



**PIONEER
CHALLENGE: CAN
YOU ANSWER THE
CALL?**

Host Troop:



St. Cloud, Osceola County, FL

Welcome to the Osceola's District's Fall 2023 Camporee. This semester our camporee is giving homage to our Pioneer roots and challenging our troops to highlight their scouting skills!

We want the youth and adults alike to have an enjoyable time while attending our Camporee. Please remember to be safe around your campsite as we will have fire, sharp objects, and overall challenges. We encourage adults to advise, but please, leave the all event activity to the scouts!

As a reminder, we will abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law (and the Guide to Safe Scouting).

An event of this size takes dedication and hard work on the part of many exceptional volunteers. We have been blessed to work with a great committee, that shares a commitment to the BSA program. A huge "Thank you" to each person for sharing their time and passion with our fellow scouts.

Finally, we especially want to say THANK YOU for attending this year's Fall Camporee and allowing your scouts to enjoy the fun and activities that we have prepared.

Welcome to the Fall 2023 Camporee!

Art Polnasek
Troop 192
Scoutmaster



Osceola Fall 2023 Camporee Leader's Guide

Questions?

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When/Where?

October 20th -22nd , 2023

Moss Park

12901 Moss Park Rd,

Orlando, FL 32832

Fees and Deadlines

Your annual Council Activity Fee covers the fee for this Camporee. Please sign up by Tuesday, October 17th, 2023, so staff can properly plan the best event for everyone registered. Out of council registrants will be charged \$10 to cover the site and their share of the event fees.

Troops will be provided with the following:

- All event supplies to the unit that will be running the event
- Events and participation ribbons
- Water Jugs will be placed around the activity event.

Troops will NEED to provide the following:

- All food for the participants going in your unit
- A skit (to be turned in by SPL during registration on Friday night)
- All camping gear for each participant

Note on AOLS

- AOLS are welcomed to attend with a unit but are only allowed to attend for the day events. Please see this as a way to see if a potential troop is a good fit while.

Abbreviated Personal Packing list:

- Tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping attire
- Shower items & towel
- Clothing for Saturday & Sunday
- Mess Kit
- Change of clothing
- Reusable WATER BOTTLE
- Camping chair
- Scouting spirit
- Headlamp, flashlight
- Rain Protection
- Sunscreen
- Day Pack (with scouting essentials)
- Medications (to be turned in to your unit leader)
- A & B form (To be checked off with your leadership at check-in)

Safety Topics:

Co-ed. We are a Co-ed district. Upon arrival, troops will be sorted based on their unit type (Boy or Girl) and assigned an area. All scouts are required to stay in their own assigned area during lights out and before the events. During the events we will be rotating through events.

Taken from Guide to Safe Scouting:

Camping: The Boy Scouts of America has established the following guidelines for a safe and quality camping experience. Fundamental guiding principles for camping:

- Supervision of camping activities must include qualified, registered, adult leadership.
 - At a minimum, one leader present is current in Hazardous Weather Training for all unit types. It is recommended that all leaders

complete
this training every two years.

- Local council approval is needed for unit-coordinated overnight camping activities involving other units not chartered by the same organization. Units that wish to host events involving other units that do not share the same charter partner must have approval from their council. This includes events for packs, troops, crews, and ships from the same council; neighboring councils; the same territory; or other territory.
- Activities must be age- and skill-appropriate for all participants.
- Youth who are not registered in the unit may not accompany parents or siblings in camping programs of Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting.
- For council coordinated overnight camping, NCAP standards for short- or long-term camps must be met as minimum safety and quality standards.

By design, added program-centric requirements and limitations to camping are also present. Those are introduced in training modules required of unit leaders and specified in other sections of the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs. An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants. As outlined in the Scouter Code of Conduct, Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana.

In addition, the Code of Conduct specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.

Whistle/Airhorn Blasts: To keep all members safe, we will utilize the following whistle/airhorn blasts during the camporee.

- One long blast: Report to event areas
- Two blasts: Report back to camp and your unit leaders
- Three blasts: Major Weather event, take cover with your unit.
- Four blasts: Report to your unit and be prepared to evacuate; the site has become unsafe.

Tobacco/Drugs: Camporees, such as all scouting events are 100% Drug Free.

Weapons: No weapons will be tolerated in the camporee. Any tool used in the event that can be considered a weapon will be used following the Guide to Safe Scouting and the rules specifically spelled out for that tool.

Knives: All scouts are expected to be trained and have a record of completing their Totim Chip if carrying a pocket knife. All rules for carrying a pocket knife must be followed, including a safety circle and proper handling of the knife.

For more information please follow the following link:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss03/>

Reminder: Our goal is to have a safe, eventful, competitive weekend
of fun and competition!

FAQ:

Q: Will there be showers?

A: Yes, there are showers and full bathroom facilities. There is both a female and male facility.

Q: Do I have to cook my own food?

A: Yes, each unit is responsible for their food. You will eat and cook with the patrol from your unit. If there is an abundant of scouts from your unit, please assign different patrols PRIOR to attending to avoid confusion during meal times.

Q: Is this a competition?

A: Yes, each event will be scored and there will be a First, Second, & Third Place winners. The winners will hold bragging rights until they either hold the title at the next camporee or are defeated at the next camporee. The Winners will also be featured on our District page.

Q: Do I need to train for the events?

A: Sort of. Each event will be based on a scouting skill but the events are being kept secret until Registration Check-in on Friday night.

Q: I'm new to scouting....should I wait for the next one?

A: NO! You will learn skills and team building with your patrol. Whether you are a seasoned scout or a new one, come and have fun.

Q: Can Scouters help?

A: Yes, they can judge, they can oversee events but all events will be completed by the scouts. We encourage new scoutmasters and troop level volunteers to be part of the event in the background to gain experience for when their unit hosts their own District camporee.

Q: Should we bring troop flags?

A: Yes, show off your troop spirit!

May the best units win, remember, the odds are forever in your favor!