



Goose Creek District 2019 Spring Camporee March 29-31, 2019

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Introduction

The 2019 Goose Creek District Spring Camporee will occur at Camp Highroad, Middleburg VA, from Friday, March 29th to Sunday, March 31st, 2019. The Camporee focuses on outdoor Scouting fun as embodied in the theme, "Outdoor Adventure Challenge."

The Camporee consists of two major events. The first is a Patrol Challenge of six events, held in the afternoon on Saturday. The second is an Adventure Choice period, kicking off the Camporee Saturday morning, for Scouts to be able to explore challenging "High Adventure" program activities that interest them. Each participant may choose one (1) activity. Each Adventure Choice activity has one assigned time period. There are additional, no-cost activities open throughout the morning so that all Camporee participants can have fun. This event is designed for Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews or Explorer Posts.

This Leader Guide has the latest information about all Camporee activities, schedules and requirements. Please share with all your Unit Leaders (Adult and Youth) and parents.

Registration

Prior Registration is required from all Units for all parts of the Camporee. The process is consolidated on this NCAC website:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-25838>

- 1) **All participants must register and pay the Camporee Fee of \$24 each** (all Youth and Adults) **online thru this website**. This fee includes all campsite and facility support costs. Food and camping gear are NOT included; units must bring their own.
- 2) **Adventure Choice Activities are optional. Each participant may choose one Activity. Registration and payment for all Adventure Choice Activities will also be processed thru this same NCAC website. NOTE: All Adventure Choices are FREE FOR ADULTS but registration for your Choice is still REQUIRED** so that we can determine the total number of participants.

ALL Units must complete the Unit Roster Forms (one for Youth and one for Adults) found as attachments on the website or also at the end of this Leader's Guide. Email them to Camporee Director Charles Thornton at scouterchalis@gmail.com by March 22nd.

Camporee Administrative Details

- Check-In runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, March 29th and opens again from 7:00 to 8:30 am on Saturday, March 30th. Please arrive early! Friday night arrival is recommended.
- Units may bring trailers but there is no vehicle traffic permitted to the campsites, meaning **all vehicles and trailers must remain in the designated parking areas**.
- Units will receive their Challenge and Adventure Choice schedule at Check-In.

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What to Bring and Not Bring

Tents: Units will camp in one of three campsite areas in the southern end of Camp Highroad. Bring your own tents and equipment. Tents larger than 4-person are discouraged. Leave No Trace principles apply (no trenches, digging, etc.).

Water: Water is available but not in each campsite. Units should bring their own FILLED water containers from home which may then be refilled at the Camporee.

Firewood: Units MAY BRING THEIR OWN firewood (encouraged). It is also available for purchase from Camp Highroad but must be reserved DURING ONLINE REGISTRATION.

Unit Gear: See the Scouts BSA Handbook if you need guidance on Unit Gear. Bring your Unit and patrol flags.

Personal Gear: The Scouts BSA handbook also contains a checklist for personal camping gear. During Saturday's events, all Scouts should carry a lightweight backpack/day pack with the Ten Essentials (see the Scouts BSA Handbook for a list of these).

Camporee Safety Requirements

- Wood or charcoal fires are permitted but only in designated fire rings or trays.
- Potable water is available but must be hauled to your campsite area.
- Participants should always carry their 10-Essentials - water is a must.
- Patrols always require two Adult Advisors to be present.
- The Buddy System is always in effect for safety.
- All participants must remain in designated Camporee activity areas. All Lodge, Cabin and Personal Residence areas are off limits.
- Weather: March temperatures will be still be chilly, especially in the evenings. Participants must have appropriate layered clothing and a winter sleeping bag. Check the weather forecast before departing from home. *"There is no such thing as inclement weather, only inappropriate attire"* – Phamous Philmont Phrase

Check-In Procedures

Regular Check-In is between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Friday (recommended) and 7:00 to 8:30 am on Saturday morning. Upon arrival at Camp Highroad, have your Unit Adult Advisor and Unit Youth Leader Check-In at the registration table near the Archery Range. **Please wait until your Leaders return from Check-In before unloading gear or leaving the area.**

Check-In will include verifying the following information:

- All Payments are Paid in Full. Please make all your Unit's Adventure Choice payments online prior to the deadline of March 22nd, 2019. On-site registration is NOT available. Last minute reconciliations BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT ONLY must be completed at Check-In.
- BSA Permission Forms are required for each Scout. These forms will remain with the Unit (will not be collected) but must be shown to the GCD registration staff at Check-In.
- Complete BSA Medical Forms must be presented for each Scout & Scouter. Bring Medical Forms for ALL participants to the Camporee and have them available at Check-In. All forms will remain in the Unit Adult Advisors' possession. In case of emergency, the Camporee staff may request access to these forms from the Unit Adult Advisor.

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- Completed Unit Rosters will be verified. The roster forms are located at the end of this Guide and must be submitted to Camporee Director Charles Thornton by March 22nd, 2019.

Camporee Leaders Briefing/Cracker Barrel

Senior Patrol Leaders/Crew Leaders and Unit Adult Advisors are invited to a Camporee Leader Briefing and Cracker Barrel on **Friday night, March 29th at 9:00 p.m.** We will provide updates on Camporee events and facilities, weather and scheduling. Last minute information may be handed out. Your top leadership should attend but please, **NOT** your entire Unit.

Camporee Daily Schedule

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

FRIDAY – March 29, 2019

time	Events	Notes
4:00–8:00 pm	Check-In	Registration Tent
9:00–10:00 pm	Leaders Brief/Cracker Barrel	Camporee Headquarters (CHQ)
11:00 pm	Taps	All Campsites

SATURDAY – March 30, 2019

time	Events	Notes
7:00–8:30 am	Check-In for Arriving Units	Registration Tent
7:00 am	Reveille for Encamped Units	
7:00–8:30 am	Breakfast and Clean-up	Campsites
8:30–9:00 am	Opening Assembly Plan of the Morning	CHQ (previously the Reg Tent)
9:00–12:00 pm	Adventure Choice Activities – ALL UNITS	
12:00–1:45 pm	Lunch	
1:45–2:00 pm	Afternoon Announcements	CHQ
2:00–5:00 pm	Patrol Challenge – ALL UNITS	
5:00–7:30 pm	Dinner and Clean-up	Campsites
7:30–9:00 pm	Campfire, Awards, Ghost Story Contest, OA Callout	The Pond Arrowmen: wear your sashes!
11:00 pm	Taps	Campsites

SUNDAY – March 31, 2019

time	Events	Notes
7:00 am	Reveille	
7:00–8:30 am	Breakfast & Clean-up	Campsites
8:30–9:00 am	Scouts Own Service	Bamboo Forest
9:00–11:00 am	Break Camp and Check-Out	Camp Site Inspection

Patrol Challenge Event

Organizing Your Patrols

Form the participating Youth from your Unit into patrols. 6 to 10 (max) Scouts each is the best size and provides a fair chance to succeed for all Scouts. Organize your Patrol before arriving at the Camporee (however, changes are permitted on Saturday). **Please specify the number of participating Patrols for the Challenge on your Youth registration form(s).**

These Patrols participate in a series of six Challenge events. Each Patrol will have a Passport to carry with them and have their score recorded at the completion of each station. Each Patrol will have a specific rotation schedule (shown on the passport) that must be followed. Each event has a 25-minute time limit and a 5-minute transition times between stations. *The six events are shown below but are subject to change:*

Tomahawk Throw

Objective: Throw a tomahawk into a fixed target for score.

Procedure: Designated range, Patrol chooses best throwers. Fixed time.

Rules: Designated Safety area, safety rules briefing req'd, must follow directions of the RSO.

Flamin' Fast!

Objective: Build and light a fire to burn thru a suspended string – timed exercise.

Procedure: Use only supplies provided and 2 matches. Clock starts on command, stops when string parts.

Rules: Patrol can only use tinder and kindling in the vicinity (may be collected beforehand).

Saw Mill

Objective: Each Patrol cuts through a given diameter log safely. Timed exercise.

Procedure: In relay fashion, group members each cut through a large-diameter log.

Rules: BSA Sawing safety rules must be followed.

Sea Base Knot and Lash

Objective: Scouts demonstrate tying basic Scout knots and lashes.

Procedure: Each Patrol must demonstrate these knots: square knot, clove hitch, sheet bend, taut-line hitch, two half hitches, bowline, and square, diagonal and shear lashings.

Rules: Each knot and lashing must pass inspection by the Station Leader (tied properly).

Philmont Bear Bag Toss

Objective: Timed exercise to properly rig a collection of Bear Bags of various weights and raise it successfully on a Bear Bag Line.

Procedure: Standard Philmont Bear Bag configuration.

Rules: Must be rigged properly to Leave No Trace standards, including height off ground.

Northern Tier Canoe Portage

Objective: Relay Race with canoes of various weights.

Procedure: Multi-person teams. Possible obstacle courses.

Rules: No dropping canoes! Proper lifting techniques must be used.

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The Top 3 Patrol Challenge finishers will be recognized at the Saturday Evening campfire.

Adventure Choice Activities

Each participant may choose one Adventure Choice Activity. All Activities require registration and payment in advance. Be sure to record these choices on the Unit Roster Forms found on the registration website and at the end of this Leaders Guide.

NOTE: Campsite and facility support costs are included with the registration fee of \$24 per participant. Adventure Choice Activities are optional, with fees described below:

The following two no-cost activities are offered to ensure all Participants can engage in some form of fun event during the Adventure Choice period:

Archery Range: Open Range available for all Participants. Range Safety Officers have absolute control of the Ranges at all times. Units will be limited in time at the range according to the number of those waiting. A Safety Briefing is required. **No cost:**

Monkey Bridge: A Monkey Bridge will be erected courtesy of Troop 962 and is available for use by all Units. Two Adult Advisors must be present while Youth are climbing. **No cost.**

The following **Adventure Choice Activities** are offered at various (heavily-discounted) fees. Participants **MUST REGISTER** for these events during your Camporee online registration.

Mountain Bike Trail Ride: Sponsored and led by Bicycle Outfitters of Leesburg, this 2-hour ride will navigate the moderate terrain of Camp Highroad. You provide your own bike and helmet and must bring your bike to the shop in Leesburg for a required Safety Check prior to the Camporee. **No cost.**

Mountain Boarding: A unique sport using skateboards with big, knobby tires to slide down a grassy hill. Go “off-road” on an all-terrain/high-performance board or jump and navigate a cone course. Instruction, boards and safety equipment are provided. 1-hour. **Cost: \$10 each**

Rock Wall: Learn the basics of climbing and enjoy the challenge! Safety equipment is provided, closed-toed shoes are required. NOTE: This activity is at the northern Main Camp and will require car transportation by Unit. 1-hour. **Cost: \$10 each**

Zip Line: This high-flying adventure activity is 40’ tall and 400’ long. 1.5 hours. **Cost: \$15 each**

Team Challenge Course (Low Ropes): This activity builds communication, cooperation and trust as groups face challenges as a team. The course is made up of 20+ low level (max 10ft high) challenge obstacles. Team size is 15 (min) to 20 (max) people. 2-hours. **Cost: \$20 each**

High Ropes Course: Includes challenges at 20’, 35’ and 45’, an 800’ long zip line, a giant swing, a pamper pole, and a “vertical playpen!” Each level has four challenges to be overcome before moving up. Requires courage, physical endurance and trust. 3-hours. **Cost: \$30 each**

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Adventure Choice Activities Schedule

Each Adventure Choice Activity has one scheduled time period Saturday morning:

- 09:00 am – 11:00 am: South Team Challenge (Meet @ High Ropes)
- 09:00 am – 11:00 am: Mt Bike Trail Ride (Meet at CHQ)
- 09:00 am – 12:00 pm: High Ropes (Meet @ High Ropes)
- 09:30 am – 10:30 am: Rock Wall (Meet @ Poplar Lodge)
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am: Mountain Boarding (Meet @ Pond)
- 10:00 am – 12:30 pm: South Zip Line Only (Meet @ High Ropes)

Camporee Rules

The following rules are to help us have a fun and safe camping experience. It is the responsibility of the Unit Adult Advisor in Charge and the Unit Youth Leader to see that all Scouts know and understand these rules. Please don't put us in a no-win disciplinary situation.

1. Participant Behavior: All participants, both Scouts and Adults, will use the Scouts BSA Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan to guide their actions. Everyone is here for a fun and safe outdoor adventure. Your actions impact the fun of others. Be a positive impact.
2. Two-Deep Leadership: All Units attending the Camporee must comply with the BSA policy requiring "two registered Adult Advisors or Adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, for all trips and outings." All Adults must have completed current Youth Protection Training.
3. Buddy System - All Scouts are expected to follow the buddy system at all times. At no time should a Scout be more than 30 feet from their Buddy Scout. This goes for Adults as well.
4. Vehicles: Speed limit is 10 mph on Camp Highroad grounds. No passengers in the back of an open truck or trailer. Vehicles are limited to the main road or parking areas only. No parking in campsites.
5. Fires: Open fires (wood/charcoal) are permitted, but only in designated fire rings or trays. All fires and active (lit) stoves must be attended by a human at all times.
6. Firearms: Personal firearms, explosives, and fireworks are prohibited.
7. Tobacco: The entire Camporee is tobacco free per BSA policies on tobacco use.
8. Conservation: Please conserve our natural resources and Camp Highroad. No digging, trenching, or raking is allowed. Use Leave No Trace principles. Adhere to the Outdoor Code.
9. Knives: No straight or fixed bladed knives are permitted (BSA policy).
10. Lights out: Scouts are not allowed out of their campsite after lights out except to use the portable toilets. ALL QUIET PLEASE from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.
11. Electronic devices: No electronics of any type, including cell phones, are to be in Scouts' possession during the day. At the Unit's discretion, devices may be permitted in the evening within the Unit's campsite. Adult public use of cell phones should be restricted to ONE Adult who monitors essential Camporee communications and emergency use only. Adults: do NOT set a poor example, please exert self-control and read personal texts and email in camp only.
12. Other vehicles: No personal ATV's, etc., are allowed at the Camporee.
13. Pets: Pets (except for trained service dogs) are not allowed at the Camporee.
14. Portable Toilets: Portable toilets will be on site. Please keep them clean and useable for others. If you see a mess, please take a moment to clean it up. There is no cleaning crew.
15. Campsite Etiquette: Units will be encamped next to each other. Scouts (AND Advisors) should NOT cut through other Units' campsites enroute to their own campsite. "A Scout is Courteous."

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16. **Off limits area:** All participants must stay within the Camporee camping and Activity areas only.
17. **Range Safety:** When on the tomahawk and archery ranges, Scouts and Adults must adhere to all safety rules governing the ranges. The Range Safety Officer (RSO) is in charge at all times. Disobeying the RSO is a safety hazard and is cause for removal from the range.

Special Program Features

Evening Campfire – a chance to gather, celebrate Scouting traditions, and have fun. A Ghost Story Contest is planned. The Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will conduct their Ordeal Call Out during the campfire.

Scout's Own Service - We will have one large non-denominational chapel service Sunday morning at the Bamboo Forest (near the Pond). All Units are invited to the service, which will be directly after the Morning flag ceremony at CHQ. Please keep this in mind when planning your attendance. Respect our Duty to God, Avoid interruptions or loud noises during this time.

Check-Out Procedures

- If your Unit is leaving Saturday evening, staff will be available to assist you until 7:30 pm. Please coordinate this during Check-In.
- Regular Check-Out is Sunday morning after the Scout's Own Worship Service.
- Final Campsite Inspection: Ensure that all your gear is packed and taken with you and the campsite is clean. All trash must be neatly consolidated for pick up by Camp Highroad staff.
- Camporee Patches: Will be available for pick up by each participating Unit at the May 2019 Goose Creek District Roundtable.
- Camporee Evaluation. Please help the Goose Creek District volunteers by providing feedback using the online Survey Monkey evaluation. Details coming soon!

Additional Information

Uniforms

The minimum uniform for all Scouts throughout the Camporee will be the Activity Uniform (a.k.a "Class B") with Scout pants and a Unit t-shirt or a Scout-themed shirt.

The Scout Field Uniform (a.k.a. "Class A") is the official dress uniform and is to be worn at the Saturday night Campfire assembly and the Sunday morning flags and Scouts Own Service.

Meals

Units are responsible for all their own meals. Each Scout and Advisor provides their own eating utensils/kit; units bring their own cooking and cleaning supplies.

Cooking

Each Unit must furnish its own food, ice, stove, fuel or charcoal. **ABSOLUTELY NO UNATTENDED LIT COOK STOVES!** Check stoves and fuel lines for leaks before using.

First Aid

Minor first aid injuries should be handled at the Unit level. Report major injuries to Camp

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Highroad and Camporee staff immediately. If you are unsure of the level, consider it major and act accordingly. Please have BSA medical forms for each person in an easily accessible place, known to all Unit Advisors.

Medications

Units shall maintain all their Scouts medication and supervise their use. Protect medications from loss by locking them in a container.

Toilets

There are portable toilets in the campsites and program areas. Please keep them clean.

Trash/Sanitation

Please keep your campsite clean and use your own trash bags. Camp Highroad staff will collect trash from each campsite every morning. Consolidate all trash bags in the designated area for pickup. Secure all trash, food, and other “smellables” overnight. NO FOOD IN TENTS.

Flags

Each Unit should bring their flags at the camporee. Each patrol should have a patrol flag displayed during the Patrol Challenge and at all Camporee activities.

Emergencies

If severe weather, Lost Scout or another emergency situation occurs at the Camporee, all Scouts and Advisors will be notified and assembled at CHQ. All participants will be accounted for and await further instructions from Camp Highroad and Camporee staff. The emergency recall signal procedure will be announced and demonstrated Saturday morning.

Camporee Staff

Here are names and contact info for the principal Camporee staff for this event:

Charles Thornton	Camporee Director	scouterchalis@gmail.com	571-420-1035
Bob Kellogg	Assistant CD	rbkel497gmail.com	703-431-2720
Steve Wolfson	GCD Program Chair	stevewolfson@verizon.net	703-431-1033
John Blackwell	ADC – Roundtable	john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org	301-346-0551
Hal Raffensperger	OA Chapter Advisor	hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net	703-717-2815

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Unit Youth Roster Form

NOTE: Each Unit must complete this form and email it to scouterchalis@gmail.com before March 22nd.

Please check one: Initial Submission Revised Submission – date: _____

Unit Type & Number: _____ Adult Advisor Name: _____

Youth Leader Name: _____ Total # of Patrols Competing _____

(B) Mt Bike Hike (M) Mt Board (R) Rock Wall (Z) Zipline (T) Team Build Comp (H) High Ropes

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Unit Adult Roster Form

NOTE: Each Unit must complete this form and email it to scouterchalis@gmail.com before March 22nd.

Please check one: Initial Submission Revised Submission – date: _____

Unit Type & Number: _____ Adult Advisor Name: _____

Please mark each area that applies to each Adult. Please print clearly

(B) Mt Bike Hike (M) Mt Board (R) Rock Wall (Z) Zipline (T) Team Build Comp (H) High Ropes

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Camporee Site Map



Directions to the Camporee Site

The Camporee site is Camp Highroad in Middleburg VA:

Camp Highroad
21164 Steptoe Hill Road
Middleburg VA 20117
(540) 687-6262

Directions from Leesburg:

Take US-15 south for 4.5 miles, turn right onto State Route 733 and go 4.8 miles, turn right onto State Route 763 and go 0.7 miles, turn right and follow signs into the camp.