

Del-Mar-Va Council – Two Bays District 2025 Spring Camporee Leaders Guide

April 25-27, 2025 – Akridge Scout Reservation



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Camporees serve several purposes in Scouting, including:

- An opportunity for units to compete/participate in scouting themed activities while applying leadership, creativity, and Scout skills.
- Provides opportunities for adult leaders to gauge the function of their units and youth leadership.
- Provides examples of engaging outdoor activities that can be shared and recreated.

Overall Goals and Expectations for Participants

- Learn something new about being prepared for emergencies.
- The events are organized for patrol/den-sized groups (5-8 Scouts) so please divide yourselves accordingly. Upon check-in, inform us of both the total number of personnel in your party, and the total number of patrols/dens participating in the games.
- Not all events will be supervised the same or require the same amount of time; we do expect Scouts to be patient as they wait to start the next activity.

Theme

- This Spring Camporee theme is Be Your Own Superhero.

Fees and Costs

- The fee for camporee is \$15 per person.
- Fees/registrations must be paid on-line.
- Fees cover expenses such as insurance, site fees, program supply costs, recognition costs, the leadership cracker barrel and a collectible patch.

Location

- The camporee will be held at Akridge Scout Reservation, 1910 Baden Powell Way, Dover, Delaware
- **It is preferred that Scouts walk to camp from the main parking lot. A Troop trailer will be permitted to carry the gear into your assigned campsite. Please try to limit the number of cars.**
- Ground fires are permitted only in pre-existing fire rings.
- Units may provide camp stoves, back packing stoves, gas grills or other portable cooking capabilities.
- Above ground fires such as barrel halves or pan fires are acceptable; however, all ashes and debris must be taken out.
- Units will provide their own fuels and fire protection equipment. BSA fire safety standards will be enforced.

Registration

- **To help us plan properly, please register no later than April 1, 2025.**
- To register, [Register Here](#)

Arrival, Parking, and Equipment

- Upon arrival, units will be directed to their assigned campsite.
- The unit may drive vehicles down into the campsite to unload Scouts and equipment.
- One tow vehicle and trailer will be allowed to remain in the camping area.
- Max Speed on Paved Roads: 15 MPH; Max Speed on Gravel Roads: 5 MPH

Check-In

Since units may have various scheduling constraints, units may check in on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Upon arrival at the camporee site, the unit must send an adult leader to the check-in headquarters. To participate in the camporee, units must have the following:

1. At least two-deep adult leadership. All leaders must be current with Youth Protection training.
2. Current BSA medical forms for all participating youth and adults. Units will keep the forms.
3. Roster of participating youth and adults, including points of contact in case of emergency. Units keep one copy and provide one copy to the camporee registrar at check-in. See the Unit Roster Form.
4. Planned departure time. Saturday evening or Sunday morning?
5. At check-in, units will receive the following:
 - a. Directions to the camping and parking areas
 - b. Invitation to cracker-barrel leadership meeting
 - c. List of activities, location map, and schedule
 - d. Two evaluation forms. One should be filled out by the youth, and one by the adults. We encourage feedback and will take completed forms at check-out.
 - e. Campsite check-out checklist. A Scout is Clean and we want to be good stewards of the camping areas. Units will fill out the form as they prepare for departure.

Check-Out

- Since units may have diverse scheduling constraints, units may check out on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.
- When ready to depart, the unit must ensure that the campsite is properly cleaned up and all participants, equipment, and trash are taken out.
- Use the campsite check-out checklist as a guide.
- Ask the youth and the adults to complete the evaluation forms.

Code of Conduct

- Participation in this camporee requires adherence to a few rules:
 - Youth Protection and Guide to Safe Scouting
 - The Scout Oath and Scout Law
 - Leave-No-Trace Ethics and the Wilderness Code

- Fire Safety, Tote-n-Chip, and Cyber Chip
- Follow applicable laws and restrictions. Use of open flames may be restricted based on local or state-wide weather restrictions.
- Use of tobacco products within view of Scouts is prohibited by BSA rules. Adults needing to partake should retire to their vehicles.
- Failure to comply with these rules may result in the individual or the unit being asked to leave the camporee event.

Leadership Meeting and Cracker Barrel

On Friday evening, all Troop Senior Patrol Leaders, Scoutmasters, and Cubmasters should attend the leadership meeting. At this meeting, we will review the following:

- Update of schedules and activities
- Details of unit activities, including schedules and locations
- Details on campfire participation and unit contributions, skits, etc.
- Weather updates and safety review

Controlled Substances

Drug and alcohol laws will be strictly enforced according to the Boy Scouts of America standards and the laws of the State of Delaware. Boy Scouts of America policy is to provide a tobacco-free environment for all Scouting participants. Therefore, tobacco is not allowed in the presence of youth or in buildings. Tobacco use by adults (21 and over) is permitted only in the designated smoking area. In accordance with longstanding policies of the BSA, no use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or abuse of prescription drugs will be tolerated. Violations of the policy will result in immediate removal from camp property. In addition, use of illegal drugs will be reported to local law enforcement authorities.

Youth Protection Training Required for Adults

All registered Leaders listed on the unit adult roster who will remain at Akridge Scout Reservation more than 24 hours must have a current Youth Protection Training Certificate. Certification is valid for two years and must be current through the Leader's entire time at camp. This requirement is to be verified by the Scoutmaster/Cubmaster before camp.

Medical Information Form

Units must have completed medical forms (Part A & B) along with copies of the front and back of insurance cards for all participants (youth and adults) attending the camporee.

Medications

Troops will be responsible taking care of any prescription medication required for youth participants.

Emergencies and Medical Care

Troops should be prepared to handle all non-emergency medical needs within their camps. This includes first aid for minor cuts, small blisters, etc. using your unit first aid kit. We will have a medical person at headquarters for emergency needs.

If a non-emergency problem arises, such as illness that is beyond the scope of our medical person(s) we will contact the unit leader. Unit leaders will/must arrange for care and transport the Scout to a medical facility. For this event, Bayhealth – Kent is 2.5 miles away (640 S. State Street, Dover, DE). The parents or unit leaders must pay the costs of such care; the parents should file insurance claims.

In the event of an injury or illness requiring immediate medical attention, the care of your Scout will be provided by local emergency medical personnel, who may require the use of ground or air ambulance service at their discretion. All expenses associated with this additional treatment and/or emergency transportation is the responsibility of the Scout's parents or guardians. The providers will directly bill the patient or other party; we will not make payments.

Weather Emergencies

Units should go to their campsites to receive further instructions in the event of a severe weather or a weather emergency.

Uniforms

Field Scout uniforms are encouraged to be worn during arrival and departure, color ceremonies, campfire, and Scout's Own Services. Activity uniforms may be worn during activities/competitions, games, and other activities.

Electronic Communications

In order to provide a quality outdoor experience, the use of personal electronic devices, including cellular telephones, by Scout while at camp is discouraged. Each Troop is allowed to establish their own policy for personal electronic devices; however neither Akridge Scout Reservation, nor the Del-Mar-Va Council will be liable for any loss or damage to these devices. Personal electronic devices will not be required for any of the program competitions.

Visitors for the day are welcome

It is encouraged to invite family member or a friend who may want to join your unit. Visitors must be invited by a unit and should stay with the unit members during their stay. All visitors must check in and check out at the camporee headquarters.

A Scout Is Reverent

Duty to God is part of Scouting. The Spring Camporee supports individual and unit needs for performing your duty to God. Camporee offers two check-in and two check-out times to accommodate all needs. While some units are very active in their religious activities, there are other Scouts who have little contact with religion. Scout's Own services are one way to offer an opportunity to all. Therefore, we encourage all units to participate. Scouts are encouraged to wear their full field uniform. The Spring Camporee offers a non-denominational, Christian-oriented, simple religious service.

Units are invited to conduct their own services should they need special content. If any unit will not participate in a Scout's Own, we request that they remain in their camp and maintain quiet so as not to disturb others.

Camporee Activities and General Schedule

We encourage maximum participation in this year's Spring Camporee! There will be times for challenges, times for fun and games, times for ceremonies, and time for just relaxing. Below is the general schedule showing the major activities. Final details will be provided at Friday's Leader Meeting and Saturday's Opening Ceremony.

Friday, April 25, 2025

- 4:30-8:30pm: Arrival and Check-In, Camp Set-up
- 9:00-9:20pm: Camporee Staff Meeting – Small Pavilion
- 9:30-10:00pm: Leader Meeting & Cracker-Barrel (SM, first ASM, SPL, and Cubmasters required) – large Pavilion **Bring Leader's Guide
- 11:00pm: Taps and Quiet time

Saturday, April 9, 2022

- 6:30am: Reveille
- 6:30-8:30am: Breakfast and cleanup. Arrival and Check-In available.
- 8:30-9:00am: Colors, Opening Ceremony, and Announcements – Main Parade Field
- 9:00am-12:00pm: Visit static displays from our various community partners to include:
 - Christiana Care Life Flight helicopter
 - Camden/Wyoming Fire Department
 - Kent County Paramedics
 - Kent County Emergency Command Center
 - Dover Police Department Motorcade Unit
 - Little Creek Fire Department Ladder and Flag display
 - Dover Air Force Base Fire and Emergency Services
 - And many more
- 12:00-1:30pm: Lunch and Break
- 1:30-4:30pm: Unit Activities
- Unit Activities that will be available to participate may include some, or all the following:
 - Cub Scouts will be able to participate in the Cub Scout Chuck Wagon
 - Climbing Wall
 - Archery
 - Fishing
 - Scouts BSA scouts will be able to participate in some of the following:
 - Knot Tying challenge
 - Tent challenge – with a twist!
 - Fire starting challenge – with a twist!
 - Lashing challenge
 - Team building
- 4:30-5:30pm: Free time
- 5:30-7:00pm: Dinner
- 7:45-8:00pm: Colors and Closing Ceremony
- 8:00-9:30pm: Awards, Skits/Songs, Campfire
- 11:00pm: Taps and Quiet Time

Sunday, April 10, 2022

- 6:30am: Reveille
- 6:30-8:30am: Breakfast and Cleanup
- 8:30-8:45am: Colors, Announcements, and Closing Ceremony
- 8:45-9:15am: Scout's Own Service (TBA)
- 9:15-11:59am: Clean up, Pack up, Check-out and departure

Attachment 1 – Unit/Patrol Roster

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