

Northern Star Scouting Fall Camporee  
September 26-28, 2025  
Stearns Scout Camp

## **Crafts and Trades**

## **Welcome!**

Welcome to the Northern Star Scouting "Crafts and Trades" Fall Camporee. Skilled experts will demonstrate various crafts and trades, some who use this skill for their work and some as a hobby. Many will have hands-on activities for the Scouts.

This event will not have fixed rotations through stations. Rather, Scouts will choose the areas and activities they want to visit during the program day based on their interests.

There is only 1 hour allocated in the schedule for lunch. We recommend that units plan a simple lunch with little or no cooking to be able to make the most of the program day.

In addition, we are providing other opportunities during the program day including the climbing tower, orienteering course, disc golf, and GaGa Ball. Scouts who want to use the climbing tower will need to be registered for specific time slots in advance and must arrive on time for their assigned time slot.

We also will be providing training sessions for adult leaders. See the details later in this guide.

As usual for Council Camporees, units will be preparing their own meals in their campsites.

## **Craft and Trade Stations:**

- Blacksmithing
- Letterpress Printing
- Making wood boxes and the use of a CNC router for decorative elements
- Making cordage from natural fibers
- Knife and tool sharpening – bring your pocket knife and sharpen it
- Painting trade – virtual paint sprayer, career and training information
- Minnesota Woodworker's Guild – hand tools, steam bending of wood
- Electrician trade
- Pipefitting trade
- Tree sciences – multiple demonstrations and activities hosted by Bartlett Tree Experts

## **Other Activities**

### ***Climbing Tower***

With multiple climbing faces, scouts will have several ways to reach new heights! All climbing gear is provided at the tower. Climbers must have closed toe shoes to climb. Experienced and trained climbing staff will run this station. Time slots must be reserved in the registration process.

### ***Disc Golf***

Can you toss a frisbee? If the answer is yes then you can try out this cool activity. Like regular golf, you'll play a series of holes (fields) where the goal is to get your disc (frisbee) into the goal (metal basket). For each toss thrown you score a point. As your

skills grow it will take you less tosses to get the disc into the basket. It might seem a little silly but the lower the score the higher your 'pro' level. Discs and maps provided.

### ***Orienteering***

Use a map and compass to find your way around an orienteering course, checking in at each control point. Use the information on the map about terrain to help choose the best route. Try for the best time on the course.

### ***Gaga Ball***

Ga....Ga....Ball!!!!!! Everyone's favorite outdoor scout game. Due to the popularity of this station, the time for each group of participants will be limited and this event will be supervised.

### ***Quiet Room***

Need a break from the hustle and bustle of camporee? The Quiet Cabin is a calm, low-stimulation space for Scouts and leaders to relax, reset, and recharge. Whether feeling overstimulated, overwhelmed or just need a moment of quiet, this cabin is here for you.

## Event Schedule

<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Location</b>
5:00 to 8:30	Arrival, camp setup, introductions	Parking along McClintock Shelter road.
8:00 to 9:30	Unit check-in with final rosters	McClintock Shelter
<b>Time</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
7:00 to 8:30	Breakfast & Cleanup	Troop campsites
8:30 to 8:45	Campwide Flag Raising - Opening Ceremony	Flagpole at east side of field east of Diamond Lake Lodge
9:00 to 12:00	Activity stations open	
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch & Cleanup	Troop campsites
1:00 to 4:00	Activity stations open	
4:00 to 5:00	Free Time	
5:00 to 7:00	Supper and cleanup	Troop campsites
7:00 to 8:00	Campfire Program	Natural amphitheater near McClintock Shelter
8:00 to 9:00	Troop Fellowship, snacks	Troop campsites
10:00	Taps - Quiet Time	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	
7:00 to 8:00	Breakfast, cleanup, break camp	

8:00 to 9:30	Site inspection, checkout	
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## **Adult Training**

**NEW THIS FALL at the Stearns Camporee:** We will be offering Part One of the new three-part IOLS Passport training program for adults who attend the event with their unit. There will be four round-robin sessions available during the program hours of camporee- 9AM-12PM and 1PM-4PM. Part Two can be completed by participating in the online Scoutmaster-specific training on My.Scouting, and Part Three can be completed by attending the IOLS Passport Session at the University of Scouting on Saturday, October 25th.

There is no additional fee for participating in the training, and you can register for it by selecting the Adult Participating in IOLS Training registrant type. There is a limit of 40 participants for the training.

This is a great way to have leaders come out to assist your unit getting set up at camporee and get their training completed before heading home on Sunday. Volunteers who have troops attending the camporee will have the option to go back to their unit site for the overnight and camp with their unit.

## **Sites, Gear and Parking**

Camping will be in the field adjacent to McClintock Shelter. All unit vehicles including those with trailers will be parked along the road to McClintock or in the overflow lot near the maintenance building.

There will not be fire rings available. If you have an elevated campfire ring, please bring it.

## **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
21. Insect repellent. Ticks are likely to be active. Take appropriate precautions.

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

### **Check-In, Check-Out, Health Form Procedures**

On Friday evening between 8 and 10 pm, a representative from each unit should go to the McClintock Shelter and turn in your final unit roster of attendees. You will also receive a packet with copies of the map and schedule, and one printed copy of this Event Guide.

Each unit is responsible for keeping a file of the completed health forms for all your participants (adults and youth) available at your site. We will not collect these but may need to access them in case of a medical emergency.

### **Severe Weather Procedure**

In the event of severe weather that will require participants to take cover, a siren will sound. The primary severe weather shelter is the lower level of Tonkawa Lodge (what others?)

