

# Central Division Spring Camporee 2026



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# Welcome

As a Scout, you have learned a lot of skills: Now it is time to

Join us for the Central Division Spring Camporee from April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Vincennes University Aviation Technology Center for some serious fun. Scouts will have a chance to learn all about aviation careers and to up close with some really cool planes

Also, by completing activity stations and attending the special sessions the scouts will earn Aviation merit badges. **There are no prerequisites needed for the camporee.**

We look forward to seeing you soar at the Vincennes University Aviation Technology Center at the Indianapolis International Airport

*The Camporee Planning Committee of Troop 51*

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# 2026 Spring Camporee Weekend Schedule

Check-Notes

Friday	
6:00PM	Check-in Opens Main entrance
9:00PM	SPL & Scoutmaster Meeting ON BOING 737- Blg HANGER
10:00PM	Quiet Hours UNIT CAMPSITES
11:00PM	Lights Out UNIT CAMPSITES

Saturday	
7:30AM	Flag Raising FLAGPOLES - DON'T BE LATE
8:00AM	Activity Session 1
8:50 AM	Activity Session 2
9:40 AM	Activity Session 3
10:30 AM	Activity Session 4
11:20 AM	Activity Session 5
12:00 PM	Lunch @ Campsite
1:20 PM	Activity Session 6
2:10 PM	Activity Session 7
3:00 PM	Activity Session 8
3:50 PM	Activity Session 9
4:40PM	Activity Session 10
5:30PM	Flag Lowering FLAGPOLES - DON'T BE LATE
8:00PM	Campfire BIG Hanger
10:00PM	Quiet Hours UNIT CAMPSITES
11:00PM	Lights OUT UNIT CAMPSITES

Sunday	
(Unit Choice)	Breakfast UNIT CAMPSITES
8:30 AM	Scouts' Own Interfaith Service CAMPFIRE RING
8:45 – 10:00AM	Camp Clean Up UNIT CAMPSITES
10:00AM	Check Out UNIT CAMPSITES

CHECK-OUT NOTES



## Registration and Preparation

Please register at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/160-aviationcamporee>

or by using this QR Code



The camporee is open to Scouts BSA units and Venturing crews in the BSA Program. Units from other Crossroads of America districts may participate 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 comply with these requirements to mitigate risk during this event.

Registering as soon as possible is requested, as it helps the host troop plan for the expected number of participants. You can return to the registration website and update attendance numbers after registering, until April 8, 2026.

- Cost is \$30 per Scout, \$15 per adult for registration.
- Registration will remain open through April 8, 2026





**NOTES**

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## Check-In

- Check-in is open from **4:00PM to 8:30PM on Friday, April 17, 2026** in the Entrance of the building.
- A **3-ring binder containing all health forms and the Camporee Unit Roster form** are turned in at check-in. See details in the Camporee Health & Safety Procedures section attached.
- **Out-of-Council units must bring BSA registration details for all participants and Youth Protection Training credentials for adults for verification.**
- Participants will be **issued a wrist band or pass 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 to the Nature Center for check-in upon arrival. (2-Deep Leadership at all times, please.)
- Units will be **assigned a campsite upon arrival.**
- **One vehicle per unit** will be allowed to travel to the campsite to deliver the gear trailer.
- The **vehicle must be removed to the parking lot** as soon as it is unloaded or the trailer is parked.
- **Late arrivals or other Saturday day visitors must check in Atrium** on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

## Check-Out

- Check-out will be available in the Atrium on Sunday morning **following the Scouts' Own service and camp clean up.**
- To check out, a **unit must present the pre-departure campsite inspection form** completed by the unit's Rover. (These assignments will be made and **forms will be provided at check-in** for both the campsite evaluations and this pre-departure campsite inspection.)
- 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.

## Dress

**Field** (Class A) uniform is requested for arrival and for the Sunday morning Scouts' Own service. **Activity** (Class B) uniform or For those not experienced in Indiana weather, the average temperature in Indianapolis in April is or a typical day ranges from a high of 60° F to a low of 40° F. Some would describe it as mildly cool with a gentle breeze. **Rain gear** is always a must this time of year.

## Outdoor Ethics

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

- Fires are NOT allowed.
- Be respectful to 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 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.

**All adults in on-site must have up-to-date Youth Protection Training (YPT),** regardless of their registration status with BSA. Overnight adult attendees must also be registered in a paid BSA position. Unit leaders are responsible for ensuring that adult attendees associated with their unit and 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. 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 in the proper receptacles by your campsite

## Campsite Sanitation

Details about access to facilities will be provided to campers upon arrival. Vincennes University Aviation Technology Center has some centrally located individual bathroom units featuring flush toilets and showers that campers may use. Individual campsites are equipped with port o pot close.

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

FIRES are not allowed on the property.

## Program

We have been hard at work preparing a very special program for you this weekend. The days will be full and lots of fun!

**The flag presentation on Saturday morning will be at the flagpoles and will be a very special event. Please plan your Saturday breakfast and travel time appropriately so that your unit will *not* be late and miss this!**

## Saturday – Activity Sessions 1-5

There is a total of 5 Activity Sessions. A unit will be assigned to either the morning or afternoon session. The unit will also be assigned to their time in the flight simulators based on when they are completing the activity. The five sessions are as follows:

### 1. Aviation Basics & Mechanics of Flight

- Aircraft types and uses
- Evolution of flight
- Fixed vs. rotary wing
- Engine systems (piston, turbine, jet)
- Four forces of flight
- Airfoil and Bernoulli's principle
- Aircraft control surfaces
- Flight instruments

### 2. Principles of Flight

- Construction of paper airplanes and competition
- Flight precision exercises

### 3. Flight Operations

- Pre-flight inspection demonstration
- Maintenance observation
- Aeronautical chart reading

### 4. Airport Operations

- ATC facility tour
- Engine museum experience
- Airport operations overview

### 5. Personal & Professional Aviation Opportunities

- Pilot certification pathways
- CFI and ATP overview
- Civil Air Patrol engagement
- Aviation career research and discussion

## Preparation for the Camporee - Gear Review

Scouts and units should come prepared to learn and apply Scouting skills. Here is a summary of **equipment that may be helpful to complete the activity stations:**

Costumes or campsite embellishments consistent with camporee theme

- Small notebook and pencil
- Scout-appropriate pocket knife
- Scout Handbook

Please note that in a group setting where Scouts are working on a merit badge, each Scout must ‘actually and personally’ satisfy each requirement. Scouting America emphasizes that credit should not be awarded for simply being in attendance at the activity.

## Preparation for the Camporee - Skills Review

On Saturday, Scouts will participate in a series of aviation-focused activities designed to help them complete many of the requirements for the Aviation Merit Badge. Throughout the day, Scouts will rotate through stations where they will learn about the principles of flight, aircraft systems, aviation safety, and careers in aviation.

No prerequisites are required for this merit badge; however, some requirements may need to be completed by the Scout independently outside of the event. Scouts should come prepared to participate in hands-on activities and discussions that will help them better understand the exciting field of aviation.

## Personal Gear

**Each participant should carry water, rain gear, and a personal first aid kit at all times.** A daypack 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 outer layer.

All campers should be prepared with a **tent, sleeping bag and pad, and the “Ten Essentials”** recommended by Scouting America for outdoor activities. See <https://scoutlife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6976/scout-outdoor-essentials-checklist/>. **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 activity (for example, calculators), these will be provided. **Use of personal electronic gear to complete the activity stations will not be needed.**

## Interfaith Scouts' Own Service

A brief Scouts' Own worship service will be held on Sunday morning. All units are requested to attend. Field (Class A) uniform is appropriate attire. The service will be followed by presentation of camporee awards and final instructions for check-out and departure.

## Lost & Found

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

## Our Campsite Standards & Inspection

The campsite reflects the unit's pride and must adhere to BSA and camp safety and health standards. Each unit will be assigned a 'buddy unit' for conducting a campsite evaluation during the camporee and for conducting a pre-departure campsite inspection. 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 with the assigned unit numbers and campsites pre-filled on them.

## Campsite Evaluation

At check-in, each unit will be assigned to a unit Rover. The Rover will do this. 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
- Trailer properly chocked, if present

## Pre-Departure Campsite Inspection

At check-in, each unit will be assigned a Rover, who will do this inspection. 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 to claim unit health forms and camporee package.

Place a check-mark next to satisfactory items.

### General Appearance

- 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. Units from other councils may inquire about possible participation. Each participating unit is responsible for providing adequate adult supervision. All adults who stay overnight must be registered in paid unit roles and have current BSA youth protection training (completed within the last two years). At least two adults age 21+ must be in attendance at all times.

The unit leader is responsible to ensure these requirements are met. In addition to satisfying the 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. The buddy system is employed by youth at all

times. A buddy group includes either 2 boys, 2 girls, 3 boys, 3 girls, 2 boys + 1 girl, or 2 girls + 1 boy, all of whom are within 3 years of the same age. Same-gender siblings may be buddies, regardless of age, if approved by their parent/guardian. Tent-mates are the same gender, and within 2 years of the same age. Same-gender siblings may tent together, regardless of age, if approved by their parent/guardian. Scouts do not share tents with adults, including their parent, except in extraordinary circumstances (such as Scouts with special needs).

## Health Pre-Screening & 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](http://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, & 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 & 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/badge indicating that they are authorized to be in camp and have been checked in. The host 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 are prohibited due to privacy considerations.

To reduce the spread of infectious or food-borne illnesses, units are strongly encouraged to have hand sanitizers available on 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 Scouting America and camp safety and health standards. Campsites will be inspected during the camporee, and any deficient areas must be addressed by the unit. Units may be asked to assist the host 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.

Vehicles are not permitted in camping area. 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 designated smoking area near the camp entrance or parking lot. Participants may inquire at check-in if an area is available.

Do to the fact that we are staying at an airport NO Lazer pointers are allowed.

## Camporee Unit Roster

Please complete the standard Camporee Roster PDF form available on the event's BlackPug registration site and place it in the front of your unit's health form 3-ring binder that you will turn in at check-in. (Form included on next 2 pages)

For each participant:

- Fill in the roster with first name and last name and BSA ID#. 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 a copy of an insurance card attached.
- Indicate 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 conditions that the Camporee Health Officer should be aware of.







