

2026 Tussahaw Spring Camporee Leader's Guide



Theme: Night Hike

March 15-16, 2026

(See guide below regarding optional March 14th arrival)

Nash Farm Battlefield, McDonough, GA

Hosted by:

Tussahaw District Order of The Arrow

Welcome to the 2026 Spring Camporee: Night Hike!

Location: Nash Farm Battlefield, 100 Babbs Mill Rd, Hampton, GA 30228. The 204-acre Nash Farm Battlefield is home to: a fishing lake, black box theater, a playground, walking trails, activity barn, livestock barn, gazebo, and carriage house. Nash Farm was the site of the largest Cavalry raid in Georgia's history and a huge Confederate campsite. Today it is one of very few Civil War battlefields that remains intact and meticulously preserved so that you can come and enjoy a day going back in time to the final days of the Atlanta Campaign.

Directions: from Henry County: Take I-75 to Exit 221@ Jonesboro Road. Turn away from McDonough and towards Hampton. Follow Jonesboro Road towards Hampton for approximately 5 miles and turn left on Babbs Road. Nash Farm is on your right.

Turn in at the first drive past the flagpoles and follow the Scout signs to the campsite. You will see the Tussahaw District sign when you reach the campsite.



Night Hike Program: The intent of the camporee is for all Scouts to participate in an (almost) all-night event. All Scouts should be prepared by getting plenty of rest the night before the camporee!

Scouts will use their Orienteering skills to navigate through a nighttime course of separate “Basic Scouting Skills” activities (Tenderfoot to First Class). Be sure to bring a compass and a flashlight! Rotation schedules will be distributed at the Scoutmaster/SPL meeting. Potential planned activities MAY include the following (NOT an all-inclusive list): (1) Kim’s Game for First Aid, (2) Knot Tying Relay, (3) Fire Building/String Burn, (4) Plant Identification, (5) Animal Track Identification, and (6) Cooking Skills.

Patrol Method: Throughout the Camporee, Troops are expected to use the Patrol Method. Patrols should sleep, cook, and eat as Patrols. Points will be added to the overall competition score for observed use of patrol flags and patrol yells (more on that to follow.)

Campsite Inspection: Campsite inspections take place during the nighttime activities. For more on the campsite inspections see the scoring form at the end of this guide. (We will be selecting volunteers to inspect campsites for this competition. If you can volunteer to be a campsite inspector, please notify the staff upon arrival.)

Scoutmaster/Scout Cook-off: Scoutmasters, other adult leaders, and Scouts are all welcome to participate in this cook-off competition! Prepare a tasty item and bring it to the judges table at the designated time to enter into what is sure to be a wonderful competition (especially for the judges)!

OPTIONAL Friday Night Attendance or Saturday Pre-Check-in Arrival: Check-in for the Camporee begins on Saturday, March 15th at 4:00 PM. However, Troops may elect to arrive on Friday evening March 14th or prior to official check-in time on Saturday. Note that there are **NO PLANNED ACTIVITIES** for those that elect to arrive on Friday or earlier than official check-in on Saturday. (See the full Schedule of events on the next page.) Troop Leaders should plan accordingly to ensure Scouts get plenty of rest ahead of the late-night activities planned for Saturday night into Sunday morning. Therefore, it is recommended that if you arrive on Friday evening, Scouts are allowed to stay up later than normally allowed and allowed to sleep late on Saturday morning (afternoon naps are also highly encouraged). Tired cranky Scouts (or adults) do not make for a fun event.

Weekend Schedule

Friday

See note for OPTIONAL Friday Night Attendance on Page 3 of this guide. There are **NO PLANNED ACTIVITIES** prior to Saturday evening.

Saturday

4:00-7:00 PM – Check-in @ Headquarters Tent

4:00-7:45 PM – Troop/Patrol cooking and clean up

- Upon arrival, Troops will make camp and cook Saturday night meals if not eating prior to arrival.
- Competitors in the Scoutmaster/Scout Cookoff prepare their entries.

7:00 PM – Scoutmaster & SPL meeting (Chaplain Aide meeting to follow):

- Location @ Headquarters tent
- General and rotation schedules distributed
- Submit campfire program entries for pre-approval

7:45 PM – Turn in Scoutmaster/Scout Cookoff plate to judging table

8:15 PM – Opening campfire

9:00 PM-3:00 AM – Camporee program & Troop campsite inspection
(Make sure to bring your compass and flashlights)

3:30 AM - Lights out (Quiet Hours)

Sunday

10:00 AM – Breakfast at campsite

11:00 AM – Troops and Patrols to Campfire Flags, awards, vespers.

12:00 PM – Campsite cleanup & Gates open. Notify staff for campsite inspection before you leave.

1:00 PM – All units must be out of camp

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, Scout Law, and 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, Webelos/Arrow of Light Scout, and each adult. Please pay either prior to the camporee or be prepared to pay at check-in. Late fees apply for late registrations (see registration website for details).
2. Troops should arrive and depart in Field Uniform. The Scout Field Uniform is to be worn at the Saturday evening campfire 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. Please have a sign identifying your Troop. Campsites have no water, electricity, or tables. Water is available at the main park pavilion, but troops should bring a water supply or water jugs.
4. The entrance gate will be open by 6 PM Friday evening. Please do not arrive any earlier. Signs will guide you to the campsite for check-in. There will be a Leader/SPL/ASPL meeting on Saturday night at 7:00 PM. PLEASE have your patrol skit scripts ready for approval at that time. Skits should be limited to five minutes or less. All patrols are expected to participate at the Saturday Evening Campfire. SPLs should provide a headcount including both 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 at the campsite and then vehicles should proceed to the parking area. Troop trailers may remain 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. There are NO designated fire pits in individual campsites, so plan accordingly. Digging fire pits will not be permitted. Use of the primary permanent campground fire pit is reserved for campsite admin only. Be prepared by bringing an above ground fire pit. (NO ON-GROUND FIRES ARE ALLOWED)
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 any overnight shelters.
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 my.scouting.org.
10. Scouts will be up late Saturday night. The opening campfire program will be Saturday night with additional planned activities starting right after campfire. (See schedule above)
11. The Saturday night campfire is intended to be fun and entertaining. We encourage each Patrol/Den and/or Troop to plan and practice a skit or song 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 or song for Saturday night. There is a five minute time limit on songs/skits.
12. Arrow of Light Scouts may attend the 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 Youth if you are coming as a Den. 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 should attend the Saturday night SPL meeting for assignment of a portion of Sunday's Vesper Service. **All Troops are expected to attend Vespers! Gates DO NOT OPEN until inspections are complete AFTER Vespers.**
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 leaders assist at the Camporee. Stations will be set up for the events.
16. As a reminder, please have a complete BSA Medical Form (Parts A and B) on file for each participant.
17. There will be a first aid station at the camporee headquarters. First responders will be on standby in case of any incidents. The closest hospital is Piedmont Henry, 1133 Eagles Landing Pkwy, Stockbridge, GA 30281.
18. Lost Scouts! Notify the camp headquarters immediately. Upon notification of a lost Scout, an alert will be sent from headquarters to the entire camp. Scoutmasters will immediately account for all their Scouts and adults, then stand by for further instructions.
19. Lost and Found will be located at the camp headquarters.
20. All units must complete the FRC Unit Roster and Talent Release and turn it in at Saturday evening check-in.

For additional information not covered in this guide, contact:

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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

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 270**

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/ADULTS

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
SCOUTMASTER			
ASM			
SPL			
ASPL			

TROOP #
PATROL NAME:

SCOUT NAME	RANK	PARENT PHONE #	YOUTH PHONE #

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