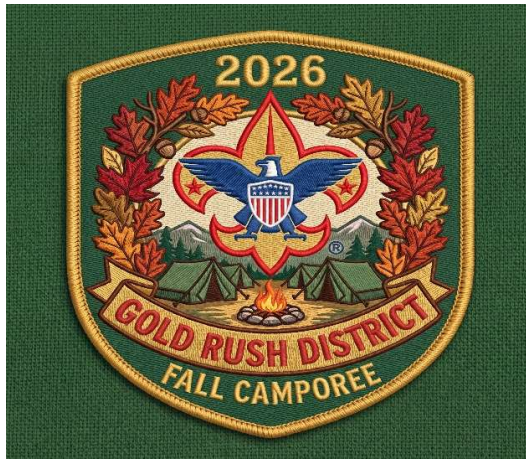


Gold Rush District Fall Camporee 2026



“Fall/Halloween Theme”

October 23-25, 2026

St. Johns Lutheran Retreat Property

Salisbury, NC

INFORMATION FOR SENIOR PATROL LEADERS AND SCOUTMASTERS

WHAT IS A CAMPOREE?

A camporee is a local or regional gathering of Scouting units for a period of camping and common activities. It can be a perfect showplace for the Scouting program and therefore, go far beyond just being a gathering of Scouts.

A camporee starts with the recognition that a patrol is the basic camping unit. This event will utilize the Patrol method during all activities. Over the course of the weekend, Scouts will be challenged to demonstrate their abilities in a variety of Scout skills.

WHO CAN ATTEND THE CAMPOREE?

The Gold Rush camporee is open to all registered members of Scouting America and Venture Crews in the Gold Rush District of the Central NC Council. All Troops are encouraged to attend and Scouts should be organized into patrols of six to eight youth (where possible). These Patrols will be the Scout teams competing and should be designated on the unit roster.

WHAT IS THE COST FOR THE CAMPOREE?

The cost for all participants is \$25 for registered youth and adults up to October 22nd, 2026. Any registrations after this date must be approved by the Camporee Chairman.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE CAMPOREE?

Unit Leaders can register online at the Central NC Council website. If a unit cannot register online, please contact the Camporee Chairman in advance to let us know how many will attend from your unit. We ask this so that we can coordinate the necessary logistical information and better prepare for your unit's arrival. Please include unit number, estimated adults and scouts attending, and estimated arrival time to the St. Johns Lutheran Church Retreat Property. **FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

CAMPOREE GUIDELINES

ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN

Check-in begins at 5pm at the Camporee Headquarters Tent. Please bring your unit roster and Medical forms A & B when checking in. The Health Officer will ensure that there are completed medical forms for all participants and then return them to their respective unit leader to manage for the duration of the Camporee. Units will make health forms available to the Health Officer when needed.

CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENT

Units will be assigned a campsite at check-in on a first come, first served basis. Units may request specific campsites if desired, all consideration will be made to accommodate the unit's request. If two or more units share a site, they are expected to be considerate of one another and share clean-up. Units that wish to camp together should inform the Camporee Chairman as soon as possible.

VEHICLES

Upon arrival on Friday, registered units will be directed to their campsites. Vehicles may drop off trailers at the campsite, but then must be parked in the designated parking area. Please do not park on camp roads as we must allow unrestricted access to emergency vehicles. Issues should be addressed at the Camporee Headquarters Tent. *No vehicles will be permitted to drive through the camporee area on Saturday without a pass from the Camporee Chairman.*

UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

The official Scouting America field uniforms are required for traveling to and from the Camporee, the Saturday night Campfire, and Sunday Service. Activity uniforms (often referred to as Class Bs) may be worn for the activities on Friday night and Saturday unless otherwise required by the unit's Scoutmaster. Not having a uniform should not prevent any Scout from participating, however, every effort should be made to ensure that every Scout has one. Closed toed shoes or boots are to be worn at all times in order to prevent foot injuries. Flip-flops are not appropriate footwear at the Camporee and are prohibited.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION

Campsite inspection will begin at 10am on Saturday. There is a copy of the inspection sheet towards the end of this guide. Campsites will also be inspected for cleanliness prior to checking out of the Camporee.

QUIET HOURS

A scout is courteous. Everyone should be in their campsites between the hours of 11pm and 6am. All are expected to be quiet between these hours.

GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. All scouts, scouters, and visitors must adhere to the Scout Oath and Law, as well as 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 camporee.
5. The buddy system shall be used at all times.
6. Unit Leaders are responsible for their Scouts and visitors at all times.

CELL PHONE POLICY

If a scout or scouter must have a cell phone in camp, we request that they refrain from taking them to sessions or at the very least silence their device. Use of cell phones during program sessions is inconsiderate to other participants and in some cases can increase the risk of injury.

ALCOHOL & TOBACCO POLICY

A Scout is Trustworthy. An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. **POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON SCOUT PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

FIRES & COOKING

Fires are allowed only in fire rings brought by units and are subject to State, City, and Camp fire prohibitions in effect due to weather on the weekend of the Camporee. No fires on the ground are permitted. Leave No Trace guidelines should be used for all fires. Troops should post fire buckets or a fire extinguisher in the fire area.

FIRST AID

Unit Leaders are to be prepared to handle all minor situations. Health forms are to be kept with the unit and accessible. Each Unit should have their first aid kit in their campsite and accessible. Serious injuries and emergencies must be reported immediately to the Camporee Headquarters. A trained medical technician will be on site. Should any of your Scouts experience an injury that needs more attention than the unit first aid kit and leader's experience can attend, please bring them to the medic. Units having additional trained medical personnel present are asked to notify the Camporee Headquarters.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - SEND A LEADER TO THE CAMP OFFICE AND DIAL 911 FROM THE LANDLINE. There is an EMS station located at 2650 Long Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC, 28146 (EMS Station 82)

WATER

There is water available at camp but may be some distance from some sites. Please plan accordingly.

LATRINES

A Scout is Clean. There are bathrooms located within the Camporee grounds. These facilities are to be kept as clean or cleaner than your bathrooms at home.

TRASH DISPOSAL

A Scout is Helpful. It takes everyone working together to keep the camp clean. 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 pack it in, you pack it out. Clean up all trash — even if it is not yours.

PERSONAL GEAR

Be Prepared. During the event activities on Saturday, each Scout should have a daypack with their Scout 10 Essentials.

PETS

ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ARE ALLOWED. Service animals are permitted.

ALTERNATE PLANS

The Camporee will take place, rain or shine. There is no rain date and all units should be prepared in the event of foul weather. In case of extreme weather or major emergency, the Camporee Chairman or the Professional Staff may cancel the Camporee. If the Camporee is canceled, emails and phone calls will be made to adult leaders on the unit registration form.

SUNDAY SERVICE

A Scout is Reverent. An interfaith Scout's Own Service will be held on Sunday morning at the Chapel.

PHOTO RELEASE INFORMATION

During the event, photographs or video footage may be taken for promotional purposes. If a parent does not wish for their child to be photographed, the Unit Leader must notify the Camporee Staff at the time of check-in on Friday night. The Unit Leader should have a signed letter or form from a parent stating that permission is not given for the scout to be photographed or filmed. **PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH PARENTS.**

CHECK-OUT

The unit check-out form (attached) and Camporee Evaluation Form (received at Check-in) should be completed and turned in upon departure from Old Stonehouse. Check-out on Sunday will **NOT** begin until after the Sunday Service. Any Unit leaving prior to this will need to inform the Camporee Chairman during Check-in.

ACTIVITIES

Scouts will have the opportunity to compete in various Halloween and Fall Themed games that mix in the use of Scout Skills, such as First Aid, Fire building, Knot tying, and navigation. There will also be a dessert competition and a Saturday night campfire with skits.

SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE

Each Patrol will be tasked with performing a skit or song at the campfire. Performance ideas should be submitted at the Friday night SPL meeting to the Campfire MC for approval. Skits and songs should be in

line with the Scout Oath and Law, please keep this in mind when preparing and planning. There will be time on Saturday afternoon to rehearse before the campfire.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, October 23

5:00-7:00pm	Unit check-in & campsite setup
8:30pm:	SPL/Leaders Meeting
9:30pm	Cracker Barrel
10:00pm	Taps/Quiet Hours

SATURDAY, October 24

6:30am	Reveille
7:00-9:00am	Breakfast
9:15am	Flag Raising
9:30 am	Game Briefing
10:00 am- 12:00 pm	Halloween Morning Games (First Aid, Knots, Fire building)
12:00-2:30 pm	Lunch and Free Time with Troop
2:30-4:30 pm	Halloween Scavenger Hunt
4:45 pm	Closing Flag Ceremony
5-7:30 pm	Free Time, Dinner, and Dessert Contest Prep
7:30 pm-8:00 pm	Dessert Contest Judging
8:30 pm	Halloween Skits, Awards, and Closing Ceremony
10:00 pm	Lights Out

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

6:30am	Reveille
7:00-8:45am	Breakfast and Cleanup Time with Troop
9:00am	Scouts Own Service
9:30-10:00am	Break camp & Check out

SITE: _____

UNIT: _____

Score each item from 0 to 5 points.

UNIT AND PATROL SITE

1. Evidence of campsite planning _____
2. Separate patrol areas with patrol names clearly indicated _____
3. Dining fly pitched properly _____
4. Tents (and hammocks) properly pitched _____
5. Proper display of U.S. and Unit flags _____
6. Each Scout's personal equipment is properly stored _____

HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. All tools and equipment safely stowed _____
2. Liquid fuels properly stored _____
3. Tent lines flagged _____
4. First Aid kit clearly visible and marked _____
5. Campsite clean of litter and trash _____
6. Campsite neat and orderly in appearance _____
7. Vehicles & trailers properly secured with no unauthorized vehicles present _____
8. Axe yard roped off & proper distance from camping area (if present) _____
9. Fire safety equipment clearly visible and fire guard chart on display _____

CAMP KITCHENS

1. Fire rings used (if open fire). Fire rings properly cleared (if in use) _____
2. Firewood properly stored (if present) Fire extinguished or actively watched _____
3. Kitchen area clean and orderly _____
4. Food properly stored _____
5. Duty roster and menus posted _____
6. Bulletin boards displayed (with event schedule, other unit information, etc.) _____

EXTRA POINTS

1. Unit gateway _____
2. Lashed together Camp gadgets, tripods, chairs, etc. _____
3. Campsite reflects Camporee theme (e.g. decorations) _____
4. Unit registered for camporee on time. (during early registration period) _____
5. Unit roster submitted on time (By Friday night cracker barrel) _____

TOTAL _____

Inspectors Initials _____

CAMP MAP

