



**2025 CT RIVERS COUNCIL
SCOUT SHOW
“JOURNEY TO HISTORY”**

**TROOP LEADERS
GUIDE**

**October 24-26, 2025
Bethlehem Fairgrounds**

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Thank you for attending the 2025 CT Rivers Scout Show. The following items should answer many questions. If you have any further questions, please contact: Mike Ruty at 860-558-8888 or mwr90@aol.com

Bethlehem Fairgrounds; 384 Main Street North; Bethlehem, CT

Check In:

- Unit check-in will begin at 5:00 pm at the Scout Show Headquarters/Registration Tent. Please be sure to check to get all of your information for your Troop including game cards and schedules.
- Please come to registration with a written roster of all Scouts and Adults attending for the weekend, including cell phone numbers for adults. Scouts & Adults can be added during check-in, please bring cash or check. Cost will remain at \$25.00 per person.
- BSA Medical Forms – As with any unit activity, each unit should have a Parts A & B of the BSA medical form completed and signed by a parent/guardian for each youth. The unit should also have the BSA medical forms completed for all adult participants. No Doctor signature is required for parts A&B. Units do not need to turn these in at the Scout Show, but they should be onsite for the weekend if needed.

Check Out:

- After the closing ceremony each Troop should send an adult leader to the Scout Show Headquarters/Registration Tent to pick up your check out package including event patches.
- Camping areas should be left clean, and all trash should be placed in the dumpsters before leaving. A Scout is Clean!!

Pre-Scout Show Informational Zoom Meeting:

- A Pre-Scout Show Informational Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be sent to the registration contact for each Troop.

First Aid:

- Minor first aid should be administered at the Troop level. The Scout Show first aid area will be staffed by medical personnel for the weekend for any needs that may arise. The first aid area will be in the building where the midway is in.
- For all life-threatening emergencies please call 911 and then call 860-558-8888 so that we can help direct emergency personnel to your location ASAP.

Troop Camping Areas:

- Campsites will be assigned the week before the event and communicated to the unit leader contact on the registration. Please go directly to your campsite and setup. An adult leader should come to the Scout Show Headquarters/Registration Tent to check in you Troop.
- While the parking lot is not located very far from the campsites a wagon or cart may prove useful for transporting gear/water/trash/gray water during the weekend.
- Please be sure your tents and gear are within your designated camping area.
- All cooking must be done using propane, no fires or charcoal are allowed.

Unit Games/Skills/Activity:

- Each unit is asked to setup a games/scout skill demonstration/activity in your campsite to run for the day on Saturday in the morning and afternoon. During these activity times only have the minimum number of Scouts/Leaders at your booth needed to run your activity while the other Scouts/Leaders are out participating in all the other unit's activities. Scouts should use the buddy system when visiting other unit booths but do not need to travel as a Troop or Patrol.
- You do not need to score or judge scouts participating in your games/activity, we want the Scouts to have fun and learn!!
- Please setup your area on Saturday morning from 8-9 am so that after the opening you will be ready to go after the opening.

Parking:

- Only one vehicle/trailer per unit will be allowed to go to the campsite. Please consolidate your gear into that one vehicle to be dropped at the site. All other vehicles will need to park in the parking lot and walk in from there due to traffic concerns. While the parking area is not located very far from the campsites a wagon or cart may prove useful for transporting gear/water/trash/gray water during the weekend.

Restroom Facilities:

- Portable Toilets and hand washing stations will be located around the Scout Show and in the Camping area for use by all youth and adults.
- If any restroom facility requires attention, please let the Scout Show Headquarters know.

Scout Show Concession Stand:

- The Scout Show Concession Stand will be open on Friday evening from 6:00-10:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Opening Flags and Program:

- The Scout Show opening will be held Saturday morning at 9:00 am. All Scouts and Leaders should wear Class A Uniforms. All Troops should bring their Troop Flag to the

opening and designate a Scout to carry the flag in the opening program. Please have the flag bearer arrive at 8:45 am at the Large White Camp Tent.

Closing Ceremony:

- On Sunday morning at 9:00 am, please have your Troop at the Stage Area for the closing. Prizes awarded for top Troop programs in these categories: Scout Skills, Use of Scout Show Theme, Game, & Scout Spirit. We will award prizes for the Scout Show Chopped Competition and others awards!!

Trash:

- All trash & recycling should be placed in the dumpsters as shown on the map. Troop garbage should NOT be placed in garbage cans in the fairgrounds.
- Please encourage your Scouts to use garbage cans and recycling cans around the show.

Water Supply:

- Drinking water will be available onsite. Please bring containers to transport to your campsite.

Gray/Wash Water:

- All dish washing water should be disposed of at the drain location as shown on the map, do not dispose of at your site or restroom facilities. Please strain your grey water so there is not food in the water. Please bring a container with lid to transport.

Trading Post:

- The Scout Show Trading Post will be open during the weekend. The trading post will have Scout Show items and many items/patches from our camps and programs. Please let your Scouts know to bring money if interested.

Open Gaming & Movie – Friday Night:

- On Friday evening from 7:30-10:00 PM Scouts are welcome to come to the Barn for open gaming including “Magic the Gathering” and other games. Please bring your own cards/games.

Saturday Evening Program:

- At 8:00 PM on Saturday at the Stage Area there will be a Scout Show evening program. There will be short program followed by ice cream and a DJ dance party and light show!!

Religious Services:

- There will be two religious services being held on Saturday evening at 6:45 pm.
 - Scouts Own Service – Small Ring
 - Catholic Faith – Barn

Please encourage your Scouts to attend. A Scout is Reverent!!

Camp Wide Game:

- Each unit will be given a Scout Show game card for each Scout and Adult at registration. Please be sure Scouts and Adult Leaders write their Name and Unit # on them. The game is designed to have everyone visit many of the great activities offered at the Scout Show.
- After completing the game card please bring it to the game booth by 4:30 pm to receive your special edition patch.

Eagle Scout Gathering:

- A gathering of all Eagle Scouts will be held at 3:00 pm the stage area, please come join your fellow Eagle Scouts for a program and receive a special Eagle Scout version of the Scout Show patch!!

Wood Badge Reunion:

- A reunion of all Wood Badge participants will be held at 2:00 pm at the stage area Bandstand, please come join us for the reunion and program. Please attend if you received your beads, staffed a course, or still working your ticket. All attendees will receive a special Wood Badge version of the Scout Show patch!!

NYLT Reunion:

- A reunion of all NYLT participants & staff will be held at 1:00 PM at the stage area, please come join us for the reunion and program. Please attend if you were a participant or staff for any NYLT course. A special patch for those in attendance.

Order of the Arrow:

- The Tschitani Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will have the Lodge Trading Post setup on Saturday in the Midway area. Grab some great new Lodge patches or apparel. Be sure to stop by and meet our Lodge officers! Also, if you have not paid your 2025 dues this weekend would be a great time!!
- The Lodge will be having an Order of the Arrow fellowship & rededication ceremony on Saturday evening at the Ring area as shown on the map. All OA Members are welcome to come and receive a special OA version of the Scout Show patch. Please bring your OA Sash!!

CRC Scout Show Band:

- The Connecticut Rivers Council (CRC) is getting the **CRC Band** back together for the 2025 Scout Show. We need youth as well as adult members to play in the CRC Band.
- We have previously formed a CRC Band and played at the 2010 Council Jambo, Adventure Base 100 (also in 2010), and the 2013, 2017, & 2022 Council Scout Show. So, we are getting the CRC Band back together for the 2025 Scout Show! This will be a unique opportunity to perform at the Scout Show and continue the great Scouting tradition as a member of a Scout Band.

- We will rehearse at the Scout Show in advance of performing on Saturday morning, October 22, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. We will organize and practice for about an hour. The CRC Band will perform for the Scout Show opening ceremonies on Saturday morning and possibly another performance to be determined. All standard band instrumentalists are welcome. Music for the CRC Band will be made available on-line in advance and posted for individuals to practice and prepare.
- If you are in a Scout, 7th Grade or above, or an Adult Scouter interested in playing in the CRC Band, please send an e-mail message to Bill Shea, Scoutmaster, Troop 16, Middletown, at WmPShea@aol.com to confirm your interest in playing in the CRC Scout Band!
- As a Scout is Prepared, you will need an instrument, music stand, clothes pin (or something similar to keep you music on your stand), print your music, and the willingness to play and perform.
- All Scouts and Scouters in the band will receive a special limited edition Scout Show "Band" Patch.
- Again, please send an e-mail message to Bill Shea at WmPShea@aol.com to confirm your interest in playing in the CRC Scout Band! It will be fun!

Scoutmaster/SPL Chopped Cooking Challenge:

- A Scoutmaster/SPL chopped cooking challenge will be held on Saturday. If your Troop would like to participate the Scoutmaster (or another adult leader) and your SPL should come to Scout Show Hq Tent at 11:30 am on Saturday to pickup the ingredients.
- You will be given the required ingredients. You can also use ingredients that your Troop may have with you.
- After you gather your ingredients, you will return to your campsite to make whatever type dish you would like to make.
- You must have your completed dish back to the Hq Tent at 1:00 pm for judging
- Prizes will be awarded for the best dishes as judged by our team of culinary masters!!

CT Rivers Council Scout Camps:

- All of the CT Rivers Council Properties will be represented at the Scout Show: J.N. Webster Scout Reservation, Camp Mattatuck, Camp Workcoeman, & Camp Barbour will have staff, displays and information under the tent! Please be sure to stop and learn about all the great programs they have to offer.

Branding Station:

- Be sure to visit the branding station at CT River Council Camps tent to get your items branded with many different brands. Please bring items you would like to brand!!

Scout Show Midway:

- The midway in the Barn will have information on the Order of the Arrow, Leave No Trace Display, Jamboree 2026, Religious Emblem Programs, Wood Badge, NYLT, and many other program partners from around the state.