

2027 Top Scout Camporall Leaders Guide

Register at: https://scoutingevent.com/004-122796

Date: March 12-14, 2027

Location: Camp Maubila

Throughout this guide, you will find all the information that you will need to

"Be Prepared"

For this Camporall, please read the entire guide.

TOP SCOUT is the premier Scouting Experience where scouts, and scouters, get to test their skills and knowledge to see if they are truly "Prepared for Life." Scouts AND Scouters will compete in buddy teams (groups of 2) to prove who is TOP SCOUT! This event is specifically designed for scouts to gauge what their knowledge and skill level is compared to their peers. It will help them determine if they are ready for Eagle Scout. And if they aren't, what do they need to work on to get there. All while having fun.

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Registration/Fee:
Early Bird Fee (now till Feb 26th) - $20.00 per individual (Scouts, Leaders, Cadre)
Late Fee (Feb 27th-Mar 5th at 5 pm) - $35 per individual (Scouts and Leaders)
Cub Scout or Cub Leader Fee - $10 per Cub or Cub Leader

Please register as a unit! **NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER March 5th.** All Registrations should be made through the BlackPug registration site through the council. **Units should also complete the registration form located at the back of this Leader Guide and bring it to the Event.**

Check-In: Check-in will be between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday, March 12th. Try to arrive as one Unit. If this is not possible, have a leader confirm your troop/crew is on-site, then provide a roster at the Scoutmaster / SPL meeting – THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9 PM ON FRIDAY. The gathering and check-in area will be identified via signage, and staff will be available to direct you to your camping area. To check in, make sure your troop/crew has **a copy of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A & B completed for all Scouts and leaders attending in the possession of the unit adult leadership, two copies of an updated roster** (Camporee Registration Form at back of Leader's Guide) and **list of all buddy team names participating in the events.**

At all times during the camporee, youth must travel with at least one other youth or at least two adults. All adults must have current Youth Protection Training (YPT) to attend and must uphold all parts of YPT. **These Buddy System and Youth Protection Rules are strictly enforced.**

Check-out: Check-out time will be after the Sunday awards ceremony. Camporee patches will be distributed to the units based on the number of people registered. Please make sure that your campsite is free of all trash before the morning assembly. Part of the weekend awards is for the Troop/Crew to attend this assembly and be in full field uniform.

Parking: There is no parking in the camping area except for unit trailers and vehicles towing. All vehicles must be moved to a designated parking area in the Camp parking lot. **Note**: **Please try to limit the number of vehicles brought to this camporee. Parking space will be limited, and vehicles must not be parked in the main camping area for the safety of our Scouts.**

Camp Sites: Placement of unit campsites will be determined by unit size and gender.

Leave No Trace Camping: Scouts must leave areas better than they found them. We request that units be sure to keep their campsite areas clean throughout the weekend and take their trash out with them when they leave.

Ground Fires: Units/patrols can do their cooking on any combination of above-ground fire pits, camp stoves, or designated fire rings.

Restroom Facilities and Water: Camp bathrooms are available as well as community bathrooms and showers. Most campsites have water. Please bring your own toiletries. **YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES ARE IN FORCE FOR THE ENTIRE CAMPOUT!**

Troop/Crew Gear & Cooking: Troops/Crews are responsible for bringing all camping/cooking gear necessary for their unit/patrol cooking. Each troop/crew must have at least one fire extinguisher in their campsite.

Flags: Unit flags and American flags are to remain in the unit's campsite area except for the campfire or Sunday morning assembly. A buddy team flag is encouraged to show your team's spirit. Patrol flags are discouraged at this event.

First Aid: If you have an emergency or First Aid problem during the Camporee that **cannot** be handled by the Troop/Crew leadership, contact 911 and then **contact the camp director.**

Safety: No firearms, fireworks, or unapproved knives per the Guide to Safe Scouting are allowed.

Electronic Devices: IT IS ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR EACH BUDDY TEAM TO HAVE A DEVICE WITH CELL SERVICE AND A HIKING APP SUCH AS ALL TRAILS FOR THIS EVENT (Such as an iPod, Tablet, or Cell Phone). Buddy teams will be tracking their time and progress on the hiking app. Teams will also be taking pictures for extra credit.

Alcoholic Beverages/Controlled Substances: No alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are allowed on the grounds during the Camporee.

Adult Participation: Top Scout is a great opportunity for the Scouts to exercise and develop organizational and leadership skills. Because of this, adult involvement or intervention is discouraged in any of the Scout activities, including but not limited to coaching or competing during events, and organizing patrol activities. "Never do anything that a Scout can do." However, at this event, leaders will get the opportunity to "Lead by Example" by participating in the competition. Adults will be able to form their own buddy team and complete the course to add points toward the Top Troop Award AND the Top Scout Spirit Award.

Uniform Requirements: Each Scout and Leader must be in **field uniform** to check in and the evening activities, such as the Saturday campfire and Sunday Scouts' Own service. A Troop/Crew activity uniform or other approved activity uniform is appropriate for all other Camporee activities. For safety purposes, shoes or boots must be worn. Flip Flops, Slippers, "Crocs", and other non-protective footwear MUST NOT BE WORN outside of your own unit's camp area. **PLEASE WEAR FOOTWEAR THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR HIKING. THIS EVENT WILL REQUIRE LONG-DISTANCE WALKING/HIKING.**

Unscheduled Arrivals/Departures: Anyone arriving at or departing from the Camporee, at any time during the Camporee, **MUST** sign in and out with the camp director. We need to be aware of any change in attendance for all adults and Scouts at the Camporee in the event of an emergency.

Be Considerate: Do not disturb other campers before Reveille or after Taps. For security, it is always suggested that an adult remain at/or near the campsite. It is appropriate to ask permission before entering another unit's campsite.

Troop/Crew Site Inspections: Camp inspections will consist of how organized the campsites are (cooking areas properly set up, sleeping areas properly set up, etc.), how well the site is kept up (cleanliness), and having the appropriate safety materials (first aid kit, fire suppression, etc.). THE CLEANLINESS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIT'S CAMPSITE WILL FACTOR INTO AWARDING THE TOP UNIT AWARD.

Order of the Arrow events: The Order of the Arrow will oversee our Saturday night campfire event. All OA members are encouraged to wear their OA sash for this campfire to signify their membership in OA.

For any troop/crew that needs to have the OA conduct a call-out ceremony based on troop/crew elections, the OA will be available to conduct this ceremony at the Saturday night campfire for those Scouts. THERE WILL NOT BE ELECTIONS HELD AT CAMPOREE.

Saturday night campfire/Saturday Cracker Barrel: Cracker Barrel will be held in the dining hall area after the Saturday night campfire. This will be hosted by the Order of the Arrow

Leader's Potluck Dinner: Back by popular demand, we will be having a leader's potluck dinner. Participating troops will be awarded extra points toward the Top Scout Spirit Award

Waterfront Related Events: There will be a waterfront event for this event. But there will be no swimming

WEBELOS/AOL Scouts: WEBELOS & AOL Scouts will be allowed to participate in the event. They will start at a different time and will need to give way to competitors as they come through events. They will be able to score on their work. Cub Scouts are NOT allowed to shoot shotguns. They are invited to stay for the Saturday campfire but will not be allowed to do any overnight camping at this event. Each WEBELOS/AOL is responsible for their sack lunch. If you choose to stay for the campfire, please address dinner options with your respective troop.

Scout Participation: Participation is why you are here. If you aren't going to participate in the event, please stay home. If you sign up a buddy team, and that buddy team does not participate, it will negatively affect your overall troop score. We also will not be equipped to spare extra staff to make sure the impromptu football game in the parking lot that springs up during the competition is properly watched. That being said, your free time in the afternoon is your free time. Enjoy it!!

CAMPOREE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 12th
1800 to 2000 - Check-in (CHECK-IN TENT WILL BE DESIGNATED WITH SIGNAGE)
1800 to 2100 - Camp Set Up
2000 to 2045 - OA campfire set up
2100 to 2130 - SPL / SM Meeting
2245 PM - Camp Quiet Time/Lights Out (Get your rest; you will need it)

Saturday, March 13th
0630 - Reveille
0630 to 0745 - Breakfast (in the campsite, Patrol Style)
0745 to 0815 - Opening Ceremony (SITE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT SPL MTG)
0830 to 1700 - *Top Scout Competition (Scouts will eat lunch on the run; please pack a meal that can be carried)*
0930 to 1600 - Webelos/AOL participation in Top Scout.
1700 to 1730 - OA ice cream social
1730 to 1930 - Dinner time for all Units
1800 to 1930 - Leaders Potluck
2000 to 2100 - Camporee Campfire/OA Callout Ceremony
2100 to 2300 - Cracker Barrel (Dining Hall)
2300 - Camp Quiet Time/Lights Out

Sunday, March 14th
0700 to 0845 - Breakfast (in the campsite, Patrol Style) and Camp Cleanup
0900 to 0945 - Scouts' Own Service (Chapel)
Awards and closing announcements will be held in the arena following the service.

TOP SCOUT COMPETITION EVENTS INFORMATION

This year's competition is open to all Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts, AND Scouters. WEBELOS and AOL Scouts are also allowed to participate for fun and advancement. There are three divisions. Top Scout Junior (for Scout to Second Class Ranks), Top Scout (for 1st Class to Eagle Ranks), and Top Scout Senior (for Scouters). Top Scout Junior will compete in the same stations only against scouts within the same range of competence level. For all challenge events during the Camporall, the Buddy Team must be utilized. A "BUDDY TEAM" is defined as 2 Scouts (you may have 3, ONLY if you have an odd number of scouts in your unit's attendance. Multiple 3-person buddy teams will not be allowed). Each buddy team is encouraged to have a team name. It will be the responsibility of the SPL to provide the Camp Director with the name of each BUDDY TEAM and its members that will be participating in the challenge stations. There will be no changes after the SPL meeting!!

This list must be presented to the Camp Director NO LATER THAN upon check-in.

If the Camporall Director doesn't know about the Buddy Team, they are not eligible for any recognition or awards!

There is a total of 8 challenge stations that each Buddy Team will have to complete throughout the day. Each challenge will require the Buddy Team to work individually with the support of their buddy to achieve certain tasks and goals while having fun, testing their abilities, and Scouting Knowledge! Every scout must have a pack containing the 10 Scout hiking essentials, along with any other gear they may deem necessary for the hike. There will be a 10 Essentials check to begin the hike.

Judging/Supervision of events: Unit adult leaders will be asked to assist with the judging of each Challenge Station.

For each challenge, there are 3 main components to be evaluated/judged:

1. Completion of the challenge itself.

2. Prescribed time limit for the completion of the challenge. (If the Buddy Team is not able to complete the challenge within the advertised time limit, they may continue at the discretion of the judge as long as it doesn't negatively impact the 'flow' of the events, so everyone gets a fair chance.)

3. Buddy Team spirit and ingenuity displayed during the challenge.

The spirit displayed by the Buddy Team will count towards the Top Scout Spirit Award. Buddy Team spirit is defined in part as: helping each other, encouraging each other, being 'in the spirit' of the Camporee theme and Challenge Events, and showing good sportsmanship.

Top Scout Challenge Events:

1. .22 Rifle Shooting
2. Shotgun Shooting
3. Knife Throwing
4. Tomahawk throwing
5. Archery
6. Airsoft targets
7. Catapult Targets
8. Spear Throwing
9. Battle of Maubila (*Troop competition. Build your own Cardboard fortress. Make it strong. Troops will be "Artillery Style," Firing water balloons at other troops' fortresses…**NOT EACH OTHER**. Bring your own balloons and "artillery cannon". Last troop fortress standing wins.)*

Top Troop Scoring

The Top Troop will be decided by averaging the scores of all the Buddy Teams from a troop. Any bonus points awarded will be considered. As always, camp inspections and Scout Spirit will be scored as well.

2024 Top Scout Camporall Unit Registration Form
March 12-14, 2027
Maubila Scout Reservation

Troop/Crew: _____ Unit Leader:_____

Top Scout Buddy Team List *(Scouts' first and last name, must be in 2-person buddy teams, 1st Class or higher)*

1a.	1b.
2a.	2b.
3a.	3b.
4a.	4b.
5a.	5b.
6a.	6b.
7a.	7b.
8a.	8b.
9a.	9b.
10a.	10b.
11a.	11b.
12a.	12b.

(Add names to the back of the form if needed)

Top Scout Jr. Buddy Team List *(Scouts' first and last name, must be in 2-person buddy teams, 2nd Class or lower)*

1a.	1b.
2a.	2b.
3a.	3b.
4a.	4b.
5a.	5b.
6a.	6b.
7a.	7b.
8a.	8b.
9a.	9b.
10a.	10b.
11a.	11b.
12a.	12b.

(Add names to the back of the form if needed)

Top Scout Senior Buddy Team List *(Scouters' first and last name, must be in 2-person buddy teams, Adults Only)*

1a.	1b.
2a.	2b.
3a.	3b.
4a.	4b.
5a.	5b.

Adult Leaders Attending *(Please remember that units with females require at least 1 female leader)*

1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

(2 leaders per unit are free & 1 additional leader for every 10 Scouts above 10)

Please make sure to have a filled-out copy of this form at registration.
Please register and pay all fees through the BlackPug registration link provided on the council event calendar.
https://scoutingmac.org/events-calendar/