

## **WILD ANIMALS AND PLANTS**

The Jamboree really is in the wild! Do not approach or feed snakes, bears, raccoons, or bats. They are not pets and may carry diseases or defend themselves. Leaving food in your campsite might attract these animals. Any bites from animals must immediately be reported to medical staff.

We also have plants that will cause rashes. Poison ivy, oak, and sumac are all around. Mountain laurel is especially dangerous. Do not touch any part of this plant.

Bugs! Black widow spiders, brown recluse spiders, and ticks are of serious concern. Plan to check for ticks daily (at a minimum) and anytime you are in tall grass or the woods. Speak with medical staff if you have concerns about bites. Bees, hornets, wasps, and mosquitoes are other bugs that might bother you. You should apply insect repellent on exposed skin and wear pants plus long-sleeve shirts (weather permitting) while hiking in wooded areas or in the evening.

Like any camping trip, it helps to be aware of the potential dangers in the area, so you know what to watch for and what to do if you have an issue.

**IMPORTANT:** No food is allowed in sleeping tents!