

Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation

Rules and Regulations

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Thank you for choosing Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation for your unit's camp-out. The information provided in this document will be useful during your visit to ensure you have the best possible experience at camp. Please keep in mind that Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation enforces the BSA Guidelines as outlined in the **"Guide to Safe Scouting"** to ensure a safe and enjoyable camping experience for everyone.

Adult Leadership Requirements: Each assigned leader is responsible for his or her unit and their actions while visiting camp. **The unit leader or event coordinator must check with the Camp Master upon arriving at camp, and the area must be checked out with the Camp Master prior to departure.** Units will be held responsible to cover any damage.

Check In: Upon entering camp there is a Welcome Pavilion where a large map of the camp is provided. Please first check in with the Camp Masters. The Camp Masters reside in the Camp Master Cabin which is located directly across from the Lassiter Building. Facing the Camp Loxahatchee Gateway – it is the building on the left. Camp Masters are very knowledgeable about camp and the Scouting program. They will be available to you and your unit the entire time you are in camp. They are here to support your program and protect the camp. Camp Masters are overseen by rangers who are charged by the Executive Board of the Gulf Stream Council to carry out the policies and procedures of the Council.

Camp Hours: Camp opens at 5pm on Friday and closes at 11 am on Sunday. Should you need an early arrival time or a later check-out time please contact the Camping Director to make arrangements. We will do our very best to accommodate your needs.

Campsite Assignments and Facilities: Every effort will be given to accommodating your Unit's request for a campsite; but, many factors may impact the final determination: special needs campers; Unit size; use of facility; and periodically we close a campsite for conservation purposes. If we alter your campsite from your reservation, we will contact you prior to your arrival to camp. BSA Guidelines are followed when utilizing any facilities in the camp to ensure proper supervision and safety precautions are followed. Reservations for use are arranged through the Council Service Center prior to your visit.

Paperwork Due at Check In:

1. Unit Roster
2. Training Certifications to utilize facilities which require them (Pool, Canoes, Ranges, etc)
3. Float plan if applicable
4. Health forms are required for every participant camping with the unit. Please ensure you have them.
5. Camp fees (which can be paid ahead of time on line). If bringing a check it should be made payable to Gulf Stream Council.

Check out: Check out is before 11 am on Sunday. A checklist will be provided when you check in. Units are responsible for helping to maintain the facilities at the camp. Remember the adage "leave it better then you found it". The Campmaster **must** check the campsite and facilities prior to unit departure. (Ask yourself: Would you be OK using the facilities in the condition you leave them?)

CAMP RULES

Accidents: In case of an accident of any type, the Camp Master (or Ranger) must be notified immediately.

Alcohol and Drugs: Alcoholic beverages including “near beer” and any type of recreational drugs are strictly prohibited. Also prohibited is the use of medical marijuana in any form.

Bathhouses: Please ensure that the bathhouses are kept in a clean condition. All units will be responsible for the cleanliness of the bathhouses and they will be checked out upon departure.

Boating: When using boats and canoes at both Camp Loxahatchee and Camp Clear Lake, ***life jackets must be worn at all times***. This means both youth and adults. Units must present certification for Safe Swim Defense for swimming, Safety Afloat and CPR or a BSA certified lifeguard to use boats or canoes. Boating and canoeing by Cub Scouts/Webelos Scouts can only be done at Clear Lake and must have the same certifications listed above. After use, please clean and return equipment to the proper place. Supervision ratio for Cub Scouts is one supervisor to five participants and for all other groups, one supervisor for 10 participants. A minimum of two adults for any group is required for supervision.

Buddy System: Please ensure that the buddy system enforced during your stay in camp.

Campfires: All campfires must be of split wood ONLY no lumber will be allowed. All fires in camp must be inside designated fire/cooking areas. Fires must be dead before leaving the campsite or going to bed. Certain times during the year the camp is under a “fire watch” due to dryness, lack of rain, etc. No fires will be permitted during this period. Cooking should be done on small cooking fires, charcoal or stoves.

Conduct: All Scouts and Scouters are expected to abide by the Scout Oath and Law. Rough housing, unruly conduct or bullying are not tolerated.

Firearms: Firearms, fireworks and archery equipment are forbidden in a wildlife refuge of which Tanah Keeta is one. Use of the ranges at Tanah Keeta is by special permit only, and must be operated under National Standard rules. No slingshots allowed. Pertinent certifications required are: Cub Scout BB Gun and Archery Range certification and/or NRA/NAA certified instructor, during council events only. There is a charge for the range and lost or broken arrows. No personal firearms allowed.

Shoes: Shoes must be worn at all times except in the shower, tent or bed. Please, closed toed shoes only - no open-toe shoes, sandals or flip flops.

Kitchen Use: Use of the kitchen requires Serve Safe Certification. Please read the rules posted in the kitchen carefully and follow the cleanliness guidelines.

Lost and Found: Items found during the weekend will be placed in the Lost and Found bin outside the camp office. When the weekend ends the valuable items will be transported to the Gulf Stream Council office for securing and the other items will be left in the bin in the camp office. Please contact the Camping Director in regards to lost items.

Machetes: Fixed blade knives (Sheath knives), Machetes or swords are not allowed on camp property.

Pets: No pets are allowed in camp, even on a leash. Service animals must be noted and pre-approved through the reservation process.

Recycling: As Boy Scouts we practice Leave No Trace. Recycling receptacles are located next to the dumpster. PLEASE use these for recycling and NOT for garbage. Please read the bins for a list of recyclable items.

Siren: If you hear the camp siren, report as indicated

- Long Blast (30 seconds or more) – assemble in the parade field. Use for Lost Camper, or assembly to give directions such as for evacuation.
- Short Blasts (10 seconds each) – report to the nearest building to take shelter from severe weather and lightning, preferably Lassiter Building, Dining Hall, Bath House Buildings.

Smoking: All buildings or facilities under control of the Gulf Stream Council are designated as non-smoking facilities. **Smoking is not allowed in the campsites, included e-cigarettes.** The only “smoking area” is in the main parking lot. Please try to keep smoking from the view of the youth.

Swimming: Swimming activities must be supervised by a responsible adult, 21 years of age or older. Safe Swim Defense or BSA Lifeguard certification must be presented. See aquatic rules. Hours for swimming are an hour after sunup to an hour before sunset.

Swimming Attire for all Scouting participants: Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional and modest. For males, swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate. Tight fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure are not allowed. For females, bikinis are not allowed. Modest tankinis or one piece swimsuits are appropriate.”

Trespassing: Scouts must not walk outside the boundaries of Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, as they will be trespassing.

Trash: Trash should be placed in plastic bags and deposited in the closed dumpster (the ones with the lids). If using any buildings, including the dining hall and kitchen, you must also take that garbage to the dumpster.

Vehicles must remain in the parking lot during your visit at Camp. Troop trailers may be parked at the campsite for storing equipment. All gear not in trailers should be hand-carried into campsites. At Camp Clear Lake, all vehicles and trailers remain in Clear Lake parking lot. No riding in back of pick-up trucks, trailers, tractors or golf carts.

Weather: If severe weather approaches, the Campmasters will open the buildings for shelter and seek shelter immediately. One indicator that severe weather is in the area is the signal of the golf course alarm which is audible in camp. If you hear the alarm, seek shelter.

Wildlife: As a wilderness area, Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation is home to an abundance of wildlife, some of which can be dangerous. Please be cautious and do not approach any wildlife. Contact the campmasters or rangers immediately if there is a threatening situation. Be advised that feeding, taunting or touching wildlife is prohibited.

**THESE RULES ARE SET FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR SCOUTS AND ALL OF OUR CAMPERS
THANK YOU, FROM THE GULF STREAM COUNCIL AND THE CAMP STAFF**

Any violation of rules may result in your removal from camp.