

**AGENDA**

**ITEM**

**NO. 16**



City of Pocatello  
Parks & Recreation Department

City Council Agenda Item – Executive Summary

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Date: 5-5-22  
To: Mayor Blad and Council Members  
From: Kristen DaviBatya, Executive Assistant  
RE: Request for Exception to City Code Ordinance 12.36.020 to allow for Overnight Camping – Boy Scouts of America Camporee Event

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**Staff Recommendation: It is requested that Council approve the Boy Scouts of America request for an exception to City Code 12.36.020 (Restricted Hours in Parks) to allow for overnight camping on May 13, 2022 to host their Spring 2022 Camporee Event at Lower Ross Park, and grant continued approval for annual events and associated exceptions to City Ordinance 12.36.020 in future years, subject to the Parks and Recreation Director’s review, and barring any significant change or changes to event.**

Parks & Recreation Department staff has received a request from the local Boy Scouts of America Organization – Scout Mountain District (2306 Pocatello Creek Rd., Pocatello ID 83201), represented by Ralph Oborn.

The Boy Scouts are seeking an exception to City Code Ordinance 12.36.020 (Restricted Hours in Parks) to allow overnight camping on May 13, 2022 for their Spring 2022 Camporee Event at Lower Ross Park (west side), on the grassy area between the Pavilion and the Historic Locomotives.

Estimated attendance is 100-150 Scouts ages 11-18 yrs. and will include numerous adult chaperones to adequately supervise the event. The Boy Scouts of America have been granted permission for overnight stays at Fort Hall Replica on past occasions for their Spring Camporee Events, without incident.

If approved, the Boy Scouts of America will be required to submit the appropriate applications, provide proof of liability insurance, and pay applicable permit fees.

Parks and Recreation staff is supportive of the Boy Scouts exception requests.