



Use of Electronic Medical Devices

Policy: Participants in scout camping programs at Quapaw Area Council Camps and events may use prescribed medical equipment at camping facilities when the use does not put the participant or others at risk. Use of medical equipment at camping facilities must conform to rules and regulations, if any, of the Boy Scouts of America.

Procedure:

1. Electronic medical devices (to include, but not limited to, CPAP [Continuous Positive Airway Pressure], BiPAP [Bilateral Positive Airway Pressure], Oxygen generators, oxygen concentrators, heart and apnea monitors) are important for some camp participants and allow them to participate in the Scouting outdoor program. Unfortunately, their use can be hazardous in an outdoor setting. These devices are often designed to operate indoors where access to 120v electricity is assured. Generally the devices are not built to handle the rigors of outdoor use where moisture may be present and damage to the equipment is possible..
2. All participants using these devices should consult with their physician and their durable medical equipment provider as to the risks of outdoor use.
3. For participants who choose to bring their electronic medical devices to camp, the following standards apply.
 - a. The participant is responsible for furnishing the electronic medical device, at least one battery pack, and the charging device for the battery pack. As with all valuables, participants should mark all components – especially the battery - with their full name and telephone number in indelible ink.
 - b. Only the original manufacturer's cords and chargers should be used.
 - c. An electrical outlet for charging batteries will be provided in the quartermaster's facility. If needed, transportation between the campsite and the quartermaster's facility may be arranged with the Camp Director, his/her designee or the Professional Scouter present in camp.
 - d. Generators shall not be used in camp.
 - e. Ideally, these devices will be used in tents that are equipped for special needs campers (e.g., Northpoint) which have access to 120v AC power. Use of campsites with electrical power are reserved for special needs participants and can be reserved via routine processes for the event on a priority and as available basis.