



**Ecology and Conservation
Fall Camporee**

October 4-6, 2024

Fred C Andersen Scout Camp

186 Andersen Scout Camp Trail
Houlton, WI 54082

**Event Guide
for all participants**

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Northern Star Scouting Ecology and Conservation Fall Camporee. This event will provide a fun and engaging environmental service opportunity with the US Fish and Wildlife Service that will teach participants about prairie management and sustainability. There will also activity stations at camp when the Conservation Service Day is over.

AOL Scouts Welcome!

This event is both a Fall Camporee and an AOL Scouts experience introducing AOL Scouts (and parents) to the Patrol Method and Scout-led camping. This event is also a great opportunity for Scouts to invite friends to join them to experience the Scouting program. AOL Dens register with a Troop of their choosing. If there are enough, AOL Scouts will form a Patrol under the leadership of two experienced Scouts BSA youth and work together in their campsite along with the other Scouts BSA Patrols from the Troop. If there are too few AOL Scouts to form a Patrol, they can work with an existing Patrol in the Troop.

Advancement Opportunities

Merit Badges and other advancement are **NOT** the focus of this event. If Scouts are working towards completing requirements for badges, they will be responsible for tracking those on their own with a Merit Badge Counselor or other adult leaders. Program volunteers will not be signing off on requirements.

Event Schedule

Time	Friday	Location
5:00 to 8:30	Arrival, camp setup, introductions	FCA Upper Camp
8:00 to 10:00	Unit check-in with final rosters	Swanson Lodge
Time	Saturday	
7:00 to 8:15	Breakfast & Cleanup	Troop campsites
8:15 to 8:30	First shuttle to Conservation Service Day	Swanson Lodge
8:45 to 9:00	Second shuttle to Conservation Service Day	Swanson Lodge
9:00 to 2:00	Conservation Service Day	US Fish and Wildlife
2:00 to 3:00	Return to FCA	Swanson Lodge
3:00 to 6:00	Open Program, optional additional service projects available	Various areas around FCA
6:00 to 7:30	Dinner	Troop campsites
7:30 to 8:30	Campfire	
8:30 to 10:30	Troop time in campsites	Troop campsites
Time	Sunday	
7:00 to 8:00	Breakfast, cleanup, break camp	
8:00 to 9:30	Site inspection, checkout	

Activities

Conservation Service Day

Northern Star Scouting is proud to support the St. Croix Wetland Management District of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in conjunction with our Fall Camporee on Saturday October 5th. The USFWS will provide multiple service sites in Western Wisconsin where Scouts will assist with seed collection for native plant cultivation, and more. All sites will be led by subject matter experts, blending learning, as well as an opportunity to give back to our shared environment.

Scouting has a long history of environmental stewardship and continues to draw attention to the importance of conservation work in both the Outdoor Code and Order of the Arrow Purpose Statement. This is a great way for Scouts and leaders to fulfill Scouting's aim of being a positive force in our community. Participating Scouts will receive credit for conservation service hours to be used toward rank advancement or apply toward Merit Badge requirements.

The Conservation Service Day will be the main program opportunity offered at this Fall Camporee. All participants will be shuttled from Swanson Lodge on the morning of Saturday, October 5th. Boxed-lunch meals will be provided to ALL participants.

Project work will conclude by 2PM, and then all Scouts will return to FCA for afternoon activity opportunities.

If you have specific questions about the Conservation Service Day, you can contact Greg Scheder:

P: 651.336.4881

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All Scouts are required to have the following paperwork:

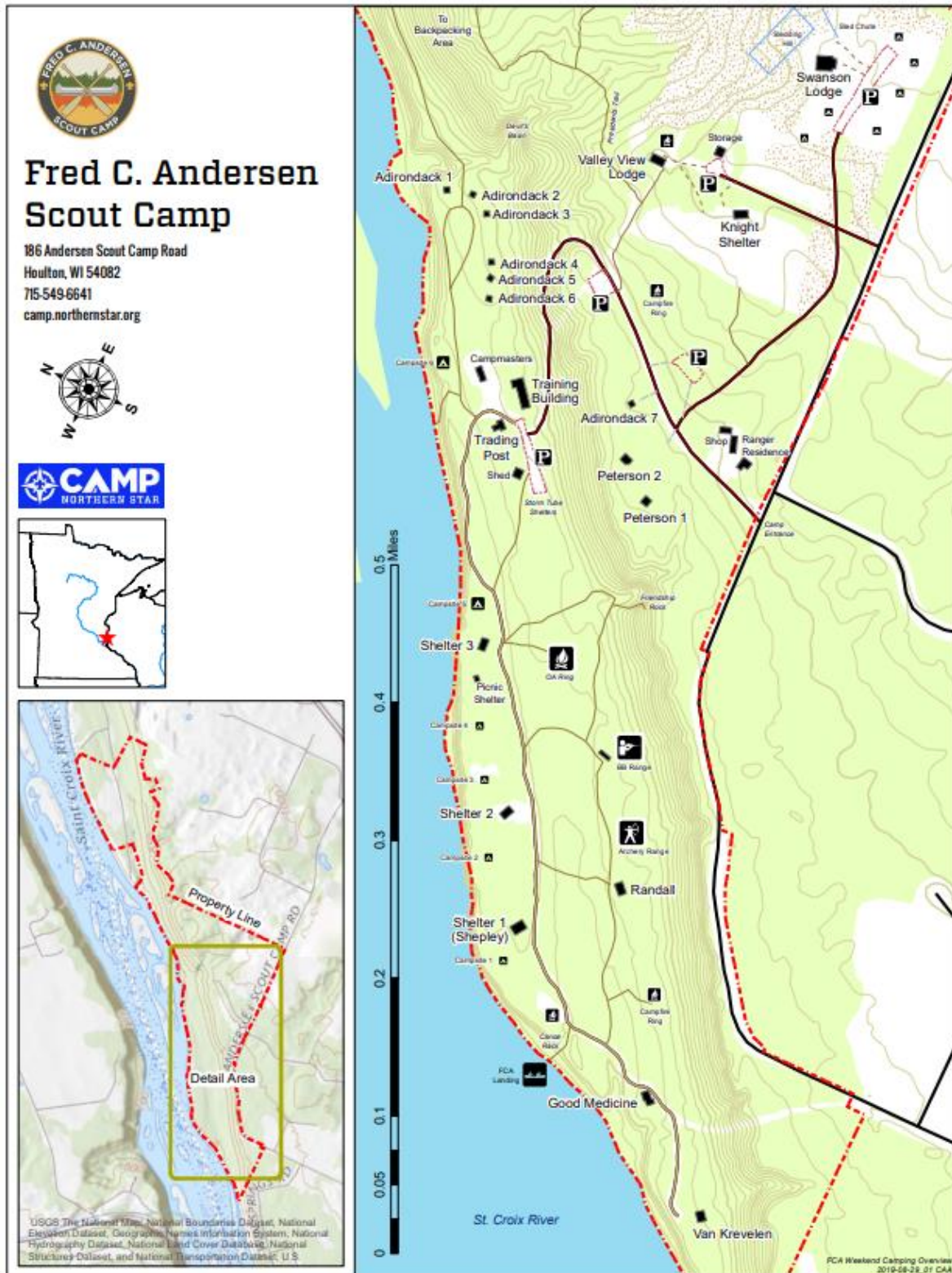
- Please have a copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A and B) for all participants ([found here](#)).
- Bring a signed copy of the USFWS waiver for each participant ([found here](#)).

Activities available upon return to camp will include GaGa and other field games, access to the Black Hole Slide, inflatable axe throwing, and BB guns and Archery.

Gear and Parking (Event Map)

All participants should be prepared to carry their personal gear from the parking area to the campsite.

All units will be camped in either the field by the Swanson Lodge, or the field by the Knight Shelter (see map).



Personal Gear to Bring

1. A Class A uniform shirt is a must for all Scouts.
2. A hat.
3. A pair of comfortable hiking boots or walking shoes (Keep them properly tied to prevent blisters).
4. One extra pair of shoes, in case the first pair gets wet.
5. One change of trousers and shirt.
6. Three pairs of socks.
7. Two sets of underwear.
8. Toiletry kit, containing: towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and a comb.
9. Sweatshirt or light jacket. (Heavier outerwear if the weather dictates).
10. Poncho or raincoat, with rain hat or hood (A MUST).
11. Sleeping bag or blankets. We will be tent camping. A cot, air mattress, or sleeping mat will also make you more comfortable.
12. Pillow
13. Eating utensils: plate, cup, knife, fork, and spoon (unless your Troop provides these).
14. Flashlight or headlamp and extra batteries.
15. Lawn chair or camp stool for adults. (You may want to bring reading materials for your free time).
16. Water bottle
17. Handbook
18. Compass
19. Watch. Don't be late for meals!
20. Sunscreen

NOTE: Make sure all your personal gear is marked with your name!

Troop Preparation for Troops hosting AOL Scouts

Besides planning as you would for any weekend campout, if you are hosting an AOL Scouts Den, you will need to prepare the AOL Scouts and their accompanying leaders and parents. If you have a relationship with a specific Pack, we encourage you to contact their AOL Scouts leaders, invite them to participate in the event, and coordinate with them. Please agree on an arrival time so that the AOL Scouts and parents can set up camp with you when they arrive if they do not travel with the troop.

Coordinate with your AOL Scouts guests as you would with any other patrol in your troop to ensure that they have proper youth leadership, food, and shelter for the weekend.

Model the Patrol Method according to the practices in your troop. Ensure the AOL Scouts have appropriate youth leadership assigned to guide them through the weekend within the campsite and while participating in adventures.

Ensure AOL Scouts and their adult partners are part of your meal planning process. Be sure that the AOL Scouts have food and can prepare it with the rest of the Troop.

Ensure that the AOL Scouts and their adult partners have appropriate shelter for the weekend according to practices in your troop and youth protection guidelines.

Welcome the AOL Scouts adult partners into your adult patrol with food and shelter according to practices in your Troop. Explain how the Scouts BSA program works and how the Methods of Scouting are implemented by your Troop. Encourage them to attend the 9:00 am training session on Saturday.

This is your chance to showcase Scouting in your Troop and recruit AOL Scouts into the Scouts BSA program!

Your Troop will be planning and purchasing its own food as you would for a weekend campout or a typical Camporee. If you are coordinating with a specific AOL Scouts Den, you could coordinate with them on the menu planning for their Patrol and adults. The Troop Guides should be eating with the AOL Scouts Patrol.

You should designate an adult leader to be the primary liaison to the AOL Scouts Den leader and the AOL Scouts parents. This person should be prepared to help explain the Scouts BSA program, how Scout youth leadership works in your Troop and encourage them to observe their AOL Scouts operating independently. They should also accompany the AOL Scouts adults to the 9:00 am training session designed for them on Saturday.

AOL Scouts Den Preparation (Scouts, Leaders, and Parents)

We strongly encourage at least one parent/guardian of each AOL Scouts Scout to attend this event. There will be a presentation on Saturday afternoon to explain the Scouts BSA program and answer questions parents may have about their Scout's transition to the Scouts BSA program. You will also get to see the program in action throughout the weekend by camping with a Troop.

If you have a relationship with a specific Troop, we encourage you to contact their leaders, encourage them to participate in the event, and indicate your desire to be included in their registration.

You will be camping with a Troop, and they will generally provide the tents and cooking gear for your Scouts. Check with your Troop to be sure. Your AOL Scouts will work as one of the Patrols in the Troop with two Scouts BSA youth leaders assigned to serve as their Troop Guides for the weekend. The AOL Scouts Den adults will camp with the Troop adults in the same site. AOL Scouts are encouraged to tent with one another as the Scouts BSA youth will do but AOL Scouts families can choose to have their Scout tent with their parent/guardian, if desired. AOL Scouts Den adults should provide their own tents if available or can check to see if the Troop can provide them. You should also coordinate arrival times so that you will be able to set up camp with the Troop when you arrive.

The AOL Scouts will have the opportunity to work together under Scout youth leadership to carry out basic camping tasks including tent setup, fire building, getting water, cooking for themselves, and cleaning up. They will also work together throughout the day on Saturday as they move through the event activities, games, and challenges.

Please communicate with the Troop to coordinate a menu and food purchase plan for your AOL Scouts Den/Patrol and adults as well as for the two youth from the Troop who will serve as Troop Guides for the AOL Scouts Patrol.

Attending AOL Scouts will be camping in their own designated area away from the Troops per the Guide to Safe Scouting, following all appropriate Cub Scout camping regulations.