



## *Dan Beard Scout Reservation Vehicle Policy*

### **Purpose:**

*To better serve the campers, Scouts, and visitors to the Dan Beard Scout Reservation, council has adopted the following policy regarding the use and presence of vehicles on the property. Driving in camp is a privilege given when absolutely necessary. The purpose of this policy is to:*

1. Ensure the safety of all visitors and wildlife on the property – the camp service roads are also the main walking paths through camp, making vehicles a hazard to pedestrians.
2. Protect the property – vehicles are a major source of damage to the gravel roads, grounds, and structures at camp. Limiting traffic is the best way to prevent unnecessary damage.
3. Provide security – a standard policy for all vehicles in camp will assist the staff and volunteers managing the property in determining if a vehicle is authorized to be on the property.

### **Policy:**

*All persons that wish to drive a vehicle beyond the parking lot areas and through the camp gates must adhere to these policies:*

1. All vehicles must display a “DBSR Camp Vehicle” placard or pass on the windshield. There are three acceptable passes:
  - a. A permanent, blue plastic placard for camp service and maintenance vehicles.
  - b. A temporary, red paper pass stating the date of authorized usage for vehicles using the property for short-term usage such as event set-up, equipment pick-up, or camp tours.
  - c. A temporary, blue plastic handicap placard for persons determined to need a vehicle when using the property.
2. Vehicle passes will be requested from and authorized by the Camp Rangers, Campmasters, and the Camping Executive. Passes must be secured before entering the property.
3. Vehicles determined to be unsafe or unfit for usage on camp property may be denied a vehicle pass. This determination is up to the discretion of the Camp Rangers and Campmasters.
4. Scouting units or other groups that wish to drive a vehicle in camp, if authorized, may drive one vehicle in camp at a time, and then remove the vehicle from the grounds as soon as possible. Only one vehicle per 25 campers will be authorized to drive within the camp gates. Groups should plan ahead to ensure the most efficient use of their vehicles and avoid needing multiple vehicles for equipment drop-offs or camp set-up. It is the belief of the camp that part of the camping

- experience is for campers to pack in and out their personal gear – this should be taken into consideration when planning.
5. All vehicles must adhere strictly to the posted speed limit signs, namely 15 mph. The camp is not only home to many wildlife that quite often will unexpectedly cross the roads of camp, but it also use by campers as walking paths.
  6. All vehicles must remain on the camp roads at all times. Vehicles may not be parked on grass areas, in campsites, or in other natural areas unless authorized. Handicap-accessible parking is clearly marked.
  7. Electronic gates that require a code will be opened by the Camp Rangers, Campmasters or council staff. Gate codes will not be given to anyone not authorized to open the gate. If absolutely necessary, a temporary code may be created for large events requiring multiple vehicle access.
  8. Locked gates that require a key will be opened by the Camp Rangers, Campmasters or council staff. These gates will be locked immediately after the authorized time of vehicle usage expires.
  9. When planning an event, event coordinators should take into consideration using as few vehicles as possible to get the job done. Event coordinators should work closely with the Camp Rangers to determine the number of vehicles needed and to secure passes. The camp may be able to assist with providing a camp vehicle if available.
  10. Only authorized persons may drive council and camp vehicles, including golf carts and maintenance vehicles. Drivers must provide to the Camp Rangers a copy of their driver's license and automobile insurance prior to using a camp or council vehicle.
  11. The driver will be held responsible for any damage to camp grounds, structures, or equipment caused by a vehicle in camp, whether authorized or unauthorized.

### **Enforcement:**

*In order to enforce the vehicle policy, the following measures will be taken. This is to ensure the safety and security of the camp properties, visitors, and wildlife:*

1. The Camp Rangers, Campmasters, camp staff, and council staff will be responsible for enforcing the camp vehicle policies.
2. Drivers of unauthorized vehicles or those not displaying a vehicle pass will be told the camp vehicle policy and politely asked to move their vehicles to the parking lot immediately.
3. Unauthorized vehicles not moved within a reasonable amount of time may be reported to local authorities as trespassing if necessary.
4. Unattended vehicles not displaying a vehicle pass will be towed at the owner's expense.
5. Vehicles not following the policies stated above, including parking in unauthorized areas or driving above the speed limit will be required to leave the property immediately, even if authorized to drive on camp property.

***Thank you for helping to keep the camp a safe a beautiful place!***