

Ockanickon Adopt-a-Site Program

Ockanickon Scout Reservation is home to 16 campsites, each with a unique set of features. The Ockanickon Adopt-a-Site Program is designed to allow units better accessibility to camp while providing a lasting benefit to the Council facilities by taking over some of the burden of maintenance. The unit would be required to complete satisfactory work as described. For all work, the Ranger would provide guidance as well as the necessary materials. In return, the unit receives special camping privileges and priorities to include:

1. Two free camping weekends in the adopted site (Designed for one to be a work weekend and the other a fun weekend)
2. Tier one pricing through the tier two deadline for Scouts BSA resident summer camp at Ockanickon
3. Priority to renew the Adopt-a-Site agreement for the same site in the following year
4. Signage within the site denoting the Unit that is adopting (In accordance with camp branding initiative)

Required every year:

1. Restore fire pit between summer seasons
 - a. Includes removing and spreading the ash in accordance with Leave No Trace
 - b. Restructuring the fire ring rocks as necessary to maintain appropriate sized fires and prevent trip hazards
2. Repair tent platforms
 - a. The platform outriggers secured or replaced as needed
 - b. The floorboards inspected and replaced as needed
 - c. Blocking supports to level the platform inspected and repaired as needed
3. Trim overgrowth away from tent platforms and Adirondacks
4. Clear all roofs of debris to prevent nesting animals/insects
5. Maintain campsite sign to include arch and adopt a site recognition

You must complete 2 of these each year:

1. Putting up summer camp tents
 - a. Putting up tents occurs April or May
2. Taking down summer camp tents
 - a. Taking down tents is after the last week of summer camp in August and before October
3. MULCH prior to the summer season in the spring. The campsites take a lot of abuse especially when we have a wet summer
4. Weed whack the site in May
5. Create a stockpile of split wood for the site to use

You must complete 1 of these each year

6. Ensure water supply and drainage lines are not a tripping hazard
 - a. Either trenching the line a few inches underground in any place a scout would walk (preferred method) or routing lines around site boundaries
 - b. This needs to be done between September- April while the seasonal system is shut down
7. Adirondack bunk repair
 - a. adjust the side walls of upper bunks to comply with new BSA requirements
8. Adirondack roof repair
 - a. May involve roofing cement or replacing shingles
9. Picnic table repair
10. Flood control
 - a. Some sites flood or have creeks form when it rains. Work with Ranger to develop a water management plan and then implement the plan
11. Mark designated trailer parking spots with signs, & logs or rocks
12. Repair or improve the site sign/arch. Consult with the Ranger for color, font, materials, and size requirements.
13. Repair site pavilion
14. Maintain flag pole
15. Add spot for troop flag and American flag at arch/sign
16. Any other projects approved by the Ranger

Additional Details:

The adopting Unit does not obtain any ownership or priority/ privileges outside of the ones outlined above. The adopting Unit must agree to the "adoption contract" each calendar year. The readoption will take place in January of each year regardless of when a Unit decides to adopt. A Unit will have the approval for signage and summer camp privileges after the "required each year" section is fulfilled. All projects, to include the ones above, must be discussed for scope and size with the Ranger. All signage must be approved by the Ranger. There is no monetary contribution required; all projects will be conducted with Council resources and funding. If a donation of funds, supplies, or other resources is made, it is just that, a donation and becomes property of the Council. All priorities and privileges are nontransferable and cannot be applied to an individual.

If your unit would like to participate or you have any questions please contact Ockanickon Ranger Jim Donelson by email james.donelson@scouting.org or call 252-621-8205.

Unit number _____ Campsite adopting _____

Scoutmaster _____ date _____ Senior Patrol Leader _____ date _____

OSR Ranger _____ date _____