.</li> <li>• <b>UNIT LEADER</b> take roll of unit, report using card system.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Shelter</b></p>	<p><b><u>SHELTER!</u></b>  <b>TORNADO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to Camp Shelter (<b>Camp Specific</b>) if possible. Use trails. <b>STAY OFF ROADS.</b></li> <li>• Group with troop, await further instructions.</li> <li>• <b>IF CANNOT MAKE IT TO SHELTER:</b> Lie flat in a ditch or depression. Report to Camp Specific when it is safe to do so.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>HEAVY RAIN/HAIL – RADIO/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT – No Siren.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take shelter in nearest building or tents. Stay inside, or under cover.</li> <li>• Do not walk in open areas.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>LIGHTNING/THUNDER STORM - RADIO/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT – No Siren.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take shelter in nearest building. Stay inside, or under cover.</li> <li>• Do not walk in open areas –return to main camp area.</li> <li>• Stay away of pool and lakes.</li> </ul>

**These are our general protocols.**

**Campers will be given specific locations/training on the first day of camp.**

### *How you can help!*

The Denver Area Council and Camp Staff strive to deliver a world class program while remaining fiscally responsible to help keep our fees down. There are many supplies we purchase frequently to run our program. While many of these items can be inexpensive on their own, together they can prohibit us from adding new camp features.

In Kind donations can greatly reduce expenditures and allow us to provide better experiences to those attending camp. *We respectfully request that all in kind donations be in new or "like-new" condition.*

If you or your unit wishes to contribute to camp, these are some of our frequent needs:

- ~ Fleece Blankets
- ~ Bike Repair parts (Chains, 17" tubes, patch kits)
- ~ Mountain Bikes
- ~ Dry Erase Boards (any size)
- ~ PFDs (adult and youth sizes)
- ~ Batteries (AA, AAA, 9V)
- ~ Twine
- ~ Fine Steel Wool
- ~ Paddles (For Canoes and Kayaks)
- ~ Pens, Pencils, Markers, Highlighters, Dry Erase Markers
- ~ Paper (Office, Lined, Construction)
- ~ General Office Supplies
- ~ Display Fixtures for Trading Post
- ~ Digital Cameras (Basic, for Photography MB classes)
- ~ Brooms (Straw, push)
- ~ Heavy duty storage totes
- ~ Boats
- ~ Boat repair supplies
- ~ Gravel/Road base
- ~ Rope
- ~ Equipment Sheds
- ~ Lumber
- ~ Tools
- ~ 4wd Pickup Trucks, SUVs, other vehicles
- ~ Benches



**Donations can be dropped off at the Hamilton Scout Headquarters during the off-season or at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch Headquarters or Camp Tahosa during the summer.**

**Our Scouts will appreciate your support!**