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GEORGIA-CAROLINA COUNCIL GOLF CART/UTILITY VEHICLE POLICY

I. INTRODUCTION: This policy outlines the requirements for the safe use of gas-powered or electric golf carts and or similar utility vehicles on all GA-CA Council properties and/or during scouting events including training, camping, or field service events affiliated with GA-CA Council Scouts BSA. The goal of this policy is to ensure a safe and enjoyable Scouting experience for everyone involved.

II. DRIVER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Drivers must be 18 years old or older and possess a valid state issued driver's license.
2. Drivers must successfully complete the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association-Electronic (ROHVA-E) Course at <https://rohva.org/>.
3. Certificate of completion must be submitted to the Camp Director or Camp Ranger to be placed on file with the council prior to operating any golf cart or utility vehicles on council properties and/or during scouting events.
4. All drivers will sign a statement of understanding to be placed on file with the council prior to operating any vehicle on all GA-CA Council properties and/or during scouting events affiliated with GA-CA Council Scouts BSA.
5. All drivers must be in compliance with the provisions outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting, chapter X (Transportation).

III. VEHICLE OPERATION:

1. Drivers will not be permitted to use camp vehicle without approval from the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
2. Drivers are responsible for the safe operation of the vehicle they are driving and the conduct of all passengers they are transporting. Drivers will inspect the vehicle prior to operation to ensure all safety equipment is present and the vehicle is in good working condition.
3. Drivers should obey all posted speed limits and traffic signs. Vehicles should use camp roads and improved trails to avoid environmental damage to sodded and program areas.
4. Passengers must be seated in a seat and seatbelts utilized, if equipped, at all times. No one may ride standing or sitting in the cargo area or baggage rack of any vehicle.
5. Vehicles may be operated after dark only if they are equipped with operational headlights.
6. Vehicles must be equipped with a working fire extinguisher and first aid kit.
7. Vehicle parking brake should be engaged and keys removed when not in operation.
8. Vehicle operation should not interrupt or spoil the experience of any Scout or participant, or program presentation such as flag ceremonies, campfires, etc.
9. Vehicles will only be parked in areas designated by the Camp Director and/or Camp Ranger and will not block access to or from any buildings.

IV. PRIVATELY OWNED GOLF CART/UTILITY VEHICLE OPERATION:

1. Privately owned golf carts/utility vehicles will only be used for medical and/or program needs and require prior written approval from the Council Executive, Camp Director, or Camp Ranger.
2. Driver requirements and vehicle operations outlined in section II and III pertain to all privately owned golf carts/utility vehicles utilized on all GA-CA Council properties and/or during scouting events affiliated with GA-CA Council Scouts BSA.





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3. Owner/operator must register the vehicle with the Camp Director or Camp Ranger upon arrival to receive a permit to operate their vehicle.
 - a. Provide proof of insurance (excludes golf carts).
 - b. Complete Release of Liability form.
 - c. Provide a list of authorized drivers per vehicle (all must comply with sections II and III), additional or untrained drivers are not authorized to operate vehicles.
4. All vehicles must be in good working order. Utility vehicle (UTV) must be equipped with a manufacturer installed roll-bar style body and seat belts.
5. Driver/owner is responsible for the safe transport, (loading, unloading), fueling, and maintenance of their vehicle. Repair services and fuel are not provided by or available from GA-CA COUNCIL.

V. REVOCATION OF PRIVILEGES: Georgia-Carolina Council, under the authority of the Camp Director or Camp Ranger, reserves the right to revoke driving privileges when drivers are not in compliance with this policy.

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DRIVER VERIFICATION:

- ☐ Valid State Driver's License. Expiration Date: _____
- ☐ Valid ROHVA-E Certificate on file. Certificate ID#: _____
- ☐ Privately owned vehicle in accordance with section IV.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: I have read and agree to the Georgia-Carolina Council Golf Cart/Utility Vehicle Policy above. I understand that failure to follow any provision of his policy will result in the revocation of privileges.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

