

2022 Tussahaw Fall Camporee

Leader's Guide



Wilderness Survival

November 4-6, 2022

Dauset Trails

Jackson, GA

Hosted by:

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Welcome to Fall Camporee 2022! This year's theme is Wilderness Survival. Each of your Scouts has the potential to earn the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

Location

Dauset Trails Nature Center is a private, non-profit organization with a mission to provide quality environmental education, outdoor recreation and an understanding of early farm life through close and intimate contact with Georgia's preserved flora and fauna.

Directions from Henry County: Take I-75 south to exit 201 (Jackson/Barnesville). Turn left and follow Highway 36 towards Jackson. Travel several miles to High Falls Road. See signs for Dauset Trails, High Falls, Indian Springs and Ridgeway Christmas Tree Farm. Take a right at High Falls Road. Pass Ridgeway Christmas Tree Farm on right. About two miles, watch for the Dauset Trails sign and take a left on Mt. Vernon Church Road. Dauset Trails is 3.3 miles on the left. Look for the Scout sign. You will make a left before the main entrance. If you see the main entrance, turn around and take your first right.

Upon arrival, Troops will make camp and cook their Friday night meals if they have not eaten prior to arrival. Throughout the Camporee, Troops are expected to use the Patrol Method. Patrols should sleep, cook, and eat as Patrols. Points will be added for patrol flags and tells to the overall competition score (more on that to follow.)

RULES OF CAMP-O-REE

These rules are the general framework around which this camporee will be operated. At the camporee, as always, everyone's conduct is expected to be in accordance with the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code. Troops or individuals that do not conform to this spirit may be asked to leave. Bottom line: Respect others around you.



1. A registration fee will be charged to cover the cost of the Camporee supplies, patches and prizes. Registration fee will be \$25 for each Scout, \$15 for Webelos/Arrow of Light scouts, and \$15 for each adult. Please pay either prior to the camporee or be prepared to pay at check-in.

2. Troops should arrive and depart in Field Uniform. The Scout Field Uniform is to be worn at Saturday evening camp fire program and Sunday morning flag and vespers service. Activity Wear (Class B) is appropriate for the remainder of the Camporee.

3. Campsites will be assigned at check in. Campsites have no water or tables. Water is available at the main pavilion but troops should bring a water supply or water jugs. Please have a sign that tells what troop you are.

4. The entrance gate will be open by 4 p.m. Please do not arrive any earlier. Signs will guide you to the pavilion for check-in. There will be a Cracker Barrel and SPL/ASPL meeting Friday night at 8 p.m. PLEASE have your patrol skit scripts ready for approval at that time. All patrols are expected to participate at Saturday Campfire. SPLs should provide a headcount of adults and youth

5. There will be an assigned, designated parking area. Vehicles are not allowed in the campsites. Troop gear may be dropped off prior at the camp site and then vehicles should proceed to the parking area. Troop trailers, however, may still be parked in each site.

6. Troops must plan to remove all garbage from the camporee area. Please bring an adequate supply of trash bags. Do not burn trash! Follow the Outdoor Code.



7. Safety and fire protection are the responsibility of everyone at the camporee. Be very careful with fires, have fire buckets and firefighting tools available, bring them with YOU. Some campsites have fire pits and others do not. Digging fire pits will not be permitted. Be prepared by bringing an above ground pit.

8. DO NOT CUT or otherwise injure live trees while at the camporee. Bring your own firewood or find DEAD branches in the woods. This especially applies to scouts building their overnight shelter.

9. Weather at this time of year is very unpredictable. BE PREPARED. Bring tents, rain gear, dining flies, and ground cloths. The Camporee will not be canceled due to rainy weather. In the event of severe weather, BSA guidelines will be followed as laid out in severe weather training which is available online at myscouting.org.

10. Because scouts will be working hard Saturday, scouts must be in their tents by 11 p.m., on Friday night. There will not be a campfire program on Friday night. Please encourage the boys to go to sleep earlier..

11. The Saturday night campfire is intended to be fun and entertaining. We encourage each Patrol or each troop/den to practice a skit prior to the campout. All skits must conform to Scouting standards and must be in good taste. Each Patrol should plan to have a skit for Saturday night.

12. Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts may attend the fall camporee and may camp overnight as a Den. Den Leaders, please explain the many leadership positions in a Scout troop and assign positions to your boys if you are coming as a Den. All Webelos and Arrow of Light Dens must adhere to the 2 Deep Leadership Rule (Two 21-year-old registered leaders with current Youth Protection Training)!



13. Vespers Sunday morning, each troop's Chaplain Aide is requested to be at the Friday night SPL meeting for assignment of a portion of Sunday's Vesper Service.

14. No alcohol is permitted. Smoking **is not** allowed on campsite grounds!

15. Each unit will be asked to have one or more of their leadership assist at the Camporee. Stations will be set up for the merit badge requirements.

16. As a reminder, please have a completed BSA Medical Form (Parts A and B) for each participant.

17. There will be no first aid station at camporee headquarters. The closest hospital is Wellstar Sylvan Grove, 1050 McDonough Road, Jackson, GA 30233.

18. Lost Scouts! Notify the camp headquarters immediately. Upon notification of a lost Scout, an alert will be sent to the entire camp. Scoutmasters will immediately account for their Scouts and adults. Stand by for further instructions.

19. Lost and Found will be at the camp headquarters.

20. As a reminder, please have a completed BSA Medical Form (Parts A and B) for each participant.

21. All units must complete the FRC Unit Roster and Talent Release and turn it in at Friday evening check-in.



Schedule:
Friday night

4 – 7 p.m. – Check-in

8 p.m. – Scoutmaster & SPL meeting/Cracker barrel (Chaplain Aide meeting to follow)

11 p.m. – Lights out. (Quiet Hours)

Saturday

7 a.m. – Reveille, Patrol Breakfast cooking and clean up.

8: a.m. – Pavilion, Handout schedule and rotation.

8:45 AM – Camporee Program – Stations for the Wilderness Survival merit badge requirements

Noon – Lunch

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.– Camporee Program / Troop campsite inspection

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – (Fire 'n Chit class for new Scouts and Webelos)

5:30 p.m. – Dinner at campsite

7:30 p.m. – Troops and Patrols to Campfire

9 p.m. – Scouts to finish up their shelter, which they will sleep in for the night.

11 p.m. - Lights out. (Quiet Hours)



Sunday

7 a.m. - Breakfast (something quick and easy), begin packing up.

8 p.m. – Flags, awards, vespers.

8:30 a.m. - Campsite cleanup, notify staff to come and inspect campsite before you leave

10 a.m. - All units must be out of camp

Wilderness Survival Program: The intent of the camporee is for all Scout participants to earn the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge. The final decision on whether a Scout has earned the merit badge is at the discretion of the Troop leadership. The requirements for the merit badge are found at the end of this leader's guide.

Troop Leaders, to help the Scouts prepare for the camporee, we recommend you go over the following requirements for the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge:

Requirement #6: Scouts should know at least three different methods (other than matches) to start a fire.

Requirement #7b-c: Scouts should be able to use signal mirror and know five ground-to-air signals.

Requirement #10: Scouts should be able to demonstrate three ways to treat water found in the outdoors to prepare it for drinking.

Scouts should also bring a tarp and sleeping bag for their improvised shelter. Scouts will sleep in their improvised shelters on Saturday night. (Please note that Webelos/AOLs are prohibited from sleeping in their improvised shelters)

Campsite Inspection: Campsite inspections will take place after Lunch. For more on the campsite inspections see the scoring guide. (We will be selecting volunteers to inspect campsites for this competition. If you would like to be a campsite inspector, please notify the staff upon arrival.)



CAMPSITE INSPECTION

Judge _____

Troop _____

General

Gate _____ of 10

Flags

US Flag _____ of 20

Troop Flag _____ of 20

Patrol Flags _____ of 10

Tents

Tents properly erected _____ of 10

Tents by patrol _____ of 10

Sleeping bag neatly arranged _____ of 10

Campsite

First Aid Kit _____ of 20

Safe fire area _____ of 10

Gadgets _____ of 10

Clean and in order _____ of 10

Fire tools _____ of 10

Cooking and Eating Area

Dining Fly _____ of 10

Cooking equip. off ground _____ of 20

Clean cooking area _____ of 25

Drinking water storage _____ of 10

Separate patrol eating areas _____ of 10

Fire buckets in cooking area _____ of 10

Clean patrol eating area _____ of 15

Trash bags _____ of 10

Posted Duty Roster _____ of 10

Posted menus _____ of 10

TOTAL SCORE _____ **OF 280**

Deductions

Vehicles left in camp _____ (-20)

(does not include camp trailer & vehicle attached to the trailer)

Fire left unattended _____ (-20)

Safety violations _____ (-10) example: No axe yard, youth playing with knives, etc.

Campsite SCORE _____



TROOP _____ ROSTER

(TO BE TURNED IN UPON CHECK-IN / CRACKER BARREL)

LEADERS

NAME	POSITION	E-MAIL	PHONE
	Scout Master		
	SPL		
	ASPL		

PATROL NAME

NAME	RANK	E-MAIL	PARENT'S PHONE



TROOP _____

PATROL NAME

NAME	RANK	E-MAIL	PARENT'S PHONE

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Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Requirements

1. Do the following:

(a) Explain to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter while participating in wilderness survival activities, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, or lessen these hazards.

(b) Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur in backcountry settings, including hypothermia, heat reactions, frostbite, dehydration, blisters, insect stings, tick bites, and snakebites.

2. From memory, list the seven priorities for survival in a backcountry or wilderness location. Explain the importance of each one with your counselor.

3. Discuss ways to avoid panic and maintain a high level of morale when lost and explain why this is important.

4. Describe the steps you would take to survive in the following exposure conditions:

(a) Cold and snowy

(b) Wet

(c) Hot and dry

(d) Windy

(e) At or on the water

5. Put together a personal survival kit and explain how each item in it could be useful.

6. Using three different methods (other than matches), build and light three fires.

7. Do the following:

(a) Show five different ways to attract attention when lost.

(b) Demonstrate how to use a signal mirror.

(c) Describe from memory five ground-to-air signals and tell what they mean.

8. Improvise a natural shelter. For the purpose of this demonstration, use techniques that have little negative impact on the environment. Spend a night in your shelter.

9. Explain how to protect yourself from insects, reptiles, bears, and other animals of the local region.

10. Demonstrate three ways to treat water found in the outdoors to prepare it for drinking.

11. Show that you know the proper clothing to wear while in the outdoors during extremely hot and cold weather and during wet conditions.

12. Explain why it usually is not wise to eat edible wild plants or wildlife in a wilderness survival situation

