

Good Friends Outing

Fall Camporee

Location: Camp Kootaga

Friday, October 17 – Sunday, October 19, 2025

Cub Fun Day (Saturday, October 18, from 9 am-5 pm)

Something for everyone!

Cub Scouts are welcome to family camp at this event OR attend Saturday Only (Cub Fun Day).

Scouts BSA - A Forestry merit badge opportunity is available for those motivated to work ahead and come prepared!

Enjoy a variety of stations to visit at your own pace!

- The STEAM Machine from Discovery World
- WV State Police Crime Scene Van
- Pumpkin Decorating - bring your tools and plan your strategy
- Climbing Wall Open!
- Shooting sports
- Field Games such as:
 - Tug-of-War
 - Rock-Paper-Scissors Relay



Hosted by: Troop 203 Questions: Please call Shaun Harris, 740-525-4640.

Cost:

Weekend Camping (Self-sufficient other than Friday's meal):

Cost is \$20 for anyone who camps for the weekend (youth or adult)

This fee covers insurance, Friday night's welcome chuckwagon (ham and beans over the fire), and an event patch with date.

The patch is designed so that every year you attend, a year gets added to the bottom.

Cub Fun Day (Day Visitors - Saturday only):

Come enjoy the day from 9 AM - 5 PM. The cost is only \$10! Cubs will also receive an event patch. Adults who accompany cub scouts for the day can attend for FREE!

Please note that LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle.

Registration:

You will need to complete the online registration and pay by debit/credit card or e-check. Registration Website: <https://www.buckskin.org>

Each Pack or Troop should designate one adult leader to handle all the details for the entire unit. Individuals will not be able to register on their own.

****Please note that you must enter every attendee's name (Unit Roster) on the website when you register. ****

Units must provide at least two Registered Adult Leaders for each Pack (two-deep Leadership) and must have Registered Female Leaders if they bring female Scouts.

Directions to Camp Kootaga

Physical Address: 79 Camp Kootaga Rd, Walker, WV 26180

From the North: Travel south on I-77 to Parkersburg. Take the WV-47E / Staunton Ave Exit. Head East on 47 or Staunton Turnpike.

From the Northeast: Travelling on I-79 south to 50 – south to State Rt. 47 at Parkersburg and East on 47 to camp.

From the South: Travel north on I-77 to Parkersburg. Take the WV-47 E / Staunton Ave Exit. *Crossroads General Store* is just 1-mile West of the camp entrance on State Route 47.

Camp GPS coordinates: 39.1473° N, 81.3640° W

Campsites:

Units can select their campsite when they register. Units that will be bringing boy and girl Scouts will need to be prepared to follow all Youth Protection requirements and provide separate tent areas. Note: In tent sites, stacked platforms from summer camp are NOT to be used.

Cub scouts who camp should plan to be self-sufficient and may want to work with a troop to plan meals. Family-camping rules and the Buddy System are to be followed.

Check-In

If Camping: Please check in at Sparky's Park from 5pm to 8:30pm on Friday night. The Designated Adult Unit Leader must check-in for their entire unit.

Those attending for Cub Fun Day only, please check in at the Dining Hall from 7:45-8:45 AM Saturday.

To expedite the check-in process Leaders are required to bring the following items with them to check-in:

- ✓ Registration paperwork (Roster).
- ✓ Any unpaid fees for add on scouts.

Unit leaders will be required to have copies of parts A and B of the Personal Health History form for everyone in attendance at the Camporee. Keep them with you at your campsite.

Equipment Drop Off – Unit Trailers

No personal vehicles will be permitted in the camp sites. Two vehicles will be allowed to transport all personal gear and Troop equipment. No passengers in the back of the truck or trailer. Vehicles limited to main roads and parking areas only.

Scouts will be dropped off at the parking lot and hike into camp.

Checkout and Departure

On Sunday morning, units are responsible for picking up all trash and cleaning the latrines in their respective campsites (Leave No Trace). Trash bags will be provided and should be left at the road for pick-up by the Camp Ranger. Following inspection, units will be free to checkout and depart the Camporee.

Program Schedule (Subject to Change)

Friday, October 17, 2025

- 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM Check-in at Sparky's Park near the Lodge. Campsite selection will be first come first served. The Designated Adult Unit Leader must check-in for their entire unit.
- 6:30 PM -8:30 PM Grab a bowl of grub...chuckwagon style at Sparky's Park.
Thanks to our cooks Alan Treadway and Jim Gibson.
Menu: Soup beans and Ham (over the fire), saltine crackers, coffee, lemonade, Kool-aid
- TBA Order or the Arrow (OA) members are welcome to attend a Kootaga Chapter meeting at Sparky's Park. Bring your ideas for promoting the OA and activities you want to do.
Thanks Jay Wilson, OA Advisor for Kootaga Chapter.
- 9:30 PM Leaders' meeting/Cracker Barrel at Sparky's Park (SPLs and Adult Leaders, and any other adults who want to volunteer to help should attend.) Details of the weekend and emergency plans will be discussed.
- A final list of stations with their locations will be available at check-in and at the Leader's Meeting.

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Reveille and Breakfast – on your own

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM Check in for Cub Fun Day Participants at Dining Hall

- 9:00 AM Opening Flag Ceremony and announcements
- 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM Stations Open
Make sure to visit The STEAM Machine from Discovery World (available 9-12 only)
- 12:00 PM Lunch – On Your Own
If camping with a troop, cub scout families should arrange to eat with them..
Those visiting for Cub Fun Day only, should bring a sack lunch and a water bottle

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Stations Open
4:00 PM	Pumpkin Drop & Judging of Best Decorated Pumpkin- Thank you Bob's Market for furnishing the pumpkins.
5:00 PM	Cub Fun Day Participants - Check out at Dining Hall/Departure
5:00 PM	Dinner – On Your Own – Free time
7:00 PM	Flag Retreat, Campfire
11:00 PM	Lights Out

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Reveille and Breakfast – on your own

9:00 -9:30 AM	Interfaith Worship Service (Chapel) Led by Troop 203
10:00 AM	Clean-up, check out (Site Inspection), and departure by 11:00 AM

Helpful Hints for Younger Scouts and Families

- A small backpack is a good idea, to carry a filled water bottle and other essentials.
- Wear comfortable closed toed shoes- no sandals, flip flops, etc.
- Bring rain gear.
- Pack snacks in airtight containers and be sure to bring plenty of water.
- Bring a first aid kit for that small scratch.
- Always use the buddy system and never go hiking alone or when the trails are dark.
- Be prepared for warm or cold weather by dressing in layers. While it may be sunny during the day and comfortable, the night or early morning can be chilly.
- Bring sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Wildlife was here before us, so please respect all animals.
- Always go hiking with buddies and never go without an adult.
- Do not run or horseplay around any campfire and always keep a safe distance.
- Reminder: If coming for the day only, bring a sack lunch!

Forestry - Merit Badge Opportunity

Craig Minton can assist scouts with Forestry Merit Badge Requirements # 1, 2b or 2c, 5a, 6, and 8 while at camp. If interested in completing this merit badge, scouts should obtain the Forestry merit badge booklet, read through it, and complete the remaining requirements by completing the worksheet. Bring the worksheet with your completed work, and a signed blue card, to Craig's station.