

Sagamore Council

# Search and Rescue

## *Camporee*

April 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>





The 2024 Search and Rescue Camporee is a chance for all Sagamore Council scouts to earn the Search and Rescue Merit Badge. We will have several law enforcement professionals teaching the core skills including how to stay safe yourself, important terms and concepts, a deep dive into maps and UTM, how to create incident objectives and action plans and finally a real-world exercise simulating a lost person in the woods.

This event will take place at beautiful France Park in Cass County, Indiana. We have reserved the youth camping area as well as the surrounding field. This area is the ideal spot for a fun and educational weekend learning all about wilderness rescue operations.

France Park features over 500 acres of forest which we'll be utilizing a small portion of for a timed Search and Rescue competition. This will allow each troop to showcase what they learned in the morning session. Then to cap the whole day off we'll use France Park's awesome 18 hole disc golf course for a single hole disc golf tournament.

# Registration and Check in/out

**Registration fee for all participants is \$15.**

This fee will include 10 gallons of water per troop and a portion of firewood due to France Park being officially closed. All participants will receive a camporee patch.

Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/2bsxhn3d>

**Registration closes on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Check in is Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until 9pm.

Check in will occur just before the park's gatehouse. The camping area is directly West of the gatehouse, camporee officials will direct each troop to their campsite after check in. There are three official youth camp sites of varying sizes and a large field. Each troop should have a space of their own although fire rings are limited. There are 4 found in the official youth camping spots and a single fire ring in the open field. The total number of fire rings is 5. If you are assigned to the field, you will need to share a fire ring. Fires cannot be started if there is no prebuilt fire ring. Above ground fire rings are permissible.

Parking will be across the road to the south of the campsites. You can drop your trailer and move all cars and trucks south and park along the road.



All participants will need completed medical forms A and B for this event.

Check out is Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> by 10am. Please patrol your own campsite and leave it in better condition than you found it. There is no need to check out with camporee staff, leave at your leisure.

## Location and Directions

The camporee will be held at France Park, a 500 acre county park located in Cass County Indiana. The park is situated on US 24 about four miles west of Logansport and about 15 miles east of Monticello. The park's address is 4505 W US24, Logansport, Indiana. When you turn into the park a camporee official will be waiting for you to check you in and give you directions to your campsite.

# **BSA Requirements**

Every participant must have medical forms A and B filled out for this event. These forms can be found online at:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

These forms do not require a doctor's examination.

Scout masters will keep these forms in their possession for the duration of the camporee. They will only be required in the event of an emergency. There will be no onsite medic for this event.

## **Camporee Information**

The primary goal of the 2024 Search and Rescue Camporee is to allow scouts to earn the Search and Rescue Merit Badge. There will be four classroom sessions covering the 10 merit badge requirements. There will not be a competition aspect to these classroom sessions. There will be a competitive search and rescue event in the afternoon where the scouts can showcase what they learned in the morning sessions.

### Scout Spirit

Scout Spirit is the core of everything we do as Scouts and Scouters. It is the embodiment of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and it is the cheerful and positive attitude displayed in all we do. Scout Spirit is the beacon that sets Scouting apart from other youth programs. It is an expectation that all those participating in this camporee be ambassadors of the Scouting Spirit in all we do.

### Scout Uniform

The uniform for this camporee is the BSA Field (Class A) Uniform. The Field Uniform is expected for all Scouts and Scouters for the opening and closing flag ceremonies and classroom sessions. The Activity (Class B) Uniform can be worn during campsite set up, competition, and meals. Please stay aware of the weather for Camporee weekend. It is the responsibility of the Troops to have weather appropriate clothing on hand.

### Patrol Flags

Each patrol is expected to have their flags at the camporee to help identify them and show scout spirit. We strongly encourage each patrol to bring their flags to the opening and closing ceremonies.

### Campfires

Campfires will be restricted to the three official youth camping sites. There are a total of 5 fire rings in these campsites. If your unit has an above ground fire ring or other device that can keep the fire out of the grass, you may use that, but we cannot start fires in the grass in the open fields. Any troops assigned to campsites in the open field are encouraged to share a fire ring with a troop in the youth camp sites.

### Firewood

Since this is not an official BSA facility free firewood is not available. Each troop will be provided with a portion of bought firewood. The gatehouse will be available to purchase additional firewood if you need it. Carrying in your own firewood is allowed as well, as long as the firewood has been debarked.

## Water

The park is officially closed for this event however their water spigots will be working by the time we arrive on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There is one spigot at the corner of our event area that everyone can use to fill up their jugs as needed.

## Meals

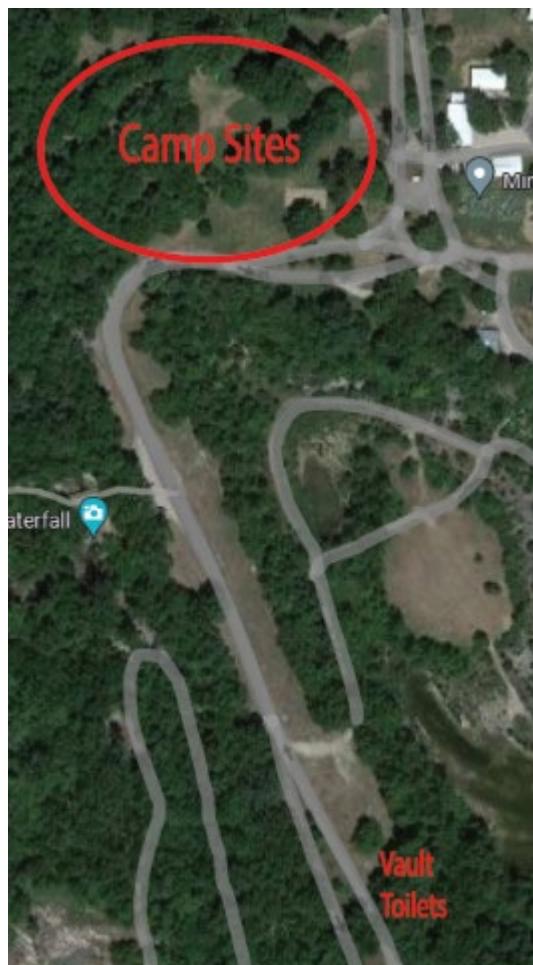
It is each troop's responsible to provide all meals and snacks for the entire duration of the camporee. Each troop is responsible for securing their food and trash. There is a dumpster available for trash, packing trash out is not required.

## Site Management

We want to show appreciation to France Park for allowing us to use their property for this large event by respecting the grounds and facilities and following all BSA Outdoor Ethics rules. Maintain cleanliness at all times and leave the site better than we found it.

## Facilities

There will be a single portolet found centrally in the camping area. This should be enough, but if lines form there is a two-stall vault toilet available to us approximately a quarter mile away from the campsites. These are our only restrooms for the duration of the weekend for adults and youth. There is a dumpster just past this near the main parking area that trash can be dumped into before departure.



## Camp Chairs

The primary location for this camporee is a large multi-purpose field. There are one or two picnic tables, but no other furniture of any kind. We anticipate class sizes of approximately 25 scouts, so it is suggested that every scout bring a foldable camp chair to sit in during classes. Otherwise you'll just have to sit on the grass.

# Camporee Schedule

### **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm – 9:00pm                  Check in

10:00pm                          Quiet Hours

### **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:00am – 8:30am                  Breakfast at your campsite

9:00am                          Flags and Opening Ceremony

9:30am                          Classroom Session 1

10:30am                          Classroom Session 2

11:30am                          Lunch at your campsite

1:00pm                          Classroom Session 3

2:00pm                          Classroom Session 4

3:00pm                          SAR Competition

5:00pm                          Disc Golf Competition?

6:00pm                          Dinner at your campsite

7:00pm                          Closing Flags and Awards

### **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:00am – 10:00am                  Breakfast, Cleanup, Departure, No check out required.

# **SAR Competition**

After the four classroom sessions are completed each scout should have the tools required to successfully conduct a search and rescue operation. To give each scout a chance to utilize these new skills we will have a timed competition.

Each troop will have a 1x10 board (rescuee) with a unique victim name written on it hidden within a quarter mile from camp. Their job is to find their board and return it to the judge in the fastest time. Fastest time wins.

Each troop will be given a last known point and some clues about what their rescuee was doing and where they might be going. These clues will be visible, no prior knowledge of France Park is required.

The troop that utilizes the skills learned in the classroom sessions will cover ground most efficiently and avoid areas not pertinent to their search to find their rescuee fastest will win.

Compasses and other tools will not be necessary, the clues on the sheet are all that are required to find each rescue.

## **SAR Competition Rules**

1. No running. This is a time based game, but the goal is to analyze clues and systematically search an area. Much of the time you will be off trail. Running is only going to lead to injuries and more rescues.
2. Going off trail is allowed and required for this competition. We have permission to go into the tree line in all areas of the park.
3. The rescuee markers will be standing up against something simulating a hiker sitting waiting to be rescued. They won't be hidden, buried, or obscured in any way. You will have to cover up to 1000 feet to find them, but once you're in the area attention to detail is all you need to find them.
4. Again, no running. Once you find your rescuee, move with purpose back to the judge. Any team caught running will get 5 minutes added to their time.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact a member of the camporee committee:

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