



CHALLENGER DISTRICT
and BSA Troop 481

SPRING CAMPOREE

VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER

MARCH 29 – MARCH 31, 2019



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LEADER'S GUIDE

“A scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens.”

-Robert Baden Powell



Welcome!

Welcome to the 2019 Challenger District Spring Camporee!

The goal of the weekend to is to provide fun and challenging activities, reinforce scouting ideals and give the Scouts a chance to demonstrate their teamwork and Scouting skills.

As a scout leader, you will also get a chance to show off your skills (or lack of!) as each Troop will offer up an adult leader to participate in a provisional patrol that will participate in the same activities as the younger Scouts.

Often, it is difficult to watch scouts figure out what they need to do to be successful, however, if we step back, dig down deep for some patience, the scouts will amaze us and themselves with what they can handle.

In addition to enjoying the weekend, they will find it very satisfying to look back on what they were able to accomplish.

This year there is opportunity for the scouts to compete in patrol (team) events such as fire starting, lashings events, and cooking! BE PREPARED to make some fast patrol decisions as all events will require the participation of every patrol member and some quick organizing and thinking.

Campfire is always a time of fun and laughter. Please encourage your Scouts to have a skit or song prepared to join in that fun. Points will be awarded for participation.

If you have any questions or comments, let us know. We are here to help you. And remember, HAVE FUN!

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Location: VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER
400 South Sykes Creek Pkwy
Merritt Island, FL 32952

Date: March 29th – March 31, 2019

Registration: Pre-registration is required and must be completed using the council online registration system. Deadline for registration and updates to existing registrations is March 15th. Late registration or updates can be made through March 30th, but subject to a late fee and patches and den combinations may not be available.

Scout Patrols... The recommended patrol size to properly compete in the program activities is a minimum of 5 scouts.

Leader Patrols...

Each unit will be asked to provide their Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster or an adult leader for the patrol competition. Multiple Leader Patrols can be formed depending on the number of troops present for the weekend. The adult patrol will be challenged to see if they are tougher than a Scout by doing their best at the same program stations as the Scout patrols. The first leader patrol formed will be the Old Goat Patrol.

There will be plenty of opportunities where an adult can help out during the Camporee. For those leaders not participating in the Leader Patrols, there will be a need for adults to help run the different events. In the spirit of the scouting tradition, it is important for the scouts to lead themselves through the program competition without the aid or assistance of adult.

Check In: 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29th - Early Check-in is not allowed – You will not be able to access the campsite prior to 5 pm. Troops must check-in at the registration table at the pavilion. You must check-in as a group and **have medical forms ready for review**. Each unit's leaders will maintain possession of the medical forms; however, they will be verified during check-in.

Parking: Only one vehicle per unit towing trailers or carrying unit gear will be allowed in camp for up to 30 minutes to disconnect the trailer or unload gear and return to parking area. No motor vehicles will be allowed to remain in the camp site areas.

Low Impact Camping: Each unit is expected to abide by the BSA low impact camping guidelines. Your campsite should be as though no camping took place. (Leave No Trace) Rules for use of our camp prohibit damaging or cutting vegetation in the area. Unit/individual campfires are **NOT PERMITTED**.

Food: **Saturday night will include a campwide group meal.** The host, Troop 481, will be providing a meat (ex. pulled pork, chicken) and units are expected to provide a side dish of sufficient quantity to easily feed your troop or more. All participants are responsible for bringing their own mess kits. Other than Saturday night dinner, units are on their own. Please secure all food at night.

Utilities: Veterans Memorial Center has potable water at the bathroom on the outside at headquarters. Please no dish washing at this site or in the bathrooms. It is suggested that you bring full water containers. Campsites do not have electricity. Camp staff has access to electricity for emergencies.

Garbage: Each unit needs to have its own plastic bags for garbage. Each unit is to take its garbage out of camp as they are checked out. Campsites will be inspected at the checkout from Spring Camporee.

Bathroom: During the leaders meeting Friday night, Troops/Patrols will be asked to sign-up for a scheduled time to clean the bathroom. (Cleaning supplies provided)

Health Forms: Each youth participant should be a registered scout with BSA. Each Unit is required to have Annual Health and Medical Records (Part A & B) for every participant (Scouts and Adults). These forms should be in the possession of the registered leader and available for inspection at any time.

Please have medical forms ready at check-in; we will be checking them this year. Adults and scouts who do not have a medical form will not be allowed in camp.

Off Limits Areas: All Areas outside the campground are off limits, this means scouts and leaders do not go outside the fenced area, to the RVs, or to other areas of the park. Nobody is to go to any body of water. NO EXCEPTIONS

Adults: All leaders/adults attending should have completed Youth Protection Training.

Special Needs: Any scouts or adults with special needs should contact the Spring Camporee staff to ensure they can accommodate your needs.

Fees/Cancellations: Once you have registered for an event we are counting on your attendance and we will be purchasing the needed items for the event. Due to this fact we cannot refund event and activities fees for any reason.

Camporee participant Registration - \$15/person

Camporee participant (after March 15th) – \$20/person

*Webelos Woods participant Registration - \$10/person

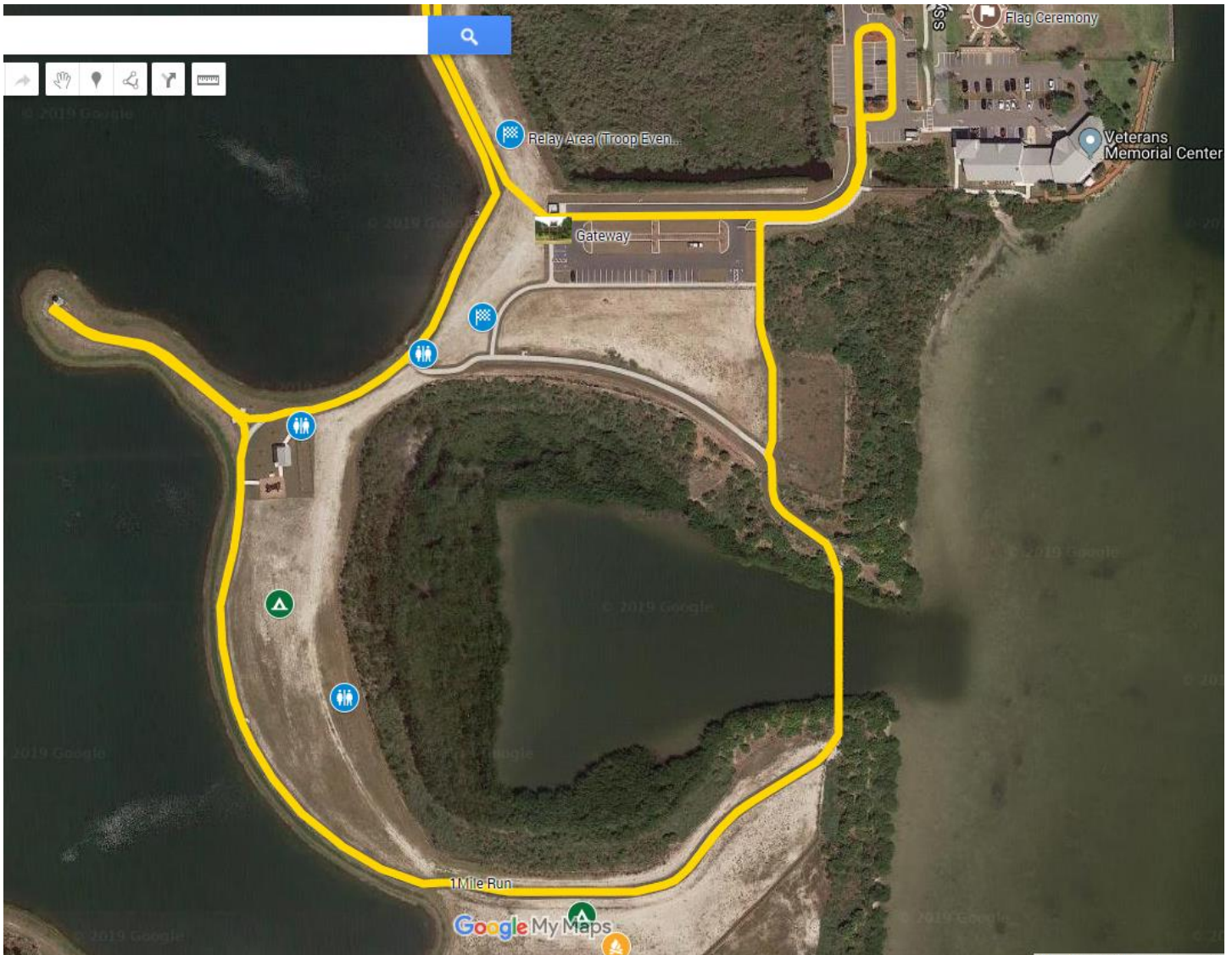
*Webelos Woods participant (after March 15th) – \$15/person

***This is new scouts only who participated in our Webelos Woods 2018**

Address

Veterans Memorial Center
400 S Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32952
South of Merritt Square Mall

MAP



Safety & Conduct

1. **“Safety First”** is the most important concern. All participants are asked to be mindful that excessive roughhousing and careless behavior can lead to accidents and even injury. Please have fun, but take care of yourselves and others. Prevent mishaps before they occur. Each leader and participant is asked to be observant for safety issues in the activity area surrounding them, and report or correct any concerns.
2. Participants are reminded, to use the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code to guide behavior at all times.
3. The buddy system will be in place and enforced at all times.
4. **NO Alcoholic beverages** are to be consumed by anyone related to the Spring Camporee at any time during this event. Period. Offenders will be asked to leave.
5. **Smoking** is permitted only in designated areas (e-cigs are included). No cigarette butts are to be left on the ground. There shall be no smoking or vaping in front of the scouts.
6. **First Aid** will be located at HQ, and BSA regulations require **ALL** accidents, injuries, illnesses must be reported there.
7. **Inclement Weather/Lightning:** 3 long blasts on the air horn will always mean seek shelter...under the HQ Pavilion.
8. We are renting this facility, and as scouts, we are required to act in a scout-like manner.
 - a) Please clean up after yourself and do not leave debris on the ground in your camp site.
 - b) All campsites must be clean and well organized at all times.
 - c) Help keep our restrooms clean.
 - d) If you see any trash, pick it up and put it where it belongs, whether it's yours or not.
9. One final note about behavior. We will be under watchful eyes by Adult Leaders. How we behave reflects on your Unit, the Challenger District and all of Scouting.
10. Parents and leaders follow the same safety rules as the scouts.

Emergency Procedures

Minor Injury

All injuries, regardless of extent must be reported.

1. Each troop can apply first aid from their troop first aid kit.
2. Report the injury to camp management and they will log the injury.

Major Injury

All injuries, regardless of extent must be reported.

1. Determine if the area where the injured person is safe.
 2. Do not move the injured person unless the area is unsafe either to the injured person or others.
 3. Call 911.
 4. Notify camp staff of the emergency.

Emergency Numbers

VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER: (321)453-1776

Fire: 911 non-emergency (321)633-2056

Sheriff: 911 non-emergency (321)454-6652

Medical: 911 non-emergency (321)799-7111

(Health First Cape Canaveral Hospital)

Poison Control: (800)222-1222

Eugene Quintinita, Program Director Mobile (321)360-8318

Matt Pringle Scoutmaster Mobile (321)223-4191

Scouting District Executive: Stephanie Govatos (407)412-3467

Spring Camporee Schedule

Friday March 29, 2019

- 5:00pm- 8:00pm Check-In/Registration
- 8:00pm Camporee Staff Meeting (Pavilion)
- 9:00pm Cracker Barrel for SPL and SM. (Pavilion)
- 10:30pm TAPS

Saturday March 30, 2019

- 6:45am Reveille
- 7:15am Flag Ceremony
- 7:30am Breakfast at campsites (Begin Sat. Check-in/Registration)
- 8:45am Check-In Registration Closed
- 9:00am - 9:25am Report to First Station Assigned to your Patrol
- 9:30am - 11:25am Complete 4 to 6 more Stations before lunch
- 11:30pm - 12:55pm Lunch at your campsite
- 1:00pm - 2:55pm Complete remaining Stations
- 3:30pm Flag Ceremony
- 4:00pm - 5:30pm Special Competitions
- 5:00pm Bring side dishes to dinner serving area
- 5:30pm - 7:30pm Dinner Served
- 7:30pm Campfire/Skits
- 10:30pm TAPS

Sunday March 31, 2019

- 6:45am Reveille
- 7:00am – 7:55am Breakfast at campsites
- 8:00am Flag Ceremony
- 8:15am Chapel Service
- 8:30am Awards
- 9:00am – 10:00am Check-Out

Saturday Event Descriptions

The event will consist of approx 10 scouting skills stations and a special competition. The event will begin with a “Shotgun” start with each patrol at an assigned station. Each patrol will then be responsible to visit the remaining stations in the order they choose. The goal is to complete most of the Stations in the morning session and then the remaining stations in the afternoon session.

At the conclusion of the afternoon flag ceremony, the scouts will queue up to compete in the special competition. This is a patrol event. Each patrol will “run their own race”. Their times will be included in their patrol competition scoring.

Skill Competition

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| 1. Clove Hitch on a Tree | 6. Lizzy Gator |
| 2. Ladder Rope | 7. Three –Leg Compass Walk |
| 3. First Aid Stretcher Game | 8. Fire Starting Building |
| 4. Iron Chef | 9. Dutch Oven |
| 5. Tripod Stand Challenge | 10. Scout Spirit (Skit) |



Clove Hitch on a Tree

Scouts will work together as a patrol to tie a clove hitch around a tree using a 50' rope without going closer than 10' to the tree.

SCORING: Time event



Ladder Rope

Method: Each patrol will lash together a ladder with four rungs, spacing the rungs from the bottom, about 1-foot apart, using eight square lashings. When sturdy, the whole patrol will stand the ladder up. While one patrol member at a time takes a turn climbing to the top rung, the rest of the entire patrol carefully holds their ladder steady with both hands.

Scoring: Each patrol that successfully tests their ladder wins.



First Aid and Stretcher Game

The patrol will be put to the test against different first aid scenarios. Be prepared, that final exam is known to be quite the heart stopper!

SCORING: 10 points for each correct treatment.

Iron Chef

That's right moms and dads! Scouts can COOK! Patrol leader must appoint an immediate duty roster (Prep, Chefs, Servers, Cleanup). You have the allotted time to dream up a culinary masterpiece, cook, serve, and wash the dishes!

SCORING: Points for creativity; Points for Nutritional value; Points for presentation; Points for being edible; Points for cleanliness from beginning to end!



Tripod Stand challenge

Method: On signal, patrol members lash the three 8-foot spars into a tripod, using the 20-foot rope. When finished, they set up the tripod and using six square lashings, lash a 6-foot spar between each of the legs. When all lashings are completed and the tripod is strong and secure, all the patrol members stand on the 6-foot spars, making sure their weight is evenly distributed.

Scoring: The quickest patrol with all its members off the ground wins. Points for Craftsmanship



Lizzy Gator

Method: Set the drums out against one another in a line, to serve as rollers, and place the plywood on top as a platform. Four Scouts will ride on top at a time. Two station themselves in the middle each with a pole, one Scout is up front and one in the back. The two in the middle must propel themselves and their two patrol mates forward, using the poles to move the plywood platform across the drums. When they've moved the platform far enough so that the end drum is no longer under the plywood, the Scout at the end must pick up the exposed drum and pass it overhead to the Scout up front who places it in the space created when the platform rolled forward. The process is repeated until the riders have traversed a set distance.

Scoring: The patrol that can traverse the set distance the quickest, wins.



Three-Leg Compass Walk

Can you read a compass? Hopefully, because that's all you'll be able to see.

Method: In a large outdoor area, the piece of object is placed on the ground. Standing where the object lies, the Scout sets their compass at 360°, faces north, and walks for 50 paces following that bearing. Next, they set their compass for 120°, face that bearing and take another 50 paces. Finally, they set their compass for 240°, face that bearing, and again take 50 paces. When they're done, the scouts should be within five feet of the object. The closest patrol wins.

*any tie will go on the time.



Supreme Fire challenge

Method: On signal, using the hand axe, each patrol will split their wood into kindling and immediately start making tinder shavings using the knives. When ready, they will build a small fire under their string, igniting the tinder shavings using the hot spark kit and a cotton ball. Kindling may be added throughout the race. All materials except knives provided by camporee host.

Scoring: The patrol whose fire burns through the string first wins.



Dutch Oven Cookoff

Every dog has its day, so why shouldn't a scout? Patrols will submit a Dutch oven entry for the Saturday Night group meal. Adults make side dish. Youth make desserts. Be sure to make sufficient quantity to at least feed you troop and more.

SCORING: Tastiest



Scout Spirit/Saturday Night Campfire Skit

What's a competition without a little team spirit? Staffers will be authorized to award patrol tokens for patrols who demonstrate true scouting spirit through extraordinary acts of sportsmanship, patrol yells, and a great Saturday night skit CHEERS!

SCORING: Point Chits awarded by staffers as they witness exemplary acts of scouting spirit. These can be turned in at the campfire program.

The funnier your skits the more points you'll earn...

Frequently asked Questions

All packs are required to follow all the requirements to Youth Protection the Guide to Safe Scouting.

When do we register?

All Registration should be completed online before **March 15th, 2019.**

What if only 1 or 2 Scouts are coming from my Troop?

Even one Scout is fine! Your Scout(s) will be paired up with another 1-8 Scouts from other Troops to form a Patrol for the weekend.

Can my Scout come for just the day (Saturday)?

Yes, he/she can, but an Adult leader(s) must also attend. No Scouts can be dropped off at Veterans Memorial Center without an Adult Leader. (If the leader is not the scout's parent or guardian, two leaders should attend.) The fee listed online still applies. Bring your ticket (printed from registration receipt) and be at the Pavilion at 8am to "check-in" and receive your rotation assignment.

How much does it cost?

This year it will cost \$15 per attendee and \$20 after March 15th. These fees go to pay for the venue, patches, and event supplies.

Are the Campsites assigned?

YES, you will receive your final campsite assignment at Check-In.

Are campfires allowed?

NO. A campfire program will be held Saturday night to include Skits !

Can scout(s) arrive separately?

Patrols travel together. As such, please arrange for all of your Scouts to arrive together. Check-In will be conducted by Troop, so if you travel separately, please be prepared to meet in the parking lot and check-in when your entire group is together. If you have scouts that are required to arrive separately (i.e.: Sat morning), please enter them on a separate registration, but use the same pack and den numbers to ensure they are assigned to the same rotation. Provide them with their own ticket to allow us to quickly check them in when they arrive.

Is Food Provided?

Troop 481 will provide the meat for Saturday night dinner. Each Troop (Patrol) is to bring all food items for the weekend, including drinks, snacks, etc. If you are assigned to a Patrol with multiple Troop, please try to coordinate meals together. You should plan your own Friday supper, three meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast.

Can Scouts carry a pocket knife?

They can only if they have on their Totin Chip Card! Remember to bring it with you. This is for the safety of the scout!

What requirements will be earned?

Spring Camporee is a District event in which Boy Scouts participate in outdoors skills competitions. It will not intentionally cover any requirements for either Merit Badge or Rank Advancement.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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