

# Camporee 2026

Camporee 2026: The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

**Date: March 20th - 22th, 2026**

Place: Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation -- Camp Saffran (1929 Susquehanna Hall Road, Whiteford, MD 21160)

Cost: \$20 for each Scout and each Leader by February 21st, 2026; \$25 if registrations are received later. Registrations received after March 1st are subject to space availability. The event is subject to cancellation if registrations received through March 8th are insufficient to cover fixed costs.

Activities:

Rifles – permission slip required, at end of Leaders Guide

Shotguns – permission slip required, must be marked off specifically, for older Scouts

Archery – same permission slip as rifles

Tomahawks – same permission slip as rifles

Slingshots (wrist rockets)

Climbing at the tower

Advancement: ax/saw; firebuilding

First Aid

Merit badge: Photography, finger printing, or TBD

Dungeons and Dragons game

Campfire with skits

Cooking in 1776

Competition by unit on the Declaration of Independence

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## A. Registration Information

- ✓ Patches: Every registered Youth and Adult will receive a patch. A limited number of additional patches will be available.
- ✓ Membership: All participants must be a registered as a Scouts BSA member, Venturer, or Sea Scout. Sorry, Cub Scouts are not permitted at this event. Newly bridged Scouts BSA members are welcome.
- ✓ Roster: Every unit needs to fill out the attached roster (see last page). It should include the names of all the Scouts and Leaders attending and contact number(s) for Unit leader.
- ✓ Medical Forms: As with all Scouting events, the Camporee requires that each Troop have Class A and B medical forms in their possession for all Scouts and Adults attending the event. Each Troop is expected to bring a binder or folder containing these forms in the unlikely event that medical care required is beyond basic first aid. The Troops will hold on to their own medical forms.
- ✓ Pre-Registration: Registration will be open on the council website in January. ([www.baltimorescouting.org](http://www.baltimorescouting.org)). Once you have signed up, you will receive a copy of your own Leader's Guide. You can add more participants (youth or adult) up to the time of the event. Camping assignments will be determined in the order in which registrations are received (first come, first campsite choice). There are no refunds. Individuals (youth or adults) may sign up as Staff if they are willing to assist on Saturday as needed. There is no cost to attend as Staff. Meals provided if requested in advance, or Staff may have meals with their units.
- ✓ Registration: Upon arriving on Friday, the Scoutmaster (or designee) should attend check-in with the Senior Patrol Leader. The Senior Patrol Leader will need to bring with them to registration:
  - o Two copies of your Unit Roster/Troop Registration
  - o Medical Forms (the Scoutmaster or designee should maintain possession of the medical forms)
  - o Permission slips, signed by parent or guardian, for Range and Target Activities (RATA).
    - o Campfire Participation Form
- ✓ Merit Badges: We will have Photography Merit Badge, and possibly others. We will send out information on requirements that can be done in advance, to reduce the time needed to complete.

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## B. Schedule

### **Friday:**

5:00 PM - Staff Arrival  
6:00 PM - Site Open for Unit Arrivals and Registration  
6:00 - 9:00 PM - Unit Registration and Troop Campsite Setup  
9:30 - 10:00 PM - SPL/ Leaders Orientation  
10:00 - 10:30 PM - Staff meeting  
11:00 PM - Lights Out

### **Saturday:**

6:00 AM - Rise and Shine  
7:00 – 7:30 AM - Breakfast at Campsite/ Staff in Dining Hall  
8:00 – 8:15 AM - Opening Flag and Morning Announcements  
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Stations open  
12:30 – 1:30 PM - Troops - Lunch at Campsite/Staff in Dining Hall  
1:30 - 5:00 PM – Stations open  
5:30 - 6:00 PM - Closing Flags, short Interfaith (Scouts' Own) Service, and Evening Announcements  
6:00 – 7:45 PM - Troop Dinner at Campsite (Staff in Dining hall)  
8:00 – 9:00 PM – Campfire with OA Callout (recommend a cushion for the new seating)  
9:00 – 9:30 PM - Staff Meeting at Dining Hall  
10:15 PM - Lights Out and Quiet

### **Sunday:**

7:00 AM - Rise and Shine and Breakfast  
9:00 AM - Clean Up Duties and Check Out  
10:00 AM - Depart Camp

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## List of stations for Camporee

- A. Rifles (rifle range)
- B. Climbing (climbing tower)
- C. Tomahawks (near rifles)
- D. Archery (archery range past Dan Beard campsite)
- E. Shotgun (next to archery range)
- F. Cooking in 1776 (Dan Beard campsite fire ring)
- G. Ax/saw (Jamestown campsite)
- H. Fire building (Jamestown campsite)
- I. Wrist rockets (field below dining pavilion)
- J. Dungeons & Dragons (dining pavilion)
- K. Photography MB and other merit badges if offered (dining pavilion)
- L. First Aid (dining pavilion)
- M. Information on inclusion (dining pavilion)
- N. Flag raising/lowering (parade field)
- O. Campfire (Tindeutchen campfire area)
- P. Meetings (dining pavilion)

## Notes for adult leaders

1. If a Scout wants to participate in any Range and Target Activities (RATA), aka shooting sports, he or she must have a special permission slip signed by a parent or guardian. The Scoutmaster cannot sign the form in lieu of a parent.
2. If we are in an Enhanced Fire Danger weather situation, we will notify you at check-in on Friday. Scouts planning to cook over wood or charcoal should have a stove available, in case fires are not permitted.

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## C. Program / Activities

- ✓ SPL/Leaders Meeting: This will be a mandatory meeting on Friday night to review the schedule, announce changes, and distribute schedules for the following days' activities. It is expected that the SPL or Crew President and Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor attend the meeting from each Troop, Crew, or Ship. A youth and adult must be present! No one-on-one unless the adult is the youth's parent. Please provide the phone number of an adult who is at the camporee. We will use text messages to update the schedule.
- ✓ Saturday's Activities: Follow the rules at all times: SAFETY COMES FIRST! Scouts should carry at least one full bottle of water and rain gear. Scouts should wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, with no open-toed shoes. Unit leaders, please address the proper attire to your Scouts. Weather is unpredictable! Each station will be equipped with a schedule. The schedules at the stations will have additional information on them, including location and contact information for a coordinator at all times.
- ✓ Saturday Campfire: The campfire on Saturday night will require contributions of skits and/or songs from all participating Troops or Crews. Each Troop will need to turn in a copy of a Skit or Song by dinner Saturday at the latest. A flag lowering ceremony will be held before dinner Saturday night. The Order of the Arrow will provide a call-out for newly elected members if requested in advance.
- ✓ Interfaith Worship Service: On Saturday, there will be an interfaith worship service after flag lowering. It will be held on the parade field and will be about 10 minutes.
- ✓ Clean Up: Every unit will be responsible for cleaning up their campsite on Sunday and being respectful of the camp throughout the weekend. IN ADDITION, every unit will also be assigned one other clean up duty to do somewhere in camp. The assignments will be passed out at the leaders' meeting Friday night.

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## D. Campsite Protocol

- ✓ Troop Rotation: In response to requests after a previous district camping event, troops will **not** be required to attend stations in a particular order. Scouts must travel to stations in pairs or larger groups, with an adult leader. Note, because of limited space at stations, Scouts will be issued wrist bands, which will be marked off at each station attended. If the station is full, the Scouts should proceed to another station. Each station will be equipped with a walkie-talkie and a more detailed schedule with all the contact information for coordinators.
- ✓ Off Limit Areas: Certain areas are reserved for the staff. These areas include other campsites and activity areas, as well as cabins. Otherwise, the Troops are free to roam throughout Camp Saffran. Thank you.
- ✓ Leaving the Grounds: No Scouts or adults will be allowed to leave the Camporee without first notifying their Scoutmaster/ Unit adult Leader and the Camporee Administration Staff. Note, since cars may not be driven in camp between Friday evening and Sunday morning, anyone leaving early will need to carry their gear to the parking lot. Wagons recommended.
- ✓ Cooking: Liquid fuel and compressed gas stoves may be used in accordance with BSA policy. Scoutmasters are responsible for storage of liquid fuel in the campsite area. Charcoal may also be used, but you need to bring your own. Bring a metal container to burn the charcoal and all fires need to be in an existing fire ring. Don't forget a fire bucket. Fires in campsites are subject to state and local restrictions in case of fire weather. Do not bring firewood into camp because of the possibility of spreading pest insects.
- ✓ Unit Leadership: The Scoutmaster is the on-site leader responsible for the unit. If for any reason the Scoutmaster must leave the Camporee, a replacement must be found prior to departure and the Camporee Administration Staff notified of the change. Maintain two-deep leadership at all times.

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- ✓ Camp Setup: Troop cooking is in effect. Troops must bring their own food, camping, and cooking supplies and gear. Troops will be prepared to eat all meals at their campsite. Troops will have limited wooded cover at their campsites, but the activity areas are mostly open areas. Please plan accordingly to ensure that your Scouts are protected from the sun and rain.
- ✓ Rosters: Rosters should be made out in duplicate. One copy is to be given to the Organizer and the second to be kept with the Unit.
- ✓ Uniform: The Scout uniform is designed for outdoor wear and will be the uniform of the Camporee. The Field (Class A) uniform will be worn for all Camporee gatherings, including any Flag Ceremonies and Saturday Campfire. The Activity (Class B) uniform is the Saturday uniform of the day for all Scouts. If a scout does not have a Class B uniform (scout T-shirt), a solid-colored tee shirt with no logo or message on it may be worn. If an inappropriate tee shirt is worn, the scout will have to put their Field uniform shirt back on. BE PREPARED for rain and chilly evenings.
- ✓ First Aid: Troops are responsible for initial first aid for their Scouts. If the injury requires more than a band aid, bring the scout to the first aid station immediately. The first aid station is co-located at the Dining Pavilion. Refer to the Emergency Plan at the end of this guide for more information on handling injuries.
- ✓ Restroom Facilities: Latrines are located at the campsites. They may or may not have toilet paper and soap so Troops should plan accordingly. Troops are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of these facilities. There will also be restrooms located at Reservation HQ (outdoors), trading post (adults only), the new shower/restroom facilities, and shower house by the pool. Observe posted signs for bathroom facilities. Most bathrooms are restricted to particular ages and genders.
- ✓ Waste Disposal: Do not burn or bury any trash. Store securely so animals cannot find it. Dispose of in dumpsters by RHQ or take it home. Observe Leave No Trace principles!
- ✓ Water: Water is available in the campsites or cabins. Water will also be available at RHQ and the dining hall.

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- ✓ Troop Duties: Each Troop will be responsible for maintaining the 11th point of the Scout Law, A Scout is Clean. If you notice trash on the ground, pick it up. Clean up after yourself. Also, each Troop will be assigned an area to help clean in addition to their campsite.
- ✓ Motor Vehicles and Trailers: A Troop trailer will be allowed to remain in the Troop campsite throughout the weekend. If the Troop has no trailer, only one vehicle will be allowed to remain in the campsite for food storage if parking permits. One vehicle per Troop will be allowed to drive back to the campsite to drop off gear and/or the Troop trailer. No other vehicles will be allowed back to the campsites. There will be no vehicles driving back to the campsite while camp is in progress. That means that all Troop trailers must be dropped off at the campsite before 9:00 PM Friday night and cannot be picked up until 9:00 AM Sunday morning. The Camporee Staff will be arriving at 5:00 PM Friday, March 20th to begin check-in participants and for Troops to be able to drop off trailers. If other accommodations are needed, please contact the Coordinator as soon as possible.
- ✓ Use of the Cabins: Susquehanna, Dan Beard, and Lookout campsites have cabins. Cabins may be used for storage of food and trash. Adult male leaders may sleep in the Susquehanna and Dan Beard cabins, as long as proper supervision of Scouts is maintained. Adult female leaders may sleep in the Lookout cabin, as long as proper supervision of Scouts is maintained. Scouts are not permitted to sleep in the cabins.
- ✓ Campsites: To the extent possible, boy troops are located in Jamestown, Dan Beard, and Susquehanna; girl troops are located in Lookout and Timberline. This division is to improve privacy in the latrines. If an exception is needed for a particular unit, please check with the Coordinator.

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## E. Safe Scouting

- ✓ As in all Scout outings, Safe Scouting regulations are in effect for all participating units and people. The BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting is the authoritative source for all safety-related questions. Several aspects of Safe Scouting that are particularly relevant to this event are outlined below for emphasis.
  - Follow the Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code at all times
  - Leave No Trace
- ✓ Alcohol: No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed at any time. It is against Scouting regulations. If alcohol is discovered, you will be told to leave the Camporee.
- ✓ Knife and Axe Safety: An axe yard shall only be set up in the event it is needed and must be clearly marked. Scouts will carry folding knives only if they have earned their Totin' Chip. Sheath knives are not part of Scouting and are not allowed at the Camporee. Leave them at home! There will be no warnings!
- ✓ Firearms: Personal firearms and ammunition **are not permitted** at Broad Creek.
- ✓ Fire Safety: Campfires must be above the ground in containers or in existing fire rings, except for the designated Saturday Camporee Campfire site. No ground fires are permitted. Please be especially careful to follow fire safety protocols throughout the event. The presence of so many people in one area increases the potential impact of a fire-related incident.
- ✓ Fuel Safety: Knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the storage, handling, or lighting of chemical fuels. Flammable liquids, such as lighter fluid, are not permitted for starting any fire.

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## **LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS**

NOAA's National Weather Service says "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" If you can hear the thunder then you are in the danger zone. Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder. If there is a Weather Emergency, the Camporee Staff will determine the action necessary to keep Attendees safe. All details will be discussed during the SPL Meeting Friday night.

### **What to Do:**

Acceptable courses of action when the person hears thunder are to get inside a safe building or safe vehicle. A safe building is one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls and floor, with electrical wiring and plumbing (safest course of action). A safe vehicle is any fully enclosed metal-topped vehicle such as a hard-topped car, minivan, bus, truck, etc. (less safe than a safe building). If one is in the woods, you should take cover in a forest, in a stand of the shorter trees, staying as far as possible from any single tree, if possible. The person should keep his feet together.

### **Be Aware:**

To estimate the distance between you and a lightning flash, you can use the "Flash to Bang" method: If you observe lightning, count the number of seconds until you hear thunder. Divide the number of seconds by five to get the distance in miles. Remember that if you can hear the thunder then you are in the danger zone.

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## Attachments

### 1. Emergency Procedures

#### INJURIES AND ILLNESS

If any of our adults who attend this event are medical professionals, please let the Camporee Staff know upon your arrival. If units know of campers with serious medical problems, please discreetly inform the Health and Safety Staff.

The camp rangers are trained First Responders and are always available. For a medical emergency that requires emergency medical services (EMS) dial 911 and tell the dispatcher your location (including directions to get to site at camp). Please stay on the line until the dispatcher releases you. Send someone to the designated site access point to escort the EMS personnel to the patient. Notify Event Staff immediately. Troops are responsible for ensuring compliance with youth protection guidelines by providing additional Scouts or Scouters in the event a Scout is transported offsite for treatment. In the event of an emergency, contact any member of the Event Staff - they will be able to get you the help you need. We will use cell phones for contact with staff and stations.

- a. If an emergency occurs then follow the emergency action steps: CHECK - CALL -- CARE.
  - i. CHECK -- Check the scene for safety -- if the scene is safe then approach the victim and check for responsiveness. If the scene is unsafe call for help. If the victim is unconscious or confused or suffering from a life-threatening condition then call 9-1-1
  - ii. CALL -- For life-threatening and serious medical emergencies: 9-1-1
  - iii. CARE – Get assistance from the trained Health and Safety First Responder Team located at Headquarters to provide care for life-threatening conditions. Do not move the patient unless the area becomes unsafe or you have to move him to provide care for life-threatening conditions (e.g., CPR)

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## 2. Campfire Participation Form

- ✓ Please complete this form and return it at the Camporee Leaders Meeting on Friday night or by supper Saturday at the latest
- ✓ A separate form for each Troop/Patrol or Crew is needed.
- ✓ Please limit songs and skits to no more than 5-minutes.

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Song or Skit: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a short description of the Song or skit:

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (Event Staff)

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## 3- Clean Up Duty

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

Campsite Cleanup Done? Yes? No?

Check By: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Grounds Clean Up: \_\_\_\_\_

Check By: \_\_\_\_\_

Check List:

- ✓ Did you remember to fill out the Evaluation Form? \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Did you provide an address so your Patches can be mailed \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Do you still have everyone? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4. Camporee 2026: Evaluation Form

Please have your SPL and attending youth fill out this evaluation form. Patches are on order and will be mailed, or can be picked up at Roundtable.

Pick three (3) activities that you want to see again NEXT year. (You can pick more)

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Pick one (1) or more activities that you think should be dropped from the program

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If you could have changed two (2) things about the Camporee (weather doesn't count)-

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This event would have been MUCH easier for your Troop if the Staff...

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Favorite Thing about the Camporee?

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Any suggestions/Comments?

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Thank you for your Feedback! We hope you enjoyed your time and hope to see you next year! -  
National Pike volunteers

## UNIT REGISTRATION FORM

If more room is needed, please start another page. Leaders, please put your phone numbers under your lines also for the Staff. Thanks. This information can also be turned in as a unit spreadsheet instead.

Scout (SPL)		Leader	
Scout (ASPL)		Leader	
Scout		Scout	

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