

SHENANDOAH 258

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Cabin Request Policy (2023)



Shenandoah Lodge recognizes that a quality camping experience is an integral part of Scouting's National Honor Society. In certain situations, however, we must forgo this experience in the interest of safety, service, or program for our members. We do this by offering access to cabins for our fellowship weekends. (Spring Fellowship, June Induction, August Induction, and the Lodge Retreat) Cabins may also be used at

similar overnight events at the Safety Committee and Events Committee's discretion. At all times, we must guarantee that we follow Scouting's youth protection policies and the Guide to Safe Scouting. For this reason, each cabin must be restricted to certain age and gender groups. (Youth Male, Youth Female, Adult Male, and Adult Female)

We cannot guarantee cabins for everyone, and use of a cabin is ultimately up to the discretion of the Lodge Secretary/Treasurer. Reasonable uses of cabins are listed below. Please keep in mind that any personal medical information used by Shenandoah Lodge is kept secure and private.

- **Require access to electricity for sleep.** Some medical devices needed for safe or comfortable sleep require access to electricity. For example, a C-PAP device.
- **Require use of a cabin for a disability or other medical reason.** If you are substantially injured while at a lodge event you will be sent home, or in extreme situations to the hospital, to recover. You may receive a cabin for an injury that is already in the process of healing. If you are still substantially injured, it is not recommended you attend a camping event. For example, a cast.
- **Require use of a cabin when no other shelter is available.** If your shelter is damaged while at a lodge event, or you do not have access to one, you may be granted a cabin. For example, a damaged rain fly on a rainy weekend.
- **Require use of a cabin for lodge program.** Cabins may be granted to certain members of lodge leadership if they are otherwise unable to prepare a shelter. This will only be granted for time constraint related reasons due to running lodge functions. And, only if the lodge function must take priority. For example: An Elangomat Sakima that must attend to preparing Ordeal candidates for their Ordeal.
- **Special Guests.** Certain guests from other Lodges or guests from a Section or National level may be granted a cabin. For example: A visiting lodge chief from another lodge.

We use an order of priority for assigning cabins. Medical reasons or disabilities always take highest priority. The next highest priority is given to someone without shelter. Finally, lodge leadership or special guests are always given lowest priority. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Shenandoah Lodge Chief: chief@shenandoahlodge.org