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Dear Troop:

The staff at Fort McKavett State Historic Site is excited that you will be visiting us. In order to have a safe and fun experience, it is important for you to understand the operations of Fort McKavett.

Fort McKavett is a historic site which is open to the public seven days a week. When visitors come, they expect to see the fort looking as close to as possible to what it looked like when it opened in 1852. For this reason, there are some things you need to remember.

Cars – Please, park in designated areas only (see attached map). Please do not drive near the historic buildings and please keep your vehicles on the roadways.

Adult to Child Ratio – In order to ensure the safety of your scouts, it is preferred that you have at least 1 adult for every 4 scouts.

Supervision - Scouts are to be within eye sight of an adult **at all times**.

No climbing on ruins – The ruins at Fort McKavett are stabilized. This means they have been made safe for viewing, but not for climbing or standing on.

Trash – All trash needs to be properly disposed of in a trash can. There are trash cans located at the back of the Headquarters building, Barracks #4 and Barracks #3.

US Flag Raising and Lowering - If your troop is assigned/or volunteers to raise or lower the United States Flag this must be done no later than 8:30 am to signal that the fort is open to visitors and in the same manner it must be lowered no later than 5 pm to signal the fort is closed to visitors.

Parade Grounds - The parade grounds must be cleared of equipment at all times.

Sleeping Accommodations - You will be assigned either an outdoor sleeping site or to the barracks. Unless otherwise noted, the other buildings are open to the public and **must remain undisturbed**. **Cots are no longer available**. All campers must provide their own cots or bedrolls.

Campfires – If you wish to have a campfire, contact staff first. They will be able to tell you if there is a burn ban in effect, and/or provide you with fire rings and location of pre-cut wood.

Collecting Souvenirs – This is a historic site. Because of the archeological nature of our site we ask that you please **do not** collect or hunt for artifacts. **Do not** dig up, move stones or disturb historic structures.

Porta-potties are available for your use behind the Headquarters building. There are showers and restroom facilities at the maintenance compound. Please use a flashlight when walking to the restrooms at night. To help eliminate the gathering of insects at night, please turn off restroom lights when you leave.

Should you need any assistance please do not hesitate to ask a member of our staff. We want your stay at Fort McKavett to be safe and memorable for all the right reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

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