

Central Florida Council, Riverside District

2024 Scouts BSA Camporee

March 15-17



“Why We Scout”

Malabar Transmitter Annex
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Leaders Guide:

Message from the event chair:

When I was younger, I joined Scouting for adventure. I wanted to camp outside, I wanted to winter-camp in cabins with my friends. I remember helping to push the sled in the snow during a Klondike Derby and getting windburn on my cheeks. I left Scouting for other things and became active with the local church youth group- but that is another story.

Years later, my sons were enticed by the adventure Scouting provided. I had the pleasure of being on the sideline to see them grow from immature boys to young men of character. From weekend camps, to different summer camp locations- camping in the rain, the cold, outside without shelter, and everything in between- I rediscovered the adventure of Scouting for myself again. But this time by sharing and providing it to the youth and seeing them 'get it' and run with it.

Today, my boys have outgrown being able to participate as youth (I pray they find their return one day with their own child) and I am still showing up- still giving- still serving. What is it about the Scouting program that keeps us active? I've been asked many times, mostly by non-Scouters, "Why do you still do that?"

A few years back, I stumbled across a TED Talk with Simon Sinek and the subject of "Start with Why." It resonated with me so deeply that I have used clips of not only this video but other videos he has done with my previous troop- mainly with ILST but also just in day-to-day interactions with my Scouts. Instead of just saying because I said so, I would dive into the reason why- at times, I would admit that I didn't agree either, but we were bound by rules we had to follow.

The selection of this week's theme is the same I will announce as Chief for South Florida Councils Scoutmasters Camporee (<http://smcc.us>) for 2025. It is an opportunity as Scouters to share our individual stories of Scouting while also remembering the history of Scouting that we all have chosen to be a part of.

Think about and share your why with those around you. Pay attention to the whys of others.

Yours in Scouting and Brother of Cheerful Service

Allen Pinkley

Weekend Schedule:

Friday: March 15th, 2024

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	– Registration and Check-in
8:30 PM	– SM/SPL Meeting and Cracker Barrel
9:00 PM to 10:30 PM	– Movie and Fellowship Time
11:00 PM	– Lights Out

Saturday: March 16th, 2024

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	– Morning Activities
12:00 PM to 1:30PM	– Lunch
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	– Afternoon Activities
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	– Dinner
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	– Skits and Songs
9:00 PM to 10:30 PM	– Movie and Fellowship Time
11:00 PM	– Lights Out

Sunday: March 17th, 2024

8:00 AM	– Scouts' Own
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	– Check Out

Activities List:

- Kubb Tournament
- Knots Relay
- Team Building Games
- Scout Skill Challenges
- Leadership Discussion
- Future Events Discussion
- Other activities provided by units

Movies and Fellowship Time:

Movie 1 is Follow Me Boys: The playtime is 2h 11m and we will work with lights out to allow for those watching the movie. "A man settles down in a small town and becomes the scoutmaster."

Movie 2 is Scout Camp. The playtime is 1h 24m. "The Fire Dragon patrol, with their ever-supportive scoutmaster, is headed to Camp Rakhouta for what should be the best week of their lives. But when the "Team Spirit Stick" of the camp goes missing, the entire tradition of the camp is threatened."

What is meant by Fellowship Time? There will be an area available for table-top games that will allow for scouts across units to engage in fun and socialize. The idea behind this is to allow scouts to know scouts from other units, much like they will do if they are able to become an OA member. Friendship across units is something that has helped me want to stay active and learn other ideas for my unit to do. My sons always looked forward to the bigger events because they got to see their other friends in Scouting. I hope to instill that feeling within our Scouts today.

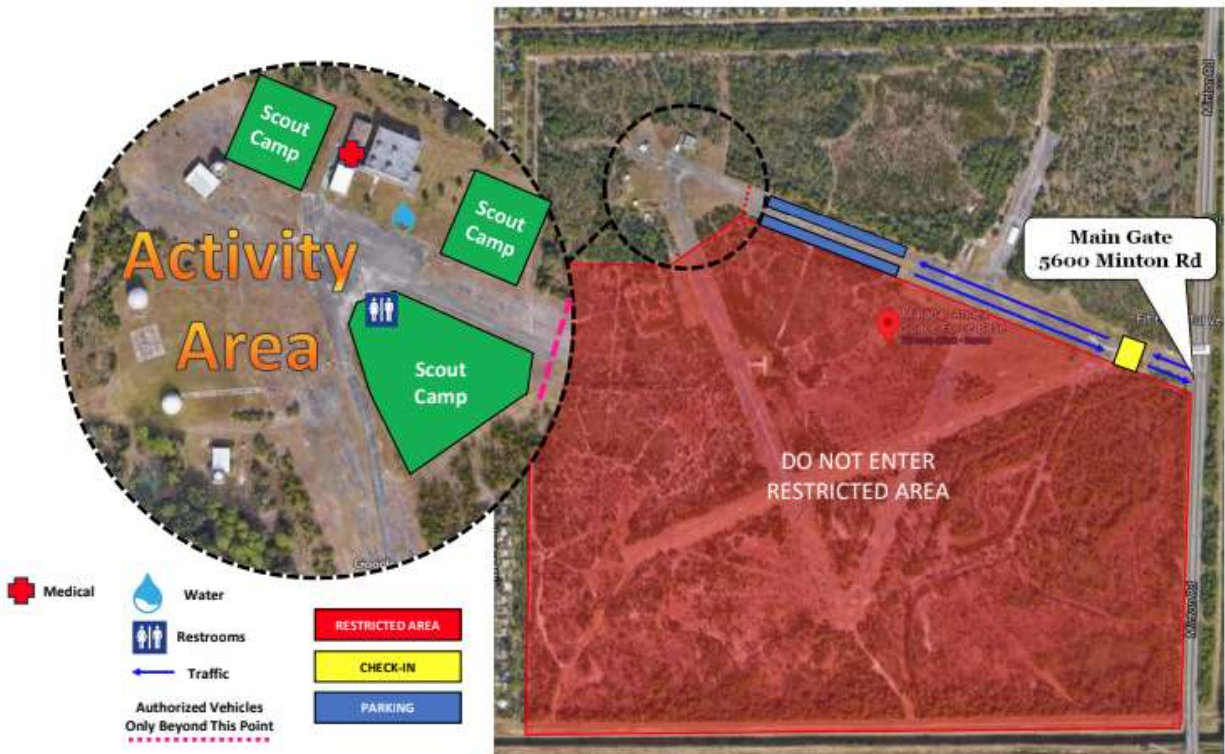
Future Events Discussion:

This is an open discussion with Scouts in attendance for them to brainstorm and discuss activities and events they would like to see the district to do in the future. The other part that I hope to address is how to engage them in opportunities to lead those events or subsections of the events. Like participating in Scouts' Own or being MC for the Campfire Program. Scouts BSA is marketed as "Youth-led" so how do we promote that idea within a district activity or event? I see this as a place for our older Scouts and Arrowmen to really shine. Some of our youth staff summer camp so why not our district events?

Malabar Space Annex Rules:

General Rules:

1. Only the areas, facilities, building, and rooms that have been submitted and approved on the “Malabar Transmitter Annex Event Request Form” can be used during the event. Map Attached – Building 65 only rooms 100, 101, 102, and RR1.



2. The Annex has many wild animals that can be dangerous. Do not approach animals and do not feed any animals. All food needs to be properly stored.

3. No guns/weapons other than those approved under Shooting Sports are allowed at the Annex.

4. No digging is allowed at the Annex.

5. No stakes can be placed in the ground that are longer than 10 inches unless approval is granted by the Annex POC. All locations must be identified on the map submitted with Request Form.

6. Drone flying is not allowed at the Annex.

7. No smoking or vaping (e-cigs) is allowed at the Annex.
8. No alcohol is allowed at the Annex.
9. No illegal drugs are allowed at the Annex.
10. Use of LAN line phones in Building 65 are off limits.

Fires:

1. Open fires, campfires (ground or raised), burn barrels, etc. are not allowed. Deep frying is not allowed.
2. Camp stoves may be used for food preparation only and must be off the ground and must be placed on a table or stand so bottom of grill is 29 inches off the ground
3. Raised charcoal grilles and tables are allowed. This includes charcoal chimney starters. No accelerants (i.e. lighter fluid) are allowed. All ash and unburnt coals must be taken with you and not dumped.
4. Any other possible source of heat generation that could result in a fire must be approved by the Annex POC.
5. All groups must supply their own fire extinguishers that are up-to-date, readily available, collocated with each stove/grill, and be visible to inspectors.
6. Failure to have proper fire extinguishers will result in all cooking stopping until a proper extinguisher is available.
7. For large events with numerous campsites, the Event POC must present a plan to Annex POC on how they plan to manage fire safety at the Annex with submission of form.

Bathrooms:

1. Only toilet paper is to be flushed down toilets.
2. Bathrooms in Building 65 are on a septic system and per PSFB cannot have more than 50 users per day, as the system will risk being overloaded.

3. Any damage and cost to the bathroom system (clogging, overloading, etc.) requiring maintenance, up to and including septic clean out, due to improper use will be at the cost of the Event POC.

4. All toilets and sinks should be run at check-in and check-out to ensure functionality.

Gate & Guard Shack:

1. It is the responsibility of the Event POC to ensure that no unauthorized person enter the Annex.

2. All event participants must be verified at the gate.

3. If someone shows up to the gate that is not registered for your event and is claiming they have authority to enter the property, they must demonstrate that they can open the PSFB pad lock. If they cannot, then they don't have the authority to enter. If they do not leave, you have the authority and responsibility to call the Palm Bay Police and the Annex POC.

4. The gate must be shut and locked when not manned.

5. A combo lock will be provided to the Event POC that can be put on the gate IN SERIES with the PSFB lock so that either opening the PSFB lock or the combo lock will open the gate.

6. Contact information for the person in charge of the gate must be posted on the gate, visible from both sides. No other lock can be placed on the gate.

7. The combo lock cannot be left on the gate if no one is in the Annex. The PSFB lock is the only approved lock to be left on the gate when the Annex is not in use.

8. The guard shack is available for usage for check in or manning the gate. The building contains electrical systems for monitoring of antennae throughout the Annex. Care must be taken not to disturb or damage any electrical components.

9. The lane immediately to the south of the guard shack must remained blocked as damage can occur to the wires crossing the road. If you feel that

the use of this lane is necessary, a request must be made, in writing, to the Annex POC prior to your event.

10. The guard shack toilet is inoperative. Use of the bathroom will be the responsibility of the Event POC to clean.

Outside Areas:

1. Grass cutting is done once a month by PSFB and can be delayed due to weather and base priorities. Requests can be made, but not guaranteed for grass cutting prior to your event. To ensure grass is cut for your event, this may require that your event organizes and covers the cost. Contact Annex POC for more information.

Trash & Dumpster:

1. **This is event is “Pack it in – Pack it out”**

Animals:

1. No Pets are allowed at the Annex

2. Only ADA service animals as identified as stated on ADA.gov are allowed (see website for latest rules and questions that can be asked). Only Dogs are recognized as service animals.

3. Under the ADA, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.

4. Service animals in training or emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals considered service animals DO NOT QUALIFY under the ADA as a service animal.

5. A service animal must be under the control of its handler. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless the individual's disability prevents using these devices or these devices interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of tasks