



WELCOME TO PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION

The Tidewater Council, BSA welcomes you to Pipsico Scout Reservation. We are excited to host you for an awesome summer outing! A member of the staff will be on site the entire time you are here and is happy to help you with anything you may need. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay at Pipsico more pleasant.

Please read the enclosed information and share it with all members of your group. The following is provided for your information:

- The number for fire/police is 757-294-5264.
- The Rescue Squad phone number is 757-294-3220.
- Our Camp Ranger host may be reached at (540) 537-6308. (8AM-6PM or anytime for Emergency)
- Contact the Camp Ranger for check in/check out
- Please adhere to physical distancing guidelines during your stay
- We recommend using a facemask while interacting with staff or any person outside of your quarantine group
- Only persons listed on your registration will be permitted onsite

We hope your stay will be comfortable and enjoyable. Thank you for staying with us and please come back soon!

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GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

We are so pleased you have decided to spend time with us at Pipsico Scout Reservation. We look forward to working with you to make this a wonderful and safe outing for your family group. To make your stay with us productive and safe, we ask that you read the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to call.

Rental Terms and Conditions: Your event is not confirmed or guaranteed until all payments have been received and you have agreed to all terms and conditions as listed online through our reservation system. Payment in full is due on or before the date of your event. Due to COVID-19 Government Guidance, you must provide Pipsico with a list of all persons in your group and how long they will be staying. No unregistered day visitors will be allowed. We recommend your group only consist of those with whom you have been living with during the quarantine. If a member of your party becomes sick, or begins showing signs of COVID-19 within 14 days before your rental begins, Pipsico cannot permit you onto the property.

Refund Policy: Greater than 24 hours of your arrival, if a group reservation needs to cancel because of the COVID-19 virus based on health department recommendation, government regulations, or the decision of the camp leadership, or if an individual is unable to attend because of the COVID-19 virus, any registration payments will be refunded, credited toward a future program, or may be donated to Pipsico as a gift in support of our mission, based on individual preference. If canceled within 24 hours of arrival, 50% of fees will be refunded.

Violation of Guidelines: Damage to Pipsico property will be billed to your group and significant violations of these guidelines may result in individuals or the entire group being required to leave before the completion of the planned stay. Pipsico reserves the right to ask you to leave the property if the safety guidelines are not being observed. There will be no refunds if this occurs.

Emergencies: Your group is responsible for its own health, safety and first aid as well as accident and injury insurance for its members. We recommend that you bring at least one adult certified by a nationally recognized provider in CPR and First-aid. You should also bring your own first aid supplies, which should be kept with your group. Be advised that you are to provide your own emergency transportation or call EMS. The Rescue Squad phone number is 757-294-3220. Pipsico does not provide individual accident insurance.

Supervision: The group leader who registered your group online, and agreed to all our terms and conditions assumes responsibility for the behavior and supervision of group members.

Meals: At this time, we will not be offering any meal service. However, we have a packet of information for our families with area restaurants and menus for takeout suggestions. In addition, each campsite has firewood. Cooking hotdogs over an open fire or camping "food packets" (food in tin foil cooked over a fire) can be a fun family meal. Additional propane canisters are also available for purchase. Cabins A, B, and C come with a full kitchens however cooking implements need to be provided by guest. Ice is available for replenishing your cooler of food supplies at our Trading Post.



GENERAL PROCEDURES & ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

CHECK-IN

Check-in time will be allowed no earlier than 3:00 pm on the day of your reservation. Arrivals after 8:00 PM must coordinate prior to arrival. Upon arriving at camp, follow the signs to "Camp Lions". Continue down Lions Drive until you reach the parking lot and proceed to check-in at the Burton Program Center. The Camp Ranger or designated staff will check you in, collect your required information roster, explain the rules, and show you to your campsite.

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CHECK OUT

Depending on your departure date/ time, you will be given specific check-out procedures for your departure. Please ensure that your campsite and any facilities you utilize while visiting the property are left in the same condition, if not better, than what you found them in. Please ensure that your camping area is left better than what you found it (Leave No Trace) and that your latrines have been swept clean and toilet lids are down.

TRADING POST

The Trading Post will be open this summer. Feel free to bring some extra spending money for your retail therapy. MasterCard and Visa are accepted for transactions over \$10.

WATER AND BATH FACILITIES

Drinking water is available within every campsite and most program areas. Hot showers (Both male and female) are available at the pool shower facilities and at the **NEW!** Westside Showerhouse by Campsite 9.

Primary bathroom facilities are latrines inside of each campsite and limited use “enclosed” toilet facilities are available (both male and female) at the pool (once pool construction is complete), the front of the Reservation in the Gregson Center, and at the Burton Center.

BOATING AT THE JAMES RIVER WATERFRONT (AVAILABLE FRIDAY – SUNDAY):

Guests may enjoy boating (kayaking and canoeing) at our James River waterfront or fishing from along the beach or at our fully stocked lake. All arrangements for use of boating equipment must be requested by 7 pm the day prior to intended use, by purchasing a rental ticket for \$5 in our Trading Post onsite.. At your requested time, a member of the staff will unlock these facilities for you and be glad to assist you with any equipment you may need. Everyone, no matter of age, must always wear a lifejacket (PFD) while boating. Once given a lifejacket, it will remain in your care for the duration of your stay. Swimming and boating will be allowed from 9 am-noon and 1 pm– 4 pm upon request. Regulations always require us to have a lifeguard on duty while boating. If you would like to bring your own self-propelled boat, you are welcome to do so, however, you may only use your boat during our designated boating times.

POOL (OPEN FRIDAY – SUNDAY, OTHER TIMES BY SPECIAL REQUEST):

Beginning the weekend of July 31st at no extra charge or expense, guests may enjoy, relax, or get exercise in our newly renovated 25 meter swimming pool! Specific times of operations will be published and distributed upon your arrival, however please contact our staff and we will strive to accommodate your requests (including nighttime and early morning swims) during your stay.

SPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES:

With over 10 acres of fields within the heart of Camp Lions, you and your family can enjoy numerous games and outdoor activities that are only limited by your imagination! Pipsico does not provide any recreational equipment, but our gaga ball pit, frisbee golf course, and volleyball court are available for use, so feel free to bring your own equipment and utilize those spaces! Additionally, you and your group can enjoy miles of nature hikes on our 916 acre property, campfires, bird watching, fossil collection, and mountain biking!

SHOOTING SPORTS (OPEN SATURDAY, OTHER TIMES BY SPECIAL REQUEST):

Advanced reservations are required for these experiences. The ranges will be operated and supervised by NRA Certified Instructors. A minimum of 48 hours of notice must be given by emailing Camping@PipsicoBSA.com. Tickets for this experience will be sold/ processed through the Trading Post for .22 Rifle, Shotgun Trap, or Archery.

Questions about amenities? E-mail us at Camping@PipsicoBSA.com for answers to your questions.

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GENERAL POLICIES-

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & DRUGS

Alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.

BICYCLES

All guests engaged in riding bicycles must wear helmets designated for the activity being conducted.

FIRES, STOVES, TENTS & OPEN FLAMES

Fires will be authorized depending on the status of State and County fire prohibitions in effect for the time of your visit. Ground fires are permitted ONLY in the fire rings at each camp site. The staff will update guests on the current fire policy at check-in. Groups must post water buckets or a fire extinguisher in the fire area. Cutting of live trees, shrubs, or vegetation is prohibited.

For safety reasons, there are to be **no open flames in tents**. This ban on open flames in tents includes a ban on the use of matches, candles, kerosene, propane or liquid lanterns in tents. Lighting in tents is to be provided by battery-powered lanterns or flashlights only. It is, however, acceptable to use a lantern under a dining fly. All cooking fires, campfires and stoves are to be attended while they are burning. Fires are only to be built in designated areas and must be extinguished so that they are cold to the touch when unattended.

MONEY & VALUABLES

Each family must decide how much spending money they should bring to camp. Our trading post will be open with a variety of snack, drinks, souvenirs and other items available for purchase. While you are here, please do not leave valuables unattended. Pipsico is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

PETS

Pets and Emotional Support Animals are not allowed. Service dogs that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability are allowed. Service animals must wear appropriate identification. We request a ten-day prior notice of your need to bring your service dog. [Click here for Pet Boarding Service Options](#)

QUIET TIME

Please be respectful of others who are staying with us at Pipsico. We request that you observe quiet hours between 10:00pm and 7:00am so that others may rest.

RESTRICTED AREAS

The following areas are off limits to all campers: The ranger's home and maintenance areas, camp staff living areas, the kitchen and food storage areas, any program area where staff is not present, and the cliffs along the James River. Guests may visit the waterfront for beach combing or fishing only when accompanied by an adult.

SMOKING & VAPING

Anyone under 21 years old is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at camp. No smoking is allowed inside any building or near their entranceways. Tobacco use is permitted only in designated areas, away from children. Please keep Pipsico clean by field stripping cigarette butts and placing them in a trash receptacle.

TRAILERS

If you plan on bringing a trailer, please provide this information with your registration. Specific campsites have been designated for use when a trailer. The requesting group is permitted to have one trailer in the designated area at the perimeter of their campsite until checkout.

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TRASH DISPOSAL

Guests should practice Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent practicable. All guests are expected to police their camping area and remove all trash to the dumpsters located behind the dining hall or at the front of camp near the barn. Do not pile trash next to the dumpsters. Trash will also be picked up daily from all campsites at 4:30pm. Please leave your trash by the campsite sign. Trash at Cabins A, B, and C can be placed in the provided, larger outside cans which will be emptied every evening.

VEHICLES IN CAMP

Since safety is our number one priority, vehicles are not permitted past the Burton Center parking lot except for gear drop off and pick-up. Any vehicle that is authorized to drive beyond the Burton Center must remain on the main road. Absolutely no vehicles are permitted on grass or inside of campsites. Likewise, no vehicles authorized in camp may block the loading dock at the rear of the Dining Hall. Vehicle owners, and operators, who drive beyond the Burton Center parking lot do so at their own risk. Pipsico will not accept responsibility for any vehicle damage within camp.

No other motorized vehicles (golf carts, etc.) will be allowed in camp at any time except for use by designated camp staff. If the need arises for a vehicle to be in camp, approval **MUST** first be obtained prior to arrival. Special arrangements will be available for special needs visitor as requested.

Transportation of individuals in the back of pickup trucks or other non-passenger vehicles is also prohibited.

WEAPONS, FIREWORKS, & FIREARMS

Pipsico provides all necessary and appropriate equipment for our shooting programs. Personal firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows are not permitted in camp. Fireworks & firearms of any kind are prohibited in camp. Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's), please notify the camp prior to camp of any special requirements by your department.

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APPENDIX A: HOW TO GET TO CAMP

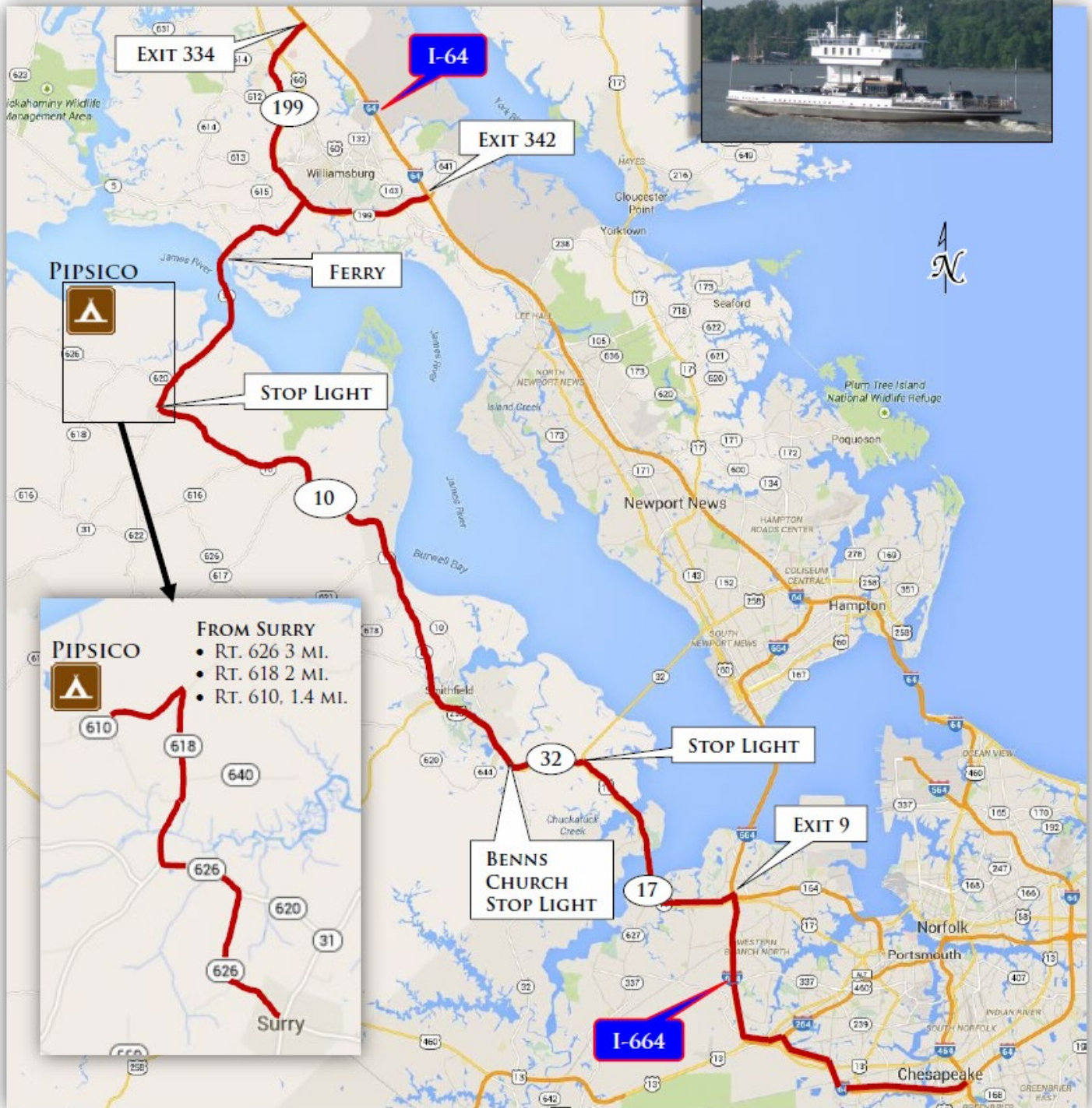
Pipsico is located at **57 Pipsico Road Spring Grove, Virginia, 23881**, midway between Norfolk and Richmond.

Pipsico is centrally located to a host of attractions including the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown, just a short distance away via the nearby ferry.

Many other fascinating historical sites from the first 250 years of American history are within easy driving distance (an hour or so). Among these are Colonial Williamsburg, numerous restored colonial plantations, the Revolutionary War battlefield at Yorktown, and Civil War battlefields around Richmond and Petersburg.

For those who want more modern adventure, local amusement parks include Busch Gardens and Water Country USA. A short drive from camp brings visitors to the naval base in Norfolk, the Atlantic Ocean beaches and boardwalk at Virginia Beach, and much more.

Detailed Directions can be found online: <http://pipsicobsa.com/resource-bank/>



APPENDIX B: PIPSICO'S COVID-19 POLICIES AND HELP SHEET

Physical Distancing Policies:

1. Please limit your interactions with other guests to activities that can observe physical distancing guidelines.
2. No sharing of activity equipment with other guest families.
3. Six feet of space should be observed at all times when interacting with other guests or staff.
4. A mask is recommended whenever interacting with staff or other guests.
5. Do not enter any buildings that are not on your reservation.
6. Shelters are closed and off limits to guests without coordination with the Camp Ranger.

Available Activities (reserved in advance or by arrangement with Camp Staff):

1. **Boating** – At our waterfront there are a limited number of canoes and kayaks that are available for your use. If you do not have your own PFD one will be assigned to you for the duration of your stay. Boating activities are only permitted when a lifeguard is on duty and require a rental fee and reservations.
2. **Swimming** – After July 10th. our swimming pool will be available for use based on a schedule. Swimming is only permitted when a lifeguard is on duty.
3. **Ranger Evan's Wife's Nature Scavenger Hunt** – Our Ranger's wife Jenny Sommerfeld, loves plants and animals, and would love the opportunity to show off some of her favorites to you and your family!
4. **Games Area** – We would love for you to use our game areas including our Volleyball Court, GaGa Pit, and Frisbee Golf Course. Please make sure no one else is using an area and respect other groups by waiting your turn if necessary. You will need to provide your own sporting equipment.
5. **Other Suggestions:**
 - Bring your own fishing poles and fish from the shore at the James River or off of our fishing pier into our fully stocked lake.
 - Bring your own bicycles and helmets.
 - Bring your own fun outdoor family games such as Corn Hole, Can Jam, Spike Ball and Wall Ball.
 - Explore the wondrous woods around us on our 916-acre property.
 - Stargazing.
 - Bring s'mores supplies for your campfire.

Other important information:

1. Trash will be picked up daily from all campsites at 4:30pm. Please leave your trash by the campsite sign. Trash at houses and retreat rooms can be placed in the provided, larger outside cans which will be emptied every evening.
2. Please be kind to our wildlife! They have been less disturbed than usual and may have grown bold in the absence of large groups of people. If you have an issue with an animal, please call the Camp Ranger.

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APPENDIX C: PIPSICO GUEST RISK COVENANT

MUST BE COMPLETED AND BROUGHT TO CAMP

We face unprecedented times due to the pandemic of COVID-19. Your safety and the safety of all our guests, volunteers, and employees is Pipsico's top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to be our guests this summer. Because of the risks associated with this disease, Pipsico will require each guest to comply with this Guest Covenant during family retreats this summer. Please read and acknowledge this covenant with your signature below:

If CDC or VA requirements change, I understand that this covenant may be revised for Pipsico to comply with those requirements.

Prior to arrival, I understand that all in my party should undergo a self-given health screening, including a temperature check. A temperature above 100.4 will require that I and any member of my traveling party not enter the property. All members of my party must be symptom-free from any illness for at least 14 days prior to arrival; signing this covenant so indicates my affirmation of that health status.

Upon arrival, I understand that a health screening will be conducted by Pipsico staff which will include a temperature check. Should anyone within my family/ group not pass the arrival screening, the entire group will not be allowed to enter camp.

I understand that any guest who becomes sick during their stay must immediately notify Pipsico personnel. A plan will be developed for each instance of sickness according to CDC and VA requirements.

I also understand that I and those in my party are recommended to wear a mask when interacting with other guests and staff and that we must maintain physical distance. All shared public spaces and surfaces will be closed. Activities such as outdoor picnics and hiking will not require face masks unless other instructions are given. Guidelines for additional activities with physical distancing may be added as the Virginia guidelines allow.

This is not a typical social stay, and I understand that we may not host anyone in our accommodations who is staying in another building, regardless of our relationship with each other. No guests without Pipsico reservations will be admitted on the property. Guests in buildings which are adjacent are encouraged to be creative in their interaction with other guests to arrange activities at a distance. Children are the responsibility of parents and may not interact with other children without physical distancing.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp. We will not hold Pipsico or the Tidewater Council liable should a member of our party contract COVID-19 after our stay.

I understand that as a guest of Pipsico, that it is my/our responsibility to evaluate my unique circumstances and make informed decisions prior to staying at Pipsico. I also understand that it is my/our responsibility to help keep our fellow guests and Pipsico staff safe. I/we will review the covenant with all in my party and follow it. I realize that if not, my stay may be cut short without refund if I refuse to follow this covenant.

Signature of Responsible Party

Printed Name

<u>Office Use Only-</u>	
Date of Visit:	_____
Site #	_____
Reservation #	_____