

Stars, Stripes, & Scouting:

An American History Camporee

2025 Western Division Winter Camporee

Crossroads of American Council,
Scouting America



Camp Krietenstein

February 21-23, 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Western Division Winter Camporee!

This year, we are diving into American History and learning what it means to be a Scout in America! What do we mean when we say “*Citizenship in the Nation*”? How does Native American heritage shape the United States? What is our heritage as both Americans and as Scouts? We’re going to look into all of that this weekend, and at the same time we’re going to take some really big strides on our Path to Eagle. Join us for a good ol’ fashioned camporee as we discover what it means to be American!

Camporee Details

What: 2025 Western Division Winter Camporee
Where: Camp Krietenstein, 6445 East County Road 575 N., Center Point, Indiana 47840
When: February 21-23, 2025
Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/160-WestWinterCamporee25#>
Costs:

Fees	Scouts	Adults	AoL Scouts	Staff
Thru Feb. 2*	\$15	\$10	\$10	\$0**
Feb. 3-Feb. 16	\$20	\$15	\$15	\$0**

*Early-bird registration through February 2, 2025

**Scouters registering as Staff are asked to coordinate with the Camp Director prior to arrival

Camporee Staff Management

Camporee Director responsibilities will be administered by Chris Cordray of the Wabash Valley District. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out during evening hours at 812-878-7328, or via email at advancement.cac.wv@gmail.com.

Official Camporee Communication

Publicity and communication will be conducted via the email addresses provided at the time of registration and via the Western Division Camporee Facebook Page (see link below). Please follow this group if you are able.

(CAC Western Division Camporees; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CACWESTcamporees>)

Camporee Merchandise & Apparel

Each attendee will be provided with an event patch, included in the price of registration. Additional patches will be available for purchase at the Trading Post, at a cost of \$5.00 each (while supplies last).

Event apparel is available for pre-order through the registration link, and WILL NOT be available for purchase at the Trading Post. Long-sleeve, cotton/poly blend t-shirts are available at a cost of \$15.00 each (+\$2.00 for size 2X and larger), and a hoodie sweatshirt is available at a cost of \$20.00 each (+\$2.00 for size 2X and larger). This apparel will be at an additional cost and ARE NOT included in the price of registration. Pre-order for these items will conclude on February 2, 2025.



Artwork provided by Class B, all shirts will be either long-sleeve or hoodie sweatshirt.

Webelos & Arrow of Light Scouts

Arrow of Light Scouts may participate at a Scouting America camporee under one of the following conditions: 1) With their Arrow of Light Den, under the supervision of two-deep leadership from their Pack, OR 2) as a guest of a Scouting America Troop and under the supervision of Troop leadership. All Arrow of Light Scouts must register under their Cub Scout Unit, as they have not yet become an official member of the Scouting America Troop.

Webelos Scouts MAY NOT participate at a Scouting America, troop-level event, including camporees. We are disappointed at this policy, however, we ask for understanding from families and units, as this decision was not made by us, our Districts, or our Council.

Arrival & Check-In

Scouting units may arrive between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Friday, February 21, 2025. Event staff will be located at the Camp Director's Cabin, next to the Bathhouse. Units must present all required health binders and/or health forms at the time of arrival. Units will NOT be allowed to check in without proper, two-deep leadership present at the time of arrival. Any Scouts or Scouting units who plan to arrive after 8:00 pm must contact the Camp Director (Chris Cordray, 812-878-7328) to inform him of these plans and to make arrangements for late arrival. For those Scouts or Scouting units arriving late, please check in with event staff at the Dining Hall.

Unit trailers may be parked in the unit's assigned campsite (weather and ground conditions permitting). All attendee vehicles must be parked in the camp parking lot and must remain there for the duration of the event, unless parking a unit trailer (vehicle must be removed to the parking lot when the trailer is set.), or unless given explicit permission by event staff.

Senior Patrol Leader & Adult Leader Meeting

We will forgo a Senior Patrol Leader meeting following check-in and setup, however, event staff will be available in the Dining Hall to distribute pertinent information or program updates, provide clarification, and answer questions. Unit leadership and/or Senior Patrol Leaders are encouraged to report to event staff after 8:00 pm in order to receive any changes and pertinent information.

Saturday Schedule

See Appendix 1, detachable for your convenience! Additional copies of the Saturday Schedule will be available in the Health Office for anyone who would like one.

Klondike Derby Race

Each Patrol will race against time on a course by pulling and/or pushing their sled from start to finish. The race will be performed around the perimeter of the activity field. Sleds should be equipped with wheels and axles that can be attached to the sled runners if there is insufficient snow (under 1"). Wheels can be no larger than 10 inch outside diameter. No bicycle or buggy wheels. It is suggested that each sled is equipped with a pull line of sufficient length to allow 5 to 6 ft between pullers. Between 4-6 patrol members pull the sled and one Scout will ride on the sled during the race as the musher.

Criteria for sledge: No longer than 6 feet long, 30 inches wide, and no store bought skies. See "Klondike Sledge Design Ideas" attachment if needing to build a sled.

Activities

The intent of any Scouting event is to provide our Scouts with opportunities for advancement, service, and fun. To that end, following the Klondike Derby race, Scouts will be presented with a wealth of options for all three.

Scouts, including Arrow of Light Scouts, working on Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks will be able to work on Scout skills including knots, tools, first aid, and navigation. Please note, Arrow of Light Scouts may work on Scout Rank requirements, however, they may not achieve the rank until officially joining a Scouting America Troop. See appendix 2 for a listing of all rank requirements to be presented during this camporee and volunteer staff for those positions.

Scouts working on Star, Life, and Eagle ranks will have a variety of merit badges to work on. Scouts wishing to take merit badges will need to sign up for those specific merit badges at the time of registration. Scouts will be able to choose from Citizenship in the Nation, American Cultures, American Heritage, Indian Lore, and Scouting Heritage. See appendix 2 for a listing of all merit badges to be offered and volunteer staff for those positions.

Please note, Scouts working on Eagle, then Life, and finally Star ranks will be given priority, in that order, when signing up for Citizenship in the Nation. While we do not wish to exclude anyone from a merit badge they wish to take, some Scouts may be under time constraints when earning Eagle-required merit badges and we hope to facilitate these opportunities on an as-needed basis.

Some Scouts will not need to work on any of these rank requirements or any of these merit badges. For those Scouts, we will offer service opportunities under the supervision of event staff and the camp caretaker.

Unit leadership will be provided with advancement documentation, Blue Cards, or service documentation for each Scout at the time of departure on Sunday.

Adult training will be offered for those unit leaders attending.

Campfire Program & Saturday Cracker Barrel

A campfire program is a desirable and traditional feature of any outdoor Scouting event, however, for the safety and comfort of our participants and staff, we have decided to hold our campfire program and awards presentation indoors in conjunction with the cracker barrel. Units are encouraged to work on skits, songs, and stories to share during the campfire program. Units will be limited to TWO entries for the campfire program. Further, all units will be required to provide one dutch oven dessert to share during the cracker barrel. Desserts will be judged for a special Camporee award based on presentation, flavor, and innovation. Good Luck!

Scout's Own Interfaith Service

A brief Scouts' Own worship service will be held on Sunday morning in the dining hall. We will reflect on nature, coming together, and reflection. All units are requested to attend. Field (Class A) uniform is appropriate attire. The service will be followed by final instructions for check-out and departure.

If you have a Scout that needs to lead an interfaith service for their rank, please reach out to the Camp Director (Chris Cordray, 812-878-7328).

Check-out & Departure

Scouting units may depart between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Sunday, February 23, 2025. Event staff will be located at the Camp Director's Cabin, next to the Bathhouse. Any Scouting units who plan to depart prior to 9:00 am must arrange an early departure site inspection with event staff. No units may depart until their campsite has been inspected, their camp chores have been completed, and they have been cleared to leave. Camp chores may include the policing of program areas for trash, sweeping and mopping the Dining Hall, and other similar tasks. Health binders and/or health forms will be returned to unit leadership upon departure clearance.

Any attendee who must leave prior to the end of the event must notify event staff. A sign-in/sign-out sheet will be located in the Health Office (in the Dining Hall) and will be sufficient for this notification.

Camporee Staff

The multi-district camporee staff are volunteers from throughout the Council. They have donated a great deal of time and effort to make this a successful event. They are ready to answer any questions and are interested in suggestions for ways to improve the camporee. Additionally, the volunteer staff will make every attempt to be fair and reasonable in all activities. Our goal is to make it as much fun as possible for all participants. Your consideration and cooperation is appreciated when it becomes necessary for a staff member to take action or make a command decision.

Campsites & Cleanliness

Units attending the 2025 Western Division Winter Camporee will be assigned a campsite. Campsite assignments will be provided at the time of check-in. To ensure your unit is assigned to a campsite large enough to accommodate you, please register early and with an accurate participant count. Please DO NOT drop off any trailers at campsites until your unit has checked in. Some campsite assignments may change prior to the event, and ground conditions will be considered before trailers will be authorized in camp.

To request a specific campsite on the grounds of special needs access, please contact Chris Cordray directly at (812)878-7328. We will make every effort to honor your wishes, however, event coordinators reserve the right to decline specific requests.

One vehicle per unit will be allowed to drive to the campsite upon arrival and check-in, and then again on Sunday when the unit is preparing to depart. Once the trailer has been dropped off and is set, the vehicle must be removed to the parking lot for the duration of the event.

Water will be available. To promote proper sanitation, no dishwashing, bathing, or hand washing will be allowed at communal water pumps. Water should be taken back to your campsite for proper cleaning. Please do not waste water. Latrines, Bathhouse restrooms, and Dining Hall restrooms are all nearby. Showers will NOT be in use as they have been winterized, but the restrooms will remain available.

Be sure to keep your campsite well organized and clean. Remember that other units will be camping next to, or near, your site so please be sure to respect their space and please keep in mind the designated quiet hours. Unit campsites should be maintained in good taste and in accordance with Scouting America guidelines. Individual units are responsible for all of their camping equipment and supplies. Scouting America units may camp together if the units are linked by the same Charter Organization. YPT guidelines must be followed for boy and girl units. Generators will not be allowed in campsites.

Units are reminded to practice Leave No Trace. Campsites are expected to be maintained in a neat and orderly manner. Trash receptacles are located throughout camp, and dumpsters are located near the Bathhouse and the Dining Hall. Please leave the area cleaner than you found it.

Campfires are encouraged to be used responsibly and in keeping with Scouting principles and policy. Fires are only to be built in established fire pits. Firewood is provided by the camp and will be available to any unit wishing to use it. Do not bring firewood from outside locations.

Food & Cooking Equipment

Units will be responsible for providing their own food and cooking equipment. Camporee staff will not be responsible for providing meals, food preparation, or cooking equipment. Units

should be prepared to clean and sanitize their dishes and food preparation supplies at the conclusion of every meal. Please remember to dispose of trash and waste

Buddy System

As with everything in Scouting, safety is paramount. The use of the buddy system must be utilized while in camp. Any Scout leaving their campsite should have a buddy, regardless of destination.

Buddy System Guidelines per Guide to Safe Scouting: The buddy system should be used at all times. Horseback riding, cycling, canvassing the neighborhood during a fundraiser...you name it, you need a buddy. It's recommended that buddies know and be comfortable with each other. No youth should be forced into or made to feel uncomfortable by a buddy assignment. It is strongly encouraged to pair Scouts of similar abilities, ages and maturity. **Buddy pairs should be no more than two years apart in age and should be single gender.** There are no boy-girl buddy pairs in any programs, including Venturing and Sea Scouts. A buddy team may consist of three Scouts when necessary, like an odd number in a group.

Responsibility

Leaders must ensure that everyone participating in Scouting activities abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and health and safety policies. Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary, not just for their own unit but for this event in general.

Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership. All leaders are required to adhere to the **Scouter Code of Conduct**.

Health & Safety

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 their participants prior to departure for camp. For more information about pre-event medical screening, see the checklist available at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safetymoments/pre-event-medical-screening/>.

On arrival, each unit **MUST** submit a roster with which names youth and adult participants, notes that a complete health form is provided for each participant, and highlights

any medical alerts. All adults in attendance must have up-to-date Youth Protection Training (YPT), regardless of their registration status with BSA.

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 which might reasonably require monitoring or result in a medical emergency during the camporee.

Each participant – youth and adult – must have a current (i.e., dated with the past year) BSA health form parts A&B. All areas of the form must be complete. This includes either listing vaccination dates in section B2 or attaching a list of vaccination dates. An insurance card (or note indicating there is no applicable insurance) should be attached. Youth forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. Prior to arrival, the unit leader must assemble a paper copy of health forms for all participants, and place them in a 3-ring binder. The spine of the binder must be labeled with the unit number. **Forms will be checked against the unit roster at check-in. Any youth or adult without a current health form will not be permitted to remain at the event.** Health forms will be held by the Camporee Health Officer in a secure location throughout the event, and returned to the unit leader at check-out. Any health forms not claimed by the unit at check-out will be shredded promptly after the event.

Unit adults are responsible for collection and distribution of youth medication in their unit. 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 information with the Camporee Health Officer if requested on a spot check basis. If your unit has medications that require special handling, such as refrigeration, please inform the Camporee Medical Officer at check-in. These may be kept at the Health Lodge. Emergency-use medications (Epi-pen, inhalers, etc.) should be kept on the person to whom they are prescribed.

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 unit campsite. Leaders and participants are required to report to the Camporee Health Officer any accidents, incidents, or illnesses occurring during the camporee which require treatment beyond minor first aid. The Camporee Health Officer is required to document each accident, incident, or illness on the BSA first aid form. The form will be submitted to the council following the event.

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 camp. 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 the building is not permitted.

Personal Gear

Field (Class A) uniform is requested for arrival, for the Saturday evening campfire program (if not wearing Halloween apparel or costumes) and for the Sunday morning Scouts' Own service. Activity (Class B) uniform or Halloween apparel or costumes is suitable for other activities at camp.

Scouts should be prepared for the weather. Please plan ahead and prepare by bringing the appropriate clothes and footwear. No special gear is required for the camporee outside of the normal Scout Essentials found in the Scout Handbook.

All Scouts are reminded to BRING YOUR SCOUTBOOK!

Outdoor Ethics

Units are to adhere to the Leave No Trace principles while in camp. Units are encouraged to review the principles with all campers/participants prior to arrival at the camporee. Fires are only to be built in established fire pits. Be respectful to wildlife and fellow campers by minimizing campsite noise. Do not cut down live vegetation unless directed by Camp Ranger at the service station. Travel on established paths and durable surfaces. Dispose of waste in the proper receptacles.

Lost & Found

During the camporee, **Lost & Found** will be located on a table in the Health Station. Gear and clothing items not claimed prior to the closing of the event will be disposed of or donated one week after the event.

Changes & Event Cancellation

The Camporee Director & their Staff are the only individuals authorized to change or cancel a scheduled activity. Any necessary changes will be made at the earliest possible time and posted in writing at the Health Station. If you have a question about the program, please feel free to come to the Health Station at any time or ask a staff member.

In the unlikely event Camporee must be canceled ahead of time, an email notification will go out to all persons who made an online reservation as well as to the unit leader general distribution list. A notification will go out no later than noon on Friday, February 21, 2025, if the event is canceled, refunds will be given. Otherwise, individual cancellations will be handled by the Council office on a case by case basis and with a physician's note or other appropriate documentation.

Appendix 1

Schedule

Friday, February 21	
5:00 pm	Event Check-In Opens
8:00 pm	Event Check-In Closes; Unit Leaders, see Camp Staff in Dining Hall
10:00 pm	Quiet Hours Begin
11:00 pm	Lights Out
Saturday, February 22	
??-7:55 am	Breakfast in Unit Campsites
8:00 am-8:25 am	Morning Flags, Parade Ground
8:30 am -9:55 am	Klondike Derby Race, Parade Ground
10:00 am-12:25 pm	Morning Advancement Session, Program Areas (see Appendix 2)
12:30 pm-1:25 pm	Lunch in Unit Campsites
1:30 pm-4:55 pm	Afternoon Advancement Session, Program Areas (see Appendix 2)
5:00 pm-5:25 pm	Evening Flags, Parade Ground
5:30 pm-6:55 pm	Dinner in Unit Campsites
7:00 pm-9:55 pm	Campfire & Cracker Barrel, Dining Hall
10:00 pm	Quiet Hours Begin
11:00 pm	Lights Out
Sunday, February 23	
??-7:55 am	Breakfast in Unit Campsites
8:00 am-8:45 am	Scout's Own Service, Dining Hall
9:00 am	Camp Cleanup & Check-Out Begins
11:00 am	All Units Have Departed

*All Times and Locations Subject to Change

Appendix 2

Activities, Requirements, Merit Badges, & Program Areas

<p>Scout Rank</p> <p>Rank Requirements Presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 (a, b, c, d, e, f) ● 2 (a, b, c, d) ● 3 (a) ● 4 (a, b) ● 5 	<p>Tenderfoot Rank</p> <p>Rank Requirements Presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tools: 3 (a, b, c, d) ● First Aid & Nature: 4 (a,b, c, d) ● Hiking: 5 (a, b, c, d) ● Citizenship: 7 (a) ● Leadership: 8
<p>Second Class Rank</p> <p>Rank Requirements Presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cooking & Tools: 2 (a, b, c, d, f, g) ● Navigation: 3 (a, b, c, d) ● Nature: 4 ● First Aid: 6 (a, b, c, d, e) ● Leadership: 9 (a, b) 	<p>First Class Rank</p> <p>Rank Requirements Presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tools: 3 (a, b, c, d) ● Navigation: 4 (a, b) ● Nature: 5 (a, b, c, d) ● First Aid & Emergency Preparedness: 7 (a, b, c, d, e, f)
<p>Totin' Chip</p>	<p>Citizenship in the Nation</p>
<p>American Cultures</p>	<p>American Heritage</p>
<p>Indian Lore</p>	<p>Scouting Heritage</p>