

United By Scouting:

A Global Adventure

2025 Western Division Fall Camporee

Crossroads of America Council,
Scouting America



Camp Krietenstein

October 17-19, 2025

Welcome!

Welcome to the 2025 Western Division Fall Camporee! This year, Wabash Valley and Five Creeks Districts of Crossroads of America Council will be diving into what Scouting looks like all around the world. Our theme for this year is United By Scouting: A Global Adventure and we will explore food, games, culture, and Scouting from countries like England, Argentina, Kenya, India, Japan, and many others. Join us as we travel the globe and see what it truly means to be United By Scouting!

Camporee Details

What: 2025 Western Division Fall Camporee
Where: Camp Krienstein, 6445 East County Road 575 N., Center Point, Indiana 47840
When: October 17-19, 2025
Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/160-103507?draftmode=1>
Cost:

Fees	Scouts	Adults	Staff
Thru Sept. 19*	\$15	\$15	\$0
Sept. 20-Oct. 12*	\$20	\$20	\$0

Chris Cordray of Wabash Valley District will serve as Camp Director for this event, and may be reached at cncordray@gmail.com, or (812)878-7328.

Early-bird registration will strictly close at 11:59pm on September 19, 2025. Registration will close on Sunday October 12, 2025, and exceptions will not be made (except in extreme circumstances). Five Creeks or Wabash Valley District volunteers wishing to volunteer should make contact with Chris Cordray to make specific arrangements.

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 and merchandise will be made available at an additional cost from Pacesetter Sports, through a limited-time, online store. Units or individuals wishing to purchase event apparel must purchase these items directly through the vendor. Shipping or in-person pickup at Pacesetter's Terre Haute location will be available. Initial apparel orders will be available in time for the event, and secondary orders will be available for a limited time following the event.

In addition to the event patch and apparel, we will make a limited edition patch available for this event at a cost of \$10 each. All proceeds will go to Scouting America's World Friendship Fund.

Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts

Due to changes to the Youth Protection guidelines at the national level, Cub Scouts will not be allowed to attend the 2025 Western Division Camporee in any capacity. We are disappointed with this decision, however, we ask all Unit Leaders to understand, this choice was not ours to make. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this matter.

Arrival & Check-In

Scouting units may arrive between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Friday, October 17, 2025. Event staff will be located near the parking lot. Units must present all required health forms, stored in three-ring binders, 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

An informational meeting to go over any last minute changes to the program or schedule will be held on Friday night at 8:30 pm and will be held in the Dining Hall.

Event Programming

The centerpiece of this Camporee will be the Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA-JOTI) events. These are worldwide events organized by the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM) and will connect Scouts from all over the globe through amateur radio and the internet! We will prepare a schedule based on participation and we ask that units strictly adhere to the schedule.

Rotation Stations

Units will rotate through a variety of stations where they can experience many of the virtual and real-world activities associated with JOTA-JOTI, and learn about world cultures and Scouting.

Station One: Jamboree on the Air & International Travel (Krietenstein Lodge)

The Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) connects Scouts through the ever-changing technology of amateur radio. Units will be given the opportunity to rotate through our amateur radio station, as trained radio operators facilitate conversations with Scouts from all parts of the globe! In addition to these opportunities for radio communication, Scouts will have the chance to learn about international travel opportunities in Scouting and a Scouts-only Minecraft server where youth from around the world can work and collaborate on virtual projects and learn about one another's culture.

Station Two: Hike the Planet

During JOTA-JOTI, Scouts from around the world will embark on a collective mission to hike the circumference of the Earth, all while learning about biodiversity and taking action to protect the environment. Scouts will embark on a one-mile hike through Camp Krietenstein where they will learn about conservation issues facing Scouts around the world. This hike will begin at Krietenstein Lodge and end at the Chapel Ring.

Station Three: Faiths & Beliefs Space (Chapel Ring)

Come explore what different faiths, beliefs, and practices mean to people around the world. While we may come from different backgrounds and beliefs, we can always come together to work towards peace, justice, and healing our world. In addition to lessons regarding faith and religions from around the world, Scouts will also learn about the Peace Light North America program and how they can take this back to their own communities this Christmas.

Station Four: Jamboree on the Internet & Messengers of Peace (Dining Hall)

Through pre-scheduled video chat sessions with participating Scouts and Units from all over the world, our Scouts will be able to speak directly with new friends. While we would love to be able to schedule units to visit with a country of their choice, this may be difficult to accommodate. We encourage every unit to think about things they want to ask Scouts from around the world, develop four or five questions, and prepare something about their Unit, their city, and their State to present to their new friends. As well as the JOTI activities, Scouts will learn about the Messengers of Peace initiative and how we, as Scouts in Central Indiana, can help people in our communities who are suffering in ways similar to people in other countries.

Station 5: International Fun & Games (Parade Ground)

Our fifth station will give Scouts the opportunity to learn about cultures from around the world through games and play. Scouts will learn a little about a foreign language and play a game enjoyed by Scouts in different parts of the world!

Meal Preparation & Considerations

As always, meals will not be provided by Camporee staff. Units will be expected to prepare and eat meals on their own, in their campsites. Food and equipment will not be supplied by Camporee staff, and units must provide their own equipment and supplies. Approximately an hour and a half has been scheduled for lunch on Saturday.

Youth Got Talent!

A special event presented by WOSM specifically for the Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet will be the Youth Got Talent Stage. Scouts from around the world will record and submit skits, songs, dances, and other talents, which can all be viewed on YouTube. Units are encouraged to practice for and upload their videos before they arrive to camp. However, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, we will have a special area set up for Scouts to record their talents and upload them under the supervision of adult leaders.

Campfire Program

Following dinner on Saturday evening, we will close our camporee program with our beloved campfire. Please join us at the Campfire Ring beginning at 7:00 pm. Please come prepared to share a skit, a song, or a story with your fellow Scouts. Units will be limited to two entries and Units will have the opportunity to sign up and submit those entries throughout the day at the Camp Office.

Cracker Barrel

Following the Campfire Program, at approximately 8:30 pm, we will host our traditional Cracker Barrel in the Dining Hall. Units are asked to bring a dessert or snack to share.

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 what it means to be a member of the world's greatest youth movement. 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

Scout Units may depart between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Sunday, after they have completed their assigned camp chore and it has been reviewed by camporee staff. As with the Spring Camporee, Units will be assigned a camp chore which must be completed before they will be allowed to leave. Camp chores will be distributed at the conclusion of the Scout's Own Service. Upon the completion of camp chores and the successful review by camporee staff, Unit Health Binder and closeout paperwork will be distributed by the Health Officer.

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 Fall Camporee will be assigned a campsite based on needs by Council staff. Camporee staff reserve the right to reassign campsites based on the specific needs.

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. 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 may be available, depending on the seasonal maintenance schedule of the caretaker. 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.

The 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 & Restricted Items

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**.

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 Scouting America 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.

Health & Safety

Campers should not participate if they are experiencing any symptoms of infectious disease, including but not limited to 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 medial 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.

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.

Schedule

Friday, October 17	
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Arrival & Check-In (Parking Lot)
8:30 pm	SPL & Leader Meeting (Dining Hall)
10:00 pm	Quiet Hours Begin
Saturday, October 18	
8:00 am to 8:25 am	Morning Flags (Parade Ground)
8:30 am to 9:20 am	Session 1 (Various, as assigned)
9:30 am to 10:20 am	Session 2 (Various, as assigned)
10:30 am to 11:20 am	Session 3 (Various, as assigned)
11:30 am to 12:50 pm	Lunch On Your Own (Campsites)
1:00 pm to 1:50 pm	Session 4 (Various, as assigned)
2:00 pm to 2:50 pm	Session 5 (Various, as assigned)
3:00 pm to 4:50 pm	Youth Got Talent Video Submissions (Dining Hall)
5:00 pm to 5:25 pm	Evening Flags (Parade Ground)
5:30 pm to 6:50 pm	Dinner On Your Own (Campsites)
7:00 pm to 8:20 pm	Evening Campfire (Campfire Ring)
8:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Cracker Barrel (Dining Hall)
10:00 pm	Quiet Hours Begin
Sunday, October 19	
8:00 am to 8:50	Scout's Own Service (Dining Hall)
9:00 am	Check-out & Departure Begins
11:00 am	All Units Departed