

Fishing Guidelines for Belk Scout Camp and Camp Grimes

Fishing is fun, but please remember:

- 1. Safety first! Always think and practice Safety First.**
 - a. Walk-Don't run down the hill. *Roots can trip scouts and make them fall.*
 - b. Look around you before you cast. *Trees love to eat worms, and lures.*
 - c. If you have someone near you, find another place to stand.
- 2. When appropriate, use sunscreen and bug spray.**
- 3. Get some basic instruction before you start fishing.**
 - a. Learn basic knots, how to rig a line, and learn how to cast
 - b. Learn about the types of fish that live in the lake, and the animals that live around the lake.
- 4. Use barbless hooks or smash down the barbs on your hooks.** *It is much easier to remove a hook from you, your friend or the fish.*
- 5. If possible, use long shank hooks.** *They are easier to remove from a fish's mouth.*
- 6. Watch your step.**
 - a. Do not step on rods and reels. They can break!
 - b. Watch out for snakes. If you see a snake, leave it alone!
 - c. Stay away from poison ivy.
- 7. Don't leave your fishing rod with a line unattended in the water.**

Fish love to eat bait, and can easily pull rods into the water.
- 8. Unless instructed otherwise by the County Fishing Committee, practice catch and release.**
- 9. Do not fish in the "no fishing" areas.**
- 10. Do not use live minnows for bait.**
- 11. Always clean up all trash.**

Leave the lake area camp cleaner than you found it.
- 12. Always be kind to others.**