

# **CAMP THUNDER SUMMER CAMP EARLY AND LATE ARRIVAL POLICY**

## **Purpose:**

To make reasonable accommodations for units that have a need to arrive at camp before or after the official check-in period of **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Sunday** and to ensure the health and safety of all personnel on camp property at all times. Units that do not have a demonstrated need for early or late arrival at camp on Sunday between the hours of 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM local time.

## **Early and Late Arrival Criteria:**

Any unit that (1) must travel more than ten hours or (2) is for religious purposes required to arrive at camp on a day other than Sunday may *request approval* for a Saturday or Monday arrival.

Early and late arrivals are a significant burden for both the unit and the camp staff. While every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate units arriving early or late, priority will be given to the regularly scheduled camp activities and at times, early or late units will have to wait until resources are available.

If your troop proceeds to their campsite, please note that units not in their assigned tents will be asked to move. There will not be camp staffers around during this time to assist with questions as this is our camp staff's only day off before starting a new week. Our Camp Director will be on the premises at all times for emergency purposes.

**This request must be made via email or mail to Monica Clay**, at least four weeks prior to arriving at camp.

Do not contact the camp directly. Submit Early/Late Arrival requests to Monica Clay at:

**Email:** [lawhorn@scouting.org](mailto:lawhorn@scouting.org)

**Mail:** Flint River Council, 1361 Zebulon Road, Griffin, GA 30224 Attn: Camping Dept.

**Early Arrival Fee - \$10.00 per person**

## **Special Note:**

Arriving to camp Early or Late without notifying the camping department at least four weeks in advance will result in a **\$25.00 per person penalty.**

### Notes for Saturday Arrivals:

1. Camp is closed from 8:00 AM Saturday until 1:00 PM on Sunday. Saturday arrivals are expected to inform the camping department of their expected arrival time and be no earlier than 12:00 PM on Saturday.
2. When you are approximately 1-hour from camp or anticipate a delay with your arrival call the camp administration office at (706) 647-9539.
3. When you arrive to camp you must first check-in at Howard Lodge with the person who is on duty that day. A unit roster detailing who is in camp must be turned into the person on duty.
4. **\*\*ALL TROOPS MUST STILL CHECK-IN BETWEEN 1-3 PM ON SUNDAY.\*\***
5. Your troop will be escorted to their campsite where your tent assignment will be given to you. Units that move into their campsite without first checking with the tent assignment will be asked to move into the correct tents.
6. Troops are more than welcomed to utilize the shower house closest to their campsite. Please keep these areas tidy. (Leave No Trace.)
7. Troops are responsible for their own meals. The first meal provided by camp will not be until Dinner on Sunday. There are restaurants and stores nearby to accommodate you. Trading Post will not be open until Sunday afternoon.
8. Your troop is welcome to explore camp and familiarize themselves with the area provided that they do not enter or attempt to use any of the program areas. *This restriction includes but is not limited to the lake and waterfront area - NO EXCEPTIONS.* Accompanying adults are expected to properly supervise the youth in their care. It is suggested to keep your Scouts close to the campsite.
9. **The Health Lodge is closed until 1:00 PM on Sunday. There is no medical officer on camp from 8:00 AM Saturday until 1:00 PM Sunday. Adult leaders must be prepared to render first aid and handle medical emergencies as they would on any other troop outing up to and including calling 911 for emergency assistance. (Thomas Waggoner - Camp Director - (770)-287-4226)**
10. Only 1 vehicle per campsite is allowed for safety reasons. You may drive to your campsite STRICTLY for loading or unloading. Vehicles are to be parked in the camp parking lots.
11. In the event of an emergency, an on-duty staff member will be sent to your campsite with further instructions.
12. **Sunday Morning Arrivals before 1:00 PM:**
  - a. Troops arriving before 1:00 PM are requested to wait outside Howard Lodge until Check-in begins. Troops are asked not to proceed to their campsite until they have checked in and have their troop guide assigned. Leaders should be prepared with activities to occupy their Scouts prior to check-in. All Saturday arrival policies regarding food, first aid, vehicles and emergencies apply to all units arriving before 1:00 PM Sunday.

### 13. Sunday Late Arrivals:

- a. Troops arriving after 3:00 PM Sunday are considered to be late arrivals. Depending on the degree of lateness, swim checks and other check-in related activities may be delayed, which can impact all troops in camp later in the week. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate troops as they arrive however if a troop arrives during meal time, the campfire program or other camp-wide activities, their check-in will be delayed.

### 14. Monday Late Arrivals:

- a. Monday morning is the worst possible time to arrive at camp. Troops and staff are beginning a busy week of activities and do not have additional time or resources to accommodate check-in activities once the camp program begins on Monday morning. ALL TROOPS WITH ADVANCE APPROVAL TO CHECK-IN ON MONDAY MORNING MUST BE AT CAMP AND READY TO BEGIN CHECK-IN NO LATER THAN 8:00 AM. Troops arriving after this time on Monday will be accommodated as time and resources permit.
- b. All vehicles entering camp for a Monday check-in must be parked in a camp parking lot. A representative for the troop should walk to Howard Lodge to begin the check-in process. Scouts and leaders should plan to walk to their campsite. Staff will provide direction on moving your gear to your campsite. *Help us maintain a safe camp - DO NOT drive through camp.*

# Early/Late Arrival Request Form – Camp Thunder Summer Camp

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Week #: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Make sure the person listed is traveling with the unit.)*

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Person listed above)*

Requesting:            **Early Arrival**            **Late Arrival**

Reason for requesting Early/Late Arrival:

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