



# Gunpowder Falls District 2024 Scout Camporee

April 26-28, 2024

Camp Saffran, BCMSR

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**On-line Registration Only**



# GUNPOWDER FALLS DISTRICT 2024 SCOUT CAMPOREE

With another spring comes the 2024 Gunpowder Falls District Scout Camporee at Camp Saffran, BCMSR. The basic idea this year is the same as in past years, a participatory event with every Troop contributing by running a station, or by doing some other essential effort.

This year's Camporee will be held the weekend of April 26-28, 2024. Troops running stations are asked to man the station from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, except for the lunch break, indicated on the attached schedule, with 2-3 adults or senior Scouts. Other areas in need of help are: Incoming Inspections, Camp Departure Inspections, Campfire, etc. Many of the necessary jobs have already been filled, but we can always find room for additional helpers. If your Unit will be attending and has not volunteered to help yet, please call Adam Kemper at 443-769-2715 or e-mail akemper98@yahoo.com

The attached information packet contains the following:

- The Camporee Schedule
- Troop **Pre-Registration Form** – **All Registration will be done on-line**
- Campfire signup and rules
- The Patrol Flag Contest Rules
- Gateway contest rules
- Gaga tournament rules
- Extreme patrol challenge teaser

To minimize injury from splinters and rope at the Pioneering Station, we encourage each Troop to provide at least enough work gloves for their largest patrol, and then share them among all your patrols, as they participate in this station.

The **INCOMING INSPECTION** will be based on all Scouts in a participating Patrol having the following minimum uniform/equipment **on each** of their persons Friday night:

- Neckerchief and Slide
- Uniform Shirt, Uniform Belt, Uniform trousers or Shorts, as appropriate for the weather, Uniform Socks and Scout hat
- Flashlight that works
- Scout Handbook
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Water Bottle
- Rain Gear
- Compass

There will be separate judging for the Pioneering Project, Patrol Flags, Scout Skills Stations, and the overall performance of each Patrol. The Incoming Inspection and In-Camp Inspection of your Patrol's Campsite will be factored into the overall performance scores.

We look forward to seeing you there.



**2024 Gunpowder Falls Camporee Schedule of Activities**  
**Friday, April 26, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Unit Check-In & Instructions Distribution	Reservation HQ Building
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Turn in Patrol Flags for Inspections - <b>FIRST</b>	OA Pavilion
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Incoming Patrol Inspections – <b>SECOND</b>	OA Pavilion
9:30 PM to 10:00 PM	Camporee Skill Station Meeting	OA Pavilion
10:00 PM to 10:30 PM	Scoutmasters & SPL’s Meeting	OA Pavilion
10:45 PM to 11:00 PM	Camporee Staff Meeting	OA Pavilion

**FRIDAY NIGHT CHECK-IN PROCEDURES**

Upon arrival, staff members will identify where your troop’s vehicles should be parked and the location of your campsite. The location of your campsite will be identified by a Flag with a Glow Stick on it. This is the center of your assigned area – be considerate of troops arriving later by not infringing on their assigned area and by sharing available tables. Campsites will be inspected on Saturday, so please arrange your site in a neat, orderly and compact fashion. **Fires are strictly limited to existing fire rings.**

A unit is to have no more than **one** vehicle dropping off gear at a time. The vehicle is to be unloaded immediately and then returned to the established parking area without delay.

While the troop is setting up its campsite, an adult representative should report to the Reservation HQ Building to sign in their unit and complete any registration requirements. The troop representative should have the following with them:

1. Troop Roster with names of all the youth and adult attending the Camporee
2. Copies of Patrol Roster Sheets [Names, Rank, and Saturday campfire program submission sections completed only]
3. Any money owed for registration, cash or check

**Before proceeding to the Patrol’s Incoming Inspection Station**, which will be held Friday at the OA Pavilion from 7:30 until 9:30 PM, **please fill out the front of the Patrol Roster Sheet and only enter in the names in the “Names” column on the back, before arriving at the station.** The back will be completed at the station. (Troops arriving after 9 PM will need to report for their Incoming Inspection at the Saffran Admin Building, on Saturday morning between 7:30-8:15 AM – NO Exceptions!)



**2024 Gunpowder Falls Camporee Schedule of Activities  
Saturday, April 27, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:00 AM to 7:45 AM	Unit Reveille & Breakfast	Camp Wide
7:30 AM to 8:15 AM	Late Arrivals Incoming Inspections	OA Pavilion
8:30 AM	Pick-up Patrol Flags	OA Pavilion
8:45 AM to 9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies	Assembly Field
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Morning Competition: Skill Stations, Pioneering	See Camporee Map
12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	Lunch Time	Troop Campsites
1:15 PM to 4:30 PM	Afternoon Competition: Skill Stations, Pioneering	See Camporee Map
4:30 PM to 5:15 PM	Adult Cook-off Judging	OA Pavilion
By 5:00 PM	<b>Score Sheet Turn-In Deadline</b>	Saffran Admin
4:30 PM to 5:15 PM	Adult Cook-off Judging	OA Pavilion
5:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Troop Dinner	Troop Campsites
7:30 PM	Religious Services – Scouts Own	Campfire Circle
7:30PM	Catholic Mass	Stock Control
8:15 PM to 10:00 PM	Campfire Program	Campfire Circle
10:15 PM	Scoutmaster and SPL’s Meeting	OA Pavilion
10:15-11:00	OA Social	OA Pavilion (Fire place)
11:30 PM	Lights Out – Quiet	Camp Wide

**2024 Gunpowder Falls Camporee Schedule of Activities  
Sunday, April 28, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:00 AM to 8:00 AM	Unit Reveille & Breakfast	Camp Wide
8:00 AM to 9:15 AM	Camp Clean-Up – Site Inspection	Camp Wide
9:30 AM to 10:15 AM	Closing Ceremonies	Parade Field
11:00 AM or 1 Hour after end of Closing	Units Check Out & Depart	Camp Wide
11:30 AM	Staff Wrap-Up Meeting / Staff Departs	Saffran Admin Building

**SUNDAY MORNING CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES**

All units must have their campsites inspected before leaving. Staff members will be available to sign-off on your campsites form, starting at 8 AM and after closing ceremonies.  
**UNITS MAY NOT CHECK OUT BEFORE THE END OF CLOSING CEREMONIES**



# Gunpowder Falls District 2024 Scout Camporee

April 26 - 28, 2024 ~ Camp Saffran, BCMSR  
**Pre-On-line Registration Form**

**On-line Reservations Only – USE THIS FORM TO GATHER INFORMATION ONLY**

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Org.: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Troop  **will**  **will not** be attending the Camporee

Scoutmaster's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Troop  **will**  **will not** be bringing a trailer or bus

Our Troop  **does**  **does not** have any special needs

**The fees this year are \$17.50** for each Scout and \$12/Adult, if registered by April 15<sup>th</sup>, or a \$50.00, non-refundable deposit, which will be deducted at registration. Anyone registering after the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, the fee will go up to \$20.00 per Scout.

**On-line Reservations Only – Use this form to gather information Only.**

**ESTIMATE OF TROOP PARTICIPATION AT THE CAMPOREE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Patrols that will compete in the Camporee

\_\_\_\_\_ Youths from your troop attending the Camporee. **Note:** Do not include youths who are on the full time youth staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of adult leaders who will attend the Camporee. **Note:** Do not include those adults who are on the full time staff.

**SUPPORT OF SKILL STATION AND CAMPOREE ACTIVITIES** Must check **one** box below:

- Our Troop **will** provide a team [Adults (at least one) and/or Scouts] to manage an assigned Scout Skill Station on Saturday.
- Our Troop **will** come up with a Scout Skill Station and provide a team [Adults (at least one) and/or Scouts] to manage the station on Saturday. [Skill Station must be approved
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**IN CAMP LEADERSHIP:**

Scoutmaster's Name	Troop Position	Telephone#	E-mail Address
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Senior Patrol Leaders Name	Telephone #
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# GUNPOWDER FALLS DISTRICT 2024 SCOUT CAMPOREE

## STAFF REGISTRATION FORM

April 26 -28, 2024  
Camp Saffran, BCMSR

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The fee for staff this year is **\$7.00** for each Scout and Scouter.

This includes meals.

### **ADULT STAFF STATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK:**

Adult's Name	Station	Telephone#	E-mail Address
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### **YOUTH STAFF POSITION TO WORK**

Scout's Name	Troop Position	OA Member	Telephone #
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Please convey this information to Adam Kemper via e-mail: [akemper98@yahoo.com](mailto:akemper98@yahoo.com)



# GUNPOWDER FALLS DISTRICT 2024 SCOUT CAMPOREE

## PATROL SITE INSPECTION

1. Each Patrol's campsite must be set up in a manner, so that is obvious to the Inspection Staff it is for only one Patrol.
2. Each Patrols Site must contain an area that is arranged for Patrol Cooking, and Marked with Patrol Number for the weekend.
3. Each Patrol Site must include tents that are occupied by the members of the patrol.
4. The combination of a Patrol cooking area and Patrol tents must be grouped in a manner, which makes it obvious that they are one and the same patrol and Marked with Patrol Number for the weekend.
5. When two or more Patrols are set up in one Troop, each Patrol must have its cooking area and associated tents, grouped so that it is obvious and distinguishable from all of the other Patrols of that Troop, which should be grouped in the same manner.
- 6. Leaders(SPLs) and Adults are not included in the Patrol Site area.**
7. Patrol Leaders: Remember ... there are three (3) Patrol Identification Signs provided by the Camporee Staff for each Patrol, and they must be placed on, or in the cooking area and the tenting area of your Patrol.



# GUNPOWDER FALLS DISTRICT 2024 SCOUT CAMPOREE PATROL FLAG COMPETITION

The 2024 Gunpowder Falls District Scout Camporee will again feature a Patrol Flag competition. As always, **NO** flags containing inappropriate or offensive subject matter will be allowed.


Patrol Flags have long been used to identify a Scouts' Patrol. Each patrol has a flag with an emblem representing its name, made by the patrol members and proudly carried at Troop meetings and on campouts; the patrol flag is a member of the patrol.

## CATEGORIES



### FLAG SPECIFICATIONS

Each flag **MUST** display:

- Patrol Name
- Troop Number
- District Name or Symbol → 
- Council Name (BAC is OK)
- BSA, Scout Emblem or Boy Scouts of America

\*\*\*Flags should be **no larger** than 3' x 3', with Pole **no longer** than 6' long\*\*\*

## JUDGING

The patrol flag will be judged for the following:

- Correct flag specifications (see above)
- Creativity and Design
- Mobility

**It is important for patrol members to participate in the making of patrol flags.**

**Patrol flags are to be SCOUT MADE.**

Attach a 4"x5" card (**Provided at Drop-Off**) to the flag with Troop number; Patrol Name

**Bring the flag to the OA Pavilion building by 9:00 PM Friday,  
Drop off before Incoming Inspection**

**Retrieve your flag on Saturday morning, prior to the 8:45 AM Assembly**





# SHOWTIME STATION

**ATTENTION PATROL LEADERS:** Complete this form and turn it in when your patrol visits the SHOWTIME STATION during the day on Saturday to perform your Song, Skit, and Cheer for the judges. Please adhere to attached BSA campfire guidelines.

TROOP # \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol # \_\_\_\_\_

PATROL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PATROL LEADER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print neatly – use back of this paper or additional pages if more space is needed*

**SONG - Title and Words:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SKIT - Title and Brief Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHEER (list words and describe action or movement):**

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*This form may be photocopied, if more copies are needed.  
Additional pages may be attached if needed.*



## BSA Ceremonies and Campfire Guidance (National Camping School)

Ceremonies and campfires are fun and exciting parts of any camping experience! They give youth the ability to perform, but runons, stories, skits and songs must also fit within the program guidelines of the BSA. There are numerous things that are inappropriate and unacceptable. While the following is not an exhaustive list, it will help you begin the discussion about ensuring only appropriate material is portrayed:

- No name Calling, put-downs, Hazing
- No references to undergarments, nudity or bodily functions
- No cross-gender impersonation at any point in the skit
- No derogatory references to or stereotyping of ethnic or cultural backgrounds, economic situations, or disabilities
- No portrayal of sensitive social issues such as alcohol, drugs, gangs, guns, suicide, etc. – be mindful of this in song lyrics as well.
- Wasteful, ill-mannered, or improper use of food or water including wasting food in ANY way for comedic purpose is not allowed. You may not know the current situation of youth and adults who are in the audience. Many may not have adequate food at home and the wasting of food in any way would further point out this disparity. Additionally there are parts of the world where water is not potable therefore the wasting of water is not appropriate.
- No inside jokes that exclude some of those present
- Do not change lyrics to patriotic songs (“America”, “America the Beautiful”, “God Bless America”, “The Star-Spangled Banner”) or hymns and other spiritual songs
- Do not embarrass anyone – including staff or audience members (even if they are “in on it”) - just because the staff member is in on it, everyone in the audience is not aware of that fact and the appearance is that you are making fun of someone.
- Do not portray violent behavior or any behavior not in line with the Guide to Safe Scouting (ex. pointing “guns” at each other)
- No bathroom humor or skits/songs where a toilet is the punchline or a part of the skit or song.
- No water skits – NO ONE gets wet in any way (includes staff, and even if they are “in on it”)
- No material with sexual overtones
- Do not include anything that is not in keeping with the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America.

Best motto to have is, “If in doubt, take it out!”

Each of us has a role to help ensure our ceremonies and campfires represent the BSA ideals and brand.

Thank you for communicating this material to your short-term camps so that they can help us all represent the best in Scouting.



# **GUNPOWDER FALLS DISTRICT 2024 SCOUT CAMPOREE**

## **Gaga Ball Tournament rules**

### **Rules of the game**

- Players must play others similar in age.
- Our age groups are (11&12) (13&14) (15&16) (16&17)
- Players start with one hand touching any wall of the pit.
- The referee begins the game by throwing a ball into the pit. Players scream "Ga" on the first two bounces and "Ball" on the third bounce.
- Once the ball is in play, players break free from the wall and then strike it with their hands, trying to hit other players with it. Players cannot hold the ball or pick it up and throw it.
- Players are eliminated if they are hit anywhere below the knees.
- Any time the ball leaves the pit; the last one to touch the ball is out.
- If the ball leaves the pit a reset of the ball by the referee occurs
- The last player in the pit wins.
- All decisions of the referee are final.
- Any un-scout like behavior will result in ejection of the player or the entire team at the referee's discretion.

# **Extreme Patrol Competition**

*For patrols that want to take it to the next level  
For scouts with at least 2 years of scouting.*

*Minimum of 4 patrol members*

*More challenging stations.*

*Shot guns, Climbing wall, Blind folded activities.*

*Your own trophy category.*

*More info to come.*

*Can you handle it?*

*Email Adam Kemper for more info.*

*Akemper98@yahoo.com*

## Surviver Troop Gateway Challenge



A first year contest open to all Troops to build a gateway campsite.  
This challenge is voluntary; Troops can decide whether or not to participate.  
This contest has no effect on overall winners of the camporee.  
**Adult “assistance” is allowed. Everyone can get involved!!!**  
The use of the Camporee theme will receive bonus points.  
Surviver is the theme.

Please take into consideration the time you plan to arrive and depart camp to ensure you have adequate time to build your gateway and take it down.

Each troop must bring their own supplies to construct the gateway.  
The American Flag and the unit flag should be displayed.  
Judging will be on Saturday during dinner shortly before campfire.  
Winners will be announced at the Saturday evening Campfire.  
Points will be awarded for set up, workmanship, display, safety, and scouting theme.  
The gateway should have one additional function ( a swinging gate, weather station, etc...)