

Western Shore



District

Spring Camporee

2026

April 10, 2026 5:00 pm

April 12, 2026 9:00 am

Lions Camp Merrick

3650 Rick Hamilton Pl,

Nanjemoy, MD 20662

Hosted by

Western Shore Chapter Order of the Arrow

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Come Join scouts and scouters as they venture off as the Costal Odyssey Awaits. Where they will meet many challenges from different God's and Godeses from different realms. Bring your best and brightest scouts to defeat the challenges and become victorious over your adversaries.

Are you ready for the adventure into the depths of the Odyssey? If so, grab your chariots, load up on supplies and get your best soldiers (Scouts) and let the games begin.

Are you part of team **BLUE**, a team that is resourceful and full of spirit, or are you team **RED**, a team of adventurers and joy? Who will win team Red or team Blue? You will be assigned teams at registration.

Event Overview

Check-In:

Scoutmasters must check in at the Dining hall and provide a completed roster of their units, identifying both youth and adult participants. Each unit should have a copy of the BSA Health Form for all Scouts and Scouters at their campsite.

Campfire and Fire Safety:

- **Ground Fires Are Not Permitted** – Only Leave No Trace fires are allowed. Fires must be in an elevated fire pit and completely contained above ground.
- Fires must be attended at all times.
- Charcoal grills and propane stoves, under proper supervision, are recommended for cooking.
- Firewood may be available at the Camporee site. Ask during check in
- Do not dump ashes in the wood line!

Equipment:

Be prepared! Bring all necessary supplies.

Each Troop is asked to bring their own Chariot!!!!

- **Chariots are needed for some of the activities and if you participate in the Wint-Or-Ree or Klondike derby your sled is your chariot.**
- **Chariots must have wheels to be used at Lions Camp Merrick**
- **Chariots are encouraged to be decorated to match the theme of the camporee for extra points.**
- **This may help if you do not have a sled**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1euwUPcP-co>

Food:

Patrols are expected to plan, pack, and prepare their own food. No food will be provided for units.

Uniforms:

- **Field Uniform (Class A) and OA sashes** are required for the Opening, Campfire, Scout's Own, and Closing Ceremonies.
- **Activity Uniform (Class B)** is suggested for all other activities.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.

Electronics:

Please put away cell phones. There will be **no charging stations available**.

Trash & Waste Disposal:

- All trash must be placed in appropriate containers and removed at the event's conclusion.
- Cooking grease must be placed in a covered container and discarded with trash.
- Wastewater should be scattered well away from any inhabited campsite, preferably along a tree line.

Lost & Found:

- Found items should be turned in at the OA pavilion.
- Items may be claimed at any time during the Camporee.
- Unclaimed items will be donated to a local thrift store.

Campsites & Vehicles:

- Campsites will be assigned based on registration numbers.
- **No cars are allowed** at the campsite for unloading—only troop trailers and tow vehicles.

- **We ask that each troop keep vehicles to a minimum. Carpool if possible**
- A designated unloading system will be in place on Friday evening.
- After unloading, vehicles must park in the designated area

Camporee Schedule: Subject to change

Friday, April 10th:

- 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Check-In/Registration/Set up Camp
- 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - SPL/Scoutmaster Leader meeting Dining hall
- 9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - OA Cracker Barrel – for SPL's, Scoutmaster's and Any/All 2026 OA dues paid members, wear your OA sash
- 10:00 p.m. - TAPS (Lights Out)

Saturday, April 11th:

- 6:30 a.m. – Reville /Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Morning Roll Call & Announcements; Flag area in front of dining hall
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Morning Program
- 12:00 - 1:30 - Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Brotherhood Conversion Class - all participants must have paid their 2026 OA dues.
- 1:30 - 4:30 afternoon program
- 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner/Free Time-Skits will be collected during dinner
- 5:00 p.m. - WEBELOS & Arrow of Light check in????
- 7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. – Scouts Own Service
- 7:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Dutch Oven Cook Off due – Dining hall – “Dessert”
- 7:30 p.m. - Get ready for campfire, practice skits.
- 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Closing Campfire, Skits, awards & O/A Callout

Brotherhood Conversion immediately following closing campfire...Stay behind at campfire. All participants must have paid their 2026 OA dues.

- 10:00 p.m. - TAPS (Lights Out)

Sunday, April 12th:

7:00 a.m. - Reville and Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Closing Flags/Ceremony

9:00 a.m. - Check Out