Camporee Leader Guide

Use this guide to introduce the Camporee competitions and plan patrol practice in the weeks leading up to the event.

Camporee Events

Crossing the Delaware

Canoe skills. Patrols will compete using a variety of skills from Canoeing Merit Badge, including a figure eight course, swapping positions, and capsizing. Speed and safety are key.

Scout Spirit

Overall competition. The patrol that best exemplifies Scout Spirit through yells, cheers, costuming, and sportsmanship will be recognized.

Build the Frontier

Knots and lashings competitions.

Flames of Liberty

Fire building and string-burning contest.

Paul Revere’s Ride

Orienteering and map skills.

Field Hospital

Patrols will treat a variety of first aid challenges.

Anchor Dive

One representative from each patrol will dive for an object and then race to the other end of the pool.

John Paul Jones

SPL Cannonball.

Schedule

Friday

Time	Activity
4:00 PM	Camp check-in begins
6:00 PM	Swim tests at pool if needed; units should bring documentation if previously tested for summer camp, etc.
8:30 PM	Campfire at Council Ring; every unit brings a skit, song, etc.
After campfire	SPL / Scoutmaster meeting
11:00 PM	Lights out

Saturday

Time	Activity
7:00 AM	Reveille
Breakfast	In campsites
8:45 AM	Flag and announcements
9:00 AM	Skill competitions begin
11:45 AM	Break for lunch in campsites
1:30 PM	Skill competitions resume
4:00 PM	Competitions conclude
Dinner	In campsites
6:30 PM	Pool events
7:30 PM	Cracker Barrel
11:00 PM	Lights out

Sunday

Time	Activity
7:00 AM	Reveille
Breakfast	In camp
9:00 AM	Awards and dismissal

Skills to Practice

Units should consider practicing the following Scout skills. Many of these skills will be needed for the competitions.

Event	Skills Scouts Should Practice
First Aid	Patient assessment; CPR; bandaging; splinting; shock; emergency calls; patient carries, including the two-man carry; stretcher race; exposure treatment for sun and hypothermia; first aid equipment usage.
Knots and Lashings	Square knot; bowline; sheet bend; two half hitches; taut-line hitch; clove hitch; timber hitch; square lashing; diagonal lashing; shear lashing.
Orienteering	Map reading; compass bearings; pacing; distance estimation; terrain association; route planning.
Fire Building	Fire safety; tinder and kindling selection; fire lays; match technique; no-match fire building; fire maintenance; extinguishing.

Scout Spirit

Patrols should prepare their yells, cheers, and costumes if desired, and discuss how they will demonstrate sportsmanship.