

Loudoun District
2026 Freeze-o-Ree
January 23 to January 25, 2026

“THE OLYMPIANS’ TRIALS”

Camp William B. Snyder
Haymarket VA

Participant Guide
Order of the Arrow - Loudoun Chapter

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Dear Loudoun District Unit Leaders AND Senior Patrol Leaders,

Once again it is nearing the time of the year for the District Freeze-o-Ree. This year the event will be held the weekend of January 23 to January 25 at Camp William B. Snyder. The cost per attendee is \$22.

The gods of Olympus have challenged the Scouts of Loudoun District! We invite your Scouts to join us as we attempt to prove ourselves with a new and exciting array of events and competitions, created by Loudoun Scouts for all Scouts.

After a Saturday full of fun and competition, there will be a campfire where awards will be given out to the patrols who got the most points during the day, as well as to winners of special competitions. Campfire skits that use the Greek Mythology theme earn bonus recognition. Each Freeze-o-Ree event is based on the patrol's ability to work together as a team, general scout skills, and scout spirit. Patrols are responsible for having their scorecard with them at all times.

Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders should come to a quick meeting on Friday night at the Freeze-o-Ree headquarters to get more information about their schedules for the following day.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Freeze-o-Ree. If you have questions, please contact Event Chair Dan Golding, dgolding@gmail.com, 703-868-2051. Or, send an email to Youth Event Director Asher Gill at Loudounchapter@wipit470.org.

Yours in Scouting,

Asher Gill, Youth Event Director and Loudoun Chapter Vice Chief of Program
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Registration

Registration is \$22.00 per Scout/Adult. Unit registration is online, and all registrations must be received by January 21st, 2026. **REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON 1/21/2026**. We ask that Troops register a single “placeholder” in advance to ensure best placement in campsites.

Participation in the Freeze-o-Ree is open to all Loudoun District Troops/Crews, and AOL Patrols/Dens!

Troops/Crews should register as a Unit (all participants under one single bulk registration). OA Staff can register as individuals (not registered with the Unit). However, the cost per person is the same - \$22 each. Staff who are camping and eating with their Troops should register with them. Staff who are camping and eating with the OA should register as Staff. There will be no non-staff individual registrations. If you are a small group or individual that needs help connecting with another Troop to partner, please let the organizers know and we'll help! If you are having trouble finding enough adult leaders, please let us know and we'll help with that, too!

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS IS MIDNIGHT, January 21, 2026. This includes all additions, subtractions and substitutions to all registrations. There is **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION** - all participants must register and pay ONLINE.

AOL Participation - We are thrilled to accept AOL Scouts at the Freeze-o-Ree. AOL's have two options for attending:

First, they can stay overnight with their AOL Patrol/Den. However, due to the possibly cold conditions, we ask that AOL's camp with their parents in the same tent. You can stay in a campsite with the Troop of your choice, or we'll find a Troop to "host" you.

The second option is for AOL Scouts to come out on Saturday as Day Participants with a special price of \$15, including an event patch. If you utilize this option, please bring lunch, as we won't be providing meals. In either case, we're very excited to welcome AOL's to the Freeze-o-Ree!!

In either case, please register as AOL Scouts overnight, AOL Adult Leaders overnight, or AOL day participants. AOL day participants can utilize the Chapel shelter as home base.

Vehicles

Vehicles and trailers will be permitted to go to the Camp Snyder campsite area for equipment drop off only. **Please limit the number of vehicles near the campsites AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE** so that there is no congestion on the campsite roads. All vehicles and trailers must then be parked in the Camp Snyder parking lot. The maximum speed limit in the Freeze-o-Ree area is 10 MPH. Any special vehicle parking requests must be pre-approved by the event staff. All vehicles must be in the parking lot by 9:30 PM (21:30) on Friday. No vehicles, unless approved by event leadership may be driving through camp on Saturday; if you have a scout who is getting dropped off or a parent dropping something off they can drive up to HQ but may not go past HQ.

Check In

Upon arrival at the Freeze-o-Ree, all units must check-in at the Hylton Administration building near the main gate, with their medical forms. One adult Scouter and the Senior Patrol Leader from the unit should be present at the Hylton Administration building and receive a Camp Snyder campsite assignment. During the event, the Freeze-o-Ree HQ is the Handicraft Shelter. Please be very cautious while driving to the campsite on Friday night - it will be dark and there will be Scouts on the road. Please obey any and all safety directions from Youth Staff.

Patrol Rosters

Certain events require a tournament schedule. Patrols wishing to participate in these events **MUST** provide patrol rosters no later than the 9:30 pm SPL meeting on Friday, so schedules can be created and posted Saturday morning. Only patrols who have submitted rosters by that time will be able to participate in tournaments. If you plan on a late arrival or a Saturday morning arrival, please submit your patrol rosters via email to dgolding@gmail.com prior to 1 pm on Friday.

Check Out

Troops will not be permitted to leave until their campsite has been inspected by a staff member and have checked out with the event HQ. Please check-out by 10am at the Hylton Administration building on Sunday morning.

Pack out what you pack in. Your unit is required to remove all trash. Remember to leave your campsite better than you found it. Please take all trash to the dumpsters located behind the dining hall - trash will not be picked up from individual campsites.

Leadership

All units must be under the leadership of two registered Scouters over the age of 21 at all times. These registered adult leaders must be present, in camp, at all times. Non-registered adults are not permitted to camp overnight. All units with female Scouts must have at least one female adult leader. If this is a difficulty, we can help - please contact District Executive Melanie Leitert at melainie.leitert@scouting.org

The buddy system is in effect at the Freeze-o-Ree. Please help to make sure all Scouts have buddies, in a kind and constructive manner. Persons (Scouts and Scouters alike) leaving the Camp Snyder grounds at any time, other than at the end of the Freeze-o-Ree, must inform an adult Event Staff member.

Brotherhood Conversion Opportunity

There will be an opportunity for OA Ordeal members to participate in a brotherhood conversion at 4:00pm on Saturday. Please contact dgolding@gmail.com before registration closes to inform us that you will be participating. As a reminder, the requirements for Brotherhood are:

- Ordeal member for 6+ months
- Memorized the obligation, song, and hand clasp
- Dues are current

Health/Safety

Troops are responsible for keeping their own BSA Health/Medical Records - our staff will ask Unit Leaders to show that they have those records in their possession during check-in. Staff members must provide Part A and Part B medical forms at check-in.

The first aid station will be located at Freeze-o-Ree HQ. A cell phone number for our Health & Safety team will be provided to participating units at check-in and will be posted at Freeze-o-Ree HQ. Youth and Adult staff have hand-held radios and can contact the first aid team if needed. Any and all injuries will need to be reported to the Health & Safety team, even if you treated them at your site.

- No burning or smoldering fires will be left unattended at any time. Fires can only be built in the campsite fire rings. **DO NOT DIG ADDITIONAL FIRE PITS!**
- Water is available in the campsite area. Everyone should carry water as part of their 10 essentials.
- Three blasts of an airhorn indicate a camp-wide emergency requiring participants to take shelter. The Marriott Dining Hall is our rally point. Unit leaders will each verify the presence of their Scouts.

Very cold weather is possible during the Freeze-o-Ree event. Scout America guidance on safe cold weather camping can be found [here](#). Important aspects include layering of clothing - at least three layers including a base layer and outer layer; a winter sleeping bag rated at 0F; proper footwear and socks; rain gear; gloves and a hat; frequent hydration include warm liquids. While chemical hand warmers can be helpful - and they will be available at HQ - care must be taken in their use.

In addition to any warming fires maintained at campsites, the event staff will maintain a warming fire at Freeze-o-Ree HQ if necessary. During Friday and Saturday overnight, one of the Camp Snyder Cabins, located next to Michael's Woodshop, will be open as a warming station. If a Scout exhibits signs of Hypothermia, please bring them to the Cabin (which will be marked) and awaken the event staff manning the station. We'll prepare tea or soup to warm up your cold Scout!

Bathrooms

Camp Snyder's shower houses are generally closed in the cold months. Port-a-potties are located near the shower houses. Shower House #1, closest to the field activities, will be open and heated. Power at the shower houses will be available. YPT rules for restrooms are in force - please direct Scouts not to use Adult restrooms, and vice-versa. All shower houses are labeled (Adult male, adult female, youth male, and youth female) on the door, so please read carefully before entering.

Meals

Units and patrols are responsible for their own meals during the Freeze-o-Ree.

Firewood

Firewood may not be brought to Camp Snyder. Stacked firewood is available around the camp. It's a Snyder tradition that Troops replenish their campsite's woodpile before departure.

Participation and Awards

Competition and participation is expected to be by **existing** patrols, including Venturing or Leadership patrols. The formation of temporary "super patrols" for the purposes of winning Freeze-o-Ree events is strongly discouraged and not in the spirit of the activity. Existing patrols with very small numbers of participants who would otherwise not be able to participate in this activity may combine to form one patrol.

Points will be given for participation in both the field and skill events. Extra points may be given in certain events for the patrols placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. Additional points will be given for camp setup, roster and menu posting, menu and dinner preparation, for patrol spirit, for campsite practices, and at Staff discretion. Prizes will be awarded to the 3 highest total scores for the Freeze-o-Ree. A special patch has been designed by the Chapter Arrowmen for the Freeze-o-Ree. The patches will be distributed at the time of Check Out.

Campfire Skits

Campfire skits and songs are encouraged to have a Greek Mythology theme, but any theme is okay, as long as the skits are Scout-appropriate. Please sign up your intention to participate at Freeze-o Ree HQ so our MC knows you're prepared. Skits and songs should be submitted by lunchtime on Saturday.

Uniforms

Scout field uniforms should be worn for the Saturday morning flag ceremony. At other times, including the campfire, please dress appropriately for the weather. Staff will be identified by white Order of the Arrow sashes over outerwear.

Schedule of Events

Note: Schedule is subject to change. Updates will be provided as necessary.

FRIDAY – January 23th, 2026

4:00–9:00 pm	Staff Check-in	Hylton Admin Building
6:30–9:00 pm	Check In – Campsite Assignment	Hylton Admin Building
9:30–10:00 pm	SM/SPL Meeting - <u>Mandatory!</u> Sign-up deadline for tournament play <u>All Cars must be out of Campsites by this time</u>	Freeze-o-Ree HQ
11:00 pm	Lights Out	All Campsites

SATURDAY – January 24th, 2026

7:00 am	Reveille	All Campsites
7:00–8:00 am	Breakfast and Clean-up	All Campsites
8:00 am	Tournament Schedule posted	Freeze-o-Ree HQ
8:00 am	Check In for Late Arrivals Campsite Assignment	Hylton Admin Building
9:00 am	Opening Assembly, Flags	Front of Dining Hall
9:30–12:00 pm	Freeze-o-Ree Events	
12:00–1:00 pm	Lunch	All Campsites
1:00–4:00 pm	Events Continue	
4:00-5:00 pm	Brotherhood conversion	Camp Snyder Chapel
3:30–4:30 pm	Camp Gadget Judging Scavenger Hunt Turn-In	Freeze-o-Ree HQ
5:00–6:30 pm	Dinner and Clean-up	All Campsites
6:00 pm	Deliver Chili for Judging	Freeze-o-Ree HQ

7:30–8:30 pm	Campfire & Awards	Campfire Amphitheater
9:00 pm	SM/SPL & OA Cracker Barrel	Freeze-o-Ree HQ
11:00 pm	Lights Out	All Campsites

SUNDAY – January 25th, 2026

7:00 am	Reveille	
7:00–8:30 am	Breakfast & Clean-up	All Campsites
8:30–10:00 am	Break Camp and Check Out	Camp Site Inspections

The event schedule is proposed and is subject to change due to weather, staffing, safety, or the whims of Zeus.

Planned Activities



“Impress Hephaestus” - Shark Tank With a Specialty Judge: The God of Crafting!

Invent a useful gadget or contraption worthy of Hephaestus's workshop!

Each patrol will present their creation to a panel of judges and persuade them why it's the most brilliant invention in all of Olympus. Whether it solves a problem or makes camp life easier, originality and teamwork will shine here. Dazzle the gods with your creativity!

Up to 100 points will be awarded based on factors such as utility, style, material choice/durability, and more.



Aphrodite's Fashion Frenzy – Ancient Greek Fashion Show

Channel your inner muse and design an outfit inspired by Ancient Greece! Chiton? Laurel crown? It's up to you, just make it stylish!

Once your masterpiece is complete, strut your look down the runway before the god of beauty herself. Confidence, craftsmanship, and flair will win Aphrodite's admiration.

Up to 30 points available for showcasing the finest fashion in Greece.

Bring your outfit to camp! Materials will NOT be provided for this event.

Apollo's Challenge – Archery



Test your archery skills by shooting arrows through a series of rings!

Each ring you hit earns points—precision and focus will help you win Apollo's favor. You'll need a steady hand and a sharp eye to guide your arrows straight to victory.

Note: Theft of Apollo's cows will result in immediate disqualification.



Sun Chariot Racing – Lashing Chariots

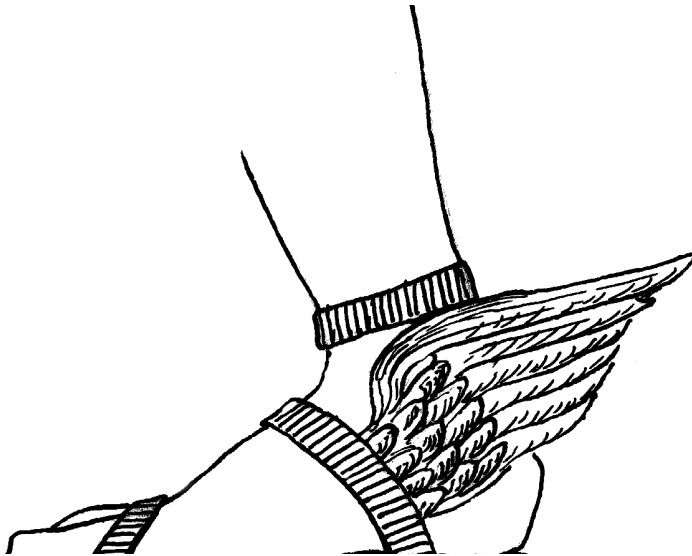
Build your own chariot using pioneering and lashing skills, then carry it around the course as fast as Helios rides across the sky. Teams will lift and transport their chariot together, racing against the clock to prove your design's speed. Strength, coordination, and teamwork are essential to keep your chariot steady and your speed up!



Cooking With Hestia – Campfire Cooking Challenge

Deliver your entry to Freeze-o-Ree HQ at 6:00 pm. The OA Cook Crew and all visiting Hearth Goddesses will serve as judges and determine which entry tastes the most delicious.

Best meal will receive special recognition and award at the Campfire. Food must be deemed safe for consumption by the judges.



Hermes's Special Delivery – Relay Race

Race against the clock in Hermes's lightning-speed delivery service!

Teams must carry a package through an obstacle course, handing it off relay-style without dropping or damaging it. Speed and coordination will be your greatest assets as you rush to complete the delivery.

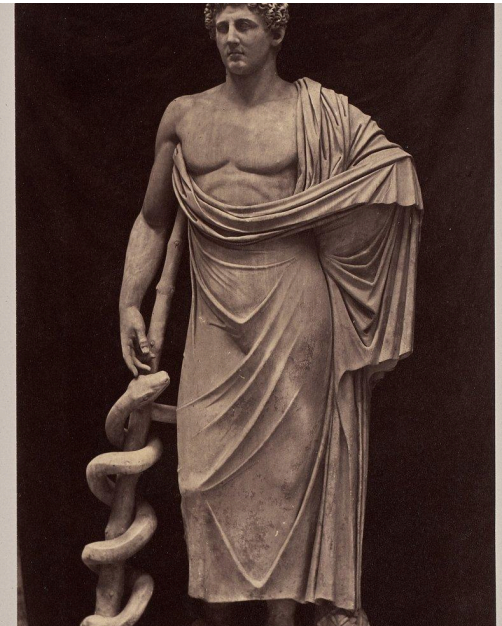
Demeter Can't Find Persephone



Join us for the Third Annual Freeze-o-Ree Scavenger hunt!

Something happened to Persephone! It's up to you and your patrol members to help Demeter find her daughter before it's too late! Search around Camp Snyder for different things that could give a clue to where Persephone ran off to!

Must be returned to HQ by 4:00 PM.



Asclepius's First Aid Assessment – First Aid Test

Prove your healing knowledge by completing a series of first aid challenges given by Apollo's medically-inclined son!

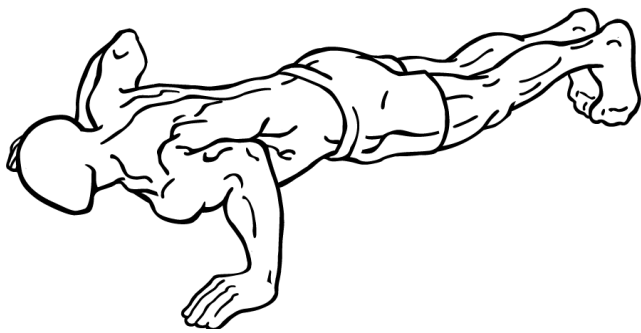
From bandaging to identifying symptoms, show Asclepius you're prepared for any emergency. Quick thinking and careful technique are the keys to success in this life-saving event. Just watch out for his snakes!



Poseidon's Nautical Knots – Knot Tying

Practice your seamanship by tying essential knots!

Complete a series of basic and boat-related knots under time pressure to earn Poseidon's approval. Mastery of these skills will help you stay prepared whether you're on land or at sea.



Hercules' Test of Strength – Push-Up Contest

Show your might in a contest of endurance!

Scouts perform as many push-ups as they can (Webelos may do knee push-ups). Challenge yourself to beat your personal best and prove your strength before the spirit of Hercules himself.



The Oracle's Ramblings – Riddle Solving

Journey to Delphi to consult the Oracle. Solve tricky riddles and decipher her cryptic prophecies to gain knowledge (and points).

Every correct answer brings you closer to unlocking the mysteries of the ancient world.



Hypnos' Slumber – Stretcher Challenge

Transport Hypnos, the god of sleep, across the course without waking him!

Your team must carry a stretcher smoothly and steadily, working together to avoid bumps or drops. Communication and balance are essential to keep Hypnos peacefully dreaming until the end.



Athena's Trivia Test – Greek Mythology Trivia

Use your wisdom to conquer Athena's quiz. Answer questions about Greek myths, gods, heroes, and monsters. Put your knowledge to the test and see if your patrol can claim the title of the wisest in all of camp.



Artemis's Accuracy Test – Tomahawk Throwing

Embody the spirit of the hunt!

Practice your aim by throwing tomahawks safely at designated targets. Steady nerves and good technique will bring you closer to earning Artemis's respect as a true marksman.



Prometheus's Gift - Fire Building

Master Prometheus's forbidden gift to humanity in a test of your fire building prowess!

Use all-natural materials found around camp to build a fire with the goal of burning through a string suspended above it.

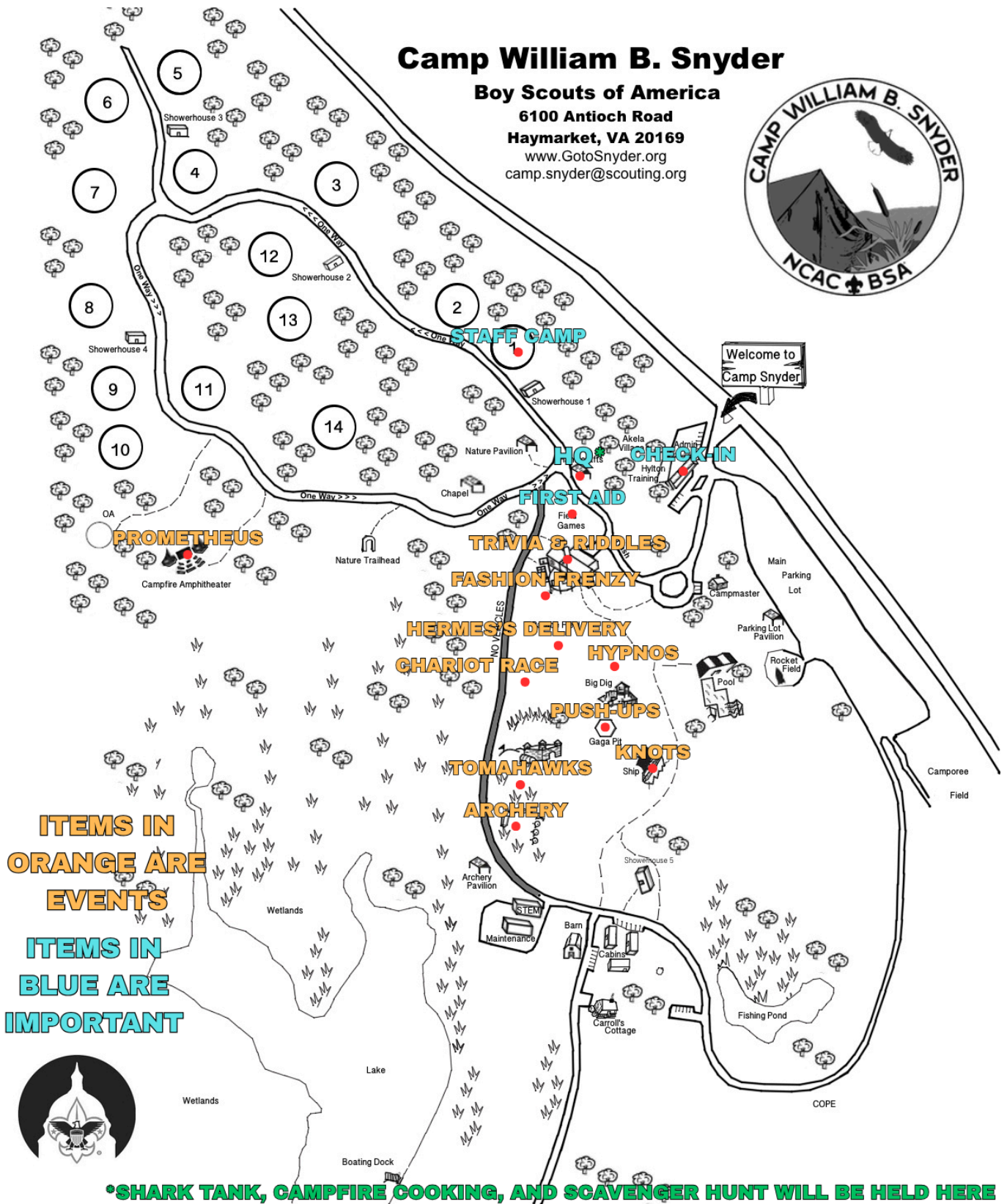
Individual Patrol Score Sheet

Troop/Pack: _____ **Patrol Name:** _____

Event Name	Max Points	Point Score	Elapsed Time	Location	Judges Initials
Aphrodite's Fashion Frenzy	30		N/A	Front of Dining Hall	
Apollo's Challenge	30		N/A	Archery Range	
Sun Chariot Racing	30			Parade Field	
Impress Hephaestus	100		N/A	Freeze-o-Ree HQ	
Cooking With Hestia	50		N/A	Freeze-o-Ree HQ	
Hermes's Special Delivery	20			Parade Field	
Demeter Can't Find Persephone	20		N/A	Freeze-o-Ree HQ	
Asclepius's First Aid Assessment	30		N/A	First Aid Station (Near Freeze-o-Ree HQ)	
Poseidon's Nautical Knots	30		N/A	Pirate Ship	
Hercules' Test of Strength	30		N/A	Gaga Ball Pit	
The Oracle's Ramblings	20		N/A	Dining Hall	
Hypnos' Slumber	30			Parade Field	
Athena's Trivia Test	30		N/A	Dining Hall	
Artemis' Accuracy Test	30		N/A	Near Archery Range	
Prometheus's Gift	20			Campfire Amphitheater	
Dressed for Weather	100		N/A	N/A	
Patrol Flag and Spirit	100		N/A	N/A	
TOTAL	700				

This score sheet must be turned in to Zeus at Freeze-o-Ree HQ when you complete your last challenge event for your scores to be counted. Each patrol must turn in their own score sheet. Failure to comply will lead to electrocution!

Freeze-o-Ree 2026 Camp Map



Patrol Duty Roster

UNIT COPY (POST IN CAMP – ONE FORM PER PATROL)

PATROL: _____ TROOP/PACK: _____

PATROL DUTY ROSTER					
	Friday Dinner	Saturday Breakfast	Saturday Lunch	Saturday Dinner	Sunday Breakfast
Patrol Leader					
Asst Patrol Leader					
Cook					
Asst Cook					
Water					
Dishwasher					
Clean Up					

PATROL MENU					
Notes	Friday Dinner	Saturday Breakfast	Saturday Lunch	Saturday Dinner	Sunday Breakfast

Patrol Roster

(Turn in one to HQ, and post another in camp!)

PATROL NAME: _____

PATROL MEMBERS' NAMES	AGE	RANK
PL:		
SM:	SPL:	

If you have a larger roster, fill out two sheets and turn in both. But remember, larger patrols are not recommended and not in the spirit of the event. Consider splitting your patrols if you end up needing two sheets!