
BLUE GRASS COUNCIL PRESENTS:

HOSTED AT
CAMP MCKEE

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BE PREPARED
NOT SCARED

CAMPOREE

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DATE:
**MARCH
28TH-30TH,
2025**

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THEME:
**SCOUT
SKILLS
WILDERNESS
SURVIVAL**

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EVENT STYLE:
**PATROL
COMPETITION**

THE BLUE GRASS COUNCIL IS THRILLED TO HOST THE “BE PREPARED NOT SCARED” CAMPOREE, A WILDERNESS SURVIVAL-THEMED EVENT DESIGNED TO TEST AND SHOWCASE SCOUT SKILLS IN A FUN AND COMPETITIVE SETTING.

THIS EXCITING EVENT INVITES TROOPS AND CREWS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SCOUT SKILLS, SCOUT SPIRIT, AND COMMITMENT TO SERVICE. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES DURING SATURDAY’S CAMPFIRE: SCOUT SKILLS TROPHY, SCOUT SPIRIT TROPHY, SERVICE TROPHY.

PREPARE FOR AN ACTION-PACKED WEEKEND FULL OF CHALLENGES, TEAMWORK, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO DISPLAY THE BEST OF SCOUTING VALUES. WE CAN’T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

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2025 SPRING CAMPOREE

Camp McKee | March 28-30

Scout Price: \$20

Leaders Price: \$10

Registration will close on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025. There must be at least 60 Scouts and 25 adults registered by Friday, March 14th, 2025 or the event may need to be cancelled.

This is a rain or shine event, No Pets allowed, other than designated service animals.

For any questions please email Marlene Gonzalez at:
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Boy Scouts

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS

That Might SAVE Your Life



Find a shelter - or build one

- Choosing a good spot is paramount
- A piece of tarp attached to trees will do if you aren't very handy
- Mind the time! It runs quicker than you'd expect



Find water and food

- You need water MORE than food
- If there isn't any, dig a seep under a creek bed
- Boil water before drinking if possible
- Learn the Universal Edibility Test for plants



Learn basic first aid

- Basic types of injuries: burns, cuts, fractures
- Treat burns with lukewarm water
- NEVER ignore small wounds
- Try to force a displaced bone back into place



Mind your hygiene and stay dry

- Good dental hygiene is still important
- Keep the moist parts clean and dry
- Toilet routine will be complicated but manageable (just don't use poison ivy!)



Learn how to start a fire

- Choose a safe spot, away from leaves and trees
- Make a ring of rocks for additional safety
- Multiple ways to start it without matches



Find your way

- Don't rely on tech or maps
- If you get lost, S(top), T(hink), O(bserve), P(lan)
- Learn how to tell where the north is without a compass
- What to do when you need rescue

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Leaders Guide

PARTICIPATION: All Troops and Crews are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Scouts participating at the Camporee are expected to use the buddy system.

For this campout, we ask that Arrow of Light dens (5th graders) attend in association with a troop. Also please note that Arrow of Light Scouts will only be allowed to participate in activities approved for them in the Guide to Safe Scouting, hence AOL scouts will NOT be able to participate in the shooting sports activities other than Archery.

Webelos Scouts and Webelos Scout dens (4th graders) may not participate at a Scouts BSA troop unit campout or at a Scouts BSA "camporee" or other events designed for Scouts BSA during the day and/or overnight, even as visitors.

Arrow of Light Scouts may participate at a Scouts BSA "camporee" (council coordinated, short-term camp, see NCAP SA-001) during the day and/or overnight in one of two ways:

1) With their Arrow of Light Den/Patrol. Arrow of Light Scouts can attend as an Arrow of Light den/patrol under the supervision of two deep leadership from their Arrow of Light den/patrol or pack. The Arrow of Light Scout's parent or legal guardian(s) may attend with the Arrow of Light den/patrol and their child, either alongside the two-deep leadership or as part of it if they are registered with the pack.

Or:

2) As an Individual Scout. Arrow of Light Scouts can attend with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the local council coordinates two deep leadership per NCAP Standard HS-502.

LOCATION: The camporee will be held at Camp McKee, 8695 Levee Road, Jeffersonville, KY.

REGISTRATION: Registration will occur at the council office. Additional Scouts can be added at check-in but not whole troop registration.

ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN: Check-in starts at 5 pm in the Administrative Office.

PARKING: Trailers may stay in campsite. All cars must be parked in the parking area by the Admin Building or Stamler Dining Hall. No vehicles are allowed in the campsites for any reason.

GENERAL RULES/GUIDELINES:

1. All Scouts, Scouters, and visitors must adhere to the Boy Scout Oath and Law and The Outdoor Code.
2. Sheath knives, fireworks, pets, firearms, electronic games, phones, radios, TV's and other electronic entertainment are NOT permitted.
3. Personal firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows are not permitted in camp.
4. Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the campground.
5. The buddy system shall be used at all times during the Camporee.
6. Unit leaders are responsible for their Scouts and visitors at all times.
7. Roads must remain open at all times for emergency vehicles.
8. No DoorDash, UberEats or other deliveries onsite without prior approval.

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MEDICAL SERVICES:

1. According to BSA policy, all Scouts and leaders must complete an Annual Health and Medical Record form (parts A, B1, B2) for all Scouting activities. These medical forms must be turned into the medical officer at the time of check-in. If a Scout or Scouter does not have a medical form then they will not be allowed to stay at camp nor participate in the program.
2. All prescription drugs are kept and administered by the unit. It is to be kept in a secured location out of the reach of Scouts. By law, medications must be in a container with a typed label from the pharmacy. Medications should be given only in accordance with the label. Handwritten changes cannot be accepted.
3. All units should bring a unit first aid kit and treat injuries within their capabilities. Units must report all injuries and other medical situations to the Camporee staff, even those they treat themselves. If necessary, the Camporee staff will contact
4. Alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.

INITIATIONS, HAZING & MILITARY TRAINING: Corporal punishment, hazing, initiation of any sort, and military training and drill are not permitted in the Boy Scouts of America.

LEAVING THE CAMP: Anyone leaving the camp at any time during the event must sign out at the Administrative office and sign in upon their return. We strongly discourage Scouts from leaving camp during the event. Scouts may only leave with a parent, guardian or other individual designated in writing by a parent. Photo IDs are required. Two adult unit leaders (two deep leadership) must accompany a Scout to the Administrative Office to check out. Adults leaving camp must ensure that the unit still has two deep leadership.

MONEY & VALUABLES: Each Scout and adult are responsible for the safeguarding of his money and personal property. It is recommended that expensive cameras, watches, etc. be left at home. Regardless, all items should be clearly marked, with name and unit number.

PETS: No pets are allowed in camp. Please ensure that anyone planning to visit your unit during the weekend is also aware of this rule.

SMOKING: Anyone under 21 years old is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at camp. Adults who smoke must do so designating smoking areas. Smoking is prohibited in any tent or building. Cigarette butts must be placed in a trash receptacle.

STAFF: Weekend events are staffed by volunteers. The Boy Scouts of America is a volunteer run program. Every unit that participates in event is expected to provide adult leaders to help facilitate the session programming, cracker barrels, etc. as needed.

UNIFORM & DRESS CODE: The official BSA Field uniforms are required for Saturday night campfire and Scouts Own service on Sunday. Activity uniforms (e.g. unit T-shirts) may be worn for the activities on Friday night and Saturday unless deemed otherwise by Scoutmaster. Shirts that promote alcohol, tobacco, or are otherwise inconsistent with Scouting values are not allowed. Not having a uniform should not prevent any Scout from attending camp; however, every effort should be made to ensure that every Scout has one, using every means available. Closed-toed shoes or boots are to be worn at all times in order to prevent foot injuries. We insist that everyone wear shoes at all times. Sandals that cover the toes and have heel straps are allowed. Flip-flops are not appropriate footwear at the Camporee and are prohibited.

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FIRES & COOKING: Fires are allowed only in the campsite fire rings and are subject to the status of the State, City, and campground fire prohibitions in effect due to weather on the weekend of the Camporee. LEAVE NO TRACE guidelines should be used for all fires. Troops must post fire buckets or a fire extinguisher in the fire area. Fire extinguishers are also required in cooking areas.

WATER: Water will be available at every campsite.

TRASH DISPOSAL: All participants should practice the Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent possible. Place all trash in cans and recycle as much as possible. If you packed it in – you pack it out! Clean up all trash – even if it is not yours.

LEADERSHIP: All unit leaders are responsible for the conduct of Scouts and any visitors. Two-deep leadership in compliance with Youth Protection Guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting is required. You know your Scouts. If they need chaperones to go to the bathroom, then provide them.

BAD WEATHER: Be Prepared. There is no rain date. All units should prepare for foul weather.

CHECK-OUT: Check out can occur after the Scouts Own Service on Sunday morning. Please check out at the Administrative Office. When ready for check-out, send a representative to the office so a representative can inspect your site. Units will be released after successful completion of their final site inspection and submission of an evaluation form from Scouts and Scout leaders.

LEADERS' MEETING: We will have a leaders' meeting at 9:00 pm on Friday night. Each unit needs to send an SPL, or other youth leader, and two adult leaders to the leaders' meeting. The meetings will take place on the Keeneland porch. There will be a cracker barrel for those attending the leaders' meeting immediately after the meeting.

LEADER PARTICIPATION: We would not be able to offer quality programs to the youth of the Blue Grass Council without the help of leaders like you. We will be asking leaders to volunteer throughout the day at various events.

CAMPFIRE PARTICIPATION: All skits/songs are limited to 5 minutes. Campfire Director will screen and select skits/songs based on time available.

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Camporee Program Events

Camporee Overview

The Camporee will emphasize the Patrol Method, encouraging Scouts to showcase their skills and Scout spirit in all events.

Patrol Participation

- Events are designed for Patrols of at least 4 Scouts but no more than 10 per event.
- Smaller groups (fewer than 4 Scouts) should still attempt participation or join another small Patrol.
- Patrol members will remain in the same Patrol throughout the Camporee for fairness.
- Patrol Rosters must be submitted to the Program Director at Roundtable on Friday.

Required Items Per Scout

- 10 Scout Essentials
- Totin' Chip (if earned)
- Firem'n Chit (if earned)

Judging & Scoring

- Scorecards must be submitted to the Program Director after the final Patrol completes the events.
- All events have objective grading criteria, with some being timed competitions.

Camporee Events

1. Shelter Building – Construct a survival shelter using provided materials.
2. Signaling – Demonstrate survival signaling techniques.
3. Survival Navigation – Identify North during both day and night.
4. Rifle Competition – Accuracy-based shooting event.
5. Archery Competition - Accuracy-based shooting event.
6. First Aid – Administer first aid and perform an evacuation using supplied materials.
7. Fire Building – Start and maintain a fire using an approved fire-starting method.
8. Knot Tying – Demonstrate proficiency in essential knots.
9. Mystery Event – A surprise challenge testing basic Scout skills.

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Camporee Schedule

FRIDAY		
<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
5:00pm - 8:30pm	Check-In Begins	Administration Building
9:00pm - 9:30pm	Leader Meeting	Keeneland Lodge
10:30pm	Quiet Time	Campwide
SATURDAY		
<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
8:45am - 9:00am	Flag Raising	Arena
9:00am - Noon	Competition	Campwide
Noon - 1:30pm	Lunch	Campsites
1:30pm - 5:00pm	Competition	Campwide
5:15 PM	Tie- Breaker / Flag Lowering	Arena
5:30pm - 7:30pm	Dinner	Campsites
8:30pm	Campfire	OA Slab
11:00pm	Quiet Time	Campwide
SUNDAY		
<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
9:00am - 9:30am	Scout's Own	OA Slab
9:30 - 11:00am	Unit Checkout	Administrative Building
11:00am	Camp Closes	

Unit session schedules will be released at the time of check-in.

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Awards

Unit Service Award

Awarded to the Scout Unit that exemplifies Service to Others during the Spring Camporee.

Criteria:

- Service is provided selflessly, without seeking recognition.
- Others take notice of the Unit's contribution.

Award Responsibilities:

- The winning Unit will care for and display the award until the next District Spring Camporee.
- At the next Camporee, the Unit will present the award to the new award recipient.
- The Unit may adorn the award with one item representing their Unit.

Unit Scout Skills Award

Awarded to the Scout Unit that demonstrates outstanding proficiency in essential Scout Skills, including:

- First Aid
- Knot Tying
- Patrol Method
- Teamwork

Award Responsibilities:

- The winning Unit will care for and display the award until the next District Spring Camporee.
- At the next Camporee, the Unit will present the award to the new award recipient.
- The Unit may adorn the award with one item representing their Unit.

Unit Scout Spirit Award

Awarded to the Scout Unit that best exemplifies Scout Spirit through:

- Enthusiasm and camaraderie
- A clean and organized campsite
- An impressive campsite gateway
- Properly worn uniforms
- Respectful and clean language

Award Responsibilities:

- The winning Unit will care for and display the award until the next District Spring Camporee.
- At the next Camporee, the Unit will present the award to the new award recipient.
- The Unit may adorn the award with one item representing their Unit.

Baden-Powell Award for Best Overall Unit

This prestigious award is presented to the top-performing Unit, excelling in:

- Service to Others
- Scout Skills
- Scout Spirit

Award Recognition:

- The winning Unit is recognized as the "Best Overall Unit" of the Spring Camporee.
- The Unit will receive a laser-engraved plaque, which is theirs to keep.
- At the next Camporee, the Unit will present the award to the new award recipient.