

ONSC North Spring Camporee

March 27th-29th



Scouting  **America**
Old North State Council

Welcome Scouts, Leaders, and Families,

On behalf of the Old North State Council, we are excited to welcome you to the 2026 District Camporee! The theme will be "**Wilderness Survival**"!!

Get ready for a weekend packed with adventure, teamwork, and real-world challenges as we dive into the world of wilderness survival. Throughout the Camporee, you'll step into the boots of someone lost in the wilderness in modern day.

This weekend, you'll have the opportunity to:

- **Test your Scouting skills** in competitions focused on first aid, signaling, fire building, and rescue carry techniques.
- **Work together as a team** to solve problems under pressure.
- **Build lasting friendships** and enjoy the camaraderie of shared challenges and campfire stories.

The spirit of Wilderness Survival is rooted in **preparedness, and courage**. Familiar values that lie at the heart of Scouting. We encourage you to bring your best effort, a sharp mind, and a willingness to help others.

Please take time to review the Camporee schedule and activity stations so you're ready for the action ahead. Leaders, thank you for your commitment to guiding and preparing our Scouts, your leadership is essential to making this a safe and unforgettable experience.

Let's make this Camporee one to remember as we train, explore, and grow together in the spirit of Staying alive, and Staying Safe.

Good luck, stay alert, and be ready to respond!

Yours in Scouting,

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General Information

When: March 27th to 29th, 2026

Where: Camp Springs Blue Grass Park: 540 Boone Rd, Elon, NC 27244

Cost: Youth fee of \$25, early bird rate of \$20 if registered by February 27th

Adult fee of \$20

Adult Staff fee of \$10

What's new this year: Flush toilets & running water, both centrally located on-site

Register by: 11:59pm Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, via [LINK](#).

Expectations: The Scout Oath and Law will be the ground rules of the Camporee. Leave No Trace guidelines also apply.

Safe Scouting: The Guide to Safe Scouting will be followed by all. **All participants must be registered members of the BSA.** All adult participants (18+years old) must have completed BSA Safeguarding Youth Training.

Registration fee: A fee of \$25 for youth and \$20 for adults will be charged to cover the costs of the Camporee facilities, camporee patch, and program supplies. Troops must pre-register and pay by Tuesday March 24th, 2026 at [LINK](#).

Uniforms: Scouts and leaders should bring their full field uniform to be worn during the Saturday flag ceremonies. During other times, class B & appropriate clothing are acceptable to wear.

Campsites: The Camporee Staff will assign campsites by Troop. Troops are responsible for providing all their own gear. **Hammock camping is not permitted at this event.**

Facilities: There are plenty of winterized, flushing toilets on-site for use, and opportunities for showers will be available. Running water in the form of 2 frost-free water spigots, centrally located on-site will also be available. Generators are prohibited. **Please refer to the map for restricted areas, particularly the pond, which is off-limits for our event.**

Check in: Check in will begin at 6pm on Friday evening. We cannot accommodate early arrivals. Units should plan to arrive with enough time to set up campsites on Friday night ahead of 10:30pm quiet hours, or plan to arrive on Saturday morning.

Vehicles: One vehicle at a time will be allowed into the campsite for unloading and loading

Leave No Trace: Troops must remove all garbage from their campsite area.

No green wood may be cut. Downed trees and branches in the woods surrounding the camping area can be collected and cut in an axe yard. Troops may build fires if they bring raised fire pits or use existing ones. Fires should not be built directly on the ground. Be very careful with fires, have fire buckets available, filled with WATER ONLY. Refill fire pits before departure.

Quiet Hours: Quiet hours will be in effect from 10:30 pm until 6:30 am. Activities such as setting up camp, cooking, and loud talking/playing will not be permitted during quiet hours. Units should plan to arrive with enough time to set up campsites on Friday night, or plan to arrive on Saturday morning.

First Aid and Safety: Troops should bring their own first aid kits and attend to minor injuries in the campsite. Report treatment of minor wounds to the health office. A medical officer will be on site for major injuries or medical concerns. All wood tools (knives, axes, saws, etc.) should be used in accordance with BSA policies ([Totin' Chip](#)). Participants are NOT allowed in the areas marked "Off Limits" on the map.

Departure: Troops should plan on departing camp after the Interfaith worship service on Sunday morning. After receiving your check-out campsite inspection, please leave no later than 10 am.

Troops or individuals that do not comply with the rules will be asked to leave the Camporee.

Preparing for Camporee

Wilderness Survival Activities

Scouts will not be offered a merit badge opportunity. The camporee will be a wilderness survival coaching event to help scouts work on their skills in relation to wilderness survival.

Dutch Oven Cook-Off

Put Dutch Oven cooking skills to the test in the Cook-Off, where Scouts and Scouters will prepare delicious and creative meals using Dutch ovens. Feel free to make a hearty main dish, a rustic bread, or a morale-boosting dessert.

As in years past, youth will judge the adult entries, and adults will judge the youth dishes. This is a sampling event, so tasters will receive a small bite-sized portion of each dish.

Scout Stew

To complement the Dutch Oven Cook-Off, we'll be preparing a hearty stew—a communal meal inspired by the kind of resourceful cooking that might happen at a remote base camp during a search and rescue mission.

Each Scout and Scouter is asked to contribute one canned good to the stew. Items like vegetables, beans, tomatoes, or broth make excellent additions and help create a flavorful, nourishing dish that reflects the teamwork and shared effort of a real rescue crew.

Please note: while the Scout Stew and Dutch Oven samples will provide a warm and tasty experience, they are not intended to be a full meal. Troops are encouraged to bring additional food items such as fruit, snacks, or sandwiches to ensure everyone stays fueled and ready for the challenges ahead

Camp Gadget Competition

Troops should begin planning and practicing NOW for the camp gadget project they want to build. This is a great opportunity to help newer Scouts learn knots and lashings for rank advancement.

- Units are responsible for bringing **ALL** necessary materials and tools. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - spars/poles
 - rope/lashing materials
 - anchors
 - hardware
 - mallets
 - safety equipment
- Construction of camp gadgets should be youth led and adult supervised.

Examples could include: Weather Rock, Wash/Drying Rack, Flagpole/Gateway, trash bag holder, etc.

Camp Gadget competition will be judged on:

- Functionality in campsite
- Construction and use of wilderness resources
- creativity and theme
- size & scope of project

Campfire

A campfire will be held at 8pm on Saturday night; Troops are requested to share a song or skit which will be approved no later than the SPL meeting at 5:10pm on Saturday. All skits and songs must fit the spirit of Scouting. At this time winners of competitions will be announced.

Worship Service

A brief interfaith worship service will be held on Sunday morning at 8:45am. All units are encouraged to attend. No units will be allowed to check out prior to the conclusion of the service.

2025 Alamance District SAR Camporee

Friday 11/07:

6:00pm – 8:00pm = Check-in & Campsite Set-up

8:30pm – 9:00pm = SPL & Scoutmaster Meeting @ Shelter

9:00pm – 10pm = OA Cracker Barrel

10:30pm – AM = Taps; Quiet Hours Start

Saturday 11/08:

quiet – 6:30am = Reveille; Quiet Hours End

7:00am – 8:00am = Breakfast & Campsite Clean-up

8:00am – 8:30am = Opening Ceremony & Flag Raising (Field Uniform)

9:00am – 12pm = Survival Stations

12pm – 1:30pm = Dutch Oven Judging & Scout Stew

Advancement of Women and Girls in Scouting

1:30pm – 4:30pm = Afternoon program

5:00pm – 5:15pm = Flag Lowering

5:15pm – 5:30pm = SPL Meeting @ Shelter

5:30pm – 7:30pm = Dinner in Campsites & Camp Gadget Judging

8:00pm – 10pm = Campfire

10:30pm – AM = Taps; Quiet Hours Start

Sunday 11/09:

quiet – 6:30am = Reveille; Quiet Hours End

7:00am – 8:45am = Breakfast & Campsite Clean-up

8:45am – 9:00am = Interfaith Service @ Shelter

9:00am – 10am = Clean-up, Inspection & Check-Out

Additional Event Details

OA fellowship- all members of the Order of the Arrow (youth and adult) are invited to a cracker barrel fellowship on Friday night at 9pm. Please ensure that supervision is provided in the campsite for youth who have not yet been elected to the OA.

Advancement of Women and Girls in Scouting- all females (youth and adult) as well as those who support women in Scouting are invited to a gathering on Saturday afternoon. The purpose is for members of female troops, combined troops, and adult females from across the district to meet and become better acquainted. Please ensure that appropriate supervision is provided in the campsite for female youth that do not wish to participate.

Help Needed

Troops/Patrols- We need patrols to assist with the following Camporee Events:

- Saturday Flag Raising
- Saturday Flag Lowering
- Sunday Worship Service
- Service Patrol

Adult Leaders- We need help with the Wilderness Survival education stations.



UNIT ROSTER**TROOP****LEADERS IN CAMP****SCOUTMASTER:** _____**ASST.****SCOUTMASTER(S):** _____**SCOUTS IN CAMP**

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: _____

PATROL NAME:

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TOTAL # YOUTH _____

TOTAL # ADULTS _____

PLEASE HAVE THIS ROSTER COMPLETED PRIOR TO CHECK-IN. PLAN TO TURN IT IN AT THE LEADER MEETING ON FRIDAY EVENING.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Campsite Inspection

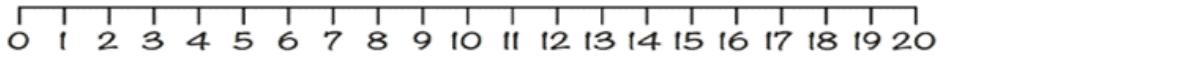
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Inspected By: _____

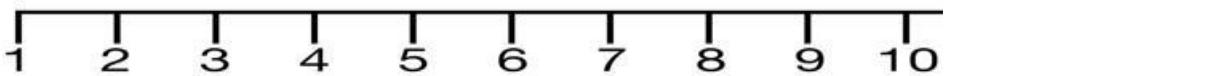
Unit/Campsite: _____

Notes & Score

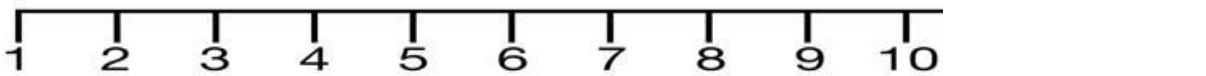
1. Campsite is neat and free of litter. Campsite demonstrates Leave No Trace principles



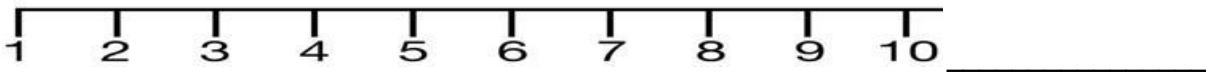
2. Properly pitched tents, proper distance from fire rings in a cleared area



3. Food and cooking gear, clean and properly stored, w/water available



4. Campsite clear of all hazards and safety problems, w/first aid kit available and visible



5. Clothesline erected for holding wet clothes, towels, etc.



6. Troop/Patrol equipment properly stored (proper ax/tool yard)



7. Fireguard Chart and duty rosters posted in camp



8. Canopy, dining fly or other shade erected to protect from sun/rain



9. American and Troop flags present and on display

