

TAMPA TARPONS

2024 BSA SCOUT SLEEPOVER



SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024 – SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2024

**GEORGE M. STEINBRENNER FIELD
TAMPA, FL**

GENERAL WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Tampa Tarpons would like to thank you for your interest in the Tampa Tarpons' 2024 BSA Scout Sleepover. Inside this handbook you will find valuable information regarding the Boy Scout tickets options and valuable information regarding the Scout Sleepover. This information is very important for you and your troop, so we ask that you take some time to review the material in the handbook and we also ask that you share this information with other people in your group who will be attending the game and sleeping over. This will assure an enjoyable night out at George M. Steinbrenner Field with the Tampa Tarpons. If you have any questions please contact me, Anthony Sagrestano, at 813-673-3103 or at asagrestano@yankees.com.

Sincerely,

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GAME DATES-TIMES**Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts Sleepover 2024**

- Saturday, April 27th, 2024
- Game time: 6:30pm
- Gates open at 5:00pm for Camping Scouts to put their items in the pavilion, then go to elevators to get scanned in.

TICKET LINK:

https://bit.ly/tarpons_bsa_scoutnight

FULL ITINERARY

TICKETS:

There will be two ticket options:

- ***\$30 ticket*** – Includes Sleepover/Activities; (1) Reserved Ticket; (1) Tampa Tarpons hat; (1) Meal Deal Ticket which includes: (1) Hot Dog or Chicken Tenders, (1) Soda or Water and (1) Fries; (1) Commemorative Scout Patch; and breakfast and stadium tour on April 28th.
- ***\$25 Ticket*** – Includes (1) Reserved Ticket; (1) Tampa Tarpons hat; (1) Meal Deal Ticket which includes: (1) Hot Dog or Chicken Tenders, (1) Soda or Water and (1) Fries; and (1) Commemorative Scout Patch.
- Tickets will be purchased through a unique ticket link that will be sent to you via email. (*\$5 from every ticket sold will go back to Boy Scouts of America -Greater Tampa Bay Area Council*)

ARRIVAL

Parking is free and you can enter from the Dale Mabry entrance or the Martin Luther King Jr. entrance. (See Directions)

PARADE

Gates to the ballpark will open one hour before game time. Uniformed scouts participating in the pre-game parade will gather in the main concourse along the third base line behind sections 118 & 105. There will be signs posted to make sure you get to the right area in preparation for the parade that will begin 45 minutes before game time (5:45pm).

*****ANYONE PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE MUST COMPLETE A GMS
FIELD WAIVER*****

DINNER

If a scout or adult purchases the Sleepover or the Game Only ticket then they will receive One Meal Deal Ticket: (1) Hot Dog or Chicken Tenders, (1) Soda or Water, and (1) Fries that can be exchanged at any point during the game at the concessions.

SLEEPOVER

Following the game, and once the field is cleared and prepared for a safe sleepover, the scouts will be allowed to bring their tents and any snacks they may have brought, onto the field for the night. The Tampa Tarpons will provide a movie on the video board until lights out. Scouts will get their sites ready and lights out will be 15 minutes after the night's entertainment has concluded.

MORNING CLEAN UP

All campers are **REQUIRED** to assist in field clean up. We will walk the field to pick up any leftover debris.

7:00 AM: Begin Camp Breakdown

8:00 AM: Breakfast

8:15 AM: Stadium Tour Starts

BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be provided after the field clean up and before we take the stadium tour.

SLEEPOVER RULES:

Scouts must have chaperones.

An adult/scout ratio per safety code must be followed.

Only Boy Scouts of America of the Greater Tampa Area, siblings and adults who have submitted a complete medical form may attend the sleepover portion of the event. Scouts and adults must follow all BSA camping procedures and guidelines.

DO'S AND DON'TS:**DO:**

- Treat the field with care
- Stay in the outfield at all times
- Use battery powered devices for lighting
- Bring snacks for sleepover portion only (Stored with Sleepover Equipment)

DO NOT:

- DO NOT use plastic or tarps between your tents and the grass. Please put plastic or tarps on the inside of your tents.
- DO NOT use rain guard on your tents, it washes off and kills the grass.
- DO NOT STAKE DOWN TENTS; no stakes allowed. (Confiscated stakes will NOT be returned)
- DO NOT go on infield grass at anytime
- DO NOT use heating devices
- DO NOT bring wheeled wagons, coolers, etc. Please carry everything on to the field.
- DO NOT spray bug spray on the field. Please go to main concourse to apply bug spray
- DO NOT bring anything flammable (lighters, candles, kerosene lanterns)
- DO NOT bring pets of any kind
- DO NOT bring ALCOHOL. (Confiscated alcohol will NOT be returned)
- DO NOT SMOKE

2024 TAMPA TARPONS PINEWOOD DERBY:

* The Tampa Tarpons will be using the same official rules and regulations from the Fort Brooke District Pinewood Derby *

Please review the rules. Scouting encourages good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct by a scout or his family will be cause for disqualification.

Overall

All cars must pass a pre-race inspection to qualify for the race. All cars must be built for the current Pinewood Derby Racing Season. **NO REPEATS** or **REPAINTS**. Cars must be built by the racer, adult supervision is encouraged. Cars may not be sent to third party facilities for tuning or other performance enhancements. The Cub Scout **should** be present for the race and in uniform if possible. The race will be a timed event with the best cumulative time determining the winners.

Car body

The main body structure must be made of wood. Cars that were purchased completed may not be used. Alternately, a pre-shaped block of wood, licensed by the BSA may be used with the stock BSA Wheels and Axles.

Car specifications

- *Width - Not to exceed 2 3/4 inches; including wheels and axles
- *Length - Not to exceed 7 inches
- *Weight - Not to exceed 5.0 ounces on a scale accurate to 1/10 ounce.
- *Height - Must be able to clear Championship gate
- *Clearances -Center Rail Width - Must clear center guide rails, typically no less than 1 3/4 inches
- Bottom - No less than 3/8 inches from the track surface between the center rails
- Other - Fender flairs with less clearance are acceptable as long as the center rail width clearance is maintained. Weights are preferred to be inset in the body or on top of the car to aid in a safe stop at the end of the track. No part of the car or attachment to any car, which is metal, pointed, sharp and/or jagged, may be capable of contacting any part of the track.
- *Wheelbase -The wheel base (distance between front and rear axles) **MAY NOT** be changed. The standard wheelbase of 4 3/8” must be kept. Either grooves provided or equal distance of 4 3/8” between axles.
- *Front End
 - Height - The front end of the car will rest against a short starting pin. Therefore the front bottom of the car which rests on the pin cannot be higher than 1 inch above the track
 - Width - The front end must be at least 1/2 inch wide in the middle
 - **No “V-shaped” front end allowed.**

NO PART OF THE CAR BODY, WHEELS OR ATTACHMENTS MAY PROTRUDE IN FRONT OF THE STARTING PEG.

The car design may be enhanced by the addition of other stable materials such as plastic or metal. Any additions must be securely attached and meet the Car Specifications.

The following items are **PROHIBITED**:

- *Springs
- *Starting devices or propellants
- *Electronic or lighting devices that interfere with the race electronics
- *Liquids, wet paint, oil, sticky substance or powders of any kind (other than the dry axle lubrication)
- *Glass or excessively fragile parts
- *Bearings, bushings, washers, sleeves, hubcaps or inserts attached to or in contact with the axle, body or wheels
- *Loose objects or objects that could become loose on the car
- *Magnets

Derby Car Check In:

MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER & HAND IN YOUR PINEWOOD DERBY CAR BY THE END OF THE 1ST INNING.

Races will begin at the start of the second inning, done in groups of four.

RAIN OUT POLICIES

- If the game is canceled, so is the sleepover. If the game is played, the sleepover will only be canceled if the weather forecast calls for severe storms overnight or if the field will be damaged.
- If the sleepover is canceled, keep your game tickets, sleepover tickets, and breakfast tickets. These tickets will be good for a make-up date: May, 18th, 2024. There will be no refunds on game tickets or sleepover tickets. See rain check policy.
- Lightning Policy: If lightning enters the area, any Scouts and sleepover participants will be moved to the Indoor Batting Cages to seek cover until the lightning passes... feel free to bring your sleeping bag while waiting it out!

Game Tickets

- The Tampa Tarpons do not refund money on tickets purchased. Keep your tickets; they can be used for a rain check at a future Tampa Tarpons 2024 regular season home game.

FAQs

What essentials do we need to bring?

The list should include a sleepover ticket, spike-less tent, sleeping bag/pillow, flashlight, proper clothes to sleep in, light jacket/sweatshirt for after the game and any necessary toiletries.

Is the sleepover available to family members?

Yes, parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the game and spend the night.

****IF they hand in a completed medical form ****

Do parents need to purchase a package to sleepover?

Yes. If any parents want to join the scouts and camp out on the field, they are required to purchase a Sleepover ticket.

Who receives patches?

All scouts who purchase a Sleepover or Game Only ticket will receive a patch.

How do I get my patch?

Patches will be available for pickup the day of game on the George M. Steinbrenner Field concourse. Anthony, the Tampa Tarpons' representative and point of contact for operations and logistics of Scouts Night, will distribute patches the day of the game.

Will there be concession stands open during the sleepover?

No, there will be no concession stands open for the sleepover. Groups are allowed to bring food and beverages into the ballpark for the sleepover portion only. However, no food or beverages are allowed in the ballpark during the game.

Will there be adequate supervision?

All groups that plan on staying overnight are REQUIRED to have adequate chaperoning by leaders. There will be at least (5) Tampa Tarpons' employees on hand to assist during the evening and stay overnight. The number of employees will increase as needed, depending on the number of reservations made. Scouts must be with their troop or parent to spend the night. Troops must provide scout/adult ratio per safety code.

What will be included in the dinner?

There will be Meal Deal included with your ticket for one hot dog (or chicken tenders), one soda or water, and a bag of chips.

If we have someone with special needs, can we get them on the field for the parade and to spend the night?

Yes, special accommodations can be made. Please call Anthony Sagrestano before the day of the game at 813-673-3103, or email asagrestano@yankees.com to make these arrangements.

Where do the scouts store their camping gear during the game?

Gear and snacks can be stored in the pavilion from 4pm to the end of the game. Groups should meet after the game between sections 117 and 118 and return to the pavilion to attain the gear and snacks; this will also be announced over the PA system.

Will there be restrooms open during the sleepover?

Yes, the restrooms on the first and third base side of the main concourse will remain open for the entire night.

If we need to leave in the middle of the night can we?

Once we have everyone on the field, all gates in and out of the park will be locked. If you need to leave for any reason you will need to contact a Tampa Tarpons' employee on site.

Where do we park, and will our car be towed at night?

The Tampa Tarpons have a large concrete parking lot. You can park in any of the non-covered spots when you arrive and your car will be safe for the night.

****The Tampa Tarpons are NOT responsible for any lost or stolen items****

Direction to George M. Steinbrenner Field

George M. Steinbrenner Field

1 Steinbrenner Dr.

Tampa, FL. 33614

From 275 South: Take I-275 south to North Dale Mabry (US highway 92), exit #41B. Proceed north approximately 3 miles, and George M. Steinbrenner Field will be on the left.

From 275 North: Take I-275 north to North Dale Mabry (US highway 92), exit #41B. Proceed north approximately 3 miles, and George M. Steinbrenner Field will be on the left.

From the Airport: Proceed out the Airport exit to Spruce Street. Go approximately 2 miles, and take a left onto North Dale Mabry Highway (US highway 92). Drive approximately 1 mile and George M. Steinbrenner Field will be on the left.

Please call (813) 673-3103 if you need further directions.

THE TAMPA TARPONS THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S BOY SCOUT NIGHT AND SLEEPOVER!