

Aquia District Ghostbusters Camporee

There is something strange in Stafford Civil War Park, who are we going to call??? Ghostbusters...

Aquia District's Fall Camporee will be held at the Stafford Civil War Park, the weekend of October 17th-19th! Each Troop's patrols will have the opportunity to compete in a skills and fun adventure race.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, October 17, 2025

- 6pm Check-in and Campsite Set up
- 8pm Cracker Barrel with troop 9pm - SPL/SM Meeting at Homebase
- 10pm Quiet Time
- 10:30pm Lights Out

Saturday, October 18, 2025

- 7am Reveille
- 7-8:30am Breakfast and Clean up
- 8:45am Assembly at the Flag Pole
- 9am - 12pm AM Program
- 12-2pm Lunch and Clean Up
- 2-5pm PM Program
- 5-7pm Dinner and Clean up
- 7:15pm Assembly at the Flag
- 7:30pm OA Campfire Program
- 10pm Quiet Time
- 10:30pm Lights Out

Sunday, October 19, 2025

- 7am Reveille
- 7-8:15am Breakfast and Clean up
- 8:30-8:45am Closing Assembly at the Flag Pole/ Interfaith Service
- 9-11am Check out

Ghostbuster Protocols

Participation

All Scouts: Scouting America Troops, Crews and the Ship are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The camporee will use the Patrol method. Scouts should be organized into patrols of approximately 6-8 youth each. Patrol Rosters are due at check in. These will be the scout patrols competing in the events.

Registration

All units will register via Blackpug on our Council website. The cost is \$25 per youth and \$15 per adult.

Volunteers

Each unit is asked to provide one or more adult volunteers (21+) to assist in program stations. Units providing volunteers will receive bonus points towards their event score.

Parking

All vehicles are to park on the main road inside the park. There is limited parking so each unit will be issued one parking pass per 5 participants. Scout Drop-off is highly encouraged.

Check - in

Check-in time is between 6pm and 7pm in the main parking lot. Please have a unit leader bring your Troop's roster, medical forms and patrol rosters to the check in table to receive your information packet and campsite location.

Medical Forms

All units are required to have a completed Scouting America Annual Health & Medical Forms Part A and B for all youth and adult participants. It is the responsibility of the unit to obtain and maintain copies of these forms for members of their unit. Your Unit's medical binder should be brought to check-in for a spot check by the camp health officer.

Medications

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

Youth Protection

All registered scouters (18+) attending camporee must have a current Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) certificate. This requirement must be verified by the unit leader prior to camp. All adults staying overnight must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or adult program participant with Scouting America.

Buddy System

The buddy system must always be followed during scouting activities. Buddy pairs should be no more than two years apart in age and single gender.

Emergencies and Medical care

Units should be prepared to handle non-emergency medical needs within their camp using your first aid kit. We will have a health officer on site for emergency needs. Injuries of any kind must be reported to the onsite health officer. The Medical tent will be centrally located by Headquarter.

Horn Blasts

Three (3) horn blasts will signal hazardous weather or other emergencies.

Prohibited Items

Include, but are not limited to: firearms, explosives, fireworks or any improvised explosive device. No straight bladed knives or swords. No toys that simulate a weapon. No Pets, except service animals.

Off Limit Areas

Any area outside of the Civil War Park and areas marked off as no trespassing signs.

Water

Units are encouraged to bring an initial supply of water.

Fires and Firewood:

No ground fires are allowed in unit camping areas, however portable fire pits are allowed with appropriate ground protection. Any wood (firewood and/or gateway materials) from outside of the county are not permitted.

Food

Each unit is responsible for their own meals. Posting menus and duty rosters will have a positive impact on your unit campsite inspection score. Please review safe food handling and storage guidelines: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/food-borne-illness/>

Trash

All Participants should practice Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent possible. We will try to have trash picked up Saturday evening, however please bring extra trash bags and be able to take trash out on Sunday if it's not picked up Saturday evening.

Restrooms

There will be portable toilets located throughout camp. Please observe and respect the signs posted.

Check Out

Units must be sure to leave your site in a better condition than when you arrived, by following Outdoor Ethics and LNT guidelines. The unit leader needs to check out with the admin prior to unit departure from camp.

EVENT STATIONS: Patrols will be provided a schedule at check-in with a points sheet for the stations. Every Patrol has the opportunity to ultimately win the title of The Ghostbuster of Aquia District. **Please bring an uncarved pumpkin to check-in, one per patrol.**

#1 Cleaning Up the Town: Every Patrol must Know before you go! Work as a patrol to learn the principles of Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code. And, being a ghostbuster is a dangerous job! Will your patrol come prepared and able to take care of your injured?

#2 Avoid the Plasmic slime: Take a walk on durable surfaces. Will YOUR whole patrol make across to safety?

#3 Firehouse Bonfire: How quickly can your patrol build a fire using materials you have from camp. Then melt the marshmallow on the string.

#4 Infection Tag: Oh no, someone in your patrol is infected! Stop the infection from spreading.

#5 Work at the Firehouse: This will be a pumpkin carving/other theme craft station. Patrols will be judged on creativity and connection to the theme of the weekend. Pumpkins will be displayed at the closing campfire.

#6 Phantom Finds: Orienteering course presented by Katie Ingram.

#7 JOTI/JOTA station:

EVENT EXTRAS:

Ghostbusters Spirit: Every Unit is encouraged to embrace their inner Ghostbusters team by decorating their campsite, dressing in ghostbuster theme etc.

Ghostly Comedy: Every unit is encouraged to have a skit or song at the closing campfire. All skits/songs must be submitted to HQ by 5pm to be pre-screened and approved for the campfire.

Campsite Inspection Sheet: The Campsite inspection sheet has been attached to the leader guide to help your unit be prepared.

Scoutmaster Feast Competition: - please see information sheet at the end of the packet

Event Awards:

Ghostbuster Spirit - **True Ghostbuster Spirit**

Campsite Inspection - **Firehouse Award**

Overall Fall Camporee Champion - **The Ghostbusters of Aquia District**

Feast Competition - **Golden Spatula Award**

Patrol Roster

Troop		Name	
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
7.		8.	

Campsite Inspection Sheet

Troop _____

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 100

	Item Description	Possible Points	Score
1	Gateway made with natural elements	10	
2	Properly set up campsite	3	
3	Troop Flag Properly Displayed	3	
4	First Aid Kit Visible, Central Location	5	
6	Camporee Schedule Posted	3	
7	Duty Roster Posted	5	
8	Menus Posted	3	
9	Water Refill Station	5	
10	Food Properly Stored	3	
11	Cooking Area Clean and Organized	3	
12	Fire Extinguisher Located in Cooking Area	3	
13	Tents Properly Pitched	4	
14	Tents Set up In Patrol Lines	4	
15	No Litter present in camp	10	
16	Trash Can with Bag in use	8	
17	Useful and Creative Camp Gadgets Present	10	
18	Wow Factor, Overall Impression of Campsite	10	
19	Campsite Pizzazz - Ghostbuster Theme	10	

Total: _____

Scoutmaster Feast Competition

The camp cookoff is a fun, competitive event where each Troop's leaders will create a ghost-themed dish. Dishes should embrace the spirit of the Ghostbusters franchise, either referencing characters, scenes, or ghostly elements.

Date: 18 October 2025

Time: 6:15pm

Location: Camporee Headquarters

Goal: Cook up the best, most creative, and tastiest dish while embodying the spooky Ghostbusters theme!

Event Rules:

Team Formation: Each participating Troop's leaders will form a team (or cook solo if preferred). Each team will be responsible for one dish (main course, side, or dessert).

Themed Ingredients: While you can bring your own ingredients, we encourage you to incorporate "ghostly" items or ingredients related to the Ghostbusters theme. For example:

- Green ingredients (to represent Slimer)
- Marshmallows (to honor Stay Puft)
- Foods shaped like ghosts, like marshmallow ghost cookies

Preparation: Dishes should be prepared during Camporee over an open flame, camp stove, or portable grill. Scouting skills like cooking over fire, dutch oven usage, and teamwork are encouraged!

Judging Criteria:

- **Creativity:** Does the dish reflect the Ghostbusters theme? Bonus points for incorporating famous elements, such as:
 - Stay Puft Marshmallow Man
 - Slimer
 - Proton Packs and Ghost Traps
- **Taste:** Is the dish delicious? Mouthwatering and spooky?
- **Presentation:** How does the dish look? Does it have a "ghostly" vibe or appear as though it could come from the Ghostbusters world?
- **Storytelling:** Does the dish have a cool backstory? Can you tie it to a specific moment or character from Ghostbusters?

Example Dishes:

- **Stay Puft S'mores:** A marshmallow dessert stacked high to look like the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man. It could include graham crackers, chocolate, and a surprise gooey center.
- **Slimer's Sloppy Joes:** A deliciously messy sloppy joe that's oozy and green, served with a side of "spook" fries.
- **Proton-Powered Chili:** A bold chili with "radiating" ingredients like fiery peppers and ghost peppers (for an extra kick!).

Winners will be announced, and the best Ghostbuster-themed dish will receive bragging rights at the closing on Sunday. Other categories, like "Most Creative Dish" or "Best Use of Green Ingredients," will also be recognized.

Remember, this event is all about fun, creativity, and cooking together. Please observe safe cooking practices around campfires and grills. Ensure that all food is cooked thoroughly, and have water and fire safety tools nearby at all times.

Tips for Success:

- **Get Creative with the Ghost Theme:** Think beyond the usual dishes. How can you turn a ghostly idea into something delicious? Is your dish something the Ghostbusters would actually eat?
- **Teamwork:** Work together to brainstorm ideas, cook, and plate the dish. The more you collaborate, the more fun it will be!
- **Presentation is Key:** Use spooky decorations, like dry ice for fog, or garnishes that make your dish stand out.
- **Tell a Story:** Craft a fun backstory for your dish. For example, maybe your dish was invented after a ghostly encounter at the firehouse!

Wrap-Up:

At the end of the day, it's not just about winning—it's about having fun, embracing the Ghostbusters spirit, and sharing great food with friends. So, keep it lighthearted, enjoy the friendly competition, and who knows? Maybe you'll make a dish worthy of an official Ghostbuster approval!

Good luck, and may the best Ghostbusters win!