

Northeast GA Council Cart Policy

Policy: Adults leading **or participating in** camping programs at Northeast GA Council camps and events may use golf cart type vehicles when **there is a physical need documented by the adult's physician. The conveyance can be operated safely and does not** put the participants or others at risk. Use of any motorized vehicles at camping facilities must conform to rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America and be approved in advance by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. **The Camp Director or Camp Ranger has the authority to immediately revoke the permit for any violations of the procedures or for any safety concerns.**

Procedure:

1. Golf cart type vehicles (small, gas or electric powered vehicles, typically open) may be used on Northeast GA Council camps by medically certified adults. The adult must be certified healthy enough to participate in activities at camp but limited by mobility. A state issued disabled parking tag or plate, or a physician note will be accepted as certification.
2. Utility, All Terrain, or modified vehicles are not authorized for use by participants at Northeast GA Council camps.
3. All vehicles must be in good working order and both the vehicle and the operator must be registered with the Camp Director or Camp Ranger upon arrival. Proof of operator insurance and a completed Release of Liability form will be required as part of this registration process and before a camp permit (windshield card or tag) will be issued. Issuance of the permit is for a specific adult using a specific vehicle and does not grant permission for multiple drivers or vehicles. Repair services will not be available at Northeast GA Council camps or provided by Northeast GA Council personnel.
4. Adults must provide the vehicle themselves and must be able to drive it, refuel it, and remove it from camp in a safe and legal fashion. No vehicles will be provided by the Council except as required for camping operations.
5. Northeast Georgia Council will require all individuals to take a Certification Course to use UTV's/Golf Carts on its camp properties. To complete the ROHVA Safety E-Course training you may access the training at cvt.rohva.org/login/index.php. Certificates of training will be maintained in the council's records and provided upon request.
6. Northeast Georgia Council will have its designee (who must have completed the on-line training) provide training to staff and volunteers on proper use of UTV's/Golf Carts. This training must be completed prior to use and must include a "hands on" element where trainees control the UTV under designee's supervision and must include and manufacturer's recommended safety procedures copies of training will be good for the 2024 camping season or until 90 days after the designee obtains the required hands-on training.
7. Refueling or recharging must be coordinated with the Camp Director or Camp Ranger and must be done in a safe manner. Fuel must be stored according to existing rules. Recharging must be done in a safe manner and at an approved location.
8. For adult participants who use a golf cart type vehicle at camp, the following standards apply.
 - a. The vehicle may be gas or electric, though gas is preferred.
 - b. The vehicle must be equipped with a working fire extinguisher and a first aid kit.
 - c. The vehicle must be equipped with an operational lock or locking mechanism to prevent unauthorized use. The locking mechanisms must be used when the vehicle is not in operation by the certified adult.
 - d. The vehicle must always be operated in a safe manner. Special attention and vigilance must be given in high traffic areas and situations, and all posted rules and speed limits obeyed.
 - e. No youth members may ride in the cart unless it is used in an emergency situation.
 - f. Vehicles may operate only on roads. Use on trails, unpaved, or gravel surfaces is prohibited except in emergency or maintenance situations.

- g. Adult passengers must be seated in a seat and seatbelts used if equipped. No one may ride standing or sitting in a cargo area or baggage rack.
 - h. The vehicle will be operated in a safe manner observing posted warning notices and following any instruction provided by the Camp Director or Ranger.
 - i. Vehicles may be operated after dark if equipped with working headlights.
 - j. Vehicle operation should not interrupt or spoil the experience of any Scout or participant, or program presentation such as campfires, flag ceremonies, etc.
 - k. Training for operation of a golf cart must be taken and a copy of completed training should always be kept on file at the camp office and on the operator's person while operating cart.
9. Failure to follow these rules or others issued by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger will result in the revocation of the users operating permit.

Vehicles and permits may be issued by the Camp Director or Ranger for use by non-medical certified adults when vehicles are needed for legitimate camp business. All other rules apply in these situations.

Failure to follow these rules will result in the revocation of the user's operating permit.

Vehicles and permits may be issued by the Camp Administration for use by non-medical certified adults when vehicles are needed for legitimate camp business or camp maintenance. All other rules apply in these situations.

Participant Name- _____

Signature- _____

Date- _____

Vehicle Details- _____

Purpose- _____

Approved By Name- _____

Signature- _____