Mattaponi District

Fall Camporee 2025

**“Range & Target Adventures”**

Izaak Walton League

12432 Herndon Rd, Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA 22553

14-16 November 2025

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**1.0 CAMPOREE OVERVIEW**

* 1. **Patrol Range & Target Adventure**

The Mattaponi Range & Target camporee will test the skills of each member of your patrol combined to compete against other patrols from around the District.

* 1. **All Scouting America, Sea Scouts, and Venturers Are Invited**

Our program features competitive shooting of rifle, shotgun, archery, tomahawk & knife throwing, and sling shots.

**1.3 When and Where**

Our Camporee is 14-16 November, 2025 at the Izaak Walton League: 12432 Herndon Rd, Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA 22553

**1.4 30 September Pre-registration Deadline**

Register by Friday, 31 October, 2025 to pay the early registration fee of $30 per person. The regular registration fee of $40 per person begins on 1 November 2025.

EVERYONE must be registered.

The REGISTRATION link is here:

**1.5 Camporee Staff**

The following individuals are responsible for the Camporee program. If you have specific questions, please contact the individual responsible for the area, or for general questions contact the Camporee Director:

| Camporee  Director | Norman Carter  [ncarterjr@gmail.com](mailto:ncarterjr@gmail.com); 315-767-5546 |
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| Administration |  |
| Health & Safety |  |
| Camp Director/Logistics |  |
| Awards | TBD |
| Campfire | Order of the Arrow |
| Programs Cmte Chair |  |
| Commissioners Staff | Wendy Latella  [wendylatella@yahoo.com](mailto:wendylatella@yahoo.com)  571-484-1917 |
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| Cracker Barrel | Norman Carter |

**1.6 Adult Leaders Needed to Staff Camporee**

As you will see from the above chart, we need adult leaders (Scouters and parents and older Scouts) to assist with some administrative and program areas. Every unit is expected to contribute at least ONE adult on Saturday to help run program.

**It would really help if your adult volunteers contacted us in advance, to choose assignments and get information (basically, get ahead of the curve).**

*For further information and assignments, contactCarter: ncarterjr@gmail.com/315-767-5546.*

**1.7 Steering Committee & Staff Meetings**

Special thanks to the Scouts and Scouters of T847 (Tabernacle United Methodist Church) for their diligent and creative work supporting this Camporee. You guys are AWESOME!!!

**2.0 PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**The Unit Competition:**

Each registered unit will automatically compete for the Commissioner’s Cup, and bragging rights. The competition is based on the scores from the following:

1. Unit Site Inspection. (Up to 100 pts)
2. Percentage of Scouts Registered during early registration compared to those attending. (Up to 100 pts)
3. The total points awarded for the Range & Target events.

**2.1 Patrol Competition Events:**

Patrols will compete in the following activities:

RIFLE

SHOTGUN

ARCHERY

SLING SHOTS

TOMAHAWK & KNIFE THROWING

SCOUT TRIVIA STATION

**2.2** **Patrol Competition:**

Each unit will divide into patrols of 6-8 Scouts. We ask that your patrols show an even distribution of age and rank, so we all compete fairly. Patrols from a single troop that appear heavily stacked with senior Scouts may be asked to redistribute itself.

**2.3 Range & Target events:**

Each patrol will rotate to their assigned station, beginning at your designated activity station. At each station, each Scout competes in the activities. The individual scores are tracked, and the total patrol score is the average of all scores combined. Exceptions may be approved based on physical abilities and must be approved by the Camp Director in advance.

Each Scout’s scores at each event will be tallied and added to the Patrol score. Scores are based on marks on the individual targets. The rifle, archery, and tomahawk & knife targets scored 10 points for bullseye, and 9-8-7 points in descending order away from the bullseye. Sling shots scores are based on hitting the numbered balloons. Trivia is based on the number of questions answered correctly.

We expect each Scout to shoot 20-25 rounds of rifle, 15 rounds shotgun, 25 rounds sling shot, 2-3 volleys of tomahawk/knife throwing. We may need to adjust depending on the time and the number of Scouts.

**SCORING:** The Patrol will produce a final score that is the average of all Scouts from each station. For example, on the shotgun range, 7 Scouts combined score is 125. We divide 125 by 7 to get a patrol score on that station of 17.9 (rounded to the nearest tenth). All stations are tallied the same way, and the Patrol’s total score is compared to other Patrols.

**3.0 REGISTRATION, ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN**

**3.1 Pre-registration Requested by 31 October 2025.**

All units planning on attending should preregister online by 31 October, 2025. This pre-registration information will be used to establish program plans and to assign campsite locations and patrol sizes. Units that do not pre-register must pay all fees at the Camporee BEFORE a site is assigned, *assuming any are still available.* Units that do not preregister are not guaranteed to receive event patches.

All Camporee Registration must be done online via the Black Pug website. Payment must also be made through this portal. If your unit needs an exception to this, please contact the **District Executive: Gabby Henry or Norman Carter at** [**ncarterjr@gmail.com**](mailto:ncarterjr@gmail.com)**, ph: (315) 767-5546.**

**Refund Policy: Cold or wet weather is not a valid reason to cancel a camporee registration. In the highly unlikely event the camporee is entirely cancelled due to extreme weather conditions or other Acts of God, all pre-paid registrations will be returned minus a charge for actual costs incurred.**

**3.2 Campsite Assignment**

For units that pre-register, we hope to email a Camporee map, and other relevant Camporee information to you the weekend before the Camporee. If we don’t assign camping sites in advance, we will be assigning camping sites at the CAMPOREE HEADQUARTERS. You will need to get your site assignment and a map before you enter the camping area.

**3.3 Camporee Fees and Registration**

The preregistration cost is $30.00 per Scout or Adult for the entire weekend. This includes the camp fee, Scout insurance, a Camporee patch and materials for the various events. This fee should be paid in advance. We will check the fees during the Friday night registration period and make any adjustments. There is no mechanism to pay onsite.

On-site registration will be between 1800 hrs and 2000 hrs Friday night and between 0700 - 0845 Saturday morning, at Camporee Headquarters.

**3.4 Traffic Control and Parking**

Please follow the road around the parking areas near camping sites. You may drive onto the field to drop your trailer ONLY WITH A GROUND GUIDE. Please drop your trailer and IMMEDIATELY REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE FROM THE FIELD USING A GROUND GUIDE.

Troops are encouraged to car pool as much as possible and arrange to have as few cars as necessary remain at the Camporee parking site.

**3.5 Locating Your Unit’s Campsite**

Each site is individually marked with a numbered marker. Follow the traffic control signs to the parking sites.

**3.6 Checking In and Paying Fees**

Everyone in camp must be registered. Upon arrival at the camporee, one adult leader from each unit (and the Senior Patrol Leader or his designate in the case of Scout units) must check in at the registration tent. The adult unit representative must bring the following:

* Roster of scouts attending showing name, rank, and emergency contact info. This should be arranged by patrols, which precludes sending another list.
* A copy of the unit’s online registration form.
* The names of adult volunteers (at least two per unit) who will be helping in the program area. More adult volunteers may be needed to ensure the program is fully staffed.

**3.7 Camping**

Campsites will be assigned based the on number of Scouts and Scouters pre-registered. Late registering units may be camping in overflow areas. *See Section 5 for additional details about camping.*

**3.8 Camporee Food –**

Units are advised to use the Patrol method of food preparation as the Camporee does not provide food. Please ensure all trash is bagged and placed in the dumpster, and all waste water is filtered through a fine mesh screen.

**3.9 Late Arrival and Early Departure**

If a unit is not going to arrive Friday night, please indicate this on your pre-registration form. If your unit is going to leave Saturday night, make sure you indicate this on the final registration form. If your unit must leave on Saturday evening, and you have notified the Camp Director, you must have your campsite inspected. NOTE: Your campsite must be inspected by Camporee Staff prior to your unit’s departure.

**3.10 Check-Out Procedures**

Each unit will receive a campsite checkout form and program evaluation form. The campsite checkout form is to help your unit ensure the campsite area is clear, trash taken away, and other standards are met. The Program evaluation form is to help us improve the Camporee program- your feedback is valuable. Please ask your Scouts for their input.

Additional copies will be available from the Campsite Commissioners. After you have cleared your campsite of all unit and personal gear, policed the area and thoroughly extinguished any fires, send someone to notify your Commissioner. When the Commissioner arrives, he/she will inspect your camp and then sign off on the check-out/evaluation form. After the Closing Ceremony Sunday morning, bring your program evaluation and campsite checkout form to the Camporee Headquarters.

**3.11 Camporee Patches and Ribbons**

The Camporee patches will be available at the following RT. However, the trophies should be presented to winners at the closing Flag ceremony.

**4.0 GENERAL CAMPOREE**

**INFORMATION**

* 1. **Changes and Cancellations**

The Camporee Director is the only individual authorized to change or cancel a scheduled activity or event. Any necessary changes will be made at the earliest possible time and posted in writing at Camporee Headquarters.

* 1. **Leadership and Youth Protection**

National Scouting America policy stipulates "Two registered adult leaders” are required for all trips or outings. It is every unit leader's responsibility to see that these policies are enforced within his/her unit. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Camporee Director or to the District Executive immediately.

**4.3 Emergency Contact**

It is recommended that units should have access to several cellular phones, which could be used as a primary contact for members of their unit. Parents are encouraged to contact their unit’s staff directly. However, the Camporee Director is Norman Carter (315)-767-5546.

**4.4 First Aid & Emergency Medical**

The First Aid Station will be set up near the Headquarters area and will be marked with a prominent sign. All injuries, even minor ones treated in the campsite, must be brought to the First Aid station personnel for treatment and/or recording.

**4.5 Fire & Ambulance Service**

National Camping Accreditation Program (NCAP) requires short term camps to have a Red Cross Standard First Aid and CPR/AED person designated on site if EMS is more than 10 minutes away.

In the unlikely event that fire or ambulance services are needed, send a runner to the Camporee Headquarters, so that an emergency call can be placed and the Camporee Director can be notified immediately. If the emergency call is placed from a cellular phone within your area, you still must send a runner to the Camporee Headquarters to notify the Camporee Director of the emergency and to arrange for the emergency equipment to be directed to the correct location.

The closest hospital is **Mary Washington Hospital, 1001 Sam Perry Blvd, Fredericksburg, Va. Ph: (540) 741-1100**. This hospital provides 24-hour Emergency Care including advanced life support.

**4.5 Parental Authorization**

In case of serious injury or illness requiring emergency medical services or hospital treatment, a health history record and permission form signed by a parent or guardian are required. This form must be accessible to the adult leader/leaders at all times. If a Scout is brought to the First Aid Station for any type of treatment, his parental authorization form should be available for review by the Camporee staff. Every participating unit should have a current BSA Class I or II health form for each participant (both Scout and adult).

**4.6 Religious Services**

We will ask a participating unit to plan and lead a Scout’s Own ceremony on Sunday morning, 7:30-8 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please notify the camp director.

**5.0 CAMPING GUIDELINES**

**5.1 The Campground**

The IWLA-Fred is a very well maintained area with plenty of space, along with other amenities. However, EVERYONE MUST STAY OUT OF THE POND.

•• Only above-ground fires in metal fire-pits are allows.

•• NO DIGGING

•• Park only in the approved/designated parking areas.

**5.2 Ground Conditions**

The camping will be in relatively flat grassy areas with limited tree cover. There are low spots, so rains may make many of the sites muddy. Protect your tents by bringing sturdy ground cloths and protect your body by bringing foam pads or air mattresses for a good night's rest.

**ABSOLUTELY NO DIGGING.**

**5.3 Natural Habitat**

No trees, shrubs, or bushes will be cut within the campground or neighboring areas. Wood that has fallen from trees may be burned. Do not molest or interfere with the area's wildlife.

**5.4 Tent Ditching**

There will be no tent ditching or other changes made to the ground contours to improve campsites. Remember that proper pitching of tents does not require ditching.

**5.5 Ground Fires**

It is recommended that units bring their own stoves, grills, and fuel for cooking. Charcoal and propane are recommended. Liquid charcoal lighters are not allowed. ***LEAVE NO TRACE! This means that you should NOT be digging fire pits – all fires should be constructed 4” above ground (e.g., in a metal backyard fire pit).***

There is some dead wood on the ground that may be used for above-ground campfires. Units may bring their own firewood for campfires***.***

**Fires must not be left unattended and must be extinguished before retiring for the night.**

**5.6 Use of Liquid Fuels**

The safety of our Scouts and Scouters must be a prime consideration in the use of liquid fuels. The use of liquid fuels in lanterns and stoves is acceptable at this Camporee only if: 1) A knowledgeable adult provides supervision over the storage, transportation, and usage of the fuel; and 2) Scouts have been taught the safe and proper handling and usage of the fuel, stoves, and lanterns.

**5.7 Availability of Water**

Two water spigots are available on-site, on the side of the large activity center, and on the side of the main building. These will be the sole source of water, so you might have to wait your turn to get to it. Some carrying of water will be required. It is highly recommended that you bring additional water. Each troop may wish to bring an initial supply of water with them, and then refill their jugs as needed. This will help prevent an initial traffic jam at the spigot during troop arrivals. Washing of dishes at the central water location is prohibited.

Canteens should be carried during the program on Saturday, as drinking water will not necessarily be readily available in the program areas. *Proper hydration is critical to keeping our Scouts healthy.*  To avoid the serious consequences of dehydration, ensure everyone regularly consumes water, especially as they travel to and from program areas and while in the areas.

**5.8 Latrines**

Porta-a-Johns will be available at convenient locations around the Camporee area. Please respect them and keep them clean. Latrines are for public use: please knock. NOTE: There will be a designated FEMALE ONLY latrines.

**5.9 Trash**

Every unit should bring a supply of plastic trash bags to securely bag their own trash. Please keep the campground clean and do not leave bags of garbage unattended; wild animals and birds love unattended garbage.While there is a small dumpster on the park grounds, please do NOT overfill it.

***PLEASE PLAN TO TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE.***

**5.10 Lost & Found**

Any items found should be turned in to the registration tent. Items may be claimed during the camporee or at the November district roundtable

**5.11 Staff Meals**

Camporee Staff and Commissioners will eat with their respective units (they should make payment directly to the unit). Camporee Staff & Commissioners without a unit will be hosted by one.

**6.0 CAMPOREE RULES**

**6.1 Law of the Camporee**

As in all Scouting activities, the Scout Oath and Law and the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack will be the Law of the Camporee. Any individual who does not act as he should may be putting his unit's future Camporee privileges in jeopardy and jeopardizing future Camporee privileges of the Aquia District. Unit Leaders are reminded that their **Scouts should have adult supervision at all times.** At least TWO adults must be present for 1 to 10 youth members, (“two deep leadership”). At least one adult must be a registered Scouter, 21 years of age or older. All adults attending the camporee must be registered and Youth Protection trained. Units that do not comply with these rules may be asked to leave. If you need staffing assistance, ask your neighboring Scout unit, or see the Camporee Director for assistance, we are here to help.

**6.2 Pick-up Trucks**

The Boy Scouts of America regulations state that Scouts may not ride in the back of pickup trucks. This rule will be strictly enforced at the Camporee. It is the unit leaders' responsibility to assure that all Scouts are transported in safe vehicles with adequate seat belts.

**6.3 No Flames in Tents**

Cooking or lighting with OPEN FLAMES of any kind are not allowed in any tent. Electric battery lanterns and flashlights are recommended.

**6.4 Proper Uniform**

BSA Field Uniforms *(Scout shirt and Scout pants or Scout shorts with proper socks)* should be worn for flag ceremonies, for the Saturday night campfire, and for the Religious Services on Sunday morning*.*

**6.5 Discipline**

Leaders will be responsible for the behavior of their Scouts at all times. Adult Leaders who are not helping in the events, should circulate through the events in which their Scouts are participating. Also, in past Camporees, pick-up ball games (both supervised and unsupervised) have become a source of injuries. Leaders are asked to discourage such games and urge boys to focus on Camporee activities. Sports equipment should not be brought to the Camporee. Radios, televisions and tape players should also be left at home.

**6.6 Quiet Hours**

All units will be subject to quiet hours and lights out from **10:00 PM to 6:30 AM**. Leaders in each troop are responsible for enforcing quiet hours and lights out. Be attentive – do not make another unit’s leader discipline your Scouts.

**6.7 Knives**

Sheath knives and knives with blades longer than 4 inches, except cooking knives, are not allowed at the Camporee. If any are found, a member of the Camporee staff will hold them for the remainder of the Camporee. Folding knives that are in a case or worn on a belt are permitted.

**6.8 No Alcoholic Beverages**

No alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed at the Camporee.

* 1. **No Firearms**

For safety reasons, firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, bow and arrows, or slingshots of any kind are not allowed at this Camporee, except those authorized for the stations.

* 1. **No Fireworks**

Absolutely no fireworks are permitted,

**6.11 No Vandalism**

Anyone caught vandalizing property will be turned over to the town police.

**6.12 No pets or animals**

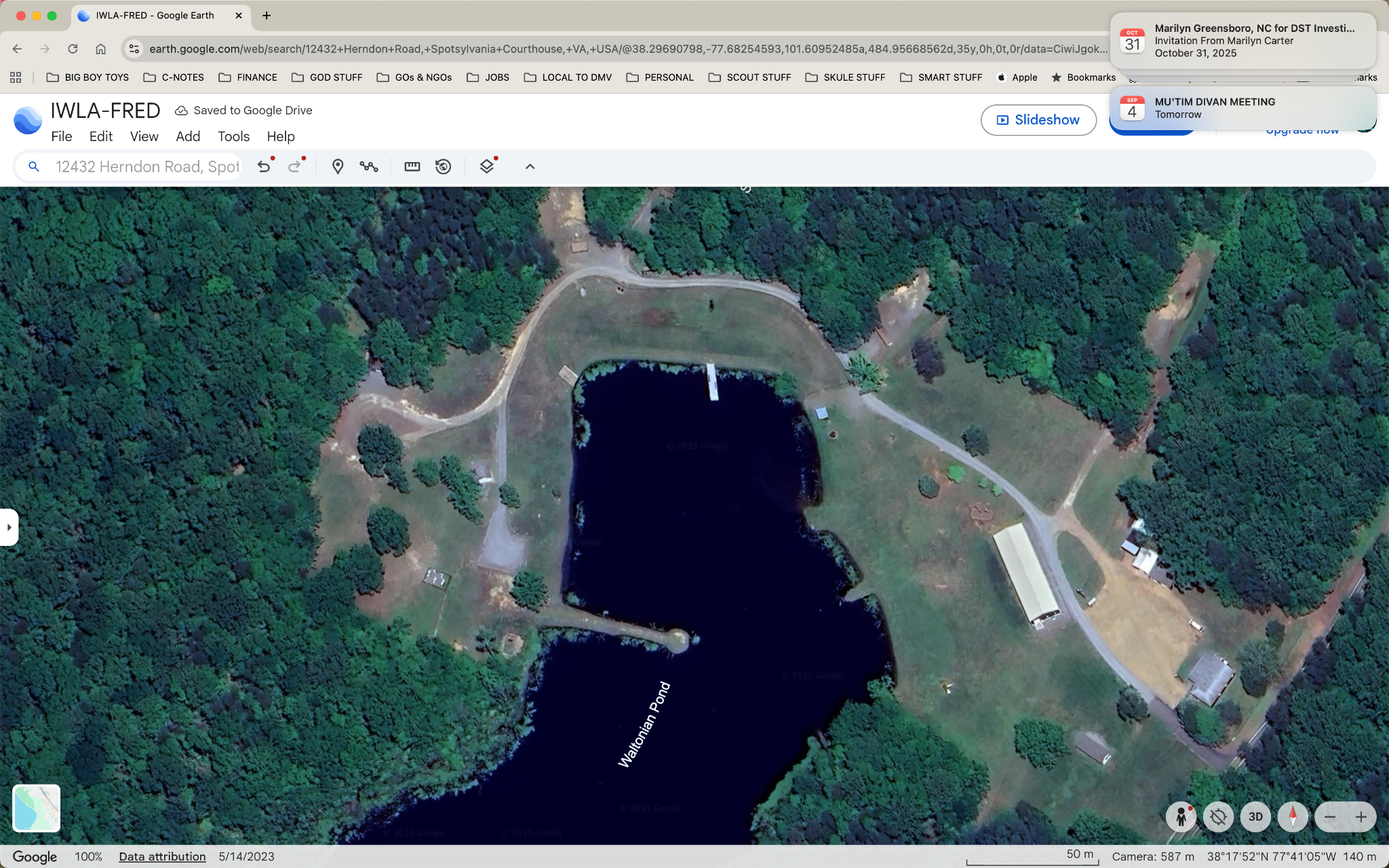
**6.13. No electronic equipment (e.g., tape or CD players, televisions, electronic games, cell phones, gameboys, play stations, etc.)**

We come to camp and enjoy the outdoors. Please leave electronic devices at home.

**Scouters are especially asked to ensure their Scouts comply with these guidelines.**

**BELOW IS AN AERIAL MAP OF**

**THE CAMPOREE SITE**

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**24 Oct**

6 pm- Scouts arrive/check in.

9 pm- Cracker Barrel (all adult & Scout leaders)

10:30 pm- Quiet Time

**25 Oct**

6 am- First Call

8:30 Flag ceremony

9 am- Adventures begin!!

11:50-1 pm Lunch

1-4 pm Resume games

4-5 Open shoot (if possible)

5:30-7 pm Dinner

8 pm Campfire

10:30 pm- Quiet time

**26 Oct**

6 am- First Call

8:30 am Flag/Awards Ceremony

9:30 am- Camp cleared.