

Alpha Wolf

Camp Edwards YMCA

- 1) Wolves hunt in packs. Every wolf pack has a male and female “**Alpha Wolf**”, which are the leaders of the pack. The alphas help keep the pack organized, lead hunts, keep pack structure. What would happen to a pack without a leader? The pack wouldn’t be as successful at hunting, there would be more fighting, the pack would be unstable.
- 2) Tonight, we are going to divide you into wolf packs. Each wolf packs job is to find the **Alpha Wolf**.
- 3) Wolves communicate by barks, yips, growls, and howls. The howl is best known and is used when the pack is excited or for long distance communication.
- 4) The alpha wolf is going to hide somewhere on site. They will howl every few minutes. Each wolf pack needs to locate the alpha wolf with their keen sense of hearing. (Do the wolf ear demonstration: hand behind ears, help you hear better by creating a funnel and more surface area. A wolf can hear another wolf howl from 4 miles away)
- 5) Each pack will have 1 emergency howl to use. If you get lost or think you are close you can use your howls. Listen when another pack howls, this may help you.
- 6) If the alpha wolf hears human voices, they will move. So remember this. Wolves do not like humans. They are afraid of them and move away. The quieter your pack is when looking for the alpha wolf, the better your chances are for finding the alpha wolf.
- 7) When your group finds the alpha wolf, they should then move back to the designated base area as quietly as they can as to not alert other packs.
- 8) Stay on trails. Not bushwhacking. The alpha will be on a trail or just to the side of a trail. NO flashlights.

Things to keep in mind...

Stay on trail

Remember how many groups you have so that you know when they have all found you