

2026 Coweta District Spring Camporee



March 20-22, 2026
Camp Welcome
Newnan, Georgia

Howdy Partners,

On behalf of the Coweta District and the Flint River Council, we're pleased to invite you to dust off your boots, grab your hat, and circle the wagons for the 2026 Coweta District Spring Camporee, rolling into town the weekend of **March 20–22** at **Camp Welcome in Newnan**.

This year's camporee badge is the Exploration Merit Badge, and we're setting the stage for a weekend packed tighter than a chuck wagon with hands-on activities and friendly competitions, all built around that bold spirit of frontier exploration. Every Scouts BSA youth in attendance will have the chance to ride off with the Exploration Merit Badge in their saddlebags.

The Exploration merit badge introduces Scouts to the spirit of discovery and adventure. Our 2026 Camporee will be loaded with chances to learn new trail skills, test grit, and compete in a variety of events centered on Exploration. You'll find the full rundown of programs and competitions corralled in the enclosed leader's guide.

This camp also offers a golden opportunity for Arrow of Light Cub Scouts to see what life on the trail is all about. Troops are encouraged to invite nearby AOL Cub Scouts to camp with them, join the events, and watch Scouts BSA troops show how things are done on the open range. Cub Scouts are welcome to participate in all events, and even those who can't stay the night are still welcome to ride in for Saturday's action.

We're aiming to deliver a one-of-a-kind experience for every Scout who answers the call of this new Exploration. So pitch your tents, mind the campfire, and get ready for a weekend you won't soon forget. We can't wait to see you down the trail at the 2026 Coweta District Spring Camporee!

*Lily Maston, Chapter Chief
Coweta District OA Chapter*

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Overview:

Theme: Wild West

Merit Badge: Exploration

Location: Camp Welcome

210 Girl Scout Rd, Newnan, GA 30263

Dates: March 20-22, 2026

Cost: \$15.00 per youth/\$10 per adult

Events:

1. Golden Spoon
2. Spirit Stick
3. Best Overall Unit (includes Golden Spoon, Spirit Stick, and events below):
 - a. Best Campsite Inspection
 - b. Best Skit or Song
 - c. Scavenger Hunt
 - d. Rope Wrangling (Tug of War)
 - e. Tumbleweed toss (Volleyball)
 - f. Wischixin
 - g. Lasso
 - h. Horseshoes
 - i. Pony Express
 - j. Sack Race

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- TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE -
(Official schedule will be distributed at the camporee)

**Friday,
 March
 20,
 2026**

5:00-7:00 PM	CHECK-IN – Troops camp in traditional campsites. Please follow directions for unloading gear and parking. Unit Leader must register at the Camporee HQ Check-in location.
8:00-8:30 PM	CAMPOREE STAFF MEETING at HQ
8:30- 9:30	SPL and SCOUTMASTER MEETING & Cracker Barrel at HQ
9:30- 10:00	REQUIREMENT- Scouts all meet at HQ to complete requirement 5 a or b
10:30 PM	TAPS - Fires and lights out. QUIET TIME until 6:30 AM

Saturday, March 21, 2026

7:15 AM	REVEILLE. Prepare breakfast and clean up at the Troop Campsites
7:45 AM	VOLUNTEERS report to HQ and prepare for events
8:45 AM	OPENING CEREMONIES – CLASS A uniforms. Troops bring flags—troop formations on either side of Parade Field. - Flag raising, prayer, welcome, announcements.
9:00–11:45 AM	ACTIVITY PERIOD - CLASS B uniform/Scout t-shirts
11:45-12:45 PM	LUNCH at Troop Campsite
1:00 PM	ACTIVITY PERIOD resumes - CLASS B uniform
1:00 – 2:00 PM	EXPLORATION- All Scouts meet at HQ to embark on the expedition.
2:00- 4:00 PM	ACTIVITY PERIOD- Please meet in the field to begin games
4:30 PM	ACTIVITY PERIOD ENDS
4:45-6:15 PM	DINNER and FREE TIME at Troop Campsite.
5:30-6:00 PM	GOLDEN SPOON Judging at Camporee HQ (deliver entry to HQ NO LATER THAN 6 PM)
6:30 PM	FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY - CLASS A uniforms. Troops bring flags. Troop formations on either side of Parade Field.

8:30 PM	CAMPFIRE and SKITS
10:30 PM	TAPS - Fires and lights out. QUIET TIME until 6:30 AM

7:30 AM	REVEILLE. Prepare breakfast and clean up at Troop Campsite
9:00 AM	FLAG RAISING CEREMONY – CLASS A uniform. Vespers
9:30 AM	AWARDS CEREMONY. Final announcements.
10:00 – 11 AM	CHECK-OUT and DEPARTURES - Scoutmasters report to HQ prior to departure to pick up patches, blue cards, etc.
11:00 AM	DEPARTURE for ALL UNITS and SCOUTS

**Sunday,
March
22, 2026**

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Camporee Guidelines and Important Information

A. **GUIDELINES:** The rules and guiding principles for the 2026 Spring Camporee shall be the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Safety guidelines shall meet or exceed those outlined in the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.

B. **REGISTRATION:** Register online at <http://www.flintrivercouncil.org>. Submit the completed registration form and pay all fees before arrival. No walk-up registrations accepted

C. **COSTS:** \$10 per person. Due to planning requirements and the limited budget, there will be NO REFUNDS. You may transfer registration fees to another participant.

D. DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Take Millard Farmer Industrial Blvd (34-bypass), to Clark Hill Road. At the stop turn left onto Welcome Road. Turn right onto Arnco Rd after 1.6 miles. Take a slight left onto Girl Scout Road. This road dead-ends into the camp.

C. **MISC. CAMPOREE EVENT RULES:** Please follow these additional event rules:

- Absolutely no personal firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, fireworks, explosives, etc., may be brought to the Camporee.
- No pets are allowed during this event.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are permitted.
- No smoking in event or campsite areas. Adults are asked not to smoke in the presence of Scouts. The designated smoking area is located outside of the main gate to the Camporee site. Leave no trace, and fire safety rules apply.
- No Refunds

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D. CHECK-IN PROCEDURES: Check-in on Friday will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. For Saturday arrivals, please check the Camporee Program Schedule and, if possible, arrive before the program day starts. At check-in, each unit should be prepared to present the following:

1. Final Unit Roster: Your Final Unit Roster will be used to assign groups for the event schedule.
2. Complete BSA Health and Medical Record Forms and proof of insurance for each person listed on the roster. Arrange the forms in alphabetical order (last name). Every participant (youth or adult) must have a medical record form on file in order to participate in the event.
3. Registration Information and Fees Recorded. The registrar will have information on registrations and fees paid. If you are late to register, please bring your receipt/proof of payment, or a check (or cash) to cover fees.

E. CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES: Follow the Outdoor Code in preparing your site for check-out. If you brought it to Camporee, you will need to haul it out...including trash. This is a remote site, so general trash collection service will not be provided by Camporee Staff. Before departure, your Unit Leader should go to the Camporee HQ Check-Out Area to pick up their program souvenir envelope containing patches. Please pick up this envelope before leaving. ***All units need to be checked out by 11 AM on Sunday.***

SATURDAY CHECK-OUT: For Troops requiring a check-out on Saturday, these troops should specify their anticipated check-out time on their Final Unit Roster. Except for emergencies, no unit will be allowed to check out after dark in the interest of the safety of all participants.

F. PARKING VEHICLES AND UNLOADING EQUIPMENT: Please park vehicles on the road before you get to HQ. Please do not block the turnaround. You may drive cars to campsites to load/unload; however, cars must not remain there.

G. FIRST AID: Emergency medical services will be provided during the Camporee from the Camporee HQ area (exact location TBD. Look for signs.). They are available for all major first aid needs. Each Unit should also have a good first aid kit in their campsite to handle any minor first aid occurrences.

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H. CAMPSITES & WORK PARTY: During Friday check-in, staff at the block house will direct units to a campsite area which should accommodate the unit's size. Troops that have a permanent home site should use it. Other campsite selection is on a first-come, first serve for all other troops.

I. ASSEMBLIES / VESPERS PROTOCOL: When reporting to the parade field for events and vespers, please observe the following protocol

- Muster units at the parade field promptly in a semi-circle formation around the flagpole.
- Report to the parade field in formation, singing a unit song or patrol yell. • Display unit and patrol colors while in formation.
- When roll call is taken, the SPL or acting SPL of each unit responds accordingly. If you do not know the proper protocol for answering "roll call," we will review it at Cracker Barrel.
- SM - please encourage your Chaplain Aides to participate in the Vespers Service on Sunday. You will receive more information regarding Chaplain Aide participation before the Camporee or at the cracker barrel

J. UNIFORMS OF THE DAY: Class A uniforms are required at the following events. If headgear is worn, it must be scout-related:

- Flag raising and lowering assemblies (except Saturday Flag Raising, see below) • Saturday Campfire
- Sunday Vespers service

Class B uniforms should be worn during all other Camporee events

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K. COOKING & FIRES: Any changes to the Fire Restrictions will be announced when checking in.

1. Wood fires in fire circles are allowed.

- Units should plan to supply their own wood for campfires. Dead wood may be removed from the ground on the premises.
- Make sure fire rings are of adequate size to completely contain your campsite fire.
- Do not build a fire larger than what is reasonably needed for cooking at your campsite

2. Safety:

- When using stoves or fires, follow BSA procedures for supervision of young people.
- Build campfires well away from tents, tarps or overhanging brush/trees. • Keep wood and other fuel sources away from fire.
- Have a bucket filled with water or dirt, and a shovel in close proximity to your fire ring.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Thoroughly extinguish all fires.

L. WATER: Potable water will be provided via a water spicket located at the main campsite, sufficient for consumption and cooking/cleaning to cover your entire stay. Bring your own containers to transport water.

M. TRASH: This is a low-impact event. Everything brought in must be packed out, including trash, garbage, etc. Do not put any of these into the campground's trash/garbage containers or leave trash at the site. NOTE: Trash may NOT be burned instead of carrying it out.

N. PORTABLE TOILETS: Portable toilets will be located near campsites and activity areas. Please remind your scouts to be courteous, keep the toilets clean, and observe posted restrictions for "Adult Leaders" and "Staff Only." Please advise staff when additional toilet paper or other service is required. Do not dig latrines.

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O. HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS:

1. BSA policy prohibits passengers in beds of pickup trucks, whether or not pickup bed is covered.
2. Drivers, please maintain a safe speed and drive cautiously on camp property, watching out for adults and youth. The speed limit for camp is 15 miles per hour.
3. Follow the manufacturer's safe storage instructions when using liquid or propane fuel for cooking or illumination.
4. Keep an appropriate fire extinguisher rated for flammable liquids accessible in your campsite.
5. NO FLAMES IN TENTS!
 6. Units should take care of minor injuries if possible. A Red Cross-certified individual will be on staff in case of emergency. If medical attention is needed, have authorization forms for medical care/treatment readily available.

P. QUIET TIME: All lights and fires are to be extinguished by 10:30 pm. As a courtesy to others, please do not disturb other people's peace and quiet at any time and observe QUIET TIME from 10:30 pm to 6:30 am. In order to enhance everyone's experience, generators are not permitted at any time.

Q. MEALS: Troops should plan on preparing their own meals while at camp.

R. BLUE CARDS: Troops planning on participating in the Exploration Merit Badge activities must bring a sufficient supply of Blue Cards for each Scout in their unit.

Special Requests:

If there are participants in your unit that require special accommodations, please notify **OA Staff Member** as soon as possible so the necessary arrangements can be made.

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PROGRAM:

- Scouts will have the opportunity to attend all the activities.
- Patrols/ Troops must attend each activity as well as the campfire to earn participation points for the Best Overall Unit or Spirit Award.
- Scoring for ALL competitions:
 - First place: 6 points
 - Second place: 4 points
 - Third Place: 3 point

TROOP COMPETITIONS:

- **Best Overall Unit:** The best overall unit will be determined by point totals for the Golden Spoon, Spirit Stick, Best Campsite Inspection, Best Skit, and the Field Competitions.
- **Golden Spoon:** See general rules below.
- **Spirit Stick:** Camporee staff will rate the unit with the most Scout Spirit over the weekend, and the winner will be awarded the Spirit Stick. A Scout is helpful, friendly, courteous, and kind in spirit.
- **Best Campsite Inspection:** See complete rules below.
- **Best Skit Award:** This is the award for best overall skit/song by a patrol/troop at the Saturday evening campfire. ALL SKITS & SONGS must be PRE-APPROVED by Chapter Chief Lily Maston.
- **Field Competitions:** See below for complete rules for Rope Wrangling (Tug of War), Tumbleweed Toss (Volleyball), Wischixin, Lasso, Horseshoes, Pony Express, Sack Race

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Campsite Inspection

The staff will rate the campsites from 0-100 points using the following criteria list. Troops completing 2.5 hours of workday service prior to the camporee will receive a 5-point bonus. Camporee Staff will rank campsites first, second, and third place based on the Total Combined Points earned.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION SCORE SHEET

AREA JUDGED POINTS (1-10)

- Duty roster posted
- Tents/Fly properly put up
- Water bucket/ fire extinguishers
in each campsite's cook area
- Flags properly displayed
- Troop first aid kit available & visible
- Food properly stored
- Cooking areas are clean and neat
- Balanced menu(s) posted
- Campsite improvements & camp gadgets
- Ax Yard or Fuel Area property identified and stored

Total Combined Points

- *Work-Day Bonus Points (0 or 5 points)*

Total Combined Points

UNIT NUMBER: CAMPSITE NUMBER:

UNIT LEADER'S NAME:

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RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

A. ROPE WRANGLING (Tug of War)

The objective of the game is for each team to pull the rope along with the members of the opposition team to their side. As soon as the second mark on the rope from the center red mark crosses over to the center line, the team to pull the rope to their area wins the game.

B. TUMBLEWEED TOSS (Volleyball)

1. Six contestants from each troop will compete in this event.
2. One team will be given the ball to start
3. Teams will compete by hitting the ball back and forth over the net. The goal is to land the ball on the ground in the other person's court.
4. The team that gets to 15 points first wins

C. WISCHIXIN

Gameplay: Two 10-minute halves with a 2-minute halftime.

Scoring: 2 points for sinking the ball in the barrel.

Ball Movement: The ball must be kept in motion while a player touches it.

Out of Bounds: Opposite team performs the throw-in.

Penalties:

Fighting/Excessive Pushing: -1 point (1st offense).

Arguing with Referee: -2 points (ejection for repeated offenses).

Proximity Penalty: -1 point for standing within 10 feet of the referee holding the ball.

D. LASSO

1. Scouts will get into even groups and then be given a rope

2. Scouts will compete to tie a bowline knot and then toss the lasso-like rope over a cone
3. The group to do this the fastest wins

E. HORSESHOES

Groups will compete to toss horseshoes around stakes. Whichever team can toss the horseshoes the most accurately and fastest wins.

F. SACKRACE

Prepare the Setup: Mark a clear starting line and a finish line on a soft surface, such as grass, to prevent injuries. Ensure there is at least 3 feet of space between participants to avoid collisions.

Equip Participants: Give each participant a sturdy sack, such as a burlap bag or a large, durable pillowcase.

Position Racers: Participants step into their sacks, pulling the top edge up to their waist. They must keep both feet inside the bag at all times, holding the top securely with at least one hand.

Start the Race: Upon the signal "Ready, Set, Go!", participants begin hopping or shuffling toward the finish line.

Maintain Control: Racers must keep the sack around their waist or legs, not letting it fall below their knees.

Finish the Race: The first player to successfully cross the finish line while still inside their sack is declared the winner

G.PONY EXPRESS

This is similar to a hobby horse race. Each group will be in charge of either purchasing their own hobby horse or creating something similar to race with. Each group will have to race with the hobby horse around a obstical course. Fastest team wins.

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Golden Spoon Competition

THE CHALLENGE: Cook a creative dish using cast iron (this may be a cast iron skillet or a Dutch oven). You will also be given a mystery ingredient upon arrival.

THE RULES: You may use any ingredients, but are required to cook using a Scout cooking method. The entry must be prepared by Scouts at your campsite and cannot be made before the Camporee.

A serving needs to be brought to Camporee HQ between 5:30 - 6:00 PM on Saturday for judging. The top three meals determined by the judges will be awarded.

The official entry form (on the next page) listing ingredients (including quantities), preparation directions, and cooking instructions must be submitted with the completed entry. Please print clearly.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Presentation:** Does it have eye appeal? Does it look like it would be good to eat? Does it relate to the Camporee theme?
- **Aroma:** Does it smell good?
- **Taste:** Is it pleasing to the palate?
- **Recipe:** Are the ingredients and directions clearly stated? Could the entry be duplicated using the instructions?
- **Overall:** Is it something unique or different? What is the overall impression of the judges?

Judging will be performed by the District Leadership Team.

DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL!

- Official Entry Form -

Golden Spoon Competition Coweta District

Unit Number:

Entry Name:

Ingredients:

Directions:
