



Camp Shenandoah Facility Rental Guide

The Virginia Headwaters Council, Boy Scouts of America, welcome you to Camp Shenandoah. Our camp and facilities are available for rent by Scout units, groups, organizations and individuals. From primitive campsites to bunk cabins to our conservation focused Boundary Trail, Camp Shenandoah is a rustic and natural destination for a weekend getaway.

This Guide introduces you to the many and varied camping opportunities. You can make your reservation with the form located on the final two pages in this Guide.

If you have specific questions about facility rental, please contact our Service Center at director@campshenandoah.org or by phone at (540) 943-6675.

**Camp Shenandoah, Virginia Headwaters Council, BSA
222 Boy Scout Lane
Swoope, Virginia 22479**

Camp Shenandoah Facility Rental Options

Check-In

Weekends are considered Friday 6:00PM—Sunday 11:00AM.

Check-in: Friday: 5:00PM—8:00PM or Saturday: 8:00AM—10:00AM.

Payment may be made in advance by calling our Service Center at 540-943-6675 or pay on arrival by cash or check.

Non VAHC Scout units are required to provide a certificate of insurance naming the Virginia Headwaters Council as a co-insured for a minimum of \$1 million.

If additional medical/wellness information is required we will advise with your confirmation.

Check-out is 11:00AM after walk through inspection with the Ranger or Camp Master.

Campsites

Fifteen sites, most within a ten minute walk from the parking lot. Each site has at least one pavilion, latrine, campfire ring, flag pole and space for a minimum of twenty tents. A few sites have year round water, most do not from October to March. Trash disposal is provided.

Cabins

Ten cabins are available for weekend rental (August - May). Each cabin features four bunks to sleep up to eight. All cabins have bunk mattresses, at least two windows, electricity, ceiling fan/light and porch light.

Boundary Trail

Exploring our five mile Boundary Trail is encouraged for all our guests. Ask our Ranger or Camp Master for a map and follow the blaze markers. The majority of the trail is rated as an easy hike.

Dining Hall & Kitchen

Our Dining Hall seats 340, tables and chairs are provided. The hall is available for dining, instruction or inclement weather shelter.

If interested in using our kitchen, please let us know your needs. Appliances such as walk in freezer and coolers, reach in refrigeration, ovens, gas stove may not be available. Cookware and utensils for meal preparation and dining are included.

Please see additional Special Use Requirements on page 5.

Shelters

Handicraft: large open sided shelter with fireplace, electricity and lighting.

Scott Nature & Conservation Center: open sided porch and enclosed facility. Limited solar power.

STEM: open sided shelter.

Eppard: open sided shelter by Parade Field. Electricity and lighting available.

Canoes

Canoes are available for use on our Hope Lake. PFDs must be worn and are available for those without. Scout units are required to present evidence of current Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense. Please see additional Special Use Requirements on page 5.

Shooting Sports

Camp Shenandoah boasts four ranges: Archery, Rifle, Shotgun/Skeet and Chalkball. We require a Virginia Headwaters Council NRA certified Instructor/RSO on a range anytime in use. This is an additional expense not included in rental. Firearm rental and ammo purchase is also available. Please see additional Special Use Requirements on page 5.

Camp Shenandoah Facility Use Policies

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT: Units or groups must check in with either the Ranger or Campmaster upon arrival to review the usage policy, rules for use and activities scheduled for the weekend.

Friday check-in time is 5PM—8PM. Saturday: 8AM—10AM. Sunday check-out is 9AM—11AM.

CAMPING: Units must camp at the site designated by the Council or Ranger on site during the use. Do not remove items from the campsites or move the platforms.

HIKING: Units hiking on camp property should stay on trails and avoid damaging vegetation along the route of the hike. Extra caution should be used during hunting season. It is suggested that you wear bright colored clothing and stay on Camp property. Ask us for information if you want to hike our Boundary Trail.

FIRES: Unless noted, fires are allowed in camp but only in the designated fire rings of campsites. Firewood foraged from ground must be used. No felling of any trees, alive or dead is allowed. Fires must be completely extinguished after use. Never leave fires unattended! Do not bring outside wood into camp— this is a violation of Virginia Code.

NOISE: We want Camp Shenandoah to be a restful environment where your activities will be enjoyed by all. Therefore, all campers should respect others by limiting noise from “lights out” at 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM in the morning.

VEHICLES IN CAMP: The roads at Camp Shenandoah limit the operation of most vehicles with low clearance. Vehicles will be permitted to drive to and from the designated campsite to drop equipment/gear. Unit trailers are allowed to remain at the campsite along with the vehicle that pulled it.

WILDLIFE: Camp Shenandoah is over 450 acres, largely mountain forest and wilderness with a large wildlife population. Please respect our wildlife and do not capture, touch, corner or harass any animals. Keep in mind that having food of any type in your tent or in your campsite is an invitation for animal guests. If you encounter any wildlife, please slowly recede from their environment. Report any dangerous wildlife to the camp office or Ranger. You may hear a distant coyote howl late at night. Black Widow spiders have been observed. Also, there are a variety of snakes on our property: this includes venomous Eastern Timber Rattlesnakes and Copperheads. If you observe a snake, report it to the Ranger or Camp master. Do not attempt to capture, relocate or kill any snake. Fishing at Hope Lake is catch and release, unless other arrangements are made in advance.

DRINKING WATER: There is limited access to potable water during the winter camping season (October to April). Stewart, Coty and Gilkeson campsites are winterized and have potable water available.

ELECTRICITY: There is limited access to electricity. Campsites do not have electricity. If you need access, please check with Camp master or Camp Ranger for availability.

TELEPHONE/CELLULAR SERVICE: There is a phone available at the Camp Office but we ask that you do not make long distance phone calls from this phone. There is limited cellular service throughout camp available through most providers.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL: We ask visitors to collect and maintain their own trash. You are expected to bag your own trash and place in dumpsters off the maintenance road near the Dining Hall.

WATERFRONT: BSA units may swim in the designated areas at the waterfront with prior approval. The unit leader must have current Aquatics Supervision Training. All BSA Safe Swim Defense rules will be followed.

WATERCRAFT: Units with prior approval may use or bring their own canoes or rent at camp, if available. The unit leader must have current Paddle Craft Safety and Safety Afloat training and all rules must be followed. Units may use their own watercraft if safe and properly maintained and the unit leader has current Safety Afloat Training. All BSA Safety Afloat rules must be followed.



CAMP SHENANDOAH

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Facility Use Application

Type of Group:

BSA # Pack: ___ Troop: ___ Crew: ___ Council name: _____

Other Group Name: _____

Name of Person Applying: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: ___ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - _____

Facility Request:

Rentals are unavailable during summer resident camp from June 1—August 1.

All or portions of the camp may be unavailable from August—May for council or district organized Scout activities.

Arrival Date: ___/___/___ Approximate Arrival Time: _____ Day Use Only? _____

Departure Date: ___/___/___ Approximate Departure Time: _____

Approximate Number of Individuals Attending: _____ Adults: _____ Youth: _____

Completing Your Reservation Request:

1. Please make your selections on the next page.
2. Calculate the total and enter it on the next page and below.
3. Scout units outside of Virginia Headwaters Council need a Certificate of Insurance from their council.
4. Facility Use Policy Non-BSA groups must complete a Letter of Agreement, Hold Harmless Statement and submit a Certificate of Insurance within 10 days of making the reservation.

RESERVATION TOTAL FEES (from Rates next page): \$ _____

As the adult leader making this reservation on behalf of my group, I have read and agree to all terms and conditions in this guide. Please present this form and other requested forms when you check-in.

Signature

Date

Office Use Only

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____

Approved: _____ Declined: _____ Date Payment Entered: _____



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2020 Rates	VAHC Troops	Other Groups	
Campsites			
Weekend, regardless of number	\$25	\$50	\$ _____
Weekend with Shower house	\$45	\$75	\$ _____
Cabins - 8 bunks			
Weekend	\$60	\$100	\$ _____
Facility Rentals			
Dining Hall & Staff Lounge	\$50	\$80	\$ _____
Kitchen	\$100	\$140	\$ _____
Handicraft Shelter			
One Day	\$20	\$30	\$ _____
Weekend	\$40	\$60	\$ _____
Scott Nature & Conservation Center			
One Day	\$30	\$60	\$ _____
Weekend	\$60	\$90	\$ _____
STEM or Eppard Shelter			
One Day	\$20	\$30	\$ _____
Weekend	\$40	\$60	\$ _____
Shooting Ranges			
BB guns *	\$50/hour/ 8 persons	\$100/hour/ 8 persons	\$ _____
Archery/Rifle/Shotgun *	\$80/hour/ 8 persons	\$100/hour/ 8 persons	\$ _____
Canoes	\$5 each/day	\$10 each/day	\$ _____
Swimming Area	Closed. Call for information & rates		
Refuse/Dumping Fee			\$ _____

* Ammunition available for purchase. A VAHC instructor is required on site. Separate fee applies.

Calculate Total Fees, Enter Here and on the Previous Page in the Space Provided: \$ _____