

**2026 SPRING CAMPOREE  
Back to Basics with Bigfoot  
CAMP STRANG  
GOSHEN, CT. MAY 15 – May 17, 2026**

**For the Scout Masters and Senior Patrol Leaders:**

**This paperwork should be shared with Scout Masters and the SPL/ Patrol Leaders who will be attending this event to make sure they are prepared.**

**Campsites SPLs picked at the Fall camporee 2024 SPL meeting will be used at the Fall Camporee 2025.**

**SPLs for the Spring Camporee will be Troop 51, 55 and 65.** Spls for the weekend are responsible for making sure the shower house and Pootatuck latrine is clean and orderly. If either needs to be cleaned, it gets cleaned so everyone can continue to use it for that event and others going forward. They also raise the flag at opening ceremony.

All stations should be able to accommodate up to 3 patrols at one time

Stations should be set up to take each patrol between 20 and 30 minutes to complete.

Morning score sheets should only be used to score patrols who show up to stations in the morning.

Please mark patrols who show up in the morning on the side but not in the scoring area on the afternoon sheet. Please keep afternoon scores for those patrols who come in the afternoon, on the afternoon score sheet.

Scout/ Webelos Patrols should be finished with any shooting station by 3:00 pm.

Campsite inspections will be conducted for up to 5 additional points.

Gateways will be judged based on theme and overall creativity for placement, first thru third.

Toilet paper will not be provided at the shower house. All units will be responsible for bringing their own for the duration of the weekend.

**\*\*\*Any Scout caught on the roof of a building in camp will be immediately removed from the event and sent home, with further action to follow. \*\*\***

**\*\*\*Be Aware\*\*\* The Paugasset Campsite and all trails through it are closed.**

**\*\*\*Be Bear Aware\*\*\* Keep all smellable items out of tents and locked in a vehicle or trailer.**

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- DATE:** Friday – Sunday, May 15– May 17, 2026
- PLACE:** Edmund. D Strang Scout Reservation, Goshen, CT
- REGISTRATION FEES:** There will be a 5-point bonus for each patrol registered by early registration deadline. The total fee for all participants on the registration must be paid by this time. Please be sure that the **forms are completed** with the **troop number, patrol names, and names of scouts and leaders attending**. We use this information to prepare the paperwork, patches, and ribbons for the event.
- The Fee for the Spring Camporee is **\$20.00 per participant** (each scout, adult, and parent attending). **Registration should be completed and turned into the Scout Office or online by 12:00 pm on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**
- CRACKER-BARREL:** Each unit will be responsible for providing the refreshments at the Friday night SPL and Leader’s meeting. It will go in numerical order of units. **This Spring Camporee will be Troop 28.** Questions about what should be provided can be directed to the activities committee.
- VISITORS:** Visitors are welcomed and encouraged. Dress for the weather and have a good time.
- SMOKING:** All scouting activities are non-smoking events. Please do not smoke in front of the Scouts.
- WATER:** Water will be available at the water building at the center of the camporee field. Water is also available at the well head next to the pine tree in the parking lot near the training center.
- LATRINES:** The latrines will be open for use all weekend along with the shower house. Please do not dig pits or use the woods. **Units should bring their own toilet paper; it will not be provided.**
- UNIFORMS:** Scouts/ Leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms during the Saturday religious services and the closing ceremony on Sunday.
- Church Services:** If a Priest is available to conduct a Catholic mass it will be held in the camporee field by the Flag pole and scouts/leaders should bring lawn chairs to sit in attendance. The nondenominational service will be at the Rifle range.

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**Program Notes and Information**

- STATIONS:** Stations are expected to accommodate 3 patrols at a time to prevent backups so that stations can be completed timely. If a station is backed up and knows another station is not advise scouts to proceed to another station to keep things moving in a timely manner.
- JUDGES:** Adults serving as judges at the stations or elsewhere at the Camporee have the final say for scoring.
- SCORING:** The points awarded at each station will be left to the discretion of the individual judges. Each station will have either a maximum of 10 points and a bonus or a timed score.
- AWARDS:** There will be participation ribbons for all patrols who participate, as well as ribbons for the placement of the top 9 Scout and Webelos patrols. Stations Masters will also be given a ribbon for helping host a station. Patches will be given to all registered participants.
- CAMPSITE INSPECTION:** Campsite judging is designed to teach the Scouts the fundamentals of good patrol camping habits. This includes safety, comfort, cooking skills, health, and sanitation. A campsite inspection form is attached.
- REVEILLE/TAPS:** Reveille is at **7:00 AM** and Taps is at **10:00 PM**. Please be considerate of other units and keep Scouts in your troop in the camp site and quiet before reveille and after taps.
- First Aid/ Injuries:** Report all injuries to the nurse at Headquarters (training center). If at all in doubt, **DO NOT MOVE THE INJURED PERSON**. Come immediately to Headquarters so that First Aid Trained Personnel can be sent to the scene.
- WEATHER:** The SPRING CAMPOREE will be held rain or shine. If the weather is so bad the event must be cancelled no make-up date will be scheduled.
- CLOTHING:** There is a 99% chance the weather will to do something. Please dress appropriately for the weather. If not properly dressed scouts will be sent home.

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

- EQUIPMENT:** Coolers and patrol boxes are recommended. All liquid fuel stoves must meet Scout standards and fuel must be stored and handled in a safe manner under adult supervision. Each cooking area must have a chemical fire extinguisher and first aid kit easily accessible in case of an emergency. There must also be 2 water buckets per fire ring.
- PARKING:** The Housatonic Council would like its participants to park cars in designated areas away from the campsites. **The only exception is the vehicle hauling the unit trailers.**
- FIRES:** All firewood should be gathered from the woods (there is plenty). Do not cut any standing trees. Holes dug for firepits must be filled in and any rocks used to outline a fire pit must be returned to the ground or the woods. **(NOT just along the edge of the grass but well into the woods).**
- PETS:** Please leave your pets at home. They pose a possible liability to both you and the Housatonic Council.
- CHECK-OUT:** Units are dismissed after the closing ceremony. Unit camping locations must be inspected to assure that rocks, poles, tent pegs and trash are removed from the vicinity.

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**SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY**

**(Times are subject to change)**

**Friday:**

8:15 PM SPLs meeting at the rifle range

8:45 PM Cracker-Barell hosted by Troop 28

9:00 PM Scoutmasters meeting at the rifle range

10:00 PM Taps, lights out

**Saturday:**

7:00 AM Reveille

7:15-8:30 AM Breakfast

8:45 AM Opening ceremony

9:00-12:00 PM Morning Stations, Station masters turn in morning score sheets

12:00-12:50 PM Lunch

1:00-3:30 PM Afternoon Stations, Station masters turn in afternoon score sheets

4:00-5:00 PM Fire Truck Demonstration – Parking lot by head quarters

5:00-6:15 PM Dinner in Campsites

6:30-7:15 PM Church Services – Catholic mass at flag pole / NDS at the rifle range

7:30-8:30 PM Campfire in Camporee field

10:00 PM Taps, lights out

**Sunday:**

7:00 AM Reveille

7:15-9:00 AM Breakfast, Site cleanup

9:15-10:00 AM Closing ceremony

10:00AM Leave for home

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**Campsite Inspection**

**SHELTER AND TENT PLACEMENT (5 points total)**

- Tents properly erected; neat and orderly. **SPLS**, and **Scout Master Tents** clearly defined.
- Cover for dining facilities properly erected; securely anchored, provides for run-off of rain.

**FIRE, WOOD, AND TOOLS (5 points total)**

- Fire location is a safe distance from tents and adequately contained.
- Adequate fire buckets and/or other firefighting equipment available.
- Firewood protected from rain and dampness. Not located inside the axe yard.
- Axe yard specifically located and adequately marked off. (min.1Troop)

**HEALTH AND SAFETY (5 points total)**

- Campsite is neat
  - Personal equipment neat and stored properly. (Uniform by patrol)
  - First Aid Kit is adequate and visible for all to see
  - Garbage adequately stored and disposed
  - Food adequately protected from contamination and spoilage.
  - Cooking equipment stored off ground and clean.
- Dish washing station is defined and cleaning practices result in clean pots, plates, etc.
- Clean water is available for drinking and cleaning

**GENERAL CAMPSITE (5 points total)**

- U.S. and troop flags properly displayed.
- Campsite improvements/campcraft. Created with natural materials for a site gateway, dish drying rack, etc.
- No evidence of a grease pit
- Camp chairs are neat and personal gear stowed. Cooking, cleaning, and camping areas are all clearly defined.
- No cars parked in the campsite other than the one connected to the trailer

**PATROL ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION (5 points total)**

- Evidence of separate patrol sites.
- Scout meals prepared by patrols, not by adults.
- Patrol menu posted in patrol site and kept dry.
- Patrol duty roster posted in patrol site and kept dry.
- Patrol gear kept neat and orderly, general appearance is clean.

**TOTAL POINTS (25)**

Points to be given on a sliding scale...

**(1-5 pts total receives 1 point for inspection) (6-10 pts total receives 2 points)**

**(11-15 points total receives 3 points) (16-20 points total receives 4 points)**

**(21-25 points total receives 5 points)**

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**Gateway Inspection**

**Gateways (Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> based on judges' assessment of gateways)**

- Evidence of Camporee theme using thought, ingenuity, and creativity.
- No rocks are used.
- Clearly defines campsite for the unit.
- Safely established from the core of the campsite.
- Knots, lashings, and other scouting knowledge is demonstrated properly and in a safe manner.

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|     | <i>Station</i> | <i>Description/Location</i> | <i>Station Master</i> | <i>Webelos</i> |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 2.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 3.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 4.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 5.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 6.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 7.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 8.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 9.  |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 10. |                |                             |                       | W              |
| 11. |                |                             |                       | W              |

