

## **Istrouma Area Council (IAC) Camp Avondale (Summer Camp Area) Driving Policy**

The Istrouma Area Council (IAC) maintains restricted access by vehicles at Camp Avondale (summer camp area) at the Avondale Scout Reservation. Access restrictions are necessary for the safety of Scouts, Scouters, and visitors in the area, as well as to minimize potential damage to facilities, campsites, and roads.

Any person who drives a motorized vehicle on Camp Avondale must abide by the following:

- Obey all state traffic laws.
- A speed limit of 10 MPH must be observed.
- Driver must be licensed and at least 18 years of age.
- Passengers under 18 years of age are prohibited from riding in a golf cart or utility vehicle unless it is for a documented medical need.
- All passengers and driver must be properly seated and restrained by a seatbelt, if available. Passengers may not exceed the number intended for the vehicle.
- Passengers are prohibited from riding in the bed of a truck, trailer, or utility vehicle.
- Vehicle must stay on roads and may not be driven through campsites or open areas.
- All vehicles must remain parked in the Camp Avondale parking lot unless otherwise authorized.

The driving of campers' motorized vehicles is highly restricted during any (council/unit/family camping) event being held at Camp Avondale. During such events, campers shall not drive such a vehicle on the main access road beyond the "red gate". With direct authorization by designated event/unit/family camping management, a camper may drive their vehicle to their campsite to unload or later load equipment. The timeframe for this access shall be limited and shall only be at the beginning of the event or after the event has concluded, except unit camping may set their own times with ranger approval. Access shall be given (gate opened) by event/unit management. The number of vehicles given access at any one time shall be limited. All such vehicles shall be returned to the Camp Avondale parking lot. No motorized vehicle shall be permitted to remain in a campsite or on the road or area adjacent to the campsite, except for approved staff golf carts or ATVs displaying a written authorization permit. Use of program ATVs are covered under NCAP policy.

Vehicle access to camping areas must be managed by event personnel. Should a gate be opened and not staffed, a camper shall not proceed to the campsite or other camp areas. Campers shall not unlock, remove, or open any gate. Any camper is found to have done so, may be asked to leave the Avondale Scout Reservation. Any damage done by a camper such as, but not limited to cutting a chain, cutting a lock, removing a gate, or bending a gate, shall be financially responsible for any damage and may be permanently banned from the Avondale Scout Reservation.

It shall be the responsibility of event management to provide clear instructions to campers and affected parents about drop off and parking in advance of the event.

It shall be event management's responsibility to enforce this policy. Camp rangers may also enforce this policy. Any camper who fails to comply with this policy may be asked to immediately leave the Avondale Scout Reservation.

Any exception to this policy must be approved in advance and in writing by both the event/unit/family camping management and a camp ranger.