

CAMP TOMAHAWK 2018
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. What is Camp Tomahawk?

Camp Tomahawk is the Cub Scout Day Camp for The Capitol District, in the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It is an all-volunteer run Day Camp that has been in operation each summer since 1991. Camp Tomahawk follows all required standards under the Boy Scouts of America's National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP). Camp Tomahawk is inspected annually by independent evaluators and has received accreditation every year since inception. Campers are required to have an adult volunteer participate at least one day during camp to run activities or support Dens.

2. Where is Camp Tomahawk?

Camp Tomahawk is held at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, located at 1450 Generals Hwy, Crownsville, MD 21032. HOWEVER, please note that entrance for Camp Tomahawk is the “back entrance” off Crownsville Road, NOT Generals Hwy.

3. Directions to Camp Tomahawk

If you are coming from the North, you will take Rt. 97 (towards Annapolis) to the Crownsville exit (Rt. 178). Follow 178 to the Crownsville State Hospital and turn right onto Crownsville Road. Follow the road and you will see a sign for Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds on your left. Turn left onto the dirt road into the fairgrounds, bear right at the fork. You will see the camp as you come around the corner. (The back gate of the Fairgrounds is the only entrance for camp.)

If you are coming from the South (Annapolis Area) take Rt. 50 to Rt. 450 Crownsville (Exit 23). At the light go left on West Street. (This will turn into Rt. 178). Stay on 178 until you reach Crownsville State Hospital, Turn left at the hospital onto Crownsville Road. Follow the road and you will see a sign for Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds on your left. Turn left onto the dirt road into the fairgrounds, bear right at the fork. You will see the camp as you come around the corner. (The back gate of the Fairgrounds is the only entrance for camp.)

If you are coming from the southern part of the county, you may find it easier to take Riva Road to Truman Parkway. Turn right onto South Haven. This road becomes Crownsville Road at the intersection with Rt. 450. Pass the Renaissance Festival and the entrance to the fairgrounds will be on your right. Turn right onto the dirt road into the fairgrounds, bear right at the fork. You will see the camp as you come around the corner. (The back gate of the Fairgrounds is the only entrance for camp.)

4. What are the hours of Camp Tomahawk?

Camp Tomahawk hours are 8:30am – 4:45pm Monday – Thursday, and 8:30am – 2:45pm Friday. This is a change from prior years. Because the 4-Rivers Cub Scout Day Camp starts right after Camp Tomahawk, our camp must be packed up on Friday (we no longer have Saturday to pack up). If you are not able to arrange pick up for your camper at 2:45pm on Friday, no worries – we will have activities for those remaining. If you are able to come collect your camper and stay to help us pack up, we will be ever grateful!

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Campers can be dropped off beginning at 8:10am. Adult volunteers and Youth Aides should arrive no later than 7:45am. Adult volunteers that arrive at 7:45am should keep their campers/tag-a-long with them until the start of check-in time so that Den Leaders can get set up.

5. What is the drop-off procedure for campers?

Just like at school, Camp Tomahawk utilizes a “drop off” line for campers. Drop off begins at 8:10am. Car pools are strongly recommended as an effective way to reduce traffic. Upon entering the Fairgrounds from Crownsville Road, please follow the signs to your right to the bottom of the hill. You will be directed where to stop to drop off your camper, and then proceed up the hill and back out of the fairgrounds. Your camper will be directed to “Den Hill” to their den site. Den Leaders will sign in each camper. Den Leader Coaches will call parents if a scout has not been signed in by 1st rotation. If you have a Pre-K Tag or Tiger Tag with you, please do not use the “drop off” line and instead park in the designated parking area and walk your Tag-a-long to their designated location.

6. What are arrival times and procedures for adults and Youth Aides?

Adult and Youth Aides volunteering at camp should arrive by 7:45am. If you are an “all week volunteer” you should stop by the Registrar’s Table (near Admin) to sign in each morning. If you are a 1-4-day adult volunteer, you should stop by the Registrar’s Table to sign in and receive a wrist band with the color of the day. Please keep your camper and “tag-a-long” (Girls, Tigers, Pre-K Tags) with you until official drop off time beginning at 8:10am and then walk them to their assigned den/location.

7. I volunteered to help at Camp Tomahawk – what will I do?

Each adult volunteer will be placed in an Admin, Station, or Den role. Adults in Admin and Station roles are generally all week volunteers. Den Leaders are also typically all week volunteers. Adults request or are assigned to these roles early in camp planning. Adults that volunteer 1-4 days during camp will typically be assigned to help their child’s Den. They should come to camp on the day they registered to volunteer on and contact both their Den Leader and the Camp Registrar if they need to change their volunteer day.

8. Where should I park at camp?

If you are not using the drop off line, please park on the grassy hill on the right-hand side of the dirt road heading into camp. Please note that no vehicles except the designated camp vehicle and Quartermaster trucks are allowed in camp (past the drop off point) between 7:45am and 5:00pm.

9. Can I come visit my camper at Camp?

A visitor is anyone NOT pre-registered for camp. Visitors MUST register with Admin upon arrival. Visitors will show a Government ID to obtain a color-coded wristband while on camp property. Anyone seen in camp without the appropriate wristband will be IMMEDIATELY escorted to Administration to sign in.

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10. What are Camp Dens?

Just like in the Pack, camp dens are small groups of 8-12 boys of the same rank, but not necessarily from the same Pack. Several dens travel together in a rotation group to each activity during the day. Adult leadership of Camp Tomahawk Dens is provided by adult volunteers from the Packs making up the Den. Two deep leadership is always practiced. Your Den Leader should contact you at least one week before camp to give you more detailed and specific information about Camp Tomahawk.

11. What should I do about lunch for my camper?

Camp Tomahawk does not provide food for any camper. Please send an appropriate lunch and drink (no soda) for your camper, along with a bag of ice to keep the lunch cold. Please use plastic zip lock bags or similar waterproof packaging, all appropriately labeled with your camper's name, for lunches so they do not get wet. Lunches will be stored together in a cooler with the lunches of all other campers in their Den. Note that campers will have an hour for lunch, including a 30 minute "quiet time".

Camp Tomahawk does not provide snacks (although some healthy snacks will be available for purchase from the Trading Post). Note that some Den Leaders arrange with the parents of the campers in their Den to send in snacks each day for the Den. Please speak to your camper's Den Leader for more details.

12. What should I do about water/drinks for my camper?

Campers should be sent with a drink for lunch (no soda please). In addition, all campers and tags will be provided with a water bottle to use during camp. There will be plenty of fresh water stations around camp, and campers will be encouraged and rewarded for drinking water many times throughout the day. If the water bottle comes home with your camper at the end of the day, please be sure to send it back the next morning.

13. What should I do about lunch for myself as an adult volunteer?

Adults should bring their own lunch, water, and snacks. Please bring your own cooler with ice to keep your food cool. If you are at a Station you may want to coordinate with other Station staff on lunch plans. Station staff are welcome to have lunch with their camper during the lunch period.

14. What should I do about sunscreen for my camper?

Please apply sunscreen to your camper before they arrive at camp. You may also want to send your camper with sunscreen to reapply during lunch or other times during the day. Please consider sending spray sunscreen as Den Leaders are not able to assist in applying cream or liquid sunscreen to campers. If you will also be applying bug spray, be sure to apply bug spray after you apply sunscreen.

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15. What should my camper wear?

Every camper and all week tag-a-long will receive 2 t-shirts. Single day tags will receive 1 shirt. Shirts will be handed out by Den Leaders during the Sunday Orientation before camp. Please be sure that campers wear their assigned shirt each day. In addition to the t-shirt, campers and tags will receive a string bag, water bottle, and “bucket hat” of a certain color. The bucket hats represent the “travel group” so every camper must keep their assigned hat and wear it at all times – please be sure it comes back to camp each day. All persons in camp must wear closed-toe shoes (no sandals or flip flops).

16. What should adults who are volunteering in camp wear?

If you are an all week adult volunteer or a youth aide, you will receive an official camp shirt to wear while at camp. Please wear the assigned shirt each day. Adults who are volunteering 1, 2, 3 or 4 days should wear appropriate, comfortable, clothing that can get dirty and wet. 1-4-day adult volunteers will receive a colored wrist band each day to signify they are working in camp. Nobody should be in camp if they are not wearing the official shirt or color-of-the day wrist band. All persons in camp must wear closed-toe shoes (no sandals or flip flops).

17. Will my camper get wet? Dirty? Sweaty?

If we are doing our job properly, the answer is yes, yes, and yes! Campers will be participating a variety of activities throughout the day, some of which including running around, some of which include sitting or lying down, and some of which may include walking through mister tent or playing in fire truck spray.

18. What if my camper gets sick? What if my camper gets hurt?

Camp Tomahawk has several qualified medics in camp every day and has an established “Medic” area for treating minor illness and injury and administering approved medicines. The Camp Medic is under the direction of the Baltimore Area Council Health and Safety Officer. All injuries, however minor, will be reported to the camp medic. The Scout will go to the camp medic accompanied by his buddy and a scout aide. The Camp Medic has access to all of the medical forms submitted and will contact parents/guardians as appropriate when a camper is brought to the medic.

19. What will my camper be doing at camp?

There are many exciting activities at camp (called “Stations”). All campers will have an opportunity to participate in Archery, BBs, Scout Skills, Science & Nature, and “theme” related activities. Other “rank specific” activities that certain campers will have an opportunity to participate in include Fishing, Boulderling Wall, Slack line, Whittling, Wood burning, and Crafts. Special activities may be added during camp week.

In general, there are seven “rotations” each day. In other words, campers will rotate through seven different stations each day to participate in different activities.

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20. How can I find out about the Cub Scout achievements done at camp?

A list of activities offered at each station and the associated rank achievement will be listed on the www.camptomahawk.net website.

21. What is the Trading Post?

Parents may choose to send campers with small amounts of money to buy things from the Trading Post. A cash-based Trading Post will be open during camp hours for campers to purchase healthy snacks and drinks and small trinkets. There will be some “BSA branded” items to purchase as well.

22. What are these “coups” and beads that I hear my camper talking about?

During the week, the Scouts will be collecting beads for participating in different activities and stations, drinking water, telling jokes, etc. on a curly shoestring. They wear it all week strung on their hats, and often have contests to see who can collect the most. Coups are special awards added to the Den flag that show good spirit, good turns, and good scouts. The coups are earned by participating in opening, closing, camp-wide games, singing songs or giving Den cheers as you move to each station, and other spirit related activities.

23. Can my camper have a cell phone, DS, or other electronics at camp?

No. Electronics are prohibited at camp. Please also leave “fidget” toys and other personal toys at home. Campers will be fully engaged in camp activities all day, and we cannot be responsible for any lost items.

24. What if it rains at camp?

We can rain “liquid sunshine” and camp continues as planned. Some stations may have alternative “rainy day plans” but in general every camper will continue to each station as planned and participate in activities. If the weather forecast calls for rain you may want to send a poncho or raincoat with your camper to keep them somewhat dry. Please do not send umbrellas as they tend to be used as swords, get broken, or lost. We cannot be held responsible for any personal belonging that may get lost or damaged.

25. What if there is a thunderstorm at camp?

If there is a severe weather emergency evacuation, all Dens in camp, will move to the commercial building located on the fairgrounds. Camp activities will continue in place until the weather has passed.

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26. What if camp needs to be evacuated?

If a decision is made to evacuate camp due to extended severe weather that prevents continuing camp activities parents will be contacted to pick up their campers from the commercial building located on the fairgrounds. A notification will be send using Remind.com communication system. Follow signs to proceed into camp and to the commercial building to pick up your camper.

27. What is the pick-up procedure?

Parents should park in the designated parking area and walk to their campers Den location on “Den Hill” to sign out their camper. You may also make alternate arrangements with you Den Leader to meet at closing ceremonies to do check out. Regardless of location, please be sure to sign your camper out each and every day. Den Leader Coaches will call each parent of campers who have not been signed out at the end of the day.

28. What is the Sunday Orientation?

All campers and their adults should attend camp on Sunday June 17th from 3-5pm (please arrive early) for pre-camp activities: Find your Den/Meet your Den Leader, BB range safety training, archery range safety training, and general camp orientation. Attending this will shorten Monday morning prep and hopefully allow campers to get onto the shooting ranges more quickly. If your camper is not able to attend the Sunday Orientation, please let you Den Leader and Camp Administration know so that special arrangements can be made.

Youth Staff should also attend to the Sunday orientation to meet their station/den leaders, assist with orientation, and meet with their SPL and Scout Master.

29. What is Shooting Sports Training and Who Should Attend?

All adults and Youth Aides (Station Aides) who are working on a shooting sports range (Archery, BBs) must attend a required training on how to properly supervise Cubs on the ranges. This training is conducted by the District Shooting Sports Director, and the certification is good for 2 years. **For 2018, Shooting Sports Training will be held Saturday June 16th from 10am – 2pm.** Look for emails on this.

30. Camp Tomahawk Security

Everyone at Cub Scout Day Camp is pre-registered. The camp uniform of t-shirt and hat, visitor wrist band and signing in and out daily help ensure the safety of your child. Anyone at camp without the appropriate identifying apparel will be immediately escorted to the Administration Area to sign in. Yes, even if you are just dropping off or picking up your Scout outside of normal drop-off and pick-up times. All Cub Scouts and adults MUST observe the limits of the camp area, especially off-limits as defined by yellow caution tape. No one is to leave camp without checking out at the registration table in Administration.

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31. How do I submit required forms for Camp Tomahawk?

Campers, Tag-a-longs, Youth Aides, and All Week Adults should submit the BSA Health and Medical Form (Parts A&B only), Authorization to administer Prescription and Non-Prescription Forms, and a Transportation Form. These should be handed in via your Pack coordinator.

32. Who can I contact for more information?

The main camp email address is camptomahawkbac@gmail.com. This email will be checked regularly up to and during camp. In addition, you can contact camp administration as follows:

- Liz Folsom, Camp Director, 410-919-7252
- Andrea Scarano, Program Director, 443-370-6482

33. Get Text Message Updates During Camp Week

Camp ProTip: Stay informed - Text @Tomahawk18 to 81010 to enroll in text alerts for the week of camp.