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OFFICIAL LEADER'S GUIDE



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1. Welcome to RESCUEREE 2027

RESCUEREE 2027 is an emergency preparedness and rescue-themed Camporee bringing together Arrow of Light Scouts, Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships for a weekend of adventure, learning, leadership, and teamwork.

Through age-appropriate challenges and simulated emergencies, Scouts demonstrate essential skills in first aid, emergency preparedness, rescue techniques, and outdoor survival, while building critical thinking, communication, cooperation, and responsible decision-making. The event also supports Scouting advancement and gives Scouts the chance to interact with emergency response professionals.

This Leader's Guide helps participating units prepare for the event, understand the competition program, and organize their participation.

Event Information

Event	RESCUEREE 2027
Dates	February 19–21, 2027
Location	Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation, Polk County, Florida
Council	Greater Tampa Bay Area Council
District	Heartland District
Camporee Director	Carlos Gonzalez (RESCUEREE Master)
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Event Motto	"Be Prepared, be a Leader, Be a Rescueree"

2. Vision, Mission & Objectives

Vision	To create the premier emergency preparedness Scouting event in Central Florida, where youth develop life-saving skills, leadership abilities, and confidence that will serve them throughout their lives.
Mission	To educate and empower Scouts through practical emergency response training, teamwork challenges, advancement opportunities, and partnerships with local emergency response agencies.

Objectives

RESCUEREE 2027 focuses on:

- Promoting leadership and teamwork under pressure.
- Improving first aid and rescue skills that support Scouting advancement.
- Building confidence during simulated emergency situations.
- Encouraging cooperation with local emergency response agencies.
- Promoting safety awareness and responsible citizenship.
- Developing communication and problem-solving skills.
- Strengthening outdoor survival and emergency preparedness knowledge.
- Encouraging participants to apply their Scouting skills in service to others.

3. The RESCUEREE Experience

“Be Prepared, be a Leader, Be a Rescueree”

RESCUEREE 2027 is more than a traditional Camporee. It gives Scouts a chance to experience the importance of preparation, leadership, teamwork, and service during emergency situations, applying their knowledge and building the confidence to assist others safely. The event focuses on five essential areas:

First Aid & Emergency Response	Recognizing injuries, understanding appropriate first aid responses, and providing initial assistance during simulated emergencies.
Rescue Skills	Developing knowledge of rescue techniques, safe victim assistance, and responsible equipment handling.
Emergency Preparedness	Recognizing potential hazards, evaluating emergency situations, and understanding the importance of safe decisions.
Outdoor Survival	Strengthening survival awareness, resourcefulness, emergency signaling, and wilderness preparedness.
Leadership & Teamwork	Encouraging communication, cooperation, problem-solving, and shared responsibility through team-based challenges.

The purpose of RESCUEREE is to reinforce the Scout Motto, “Be Prepared,” while encouraging participants to become confident and responsible leaders.

4. Participation & Eligibility

RESCUEREE 2027 is an official Scouting event of the Heartland District and the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council. It is open to Scouting units from districts within the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council. The event is organized into three areas:

Area 1 – Cub Scouts: Arrow of Light (AOL)	Activities focused on basic first aid knowledge, emergency awareness, personal safety, and teamwork.
Area 2 – Scouts BSA: Troops	Patrol competitions emphasizing first aid skills, emergency response, rescue techniques, communication, and teamwork.
Area 3 – Venturing Crews / Sea Scout Ships	Advanced challenges involving emergency preparedness, survival, rescue techniques, injury management, and evacuation planning.

Weekend Participation

- All three program areas may participate throughout the weekend, including overnight camping.
- Arrow of Light participants may camp under the applicable Scouting America camping and adult supervision requirements.
- Participating youth must have appropriate adult supervision in accordance with Scouting America policies.
- Families accompanying Arrow of Light participants may attend, subject to the applicable event registration and camping requirements.
- Other visitors who are not properly registered or participating with a Scout troop, Venturing crew, or Sea Scout ship will not be admitted.
- All participants and accompanying adults must follow applicable Scouting America policies and camp regulations.

AOL Camping Coordination During Registration

- Arrow of Light patrols will be asked to identify whether they are associated with a Scouts BSA troop participating.
- AOLs without an associated troop, or whose troop will not attend RESCUEREE 2027, may request assistance connecting with another participating troop.
- RESCUEREE 2027 leadership will coordinate these arrangements before the event to provide AOL Scouts with opportunities to experience troop camping and prepare for their transition into Scouts BSA.
- All AOL camping arrangements are subject to troop availability, council requirements, and applicable Scouting America safety policies.

5. Registration & Event Fees

Registration	Completed online.
Fee	$30.00 per person (applies to participating youth and adults).
Deadline	February 2, 2027
Fee includes	Participation in the Camporee program and the official RESCUEREE 2027 event patch.
Questions	Carlos Gonzalez, RESCUEREE Master – rescueree2027@gmail.com

> **Meals are not provided as part of event.** Each participating unit is responsible for providing and preparing its own meals throughout the weekend.

Cancellation, Postponement & Refund Policy

For information regarding event cancellations, postponements, and refunds, please refer to the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council's official policies on cancellation, postponement, and refunds.

All applicable council policies will apply to RESCUEREE 2027.

6. Arrival & Check-In

Friday, February 19	Units may begin arriving at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation at **5:00 PM**. A registered adult leader representing the unit must complete event check-in and provide the competition participant roster identifying the Scouts who will represent the unit in the scheduled competitions (see Section 20). After check-in, units may proceed with campsite setup.
Saturday, February 20	Units arriving on Saturday may begin checking in at **7:00 AM** and must provide their competition participant roster at check-in. All units should be prepared to follow the official schedule and participate in their assigned activities.

7. Camping & Facilities

All participating units are responsible for their own camping equipment and campsite organization. Each unit must provide its own:

- Tents and camping equipment.
- Cooking equipment and utensils.
- Food and meal preparation supplies.
- Any other equipment needed for the unit's camping operations.

Shared Campsites

Different Scouting units may share campsite areas, provided all applicable Scouting America supervision, sleeping arrangements, and Youth Protection requirements are followed. Each unit remains responsible for the supervision and conduct of its participants.

Restrooms & Showers

Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation provides restroom and shower facilities in its campsite areas. Units are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and condition of the facilities they use; the areas will be checked during the day. Leaders should encourage Scouts to show responsible campsite behavior and respect shared facilities.

Vehicle Access & Parking

To ensure the safety of all participants during RESCUEREE 2027, vehicle access and movement within Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation will be restricted throughout the event.

Arrival & Check-In

Vehicles will be permitted to enter designated unloading areas during authorized check-in periods. All drivers must follow camp regulations and instructions provided by event staff.

After unloading camping equipment, vehicles must be moved to designated parking areas.

Vehicle Restrictions

- Vehicles must remain in designated parking areas during event activities.
- Driving through camping areas is not permitted outside authorized check-in and checkout periods.
- All drivers must follow posted speed limits and instructions from authorized camp personnel.
- Camp roads and emergency access routes must remain clear at all times.
- Exceptions will be made only for authorized emergency, camp service, or event support vehicles.

Sunday Checkout & Departure

On Sunday, February 21, 2027, vehicles may enter designated loading areas during the authorized checkout period, following instructions from event staff.

Each unit must complete its campsite cleanup and inspection **before** receiving final checkout approval.

Once the campsite inspection is approved, the unit will receive its official RESCUEREE 2027 event patches and may complete its departure.

All units must complete checkout and depart Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation by 11:00 AM.

All vehicle access and parking arrangements are subject to Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation rules and event staff instructions.

Important Notes

- All meals are the responsibility of participating units.
- Units must arrive at their scheduled activities on time.
- All participants must observe quiet hours beginning at 10:30 PM.
- The event schedule is subject to change.

8. Food & Meal Preparation

Each participating unit provides and prepares its own food during RESCUEREE 2027. Units should plan meals around the official event program and allow enough time for participants to eat and return to their assigned activities. Unit leaders are responsible for organizing food preparation, dining arrangements, and appropriate food safety practices. **Units arriving on Friday, February 19, 2027, are encouraged to eat dinner before arriving at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. This will allow sufficient time for check-in, campsite setup, and preparation for the evening activities.**

9. Official Event Schedule

The RESCUEREE 2027 program runs from Friday, February 19, through Sunday, February 21, 2027, at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation.

Friday, February 19, 2027

Time	Activity
5:00 PM	Unit Check-In and Campsite Setup
8:00 PM – 8:45 PM	RESCUEREE 2027 Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Unit Leaders Meeting (Scoutmasters, SPLs, Venturing Presidents, and Sea Scout Youth Leaders)
11:00 PM	Quiet Time / Lights Out

Saturday, February 20, 2027

Time	Activity
6:30 AM – 7:30 AM	Check-In for Saturday Arrivals**/ Units Breakfast**
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Morning Flag Ceremony
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	RESCUEREE Competition Stations – AOL, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch / Unit Time
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	First Aid Educational Exhibitions
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner / Unit Time
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	RESCUEREE Campfire Program
10:30 PM	Quiet Time / Lights Out

Sunday, February 21, 2027

Time	Activity
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast / Unit Time
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Campsite Cleanup and Equipment Packing
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	RESCUEREE 2027 Closing Ceremony, Awards & Recognition
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Campsite Inspections and Official Checkout
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Event Patch Distribution and Authorized Vehicle Loading
12:00 PM	All Units Must Depart Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation

Schedule subject to change.

10. Competition Program Overview

RESCUEREE 2027 features **15 competition stations** in three program divisions. Each division has five activities designed to reinforce emergency preparedness, first aid, rescue skills, and teamwork.

Area 1 – AOL	Area 2 – Scouts BSA	Area 3 – Venturing / Sea Scouts
1. First Aid Matching Challenge	1. Rescue Knot Challenge	1. Precision Rescue Throw
2. First Aid Kit Express	2. Emergency Scene Safety Challenge	2. Fracture First Aid & Victim Transport Challenge
3. First Aid Kit Challenge (Memory Game)	3. First Aid Skills Challenge	3. Emergency Signaling Challenge
4. Lifeline Throw Challenge	4. Mass Casualty Triage Challenge	4. Wilderness Survival Kit Challenge
5. First Aid Relay	5. Victim Transport Challenge	5. Emergency Evacuation Decision Challenge

Team Participation

Units identify their representatives and record their names on the official competition registration sheet. The same Scouts may be assigned to more than one activity, or the unit may select different representatives for different stations, according to the event's final participation arrangements. The required number of participants (3 per station) is listed in each activity description.

Equipment & Materials

Each competition description lists the expected equipment and supplies, for planning purposes.

Competition Procedures

Authorized station personnel will communicate specific instructions, evaluation procedures, and station operations. All participants are expected to demonstrate teamwork, respect, preparedness, and safe decision-making throughout the competitions.

11. Area 1 – Cub Scouts: Arrow of Light (AOL)

The Arrow of Light program introduces essential first aid concepts, emergency awareness, personal safety, and teamwork through engaging, age-appropriate challenges. Activities help Cub Scouts recognize common injuries, understand first aid supplies, and build confidence responding to basic emergencies. The program reinforces knowledge associated with the **Arrow of Light First Aid Adventure**.

Competition 1 – First Aid Matching Challenge

Participants	3 AOL Scouts
Description	Scouts demonstrate their understanding of common injuries and appropriate first aid treatments, recognizing different injury types and identifying the correct initial response across a variety of simulated injury situations.
Skills developed	Injury recognition, first aid knowledge, observation, and decision-making.
Advancement connection	**Arrow of Light First Aid Adventure – Requirement 6:** Demonstrate how to treat cuts and scratches, burns and scalds, bites and stings of insects and animals, and nosebleeds. *Reinforces knowledge of treating these common injuries. The practical demonstrations in the official requirement must still be completed for advancement credit.*

Competition 2 – First Aid Kit Express

Participants	3 AOL Scouts
Description	Scouts explore the importance of first aid supplies and their uses during emergencies, identifying common equipment and the purpose of the supplies used to give initial help to an injured person.
Skills developed	Emergency preparedness, equipment identification, and basic first aid knowledge.
Advancement connection	**Arrow of Light First Aid Adventure – Requirement 7:** Make a personal first aid kit and demonstrate the proper use of each item in the kit. *Supports understanding the purpose of first aid kit supplies. Completing the full requirement also involves assembling a personal kit and demonstrating the use of its contents.*

Competition 3 – First Aid Kit Challenge (Memory Game)

Participants	3 AOL Scouts
Description	Scouts test their observation, memory, and first aid knowledge through an interactive challenge involving common emergency supplies, reinforcing equipment recognition and how each item may be used in an emergency.
Skills developed	Observation, memory, equipment recognition, and emergency preparedness.
Advancement connection	**Arrow of Light First Aid Adventure – Requirement 7:** Make a personal first aid kit and demonstrate the proper use of each item in the kit. *Reinforces knowledge of first aid kit materials and their intended uses.*

Competition 4 – Lifeline Throw Challenge

Participants	3 AOL Scouts
Description	A simulated rescue activity emphasizing accuracy, coordination, and personal safety. It introduces basic rescue awareness and the importance of assisting others without placing themselves in danger. The activity takes place on dry ground using age-appropriate rescue equipment.
Skills developed	Coordination, accuracy, rescue awareness, teamwork, and personal safety.
Advancement connection	**Arrow of Light First Aid Adventure – Requirement 2 (related safety concepts):** Explain what you should do if you encounter someone in need of first aid. *Supports general emergency awareness and safe rescue principles. It does not independently complete a specific Arrow of Light First Aid Adventure requirement.*

Competition 5 – First Aid Relay

Participants	3 AOL Scouts
Description	A team-based first aid challenge involving common injuries and emergency supplies, encouraging communication, cooperation, responsible decision-making, and practical application of basic first aid knowledge.
Materials the scout need to bring	• First aid kit • Adhesive bandages • Gauze pads • Medical tape • Disposable gloves
Skills developed	Teamwork, communication, injury recognition, and first aid preparedness.
Advancement connection	**Arrow of Light First Aid Adventure – Requirement 6:** Demonstrate how to treat cuts and scratches, burns and scalds, bites and stings of insects and animals, and nosebleeds. *Reinforces the selection of appropriate first aid treatment. Practical treatment demonstrations must be evaluated separately unless they form part of the activity.*

12. Area 2 – Scouts BSA: Troops

The Scouts BSA program challenges patrols to apply first aid, rescue, emergency communication, and outdoor skills in simulated emergencies, emphasizing leadership, responsible decision-making, cooperation, and the application of Scouting knowledge. The program reinforces skills connected with Scouts BSA rank advancement, the **First Aid Merit Badge**, and the **Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge**.

Competition 1 – Rescue Knot Challenge

Participants	3 Scouts BSA members
Description	Scouts demonstrate knowledge and proficiency in knots commonly used in outdoor and rescue-related situations, with emphasis on proper knot selection, accuracy, and the practical applications of rope skills. **Suggested knots for preparation:** bowline, figure-eight, clove hitch, and timber hitch.
Skills developed	Knot-tying, rope handling, outdoor preparedness, and practical problem-solving.
Advancement connection	**Second Class Rank – Requirement 2g:** Demonstrate tying the bowline knot and describe a situation in which it would be used. **First Class Rank – Requirement 3b:** Demonstrate tying the timber hitch and clove hitch. *Related to selected Second Class and First Class knot-tying requirements. The required knots must be personally demonstrated according to the official rank requirements.*

Competition 2 – Emergency Scene Safety Challenge

Participants	3 Scouts BSA members
Description	Scouts encounter simulated emergencies requiring them to recognize potential hazards and evaluate scene safety, emphasizing awareness, risk assessment, personal protection, and responsible decisions before assisting an injured person.
Safety	All hazards are simulated. Participants are not exposed to actual electrical, chemical, fire, or other dangerous conditions.
Skills developed	Hazard recognition, risk assessment, emergency preparedness, and teamwork.
Advancement connection	**First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 1a:** Explain how to assess and handle a first aid emergency, including evaluating the safety of the scene. **Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge – Requirement 1a:** Discuss the five aspects of emergency preparedness: prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery.

Competition 3 – First Aid Skills Challenge

Participants	3 Scouts BSA members
Description	Scouts demonstrate essential first aid skills through simulated injury scenarios, with emphasis on patient assessment, proper bandaging, injury management, and immobilization techniques.
Materials the scout need to bring	• First aid kits • Sterile gauze pads • Roller bandages • Triangular bandages
Skills developed	Patient assessment, bandaging, splinting, injury recognition, and emergency response.
Advancement connection	**First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 1e:** Demonstrate a thorough examination of an accident victim. **First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 8d:** Demonstrate bandaging techniques for specified arm fractures, ankle sprains, and wrist sprains or hand injuries. **First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 8e:** Demonstrate proper handling and splinting techniques for suspected fractures or dislocations of fingers, toes, arms, and legs. *Only skills individually demonstrated and evaluated can be considered for advancement.*

Competition 4 – Mass Casualty Triage Challenge

Participants	3 Scouts BSA members **Difficulty level:** Moderate–High
Description	Patrols respond to a simulated emergency involving multiple victims with different levels of medical urgency. They assess the situation, recognize potentially life-threatening conditions, prioritize victims by the severity of their injuries, and determine the appropriate initial response. The challenge emphasizes critical thinking, teamwork, leadership, and decision-making under pressure.
Safety	All injuries are simulated. Participants are not exposed to actual hazardous conditions.
Skills developed	Multiple-victim assessment, medical triage and prioritization, emergency decision-making, recognition of life-threatening conditions, leadership and teamwork, and emergency response coordination.
Advancement connection	**First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 1g:** Define triage and describe examples of situations in which triage may be necessary. **First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 1a:** Explain how to assess and handle a first aid emergency, including evaluating the safety of the scene.

Competition 5 – Victim Transport Challenge

Participants	3 Scouts BSA members A rescue mannequin represents the injured victim.
Description	Patrols face a simulated rescue involving an injured victim who may require transportation, emphasizing safe patient movement, appropriate rescue decisions, teamwork, and communication while protecting the victim from further injury. Participants demonstrate their understanding of the responsibilities involved in transporting an injured person.
Skills developed	Victim assessment, transportation decisions, patient safety, teamwork, and rescue awareness.
Advancement connection	**First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 10a:** Describe when an injured person should and should not be moved. **First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 10b:** Explain how to select an appropriate patient transportation method and demonstrate the methods. **First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 10e:** With helpers, improvise a stretcher and move a presumably unconscious person at least 25 yards. (The mannequin competition supports related skills but does not independently satisfy this requirement.) **Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge – Requirement 6:** With another person, demonstrate two ways to transport an injured person from a remote area using improvised stretchers. *Any specific transportation methods or demonstrations required for advancement must be completed in full.*

13. Area 3 – Venturing Crews / Sea Scout Ships

The Venturing and Sea Scout program features advanced challenges in emergency response, wilderness survival, rescue techniques, injury management, and evacuation planning. Participants apply their leadership abilities, outdoor knowledge, and practical decision-making skills to simulated emergencies. The program reinforces skills associated with the **Venturing Ranger Award** and selected **Sea Scout advancement** requirements.

Competition 1 – Precision Rescue Throw

Participants	3 Venturing / Sea Scout members
Description	Participants demonstrate accuracy, coordination, and proper rescue rope handling in simulated emergencies, emphasizing equipment control, teamwork, and the use of safe techniques when assisting a person in need.
Skills developed	Rescue rope handling, precision, equipment control, and responder safety.
Advancement connection	**Sea Scout Apprentice Rank – Requirement 7c:** Demonstrate the ability to use a heaving line or complete the specified land-based rescue throw bag demonstration. **Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge – Requirement 4d:** Demonstrate how to rescue a person from drowning using nonswimming rescue techniques, including situations involving ice. (A related skill when the scenario involves a water rescue.)

Competition 2 – Fracture First Aid & Victim Transport Challenge

Participants	3 Venturing / Sea Scout members **Team composition:** 1 volunteer acting as the injured patient and 2 team members performing the simulated emergency response.
Description	Teams respond to a simulated emergency in which one of their own members acts as an injured victim with a suspected simple fracture. Participants demonstrate injury assessment, appropriate first aid, immobilization, and safe transportation decisions while maintaining effective communication, patient care, and teamwork. The activity emphasizes protecting the injured person from additional harm and the importance of coordinated rescue efforts.
Materials the scout need to bring	• First aid kit • Disposable gloves • Triangular bandages
Safety	The simulated patient must be a willing volunteer from the participating team. Any physical movement or transportation of the volunteer must follow adult-approved safety procedures. The station must use an appropriate level course and suitable equipment. If safe physical transportation cannot be guaranteed, an alternative demonstration or a non-living training dummy must be used.
Skills developed	Injury assessment, fracture immobilization, safe victim transportation, teamwork, and leadership.
Advancement connection	**Venturing Ranger Award – Emergency Preparedness Requirement 5d:** Demonstrate how to safely and properly remove an injured person from a remote outdoor location. **First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 8c:** Describe the signs, symptoms, and potential complications of sprains, fractures, and dislocations. **First Aid Merit Badge – Requirement 8e:** Demonstrate proper handling and splinting of suspected fractures or dislocations. **First Aid Merit Badge – Requirements 10a–10b:** Determine when patient movement is appropriate and demonstrate suitable transportation methods.

Competition 3 – Emergency Signaling Challenge

Participants	3 Venturing / Sea Scout members
Description	Participants demonstrate their understanding of emergency signaling techniques used to request assistance in wilderness or remote environments, emphasizing effective communication, survival awareness, and appropriate signaling methods during rescue situations.
Skills developed	Emergency signaling, survival awareness, rescue preparedness, and communication.
Advancement connection	**Venturing Ranger Award – Wilderness Survival Requirement 2c(i):** Demonstrate emergency signals used outdoors. **Venturing Ranger Award – Emergency Preparedness Requirement 5c:** Demonstrate three ways to signal the need for rescue assistance outdoors. **Sea Scout Apprentice Rank – Requirement 5b:** Identify visual marine distress signals and explain their proper use, or demonstrate the specified hand, paddle, and whistle signals for paddle craft. (The competition supports this requirement when the appropriate maritime signaling methods are included.) **Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge – Requirements 5a–5c:** Demonstrate methods of signaling for help to aircraft or drones, ground searchers, and water rescuers, as applicable to the scenario.

Competition 4 – Wilderness Survival Kit Challenge

Participants	3 Venturing / Sea Scout members
Description	Teams face a simulated wilderness emergency requiring them to demonstrate their understanding of survival priorities and essential emergency equipment, encouraging preparation, resourcefulness, critical thinking, and responsible decisions when facing unexpected outdoor situations.
Skills developed	Survival planning, equipment identification, emergency preparedness, resource management, and decision-making.
Advancement connection	**Venturing Ranger Award – Wilderness Survival Requirement 2b:** List survival priorities from memory and explain how each would be used in a survival situation. **Venturing Ranger Award – Wilderness Survival Requirement 2j(i):** Prepare a list of items for a wilderness survival kit, assemble the kit, and explain the use of each item. **Venturing Ranger Award – Wilderness Survival Requirement 2j(ii):** Demonstrate how to build a wilderness survival kit to another crew member.

Competition 5 – Emergency Evacuation Decision Challenge

Participants	3 Venturing / Sea Scout members
Description	Participants encounter a simulated wilderness emergency and must evaluate the situation and determine an appropriate evacuation response, emphasizing risk assessment, patient safety, emergency planning, leadership, teamwork, and responsible decision-making under pressure.
Skills developed	Emergency evacuation planning, risk assessment, leadership, teamwork, and decision-making.
Advancement connection	**Venturing Ranger Award – Wilderness Survival Requirement 2c(iii):** Explain how to prepare a group for evacuation, including appropriate evacuation procedures and when an injured person should or should not be moved. **Venturing Ranger Award – Emergency Preparedness Requirement 5d:** Demonstrate safe removal of an injured person from a remote outdoor location. *This competition supports the decision-making component. Completing Requirement 5d requires an actual safe demonstration.*

14. Special First Aid Exhibition

RESCUEREE 2027 – First Aid Educational Display

In addition to the 15 competition stations, RESCUEREE 2027 features a special First Aid Exhibition to promote emergency preparedness, first aid awareness, and educational leadership. Each participating unit prepares a **tabletop educational presentation** on one emergency scenario from the approved list for its Scouting program, explaining the appropriate first aid response.

The exhibition encourages Scouts to research first aid situations, build communication and presentation skills, and share potentially life-saving knowledge with other participants. Scouts become educators while reinforcing the Scout Motto, “Be Prepared.” Each unit should select or receive one scenario from the list for its program (see the scenario tables below).

Presentation Requirements

Each tabletop exhibition must include:

#	Element	What to include
1	**Emergency Scenario Title**	A clearly displayed title identifying the injury or emergency being presented.
2	**Photographs or Illustrations**	Photographs, illustrations, or diagrams showing the situation, signs or symptoms, and appropriate first aid response. Images must be suitable for a family-friendly Scouting event and not unnecessarily graphic or disturbing.
3	**Emergency Description**	A brief explanation of the emergency, including how the injury or condition may occur.
4	**Signs and Symptoms**	Information explaining how to recognize the injury or emergency.
5	**Appropriate First Aid Response**	A clear explanation of the recommended first aid procedures, including safety precautions and actions to avoid.
6	**Emergency Assistance**	An explanation of when professional emergency medical assistance should be requested.
7	**Scout Presenter**	At least one Scout present during the assigned exhibition period to explain the presentation and answer visitors’ questions. Additional Scouts may participate.
8	**Educational References**	Reliable sources used to research the first aid information.

Exhibition Materials & Format

The display must fit on a tabletop and be informative, organized, visually engaging, and appropriate for the age and experience of the participating Scouts. Suggested materials:

- Educational display board or tabletop poster, with the scenario title and description.
- Printed photographs, illustrations, diagrams, or visual references.
- Written first aid instructions and signs and symptoms information.
- Educational handouts, if desired.
- First aid supplies used as visual examples, when appropriate.
- Reference materials identifying reliable first aid sources.

> **An educational display, not a live medical simulation.** Actual injuries, invasive procedures, and potentially hazardous first aid interventions must not be performed. Participants are not required to perform live first aid demonstrations. The exhibition is separate from the 15 official competition stations.

Presentation Expectations

At least one youth representative must be available to explain the display and respond to questions. Presenters should be prepared to explain:

- What happened in the emergency scenario.
- How to recognize the injury or medical emergency.
- What immediate first aid actions are appropriate.
- What actions should be avoided.
- When professional emergency medical assistance is needed.
- How similar emergencies may be prevented, when applicable.

Photographs or illustrations should support the explanation, and all information must be based on reliable first aid educational resources and current safety recommendations.

Exhibition Objectives

- Promote first aid and emergency preparedness awareness.
- Encourage research and the use of reliable educational information.
- Develop communication and public presentation skills.
- Strengthen leadership and teamwork.
- Encourage creativity through photographs and educational displays.
- Reinforce appropriate emergency response knowledge.
- Improve understanding of injury prevention and personal safety.
- Provide Scouts with opportunities to teach others.
- Encourage collaboration and learning among Scouting programs.

Exhibition Scenarios

Scenarios are organized by Scouting program to provide age-appropriate educational opportunities. Each unit selects or receives one scenario from the list for its program.

Scenarios – Area 1: Arrow of Light (AOL)

Basic First Aid and Emergency Awareness. These topics introduce Arrow of Light participants to common injuries, basic first aid knowledge, personal safety, and recognizing when adult assistance is needed.

#	Scenario	Focus
1	**Minor Cuts and Scratches**	Recognizing small wounds and understanding basic wound care.
2	**Nosebleed**	Explaining the appropriate response when someone experiences a nosebleed.
3	**Minor Thermal Burn**	Identifying a minor burn and explaining the importance of cooling and protecting the injured area.
4	**Bee Sting**	Recognizing a bee sting, explaining initial care, and identifying signs of a serious allergic reaction.
5	**Mosquito and Insect Bites**	Understanding common insect bites and basic ways to relieve discomfort.
6	**Minor Ankle Sprain**	Recognizing a possible sprain and explaining how to protect the injured ankle.
7	**Blisters During Hiking**	Identifying blisters and explaining prevention and basic care.
8	**Splinter in the Skin**	Understanding how minor splinters occur and when adult assistance is necessary.
9	**Mild Dehydration**	Recognizing early signs of dehydration and explaining the importance of drinking water.
10	**Sunburn**	Identifying sunburn and explaining sun protection and basic care.
11	**Minor Bruises**	Recognizing bruise caused by minor injuries and explaining basic care.
12	**Dust or Dirt in the Eye**	Understanding eye irritation and the importance of avoiding rubbing the eye.
13	**Minor Finger Injury**	Recognizing an injured or pinched finger and explaining when to seek assistance.
14	**Minor Scrape from a Fall**	Explaining how to care for a scraped knee or elbow after a fall.
15	**Minor Animal Scratch**	Understanding why animal scratches should be cleaned and reported to an adult.
16	**Poison Ivy or Poison Oak Exposure**	Recognizing an irritating plant rash and understanding basic prevention and care.
17	**Tick Bite**	Recognizing ticks, explaining the importance of proper removal by an informed adult, and monitoring for illness.
18	**Minor Muscle Strain**	Understanding how a muscle strain may occur during physical activities.
19	**Feeling Faint or Dizzy**	Recognizing dizziness and understanding when to stop an activity and ask for adult help.
20	**Minor Cold Exposure**	Recognizing when someone becomes uncomfortably cold and explaining appropriate steps to get warm safely.

Scenarios – Area 2: Scouts BSA Troops

Intermediate First Aid and Emergency Response. These topics focus on injuries and medical emergencies that require greater knowledge of patient assessment, first aid procedures, and emergency decision-making.

#	Scenario	Focus
1	**Suspected Wrist Fracture**	Recognizing a possible broken wrist and explaining appropriate immobilization.
2	**Suspected Forearm Fracture**	Understanding fracture recognition and safe splinting principles.
3	**Suspected Ankle Fracture**	Recognizing a possible fracture and explaining why unnecessary movement should be avoided.
4	**Deep Laceration**	Explaining initial care and the importance of controlling bleeding.
5	**Severe Bleeding from an Arm or Leg**	Identifying life-threatening bleeding and explaining appropriate bleeding-control measures.
6	**Second-Degree Burn**	Recognizing a blistering burn and understanding appropriate first aid and medical evaluation.
7	**Heat Exhaustion**	Identifying symptoms of heat-related illness and explaining appropriate initial care.
8	**Hypothermia**	Recognizing dangerous cold exposure and explaining safe initial care.
9	**Suspected Concussion**	Identifying warning signs after a head injury and explaining when emergency medical assessment is necessary.
10	**Severe Allergic Reaction (Anaphylaxis)**	Recognizing anaphylaxis and explaining the importance of immediate emergency assistance.
11	**Animal Bite**	Explaining wound care, infection risks, and when professional medical attention is needed.
12	**Suspected Venomous Snakebite**	Recognizing a potentially dangerous snakebite and explaining safe emergency response.
13	**Choking Emergency**	Recognizing severe airway obstruction and explaining the importance of immediate emergency assistance and appropriate first aid.
14	**Asthma Emergency**	Recognizing breathing difficulties and understanding the importance of prescribed rescue medication and emergency assistance.
15	**Seizure Emergency**	Explaining how to protect someone during a seizure and recognizing when to call emergency services.
16	**Fainting Episode**	Recognizing loss of consciousness and explaining appropriate initial assessment and response.
17	**Knocked-Out Permanent Tooth**	Explaining the importance of prompt dental care and appropriate handling of the tooth.
18	**Fishhook Injury**	Recognizing when an embedded fishhook requires professional medical care.
19	**Suspected Shoulder Dislocation**	Recognizing a possible dislocation and explaining why attempting to reposition the joint is unsafe.
20	**Puncture Wound from a Sharp Object**	Understanding puncture wound risks, appropriate initial care, and the need for medical evaluation.

Scenarios – Area 3: Venturing Crews / Sea Scout Ships

Advanced First Aid, Rescue and Emergency Response. These topics address serious medical emergencies and complex rescue situations requiring advanced awareness, critical thinking, leadership, and an understanding of emergency response priorities.

#	Scenario	Focus
1	**Unresponsive Person Not Breathing Normally**	Recognizing possible cardiac arrest and explaining CPR, AED use, and the emergency response sequence.
2	**Suspected Heart Attack**	Recognizing possible heart attack symptoms and explaining the importance of immediate emergency medical assistance.
3	**Suspected Stroke**	Recognizing stroke warning signs and explaining why immediate emergency treatment is essential.
4	**Multiple-Casualty Incident (Triage)**	Explaining how emergency responders prioritize multiple injured patients.
5	**Suspected Spinal Injury**	Recognizing a potential spine injury and explaining the importance of avoiding unnecessary patient movement.
6	**Severe Heatstroke**	Recognizing life-threatening heat illness and explaining emergency cooling and medical response priorities.
7	**Severe Hypothermia**	Recognizing critical cold exposure and explaining safe handling and emergency medical assistance.
8	**Shock Following a Serious Injury**	Recognizing signs of shock and explaining appropriate initial response.
9	**Life-Threatening External Bleeding**	Explaining immediate hemorrhage control and the importance of rapid emergency care.
10	**Severe Burn Injury**	Explaining the dangers of major burns and appropriate initial emergency care.
11	**Drowning or Submersion Emergency**	Understanding safe rescue priorities, breathing emergencies, and the importance of immediate medical assessment.
12	**Boat Capsize and Cold-Water Exposure**	Explaining emergency response priorities following a boating accident.
13	**Marine Propeller Injury**	Understanding severe trauma risks and initial emergency response following a boating incident.
14	**Electrical Injury**	Recognizing electrical hazards and explaining why the power source must be made safe before approaching a victim.
15	**Crush Injury**	Understanding injuries caused by heavy objects and explaining the need for professional rescue assistance.
16	**Smoke Inhalation Emergency**	Recognizing the dangers of smoke exposure and explaining safe evacuation and emergency medical response.
17	**Suspected Pelvic Fracture**	Recognizing a potentially serious pelvic injury and explaining why unnecessary movement can be dangerous.
18	**Diabetic Medical Emergency**	Recognizing warning signs of a possible diabetic emergency and explaining appropriate initial assistance.
19	**Wilderness Fall with Multiple Injuries**	Explaining the importance of scene safety, patient assessment, rescue communication, and evacuation decisions.
20	**Severe Allergic Reaction in a Remote Location**	Explaining anaphylaxis recognition, emergency medication awareness, and the importance of urgent rescue coordination.

15. Ceremonies & Special Activities

RESCUEREE 2027 brings participants together as a Scouting community, encouraging unity, leadership, sportsmanship, and appreciation for the values of Scouting.

Friday Special Activity	Introduces the RESCUEREE theme and reinforces the event motto, “Be Prepared, be a Leader, Be a Rescueree,” encouraging participants to reflect on preparedness, leadership, and helping others.
Flag Ceremonies	Included in the official program to reinforce respect, citizenship, and Scouting traditions.
Campfire Program	Brings participants together in fellowship to celebrate the Scouting experience.
Closing Ceremony	Sunday, February 21, 2027, beginning at 9:00 AM. Concludes the Camporee and recognizes the participation and achievements of the Scouts.

16. Awards & Recognition

RESCUEREE 2027 recognizes leadership, teamwork, emergency preparedness, Scout spirit, and active participation.

Competition Awards

Awards recognize outstanding performance in the competitions and are determined separately for each division, based on the official competition results within that division:

- Arrow of Light (AOL)
- Scouts BSA Troops
- Venturing Crews / Sea Scout Ships

Scout Spirit Award

In addition to the competition awards, a Scout Spirit Award will be presented to units that demonstrate exceptional Scout spirit throughout the Camporee, regardless of their competition results. One award will be presented in each of four categories:

- Arrow of Light (AOL) Scout Spirit Award
- Scouts BSA Troop Scout Spirit Award
- Venturing Crew Scout Spirit Award
- Sea Scout Ship Scout Spirit Award

Evaluation criteria

Leadership	Demonstrating initiative, responsibility, encouragement, and positive leadership while supporting fellow Scouts.
Teamwork	Working cooperatively, communicating respectfully, helping team members, and contributing to the success of the group.
Positive Attitude	Demonstrating respect, good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude toward other participants, volunteers, and event staff.
Active Participation	Showing commitment, enthusiasm, and meaningful involvement in competitions, educational activities, and other Camporee programs.

Official Event Patch

The official RESCUEREE 2027 event patch is included in the registration fee.

Recognition Philosophy

Success is measured not only by competition performance but also by character, leadership, cooperation, and service to others. Through these awards, RESCUEREE encourages every Scout to demonstrate the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law while embracing the event motto: **“Be Prepared, be a Leader, Be a Rescueree.”**

17. Communication with Unit Leaders

The RESCUEREE 2027 Leader’s Guide will be provided to participating units before the Camporee. During the event, important information will be communicated through leader meetings, and an event information point will be available to assist unit leaders. Leaders are responsible for sharing relevant information with their youth participants and ensuring their units understand the event’s expectations.

18. Responsibilities of Unit Leaders

Unit leaders play an essential role in ensuring that RESCUEREE 2027 is a positive, safe, and educational experience.

Before the Camporee

- Review the RESCUEREE 2027 Leader’s Guide and explain the event’s purpose and objectives to participants.
- Review basic first aid and emergency preparedness concepts.
- Select the Scouts who will represent the unit in the competitions and complete the competition participant roster.
- Prepare the unit’s first aid exhibition.
- Organize the unit’s camping equipment and meals.
- Ensure appropriate adult supervision.
- Verify that all participants are properly registered.

During the Camporee

- Maintain appropriate supervision of participants.
- Encourage teamwork and responsible leadership, and support youth participation in the competitions.
- Promote respect and sportsmanship.
- Follow the official schedule and attend scheduled leader meetings.
- Ensure participants follow safety expectations.
- Encourage proper care of campsite facilities.
- Report actual emergencies promptly.

After the Camporee (encouraged)

- Discuss the experience with Scouts and recognize the leadership and teamwork demonstrated.
- Review lessons learned about first aid and emergency preparedness.
- Encourage continued practice of Scouting skills.
- Support participants interested in continuing related advancement activities.

19. Health, Safety & Participant Conduct

Safety is a fundamental part of the RESCUEREE experience. All units must follow applicable Scouting America policies, Youth Protection requirements, the **Guide to Safe Scouting**, and the safety procedures established for Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation. Activities simulate emergency situations in controlled, age-appropriate environments.

Participant Expectations

Participants must:

- Follow instructions from authorized event personnel.
- Demonstrate respect for other participants.
- Use equipment responsibly.
- Follow appropriate first aid and rescue safety practices.
- Avoid unnecessary risks.
- Maintain appropriate communication with unit leaders.
- Report injuries, emergencies, or unsafe conditions immediately.

Simulated Emergency Activities

Simulated emergency activities must emphasize safe decisions and appropriate procedures. Participants must understand the difference between a simulated emergency and a real emergency. **Safety takes priority over competition performance.**

> **In a real life-threatening emergency, call 911** and notify event leadership as appropriate.

Youth Protection

All participants and adult leaders must comply with applicable Scouting America Youth Protection and supervision requirements. Arrow of Light camping and participation must follow the specific rules that apply to the Cub Scout program.

20. Competition Participant Roster

Each unit must identify its representatives for the competition stations. The roster documents the Scouts assigned to each activity and must identify the unit, program division, competition, and participating Scouts. Use the **Official Competition Registration Forms** at the end of this guide (Appendix B).

Arriving Friday	Submit the roster during Friday check-in.
Arriving Saturday	Submit the roster upon arrival.

21. Event Preparation Checklist

Before arriving at RESCUEREE 2027, each participating unit should verify that:

- ☐ All attendees are registered, and registration fees have been completed.
- ☐ The unit has appropriate adult supervision.
- ☐ Camping equipment is prepared, and food and cooking supplies are organized.
- ☐ Competition representatives have been selected and the competition roster is complete.
- ☐ The unit has reviewed the competition descriptions and the official event schedule.
- ☐ The first aid exhibition has been prepared using the approved scenario information.
- ☐ Participants understand the general event expectations.

22. Conclusion

RESCUEREE 2027 brings together Arrow of Light Scouts, Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, Sea Scout ships, and their leaders for a weekend dedicated to emergency preparedness, first aid, rescue skills, and leadership. Through engaging competitions, simulated emergencies, educational exhibits, and opportunities to interact with emergency response professionals, participants will strengthen the skills and confidence necessary to assist others responsibly.

The purpose of RESCUEREE is not simply to complete a competition. It is to encourage Scouts to recognize the responsibility that comes with being prepared, working together, and helping those in need. Every Scout has the opportunity to become a leader, and every Scout can learn skills that may one day help someone in an emergency.

RESCUEREE 2027 reinforces the Scout Motto, “Be Prepared,” while challenging participants to demonstrate leadership, teamwork, and service. We look forward to welcoming participating units to Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation.

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Appendix A – Official Advancement Resources

Resource	Link
Arrow of Light First Aid Adventure	https://www.scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/first-aid/
Scouts BSA Advancement and Awards	https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/
First Aid Merit Badge	https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/first-aid/
Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge	https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/emergency-preparedness/
Venturing Ranger Award Requirements	https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/34784-25-Awards-and-Requirements_Pages-pp64-101-FINAL.pdf
Sea Scouts Advancement Central	https://seascout.org/advancement-central/
Guide to Safe Scouting	https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/

Appendix B – Competition Registration Forms

Complete the form for each participating program division and submit it at check-in (see Section 20).

Competition Registration Form – AOL

Instructions: Each unit must list the names of the Scouts participating in each competition. Ensure that the required number of participants is assigned to each activity. The same Scout may participate in multiple competitions.

Unit (type and number)	
Division	Area 1 – Cub Scouts: Arrow of Light (AOL)

Competition	Participant 1	Participant 2	Participant 3
1. First Aid Matching Challenge			
2. First Aid Kit Express			
3. First Aid Kit Challenge (Memory Game)			
4. Lifeline Throw Challenge			
5. First Aid Relay			

Competition Registration Form – Scouts BSA

Instructions: Each unit must list the names of the Scouts participating in each competition. Ensure that the required number of participants is assigned to each activity. The same Scout may participate in multiple competitions.

Unit (type and number)	
Division	Area 2 – Scouts BSA: Troops

Competition	Participant 1	Participant 2	Participant 3
1. Rescue Knot Challenge			
2. Emergency Scene Safety Challenge			
3. First Aid Skills Challenge			
4. Mass Casualty Triage Challenge			
5. Victim Transport Challenge			

Competition Registration Form – Venturing / Sea Scouts

Instructions: Each unit must list the names of the Scouts participating in each competition. Ensure that the required number of participants is assigned to each activity. The same Scout may participate in multiple competitions.

Unit (type and number)	
Division	Area 3 – Venturing Crews / Sea Scout Ships

Competition	Participant 1	Participant 2	Participant 3
1. Precision Rescue Throw			
2. Fracture First Aid & Victim Transport Challenge			
3. Emergency Signaling Challenge			
4. Wilderness Survival Kit Challenge			
5. Emergency Evacuation Decision Challenge			