



Scout & Leaders Guide

To Powahay District STEM CAMPOREE

At Hoyt Scout Reservation — May 19 to 21, 2023

Welcome to Powahay's STEM Camporee hosted by Troop 19 and 190 Norwalk. The camporee will take place lower Hoyt (3 Marchant Rd entrance) rain or shine. Scouts should be prepared with rain gear if necessary.

Arrival: Camp will open for Troops to arrive starting at 5 PM on Friday. Troops should check in at the Ranger Cabin before setting up their campsite. It would be helpful if each Troop had an adult in the parking area to direct Scouts to their campsite. Troops arriving Saturday, should arrive early enough to set up camp and be at the 8:45 AM preopening.

SPL/Scoutmaster Meeting Friday, 8:30 PM at the Ranger Cabin

NEW — The pre-opening: Rather than have troops assembled as a troop at the Opening, we want to arrange Scouts by their merit badge class. Right after the opening, Scouts can be escorted to their MB Class. We will have MB Counselor at the preopening.

Merit Badges — Please read carefully:

- **Merit Badge Blue Card:** Scouts will need a Merit Badge Card (blue card) signed by their Scoutmaster and properly completed — Scouts name, address, troop, etc. This card **MUST** be presented to the Merit Badge Counselor at the start of the class. Without this card, Scouts may not receive credit for the merit badge and/or requirements completed.
- **Start working on the Merit Badge.** Please go to the registration page at <https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/POWSTEM>, click on the "PROGRAM" tab, select "MORE INFORMATION" at your selected merit badge. This will provide you with prerequisites, the MB requirements, and to download a MB Requirement Worksheet. Please download the Worksheet and start completing as many of the requirements to discuss with your MB Counselor.
 - * All prerequisites state to "Read the Merit Badge Book." We know it may not be possible to obtain a book in time for the STEM Camporee. We will leave that to the discretion of your MB Counselor.
- **Merit Badge Classes please bring:**
 - * Water bottle, rain gear, insect repellent, sun screen, etc.
 - * Clip board with printed MB Worksheet.
 - * For those taking a Merit Badges at Hoyt — bring a folding camp chair, or be prepared to sit on the ground.
- **Merit Badge Counselors** will turn in the MB cards with requirements completed at the 3 PM MB Counselor Meeting (ranger station). Those will be placed in an envelope by troops for the Scoutmaster to pick up at the 5 PM closing.

Bring Cash — Lunch Lady Gerri's Lunch Truck — Home of the Sloppy Joes offering Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Nachos, Fries, and beverages will be available mid-morning through the afternoon for lunch and snacks.

First Aid is at the Ranger Cabin with Captain Steve Coe. Please report all injuries. Bring medical and permission forms. For emergencies during the camporee call Steve at 203-952-8679.

FRIDAY - MAY 19

2:30 PM	Staff Arrival
5 to 8 PM	Troops Arrival - Set up Camp
8:00 PM	Movie Jackson Pavilion
8:30 PM	SPL/Adult Leaders
10:00 PM	Quiet Time

SATURDAY - MAY 20

7 to 8:30 AM	Reveille/Breakfast/Late arrival
8:45 AM	Pre-opening Group by Merit Badge
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:30 to 12 Noon	Merit Badge Classes
9:30 to 11:30 AM	Rifle MB Shoot schedule
12:00 to 1 PM	Lunch -Troop Cook or Lunch Truck
1:15 to 2:30 PM	Merit Badge Classes as needed
1 to 2:00 PM	Extra time for Rifle Shoot
3:00 PM	MB Counselors Meet Ranger Cabin
2:30 to 4:00 PM	Tournaments
	Ultimate Frisbee
	Chess
	GaGa Pit
	Inflatable Obstacle Course
4:00 to 7 PM	Troop Time/Dinner
5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony
	Flagpole Jackson Pavilion
7 to 9:00 PM	Gaming Party
9 to 9:30 PM	SPL Cracker barrel Jackson Pavilion
10:00 PM	Quiet Time - Back at Campsite
	SUNDAY - MAY 21
7 to 10 AM	Reveille/Breakfast/Break Camp
10:00 AM	Camporee Closed - Safe Drive Home

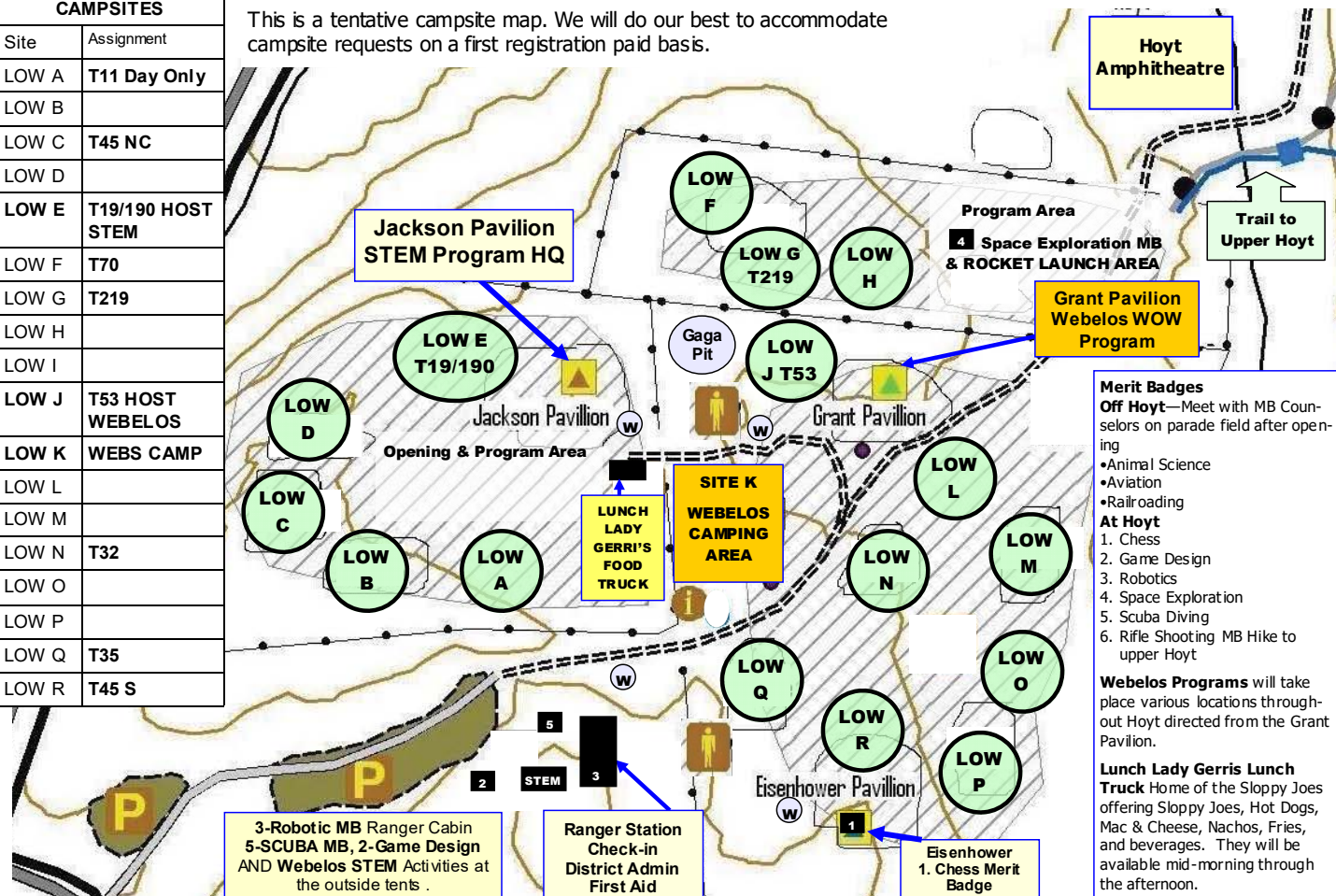
STEM closing will take place at 5:00 PM on Saturday. There are no programs or closing ceremony for Sunday.

Lower Hoyt Campsite/Program STEM Camporee/Webelos WOW Map

Campsites are assigned Jamboree style and are keyed below. **We do not assign campsites by traditional Hoyt campsite names.** Please use the map keys. Pavilions are NOT to be used by Units and must be kept open for programs.

CAMPSITES	
Site	Assignment
LOW A	T11 Day Only
LOW B	
LOW C	T45 NC
LOW D	
LOW E	T19/190 HOST STEM
LOW F	T70
LOW G	T219
LOW H	
LOW I	
LOW J	T53 HOST WEBELOS
LOW K	WEBS CAMP
LOW L	
LOW M	
LOW N	T32
LOW O	
LOW P	
LOW Q	T35
LOW R	T45 S

This is a tentative campsite map. We will do our best to accommodate campsite requests on a first registration paid basis.



Special Merit Badges

Rifle Shooting MB (shooting qualification)

8:45 AM Preopening — Scouts will be divided into 3 groups for scheduled shooting as follows:

- 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM Group 1 (Group 1 will skip the opening.)
- 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM Group 2 (arrives 15 ahead of time while group 1 is still shooting for the safety talk).
- **11:45 to 1:00 PM Range Closed**
- 1 PM Hike to upper Hoyt — 1:15 to 2:30 Group 3
- 2:45 BB Shoot for Webelos

Railroading MB Scouts will depart immediately after the opening ceremony with a hike to the Redding Train Station for the train ride to Danbury.

- 9:53 AM Train to Danbury
- 10:13 AM Arrive Danbury
- 1:33 PM Return Train to Redding
- 1:55 PM Arrival Redding Train Station.

Animal Science MB will take place at New Pond Farm Educational Center at 101 Marchant Rd. They are planning a 10 to 11:30 AM program to explore their Dairy Farm. The Animal Science MB Class will meet right after the opening to depart by 9:40 AM to New Hope Farm. **We will need drivers.** This group will be back to Hoyt for lunch.

Aviation MB has been cancelled. As noted our scheduled MBC had a work conflict come up and we (tried so hard) to find a replacement but at no avail.

Scoutmasters we need your help!

We have a group of Scouts that have selected "NO MERIT BADGE." We understand that some may be key youth leaders, or have conflicts and just coming up for camping, or helping with our Webelos WOW. What do we do with the others. We don't want them at your campsite with nothing to do. Can your troop provide alternate program — take them on an extended hike, lead a conservation project, do an introduction to STEM Awards, etc. Please let us know at the SPL/SM Friday Night Meeting.

Afternoon Tournaments: Troops can sign up teams at the Friday Night SPL/Scoutmaster Meeting

- Ultimate Frisbee
- GaGa Pit
- Chess
- Double Trouble Inflatable Obstacle Course Challenge.

Gaming Party Saturday Night: Troop Hosted Team Playing Video Games/Board Game Party. Troops can sponsor a Teen rated console video game (no online games) will need to bring screen, video game, and projector, or host a card or board game. Please let us know ahead of time if your troop can host a game to info@powahay.com.

Can we bring cell phones, laptops, tablets to work on merit badges?

This is left to the discretion of each troop. District is not enforcing any restrictions. We will use a texting system for messages and ask that key youth leaders have access to their cell phone.