



2026 PATHFINDER DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE: ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

SPL & ADULT LEADER GUIDE

**OCTOBER 23-25, 2026
RANSBURG SCOUT RESERVATION**



EMERGENCY BROADCAST

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS.....At approximately 0600 hours, reports started coming in from across the region that citizens have begun displaying strange and increasingly aggressive behavior. Communications systems quickly became overwhelmed, and local authorities have declared a state of emergency.

Officials believe the outbreak began earlier this week at Indiana University where research fellows working in the lab accidentally lost containment of an infectious virus. Despite attempts to isolate the exposure, the virus escaped the facility and began spreading rapidly through the surrounding population.

The situation had deteriorated faster than anyone predicted. Infected citizenry are everywhere, roads are blocked, supply lines have collapsed, and emergency services can no longer respond.

Ransburg Scout Reservation is one of the few remaining safe zones. This location will only remain secure if your scouts have the necessary skills to survive in the outdoors and defend their campsite. Each challenge that your scouts will face represents a critical skill needed to endure the Zombie Apocalypse.



CAMPOREE DETAILS

What: Pathfinder District 2026 Fall Camporee

Where: Ransburg Scout Reservation

When: October 23-25, 2026

Registration link: <https://scoutingevent.com/160-2026PathfinderFallCamporee>

BALOO training will be offered to adult leaders during the camporee.



CHECK-IN

Friday Evening

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Nature Shelter

Saturday Morning

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Nature Shelter

At check-in all units must:

- Provide/verify roster of adults and scouts in attendance
- Provide copies of Annual Medical Forms Part A & B for every adult and scout in attendance. Please place them in a 3-ring binder.
- Provide contact information for the primary adult leader in camp for the duration of the camporee.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday October 23, 2026

6:00 PM – Registration Opens
8:30 PM – SPL/Adult Leader Meeting
9:00 PM – Check-In Station Closes
10:00 PM – Quiet Hours Begin
11:00 PM – Lights Out

Saturday October 24, 2026

7:00 AM – Registration Opens
8:30 AM – Opening Ceremony
9:00 AM – Challenge Stations Open
12:00 PM – Challenge Stations Close
12:00 PM – Lunch in Campsites
1:30 PM – Challenge Stations Open
4:30 PM – Challenge Stations Close
5:00 PM – Dinner in Campsites
7:00 PM – Emergency Shelter Assessment
8:30 PM – Campfire and Awards
10:00 PM – Quiet Hours
11:00 – Lights Out

Sunday October 25, 2026

8:30 AM – Scouts Own Service
9:00 AM – Camp Clean Up Begins
9:30 AM – Check-Out Opens
11:00 AM – All Units have Departed





CHALLENGE STATIONS

Operation: Lifeline

Your patrol has come across injured survivors in the woods of Ransburg Scout Reservation. As part of this operation your ability to treat injuries and prevent further spread of the infection will be assessed. Patrols will be evaluated on skill execution, teamwork, leadership, and scout spirit. Time will be used as a tie breaker.

Operation: Rebuild

Survival supplies are at a premium, and human-like racoons keep running off with caches of goods. Your patrol will need to work together to lash together ladders and other structures that can be used to secure supplies from the wandering bandits. Patrols will be evaluated on lashing accuracy, task completion, teamwork, and scout spirit. Time will be used as a tie breaker

Operation: Forage

With limited supplies available and a growing number of mouths to feed, your patrol will be tasked with identifying edible plants in the region, as well as identifying dangerous species that should be avoided at all costs. Patrols will be identified on task completion, teamwork, and scout spirit. Time will be used as a tie breaker

Operation: Last Contact

With communication systems overrun, patrols will be assessed in their ability to send and receive communication from far away. Scouts should be aware of Morse Code and semaphore. Patrols will be evaluated on their ability to decode the hidden messages, teamwork, and scout spirit. Time will be used as a tie breaker.

Operation: Warmth

Creating and maintaining fire will be critical for warmth, cooking, and sanitizing the water supply. Patrols will be evaluated in their fire building skill, teamwork, and scout spirit. Time will be used as a tie breaker.

Operation: Evacuation Route

Before being sent out on supply runs, scouts will be assessed on their ability to navigate hazardous terrain while avoiding infected zones. Patrols will be evaluated in task completion, teamwork, scout spirit and time taken to complete the task.

Operation: Safe Haven

During free time, scouts will be tasked with building a survival shelters in their campsite.

Operation: Supply Run

Hidden around camp will be supply caches. Using GPS enabled devices patrols can search for the caches for additional points to their overall score.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Personal Gear

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.

Scouts should be prepared for the weather. Please plan ahead and prepare by bringing the appropriate clothes and footwear.

All scouts should carry a refillable water with them throughout the camporee. Rain gear should be easily accessible.

No special patrol/troop gear is required for the activity stations outside of the normal Scout Essentials found in the Scout Handbook. Troops are encouraged to bring GPS enabled devices. A limited number of GPS devices will be available for check-out. Scouts may also use a phone for this task.

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 their 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
- Travel on established paths and durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste in the proper receptacles

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 final instructions for check-out and departure.

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 at the camporee headquarters. Gear and clothing items not claimed prior to the closing of the event will be disposed of or donated 1 week after the event.

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.



LOGISTICS

Campsites

Units attending the event will be assigned a campsite. Campsite assignment will be relayed at the time of check-in. To help with logistics, please pre-register as accurate a count of scouts and adults expected from your unit as possible.

One vehicle per unit will be allowed to drive to the campsite upon arriving at the camporee, and then again when the unit is departing. Usually this is the vehicle transporting the unit trailer, but in the absence of a trailer, one truck/van may transport gear to the campsite.

Water will be available at every campsite along with a pit latrine. The Jackson facility will be open for use as well.

Personal Vehicles in Camp

Outside of transporting the unit trailer to/from the campsite, no personal vehicles may be used in camp.

Food and Cooking Equipment

All units will be responsible for providing their own food and cooking equipment for the participants in their unit. The camporee staff is not responsible for providing meals, nor will they have access to food preparation supplies.

All units should be prepared to clean and sanitize their dishes and food preparation supplies at the conclusion of every meal. There will be dumpsters available for units to properly dispose of full trash bags, but trash receptacles will not be available in the campsites. Please plan accordingly.

Campfires and Firewood

Fires are only to be built in established fire pits.

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.

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.



HEALTH AND 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 all of 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/>.

Unit Roster

On arrival, each unit must submit a roster 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 Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT). Adults camping overnight must have a current active membership in Scouting America

Medical Alerts

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.

Health Forms

Each participant – youth and adult – must have a current (i.e., dated within the past year) BSA health form Part 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 must assemble a paper copy of health forms for all participants, and place them in a 3-ring binder. It is the unit's option whether the forms are in protective sleeves or simply punched and placed in the 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



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Medications

Unit adults are responsible for collection and distribution of youth medications 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 any medications that require special handling, such as refrigeration, please inform the Camporee Medical Officer at check-in.

Emergency-use medications (Epi-pen, inhalers, etc.) should be kept on the person to whom they are prescribed.

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 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. This 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.

Vehicles are not permitted in campsites. Vehicles should be parked only in the main parking lot. One vehicle is allowed to make a single trip to the campsite for troop and personal gear at check-in and check-out. 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 is a designated smoking area in the large camp parking lot at a picnic table with a cigarette disposal receptacle.