

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program Application

 New Renewal

Council name: _____ Council #: _____ Territory: _____

The following is intended to communicate approval by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America for the _____ Council to proceed in the development and implementation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) program exclusively at (name of camp and location) _____ through Dec. 31, 2023.

It is understood that this conditional approval applies only to the aforementioned location, and that ATVs remain an unauthorized activity except for this specific program. All participants in this program must fully comply with the ATV Safety Institute's (ASI) ATV training and ASI RiderCourse guidelines.

Any marketing and/or promotional materials developed in support of this program must prominently disclaim that the use of ATVs has been approved only for this location and program, and any use of ATVs must comply with BSA camping standards. ATVs are not authorized for unit activities.

(Name) _____ will be responsible for reporting all incidents and/or near misses to the National Council through Incident Reporting through Riskconnect within 72 hours of an occurrence.

For a council to be considered, it must comply with the following requirements. Check the box to verify acceptance of each requirement and attached documentation. Incomplete applications will be returned.

- Council board approval must be secured in advance of the program launch as evidenced by a board resolution.
- Each program participant (or parent/guardian if a minor) will be required to execute a permission slip, inclusive of hold-harmless language, prior to beginning the program.
- Each program participant will be required to have on file with the council a completed and current Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, which indicates the participant does not have any health or medical conditions that would preclude him or her from participating in the program.
- No unsupervised riding. A qualified staff member must be present at all times.
- The program must adhere to all local, state, and federal guidelines, including vehicle registration and age restrictions, licensing and/or certification courses, equipment standards, number of riders, and any other standards recommended by the original equipment manufacturer or other governing body.
- The council will provide qualified instruction, rider training, and supervision as developed by the ATV Safety Institute (a division of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America) and the BSA. Having two ASI-trained staff members is recommended.
- If non-BSA lands (public or private) are used, the council has secured permission from the land manager.
- Equipment that is not owned or leased by the council is not eligible for inclusion in the program.
- The council may not lease the ATVs to a third party.
- The council must fully comply with the Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety.
- Pulling anything or anyone with an ATV is not permitted.
- Passengers are not permitted on ATVs.
- Instructor ATVs must carry the following at a minimum: first-aid kit, radio and cellphone, 25 feet of sturdy rope, and 5 feet of rolled duct tape.
- The program must follow the council's conservation plan to minimize the environmental impact and concerns.
- The program must follow appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) standards.
- The council has an active council risk management committee.
- The council must hold a meeting with key volunteers to discuss conservation, trails, and potential concerns of the Scouting community.

Agreed to:

Scout executive_____
Date

Accepted by:

National Outdoor Programs and Properties_____
Date

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