



Indy Orienteering Challenge

Camporee Leader Guide

**CENTRAL DIVISION SPRING
CAMPOREE Monon & Pathfinder
Districts
April 19-21, 2024
Ransburg Scout Reservation**

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL

Welcome

Start your Scouting engines! The 2024 Central Division Spring Camporee is headed to the

race track!

The world-famous Indy 500 Borg-Warner trophy has been stolen from the race track, and we need your help to find it! There will be a 10 stop orienteering themed course for participants to navigate. The five red stops will focus on Orienteering merit badge requirements, while the five blue stops will challenge Scouts with fun activities where they can earn clues to locate the missing trophy.



Tentative Schedule

Event Time Place

Friday

Check-in Opens	6:00 PM Nature Shelter
SPL & Scoutmaster Meeting	9:00 PM Dining Hall
Quiet Hours.....	10:00 PM Unit Campsites
Lights out	11:00 PM Unit Campsites

Saturday

Breakfast	7:00 AM Unit Campsites
Flag Raising	8:30 AM Flagpoles
Activity Stations	9:00 AM (Shotgun start following flag-raising)
Lunch break	12:00 PM Unit campsites
Activity Stations	2:00 PM Activity Areas (open until 4:00PM)
Dinner.....	5:45 PM Unit Campsites
Campfire Program	8:00 PM Campfire Ring (including Order of the Arrow call-out and Awards)
Interfaith Scouts' Own Service	9:15 PM Campfire Ring
Quiet Hours.....	10:00 PM Unit Campsites
Lights Out.....	11:00 PM Unit Campsites

Sunday

Breakfast.....	7:00 AM Unit Campsites
Camp Clean-Up.....	8:00 AM Unit Campsites & Shared Areas
Check-Out	9:00 AM Nature Shelter

Registration and Preparation

Please register at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/160-centralcamporeespring2024>. The camporee is open to Scouts BSA units and Venturing crews in the Central Division

(Monon and Pathfinder districts). Units from other Crossroads of America districts may inquire about possible participation if capacity is available.

Each unit contingent leader and their assistant adult leaders should read and be familiar with the **Camporee Health & Safety Information**. There are specific requirements that must be met in the following areas:

- Who May Participate in the Camporee?
- Health Pre-Screening and Health Forms and Unit Roster
- Medications and Medical Devices
- Accidents, Incidents, and Illnesses
- Emergency Procedures and Camp Security
- Campsite Sanitation
- Food Handling
- Campsite Standards and Inspection
- Restricted Items

The detail for each of these areas is provided in the final section of this document - **Camporee Health & Safety Information**. Please follow these requirements to comply with BSA and council policies and mitigate risk during this event.

Registering as soon as possible is requested, as it helps the host unit plan for the expected number of participants.

- Cost is \$15 per Scout and \$10 per adult.
- Registration will remain open until 5PM the day before the event. After registering, you may return to the registration website and update attendance numbers and payment until that time.
- Please pay in full online prior to arrival to facilitate check-in for all units.

Check-In

- ☐ Check-in is from 6:00PM to 8:30PM on Friday, April 19, 2024. Please check in at the Nature Shelter, near the restroom/shower building adjacent to the parade field.
- ☐ A 3-ring binder containing all health forms and the Camporee Unit Roster form must be turned in to the Camporee Health Officer at check-in. See details in the Camporee Health & Safety Information section attached.
- ☐ Participants will be issued a wrist band indicating that they have checked in. ☐ Any youth or adult participant who arrives after the rest of the troop has been checked in must be accompanied by the unit leader for check-in upon arrival. ☐ Units will be assigned a campsite upon arrival. If your unit has unique requirements, please make them known to the camporee host prior to arrival.
- ☐ Each unit will be allowed one vehicle to travel to the campsite to deliver gear/trailer.
- ☐ The vehicle must be removed to the parking lot as soon as it is unloaded or the trailer is parked.

Check-Out

- ☐ Check-out will be available at the Nature Center on Sunday morning.
- ☐ To check out, a unit must present its completed pre-departure campsite

inspection form.

- The binder of participant health forms will be returned to the unit leader at checkout. Forms that are not claimed as of the close of the event will be shredded.

Indy 500 Mystery Station Events:

Stop 1: Race-Car Helmet Shuffle

At this station, 3 different clues are hidden under 3 different racing helmets. One clue is the best, one is decent, and the other is the worst. Teams will then pick one helmet with a clue. Then, teams will have the decision to switch their clue with the last 2 clues. Whatever clue is picked is the clue teams will use.

Stop 2: Orienteering Basics

Teams must prove their knowledge in orienteering, by explaining to a race official what orienteering is. Additionally, they also must explain the workings and features of a compass, and then take a bearing of that compass. The Indy 500 speedway is a big place, so navigation is critical to finding the trophy. Once completed, each team will receive a clue.

Stop 3: Sprint to the Finish

Teams must enter a race of their own, but not with cars on a track. Instead, teams will run a relay race whilst balancing an egg on a handheld spoon. Teams are incentivized to keep the egg safe and above the ground; because the fewer drops a team's egg suffers, the more helpful the clue they receive will be.

Stop 4: Determining your Pace Count

At this station, teams will have the opportunity to complete Requirement 5 of the Orienteering Merit Badge. On a 100 meter course, Scouts will measure how many steps they take over that distance. Then, with a little math, Scouts can discover how many paces it takes them to traverse a variety of distances. There is a twist, however, to this station. The person walking will be blindfolded... and their teammates must assist them in walking the correct course and counting paces. Once completed, the team will receive another clue.

Stop 5: Logo Creation

This station is designated for teams to channel their creative racing energy. Teams will design a flag with a team name and logo to display their team spirit. Teams will have the opportunity to carry their flag and sport their colors from station to station the rest of the day. Upon completion, the team will be granted a clue. At the closing campfire, the team with the best designed flag will be awarded. Markers and paper will be provided at this station.

Stop 6: First Aid

This station is called home by the first requirement of the Orienteering merit badge. Scouts will learn and practice the basic first aid needed to stay safe on the trails while orienteering. Once properly understood, the participating team will receive its clue.

Stop 7: Tool Assortment

At this station, a collection of multi-colored ping pong balls will be spread across a clearing. These represent tools for your pit crew! Teams must sort the ping pong balls into their respective groups as fast as possible. The quality of the clue a team is awarded is dependent on how quickly they complete this challenge.

Stop 8: Topographical Maps

This station covers Requirement #4 of the Orienteering merit badge. Teams will learn how to read and use topographical maps, as well as decipher the meaning of various signs and symbols. Once done correctly, the team will receive another clue.

Stop 9: Lashing Pit Stop

One of the race cars crashed in the middle of the race! Scouts are the only ones that can help, so they must retie 2 lashings to repair the front axle. Once the car is safely repaired and can return to racing, the team will receive its next clue.

Stop 10: Control Descriptions

Requirement #6 of the Orienteering merit badge will be covered at this station. Teams will learn and describe the meaning of control description sheets and the International Control Description symbols. Once properly understood, the teams will receive a clue.

Stations will be located in various locations on the Hoosier Heritage Ridge. There is not a chronological path for the stations, they can be completed in any order. To reduce initial traffic on stations in the morning, units will be assigned a station to start at after flags on Saturday morning. After the station has been completed, units may move to whichever station they choose.

Dress

Field (Class A) uniform is requested for arrival, for the Saturday evening campfire program, and for the Sunday morning Scouts' Own service. Activity (Class B) uniform is suitable for other activities in camp.

Outdoor Ethics

Units must adhere to the principles of Leave No Trace while in camp. General camp guidelines include:

- Fires are allowed in fire pits or above-ground fire pans only. Fires must be tended at all times, and must be cold out when leaving the campsite. Ashes and burned wood should be left only in fire rings.
- Be respectful of wildlife and fellow campers by minimizing noise. Respect lights out and quiet hours.
- Do not cut down live vegetation unless directed by the Camp Ranger.
- Travel on established paths and durable surfaces.
- Dispose of waste in the proper receptacles.

→ Do not dig holes for any reason, including for gateway construction. → Observe but do not feed or interact with wildlife.

Emergency Procedures & Security

SPLs and Scoutmasters will be briefed on camp-specific emergency procedures at the Friday night leader meeting. An overview of emergency procedures will be shared with all participants after the flag raising on Saturday morning.

All participants will receive a wristband at check-in. The wristbands are a visible identifier that the person wearing the band is permitted to be in camp. Individuals observed walking through camp without a wristband, or who cannot produce one upon request, should be escorted to the camporee headquarters or brought to the attention of the camporee host.

All adults who camp overnight must be registered in a paid unit or district/council position (not Merit Badge Counselor only). **All adults in attendance at any point during the event must have up-to-date Youth Protection Training (YPT)**, regardless of their registration status with BSA. This requirement applies both to overnight adult campers and any day-only adult attendees. Unit leaders are responsible for ensuring that adult attendees registered with their unit have this training. For online training, see <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>.

Food & Cooking Equipment

All meals are provided and cooked by each unit in their campsite. Units are encouraged to minimize waste, including food, packaging, and disposable paper/plastic/foam goods.

Dispose of food scraps and wash water appropriately. Cool it, strain it, and distribute it outside of campsite areas.

Campsite Sanitation

Details about access to shower/bathroom facilities will be provided to campers upon arrival. Ransburg Scout Reservation has some centrally located individual bathroom units featuring flush toilets and showers that campers may use. Individual campsites are equipped with primitive bathroom facilities including pit toilets.

To reduce the spread of infectious diseases, units are strongly encouraged to have hand sanitizer available in their campsites for use prior to food preparation and after bathroom use.

Firewood

Ransburg Scout Reservation is accessed via and adjacent to the Hoosier National Forest. There are 140 known pests and pathogens that can be moved in firewood. Conserving our Hoosier forests is everyone's responsibility, so the DNR has a firewood management rule.

You can bring firewood into a forest area if:

- It is kiln-dried scrap lumber with **no bark**.
- It is from your home or another Indiana location and has **all bark removed**. •

It bears a USDA compliance stamp.

- It has a state compliance stamp with it.
- It is purchased from the property camp store or on-site firewood vendor.


Program

We're going to mix things up a bit! The format of this event will be a little different from past camporees you've attended. Instead of traditional 'stations', we will focus on Orienteering skills, with lots of fun challenges along the way.

Did you know that adults who participated in Scouting as youth often identify the basic knowledge of how to orient themselves in the outdoors as one of the two most useful "real life" Scoutcraft skills they learned? (The other is First Aid.)

The premise of this camporee competition is that the world-famous Indianapolis 500 Borg-Warner trophy, which has been presented to every winner of the race since 1936, has been stolen. Scouts must apply their Orienteering skills and quick thinking to find it!

There will be a 10-stop orienteering course for participants to navigate. The five red stops will focus on Orienteering merit badge requirements

 The five blue stops will challenge Scouts with fun activities where they can earn clues to locate the missing trophy.

A camporee campfire program will be held on Saturday evening, and will include an Order of the Arrow call-out.

How to Prepare for the Camporee

To prepare for the camporee, Scouts might take a few minutes to review the requirements for the Orienteering merit badge and the related skills in their Scouts BSA Handbook. The red stations will cover some of the merit badge requirements:

- #1 first aid
- #5 100-meter pace course
- #2 and #3 compass and orienteering
- #6 control sheets

What to Bring for the Competition

To complete successfully, Scouts will want to bring:

- a compass
- supplies to make a flag for station 5 (supplies will be provided, however troops may bring supplies if desired).
- a notebook and writing instrument
- a merit badge blue card (signed by the Scoutmaster) for each Scout who wants to get the five Orienteering requirements signed off

Personal Gear

Each participant should carry water, rain gear, and a personal first aid kit at all times. A day pack is recommended to carry all supplies.

Weather in Indiana is unpredictable and may change suddenly. Please come prepared to dress in layers and keep warm and dry; this includes footwear and an outer layer.

All campers should be prepared with a tent, sleeping bag and pad, and the “Ten Essentials” recommended by BSA for all outdoor activities.

Attendees are encouraged to leave their phones and other electronic devices at home or in the car. If any of the activity stations require electronic devices as part of the competition (for example, calculators), these will be provided. Use of personal electronic gear to research answers at the activity stations is not allowed.

Interfaith Scouts’ Own Service

A brief Scouts’ Own worship service will be held following the Saturday night campfire program. All units are requested to attend. Field (Class A) uniform is appropriate attire.

Program Awards

Patrols will be recognized for their performance in the Orienteering competition. Patrols comprised only of first-year Scouts will be considered a New Scout Patrol. Monon district units will also compete for the Monon Camporee Spirit Award.

Monon Camporee Spirit Award

The Monon Camporee Spirit Award is given to the Monon district troop or crew that best demonstrates Scout Spirit during the camporee. The award is based on the demonstration of Scout Spirit by Scouts, Scouters, patrols and the unit, as embodied in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and the Scout Slogan. The unit that claims the trophy will have the opportunity to display it at their meeting place until the next camporee, and is invited to add the unit’s number and the camporee patch. This traveling trophy is not awarded for the most points gained during competitions – that is covered by other camporee awards.

Lost & Found

During the camporee, Lost & Found will be located on the porch of the camp office. Electronics, credit cards, cash, or keys turned in will be held at the camporee headquarters. Gear and clothing items not claimed prior to the closing of the event will be disposed of or donated.

Campsite Standards & Inspection

The campsite reflects the unit’s pride, and must adhere to BSA and camp safety and health standards. Each campsite will be inspected during the camporee and before departure. Units may be assigned a ‘buddy unit’ for conducting a campsite evaluation during the camporee and for conducting a pre-departure campsite inspection. Please listen for details on this procedure during the Friday evening SPL/Scoutmaster meeting. Checklists for these campsite checks are shown on the following page. It is

not necessary for you to print and bring these checklists to camp. You will be given the forms at check-in.



CAMPSITE EVALUATION

COMPLETED FOR TROOP/CREW BY TROOP/CREW

At check-in, each unit may be assigned a 'buddy unit'. The two units may do this inspection for each other. The inspection should be done at a mutually agreeable time on Saturday before 4PM. The completed evaluation form should be submitted to the camporee headquarters for inclusion in the camporee scoring. *Place a check-mark next to satisfactory items.*

General Appearance

No litter in campsite
Personal gear is properly stowed Troop gear is properly stowed Appearance of tents is neat
Area under shelter is neat
Campsite is embellished with theme

Campsite Health and Safety

Latrine is clean and well stocked Washstand area is clean
First aid kit is stocked and available Walking areas are clear of obstructions Trailer properly chocked, if present Axe yard set up, if woods tools used

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Patrol Method

Patrol sites are easily identifiable
SPL knows each patrol's name
Patrol sites are neat and clean

Posting

American flag is displayed
Troop and patrol duty rosters posted
Menus are posted

Outdoor Ethics

Fire only in ring or above-ground pan
Fire monitored or cold out
Ashes and burnt wood only in fire ring
Respect for other campers



PRE-DEPARTURE CAMPSITE INSPECTION

COMPLETED FOR TROOP/CREW BY TROOP/CREW

At check-in, each unit may be assigned a 'buddy unit'. The two units may do this inspection for each other. The inspection must be done on Sunday morning after personal and unit gear is packed. The completed inspection form must be brought to Check-Out in order to claim unit health forms and camporee package. *Place a check-mark next to satisfactory items.*

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No litter (campsite has been policed)

Troop gear is packed

Personal gear is packed

Picnic tables are where they belong

Ashes and burnt wood are only in fire pit

No camp equipment is damaged

Any campsite embellishments are removed

Latrine area is clean

Washstand area is clean

Camporee Health & Safety Information

Who May Participate in the Camporee?

Camporees are open to Scouts BSA troops and Venturing crews in the host district (or division). Units from other parts of the Crossroads of America Council may register and participate if capacity is available.

Each participating unit is responsible for providing adequate adult supervision. Each unit must have at least two adults over age 21 who are registered in paid unit roles and who have current BSA youth protection training (completed within the last two years). The unit leader is responsible to ensure these requirements are met. In addition to satisfying this two-deep leadership requirement, units must have at least one adult present for every 8 youth. In girl troops, at least one of the registered leaders over age 21 must be female. If linked boy and girl troops participate, each troop must separately meet the adult supervision requirements.

Troops may host 5th grade Arrow of Light Scouts as part of their unit contingent. If an Arrow of Light Scout stays overnight, his/her trained, registered parent or guardian must also be present. These youth and adult visiting participants must meet all health and safety considerations applicable to other participants and must be included on the troop's camporee unit roster. They should be included in the patrols formed for camping, eating, and participation in camporee activities.

Arrow of Light Scouts may visit for the day on Saturday if accompanied by a parent, guardian, or den leader. A visiting group must have at least two registered, trained leaders per four Scouts.

The buddy system is employed by youth at all times. A Scout's buddy or tent-mate must be another Scout of the same gender who is within two years of the same age. Scouts do not share tents with adults, including their parent, or with Scouts of a different gender, including siblings.

Health Pre-Screening and Health Forms

Campers should not participate if they are experiencing any symptoms of infectious disease, including fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or cough. Unit leaders are asked to screen all participants prior to arrival at the camporee. For more information about pre-event medical screening, see the checklist available at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/pre-event-medical-screening.

A current BSA Part A/B health form is required for each youth and adult overnight camporee participant. The unit leader is responsible (but may delegate to another unit adult) to collect health forms, complete the unit camporee roster, and place the roster and health forms in a 3-ring binder that must be provided to the camporee health officer at check-in. The unit number should be placed on the spine of the binder for quick identification.

The unit must, through direct familiarity with a participant's medical history, or by reviewing health forms submitted by participants, identify any medical alerts that the camporee health officer should be aware of.

These include participants with mobility issues requiring assistance, rescue medications such as epi pens or inhalers, acute environmental or food allergies, seizure disorders, or other conditions that might reasonably require monitoring or contribute to a medical emergency during the camporee.

Medications and Medical Devices

Unit adults are responsible to collect and administer youth medications in their unit during the camporee. The unit must have and use its own process to track the frequency and dosage of medications to be taken, and log that they have been administered to the youth. The unit should be prepared to share this documentation if requested by the camporee health officer for a spot check.

If a unit has any medications that require special handling, such as refrigeration, the camporee health officer should be informed at check-in. Emergency-use medications (Epi-pens, inhalers, etc.) should be kept on the person to whom they are prescribed.

Participants who use C-PAP machines or other medical devices must generally make their own arrangements for charging. They may inquire of the camporee host or health officer if there are exceptions at a particular event.

Accidents, Incidents, and Illnesses

Each unit must have a stocked first aid kit available and accessible to unit participants. It is expected that minor first aid treatment is rendered by unit adults in the campsite. Illnesses or injuries requiring further treatment or assistance should be brought to the attention of the camporee health officer. The health officer's location and contact information will be shared at the leader meeting at the start of the event.

Leaders and participants are required to report any accidents, incidents, or illnesses occurring during the camporee which were addressed by individuals or unit leaders and required treatment beyond minor first aid. The camporee health officer is required to document each accident, incident, or illness on the BSA first aid form. This form is submitted to the council following the event. (In the event no accidents, incidents, or illnesses occurred, the report is still submitted.)

Emergency Procedures and Camp Security

Unit adults and youth leaders will be briefed at the opening of the camporee on camp-specific emergency procedures. An overview of key emergency procedures will be shared with all participants at the Saturday morning flag raising.

At some events, participants will be issued a wrist band indicating that they are authorized to be in camp and have been checked in. The host troop will provide information on this at check-in. Regardless, all participants are asked to be observant of any unauthorized activities or attendees, and to report them promptly to the camporee host or camp ranger. Any youth or adult participant who arrives after the rest of the unit has been checked in – including any day visitors – must be accompanied by the unit leader for check-in upon arrival.

Campsite Sanitation

Facilities differ by camp but, at a minimum, include primitive pit toilets in or near campsites, and a central bathroom facility with flush toilets. Details about access to facilities will be provided to unit leaders upon arrival.

Unit leaders must monitor camp bathroom facilities and provide supervision as required to keep the areas sanitary and presentable. Issues which cannot be remedied by the unit should be reported to the camporee host.

Use of cameras or other electronic devices in and around bathroom and shower facilities is prohibited due to privacy considerations.

To reduce the spread of infectious or food-borne illnesses, units are strongly encouraged to have hand sanitizer available in their campsites for use prior to food preparation and after bathroom use.

Food Handling

If food is prepared and served to camporee participants, a certified ServSafe food handler must oversee the food storage, preparation, and service. Patrol cooking in unit campsites does not require this oversight, but unit leaders should be alert to any food safety considerations and ensure good practices are used

Campsite Standards and Inspection

The campsite reflects the unit's pride, and must adhere to BSA and camp safety and health standards. Campsites will be inspected at some point during the camporee, and any deficient areas must be addressed by the unit. Troops may be asked to assist the host troop by completing assessments of other unit campsites. Checklists are available for conducting campsite reviews.

Prior to departure, each unit campsite must pass inspection by the camporee host. The pre-departure inspection will include health and safety as well as Leave No Trace considerations.

Restricted Items

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted in camp. Possession or use of them on camp property will be cause for removal from the camp.

At most camp properties, vehicles are not permitted in campsites. One vehicle may be allowed to make a single trip to the campsite for troop and personal gear during check-in and check-out. Details for each event will be explained at check-in. Only camp service vehicles are allowed on camp roads during the activity portion of the camporee.

Smoking is prohibited in camp, per state law and BSA policy. This includes electronic nicotine delivery systems. All buildings are smoke-free environments. Smoking in campsites or outside the entrance or exit of any building is not permitted. There may be a designate smoking area near the camp entrance or parking lot. Participants may inquire at check-in if an area is available.

UNIT TYPE/#:

CAMPOREE UNIT ROSTER

Complete this form and place it in the front of your unit's health form 3-ring binder that you will turn in at check-in. (This form is available as a fillable pdf on the camporee registration webpage.)

For each participant:

- ☐ Fill in the roster with first name and last name. Attach additional pages as needed.
- ☐ Indicate if the participant is a youth or adult.
- ☐ Use this form to check (✓) that your unit's BSA health forms are complete. They must include Parts A/B, be dated within the last year, be signed (including by a parent if a youth form), indicate dates for vaccinations, and have an insurance card attached.
- ☐ Indicate (X) if a participant has health alerts, including mobility issue needing assistance, a rescue medication (e.g., epi pen or inhaler), an acute environmental or food allergy, or other condition that the Camporee Health Officer should be aware of.

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Y/A	HEALTH FORM (✓)	ALERTS (X)
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