



Camp Firewood Policy

The Scouting movement has the important responsibility of helping to protect and preserve our natural environment. Because of the spread of the invasive **Emerald Ash Borer**, the US Forestry Department and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has regulated the transportation of firewood across state and county lines. The Dan Beard Council has developed the following policy to help protect our council camps.

- It is illegal to transport firewood into camp from a quarantined area. The Dan Beard Scout Reservation is located in Clermont County, Ohio. Camp Michaels is located in Boone County, Kentucky.
- At the time of this writing quarantined counties in Ohio include: Allen, Auglaize, Butler, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Ottawa, Paulding, Sandusky, Seneca, Union, Warren, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot counties. *It is almost certain that more counties will be added soon.*
- It is also illegal to transport firewood out of Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.
- **We encourage Scouts to practice the age-old activity of collecting firewood in the woods around camp.** There are always plenty of downed limbs and trees that make for great firewood, while teaching Scouts an important outdoor skill.
- There are several vendors of firewood near the Dan Beard Scout Reservation and within Clermont County. If you would like to bring in firewood into camp, we recommend purchasing it from these nearby locations:
 - Miamierville Firewood on SR 126 (.25 miles from camp) – (513) 248-8669
 - Kroger at Branch Hill Guinea and Loveland-Miamierville (1.5 miles from camp) – (513) 697-4800
 - Meijer on SR 28 in Milford (3.5 miles from camp) – (513) 576-5500
- A limited amount of firewood may be available at camp for use. This is not guaranteed, however, you are welcome to call the Camp Ranger office at (513) 831-8311 prior to your arrival to check on firewood availability.
- If you are interested in purchasing firewood near Camp Michaels, you can contact Joe Anglin at (859)384-1232 or Daniel Zembrat at (859)384-3287.
- Construction materials may not be used as firewood. Skids, crating or pallet materials may not be used as firewood. This is for safety, as many of these materials are treated with chemicals or contain nails.
- Spars that have been stripped and lacquered or finished are permissible.
- To learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer and to see how you can help slow the spread of this threat to our forests, please visit <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/5066/Default.aspx>.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Jason Pigg, Lead Ranger, at (513) 831-8311.

Thank you for your part in helping to protect our camps!