Scout vs. Wild

Sagamore Council Fall Camporee

September 5-7, 2025

Wilderness Survival Merit Badge



The Sagamore Council 2025 Scout VS WIld Camporee is an opportunity for all scouts to earn Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

Show off the skills needed to complete the badge in one weekend and compete with your fellow scouts to see what it takes to survive in these 6 Scout VS Wild challenges:

1. Not Your Average Band-Aid: Race the clock to demonstrate treatment for 3 first aid scenarios (Scout to First Class) possible on a wilderness trek
2. Pneumonia and Bear Claws: Adapt to a sudden freezing rainstorm while daypacking to avoid exposure. What would you do to keep your camp safe from the Cary Camp Wild.
3. Look, I have made Fire!: Beat an exposure situation and make a fire using everyday materials in your gear without matches
4. Can You See Me Now?: How would you like to be found? Signal for help
5. Gimme Shelter: Learn and demonstrate shelter building techniques
6. Quench your thirst: Complete a water purification challenge for time and taste

To earn the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge: We invite you to rotate through 6 Knowledge Stations.

For the Patrol Competition portion: The top three patrols will each receive a unique camporee patch and a unique survival kit with the overall winning patrol also receiving a special troop keepsake.

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Franklin L Cary Camp – Sept. 5-7, 2025

**6286 State Road 26 E, Lafayette, In 47905**

**Friday: Saturday:**

5:30-7:30pm Arrive at Cary\check in\ MB packets 8:45 Opening Flags and Instruction

5:30-8pm Set up camp- each troop cooks dinner 9:15-10:00 Patrol Activity #1

8-8:30 All Camp Kickoff (Council Ring) 10:15-11:00 Patrol Activity #2

10pm Quiet Time 11:15-12:00 Patrol Activity #3

11pm Lights Out 12:00-2PM Lunch with your Troop

2:15-3:00 Troop Activity #4

3:15-4:00 Troop Activity #5

4:15-5:00 Troop Activity #6

5-7pm Dinner in Campsite with your Troop

7:30- Awards\closing campfire

10 pm Quiet Time

11 pm Lights Out

**Sunday:**

7:00am Breakfast with your Troop

8:00am Optional Scout’s Chapel service

9:00am Break camp

**Additional notes:**

* Early Bird cost is $15.00, regular cost is $20.00 per participant to Sagamore Council, Early Bird ends 11:59pm Aug 08, Regular deadline is 11:59pm Aug 22nd. **Sign up as a unit on Black Pug, troops bring their own food and tents**. Campsites will be assigned once registration closes. Information packets will be sent to each troop to prepare for the events. SPL packets will be handed out at check-in.
* BSA medical forms (especially parts A and B) should be up to date and on file in the troop medical binder.
* Class A shirts should be worn for Opening FLags Ceremony and Saturday night’s Programming. Class B is acceptable for events.

Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Prerequisites:

In conjunction with requirements 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,and 10. Scouts may complete requirement 8 prior to, during, or after this camporee. (8.**Improvise a natural shelter. For the purpose of this demonstration, use techniques that have little negative impact on the environment. Spend a night in your shelter.)** Scouts will be able to scavenge for building materials. Each SM will be responsible to validate completion of this requirement. Blue Cards will be handed out at the closing campfire for completion by individual troops to award the merit badge. **Scoutmasters, event volunteers, or other adults can deny Blue Cards if a Scout violates the Scout Oath or Scout Law.**

Important notes about requirement 8:

If you decide to attempt Requirement 8 at this camporee, please note the following.

* Per Ranger Becky, the Poison Ivy and Stinging Nettle are bad this year. Use caution when foraging for supplies!
* If Scouts build their shelter in the woods, it can remain standing after you leave camp!
* If Scouts build their shelter on the grass, it must be completely removed so that the lawnmower can still do its job.
* If Scouts build their shelter in a campsite, it must be completely removed so that the next campers do not have to clean it up.

Registration and Check in/out

Check in at the Ranger Station at the Cary Camp parking lot for Troop Guide Packet. All participants will need completed permission slips (for troop use only), medical forms A, and B for this event.Each troop will keep medical forms for ICE purposes.

Vehicles:

Only troop trailers will be allowed at the campsite during the camporee. All vehicles must return to and be parked at the main parking lot. For the safety of all campers, please do not bring multiple vehicles into camp for setup and teardown.

Uniforms:

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 Flags and closing ceremonies. The Activity (Class B) Uniforms can be worn during patrol activities and competition. Please stay aware of the weather for Camporee weekend. It is up to 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 campfire awards ceremony. Patrols should also have their slogan or Yell ready!

Campfires:

Campfires will only be allowed in designated campfire ring(s) at each campsite. Troops may request additional fire rings if needed.

Firewood:

Firewood will be provided to each campsite. Carrying in your own firewood

is allowed as well, as long as the firewood has been debarked or USDA approved for transport.

Water:

Each Campsite will have a designated water spigot located near the latrine.

Meals:

It is each troop’s responsibility to provide their own meals during the camporee.

Each troop is responsible for securing their food and trash. There is a dumpster available for trash in the drive near the camp store, packing trash out is not required.

Site Management:

Troops will observe Leave No Trace Principles and follow the Outdoor Code. We want to leave the camp better than we found it.

Facilities:

Each campsite has a designated latrine. There is also a flush restroom located across from the parking lot (See key J on the Cary Camp Map). All scouts and scouters must observe the buddy system and YPT protocols at all times.

This event timeline and information in this guide has been updated as of 08/06/25.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Event Coordinator:

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