

Family Camping Guidelines

- Camp Tapico is owned and operated by The Tall Pine Council - Boy Scouts of America as the long term resident camp for Scouts in Genesee, Lapeer, and Shiawassee Counties. At Tapico, you will find two square miles of diverse woodlands and a 110-acre lake (Grass Lake). Tapico is located six miles to the east of Kalkaska and 17 miles to the west of Grayling, just off M-72. The following guidelines must be followed.
- Complete the Camp Tapico Family Camping Reservation Form and submit it to the Tall Pine Council Scout Service Center at least 2 weeks before your arrival.
- All family campers must have a completed Annual Health & Medical Record form on file at the Health Lodge.
- The family camping fee is \$15.00 per family per evening, electrical use is extra. Purchase your ticket from the Camp Clerk at the Administration Building. The Family Camping Area is located along the lake, southeast of the High Adventure Building.
- Always sign in and out at the Administration Building. It is critically important that the camp leadership be able to locate all persons at Camp Tapico in the event of an emergency.
- Pick up a Site Book from the Camp Clerk at the Administration Building. Familiarize yourself with it.
- All personal vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot, located 50 yards to the east of the Administration Building. **Driving in camp is not allowed.**
- The Trading Post provides a full selection of souvenir and comfort items for sale during the week. Examples of such include: mugs, T-shirts, belts, flashlights craft items, soap, toothpaste, ice cream, candy hats, etc.
- Visitors are encouraged to eat with units in the campsites. The cost of visitor meals per person is \$5.00 for breakfast, \$5.00 for lunch, and \$5.00 for dinner, premium dinners are \$8.00. Purchase your tickets from the camp clerk at the Administration Building. Give this ticket to your host unit to present to the commissary for pick up of food.
- You can pay for meals in advance using the Camp Tapico Family Camping Reservation Form.
- Due to strict Boy Scouts of America youth protection measures, the following policies must be adhered to with **no exceptions**. The camp shower located on the main trail to the Waterfront is designated strictly for male campers.
- The camp shower located near the Administration Building is designated strictly for male campers over the age of 18. Female showers are also located near the Administration Building. We regret the inconvenience, but **posted shower hours must be observed**.
- First aid treatment is available at the Health Lodge from a qualified Health Officer. All medication must be turned in to the health officer to comply with State of Michigan laws. All injuries and illnesses must be reported to the health officer immediately.
- The camp has primitive campsites for trailers or tents. **Families will not be allowed to camp in troop sites with Scouts.**
- A list of commercial accommodations and public campsites near Camp Tapico can be found by contacting the Kalkaska County Chamber of Commerce at 231-258-9103.

- Adults should have on file Proof of DHS 194 form on file. Families should have Troop Scoutmasters Permission to Attend.
- We regret that we do **not** have adequate camp facilities or staffing to open all program areas to visitors.
- Visitors are encouraged to explore the common areas of Camp Tapico during program hours, but the nature of some areas require that they be off limits. Unless you meet the required standards.

Off Limit Areas are:

- C.O.P.E. Course (high ropes course)
- Climbing Tower
- Grass Lake (for swimming and boating purposes)
- Rifle Range
- Archery Range
- Any closed program area
- Staff Housing (unless invited)

Fires must be built only in designated areas under adult supervision. Propane cylinders and cans must be stored under lock and key. Empty cylinders and cans must be presented to the camp ranger for disposal. **Absolutely: no flames in tents, unattended fires, or fireworks.**

Reminders

- Red flags and fences warn of the Rifle Range and Archery Range. Stay clear at all times.
- Alcoholic beverages, pets, fireworks and illegal drugs are never permitted in camp.
- Children must have adult supervision at all times.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Exception are beach, shower and football field
- No horseplay.
- No loud music.
- There is no smoking in front of Scouts. There is a designated smoking area behind the maintenance building.
- No littering.
- Remain within the camp boundaries. Unless signed out.
- Report missing person situations to the camp clerk at the Administration Building.
- Respect the privacy of your neighbors.
- Lost and found is at the Administration Building.
- Failure to comply with Camp Tapico policies is grounds for immediate dismissal from camp, without a refund.
- Family Camping is available at Camp Tapico on a year round basis. Contact the Scout Service Center at 810-235-2531 for details on reservations and required paperwork.
- Please direct all questions and concerns to the camp clerk at the Administration Building. If still not satisfied, seek out the camp director. Have a safe and enjoyable stay at Camp Tapico!