



Rivers North District
2025 Skill-O-Rama Leaders Guide

Skill-O-Rama

Hosted By: Troop 212 & 219

October 10th - 12th 2025

Silver Lake Park

Fenton, MI

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Rivers North District invites all Cub Scouts through Arrow of Light Scouts to our annual 2024 Skill-O-Rama hosted by Scouting America Troops 212 & 219. Skill-O-Rama takes place at Silver Lake Park, Fenton, Michigan

Skill-O-Rama is an opportunity for Cub Scouts through Arrow of Light Scouts to work on some of their rank requirements with Scouts BSA Troops, get a jump on their new Scouting year, and have fun with other scouts.

Troop 212 & 219 hosts this event with support from other area Scouting America troops as a service to area Cub Scouts – healthy and active Scouting America troops need healthy and active Cub Scout packs. Our Troops look forward to this event each year since it allows them to work with younger scouts and show them what Scouting America is about.

Skill-O-Rama will be held on Saturday October 11th 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at Silver Lake Park, Fenton, MI, 48430 located at 16000 Jennings Road off Silver Parkway, across from VG's and Michaels. Gates opens at 9:00 am – please arrive early to complete registration before the opening flag ceremony at 9:45. This event is a way for Cub Scouts, parents and leaders to earn some rank requirements, and most importantly, to HAVE FUN!

All Scouts should register for their rank online at the Michigan Crossroads Council website for the early bird rate. Early bird online rates are \$8 per person and \$10 at the gate.

Bring along a friend, they can register online to take advantage of the discounted rate or pay at the gate. There will be information available to join Scouting at the event when they have so much fun they want to be part of Scouting.

This year's event will include:

- Nature Trail – get some hiking and nature requirements completed with an area expert
- Webelos, Bear, Wolf, Tiger and Lion Lands – this is where the Cub Scouts will work on their rank requirements. Please bring their books!
- For-Mar Nature Preserve Display - See different plants, and animals native to MI. come learn how to identify poison ivy, poison oak. Come identify Ticks and how to treat them.
- Scouting America Campsite – see an example of a traditional Scouting America summer campsite
- Lunch Tent – volunteers will be serving hot dogs, chips, pizza, and drinks for small fee
- Troop 212's Famous Trebuchet –we'll be launching pumpkins and watermelons at targets– scheduled times will be announced so all can participate (it's a "SMASHING" good time!)
- Skill-O-Rama Patch – each paying attendee will receive a commemorative Skill-O-Rama patch

General Information

1. **Gates:** open 9:00 AM where all Cub Scouts / Webelos / Arrow of Light Scouts will be checked in. A Flag raising ceremony will begin at 9:45 AM at the flagpole located by the front entrance. After the flag ceremony Cub Scouts / Webelos / Arrow of Light Scouts will make their way to the Trebuchet and at 10:00 AM the first launch will take place to officially kick off Skill-O-Rama 2025.

2. **Events:** Cub Scouts / Webelos / Arrow of Light Scouts will then make their way to the different skill lands and work on advancements.
3. **Timeframe:** You can arrive anytime between 9:00AM and 2:00PM, but Skill-O-Rama officially ends at 2:00 so don't delay.
4. **Uniforms:** Full Scout Field Uniforms should be worn, however Activity uniforms consisting of Scout attire and a Unit t-shirt(or some scouting t-shirt) should be worn at all other times. If you're a guest wear comfortable clothing. Dress for the weather, we live in Michigan and we have experienced everything from Snow & rain to mid 90's.
5. **Food:** There will be a concession stand available with Hot Dogs, chips, water and other snack food to purchase for lunch. You are also welcome to bring lunch along with you.
6. **Restroom Facilities:** Porta Potties and handwashing stations will be available

Webelos & Arrow of Light Parent/Scout Campout



If your scout is a Webelos or Arrow of Light Scout, come spend some time with our scouts and learn what the program has to offer by experiencing a real Scouting America camp out.

Saturday 3:30 pm to Sunday 10:00 am (Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts and Akela).

Registration should be done at the Michigan Crossroads Council website for the early bird rate. Early bird online rates are \$15 per person and \$20 at the time of check-in.

Parents and scouts will check-in for this event at 3:30 pm at the MAIN PAVILION at the back of the park.

Siblings or other guest just wanting to come out and join us for Dinner the cost is \$10

Camp activities include:

- Webelos camp setup
- Scout patrol formation, banners and yells creation
- Presentation by participating Scouting America troops (senior patrol leaders and Scout Masters)
- Campfire with traditional Scouting America campfire skits and songs
- Night time Trebuchet launch – Goodies and more!!!!

- Formal United States flag retirement at the campfire
- Dinner (pig roast), evening snack and Sunday breakfast included.
- Combined Cracker Barrel with lots of Dutch Oven cooked desserts.
- Combined Sunday Morning Scout's Own Service

Please bring your own tent, sleeping bags, and a change of clothes ... leave the rest to us.

Scouting America Troops Weekend Campout

Each year Troops 212 and 219 host the annual Skill-O-Rama event for all local Cub Scouts / Webelos / Arrow of Light Scouts to help give them a jump start on their annual advancements. This also gives them an opportunity to see what the older Scouts do and aspire them to continue on with the Scouting program.

With the post COVID decline in membership we are looking for other local Troops to come and help staff Skill-O-Rama.

As a reminder the entire purpose of the weekend is to support the Cub Scouting program. Troops are expected to participate in all aspects of the weekend, by doing this all Scouts will have a great time in a safe manner.

Scoutmasters should reinforce with their Scouts the size difference of Cub Scouts and Scouts in a Scouting America Troop. What might be simple horseplay among older Scouts can be very intimidating to much younger and smaller Cub Scouts.

For all Troops registering online please email Mr. Levi vlevi@umich.edu for the "Staff Code"

The Details:

1. Scouts will sign up to work a station and teach a skill to Cub Scouts / Webelos / Arrow of Light Scouts. All materials, and supplies will be provided. This is a great opportunity to put the EDGE method into practical use.
2. Troops should arrive Friday evening between 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Silver Lake Park, Fenton, MI, 48430 located at 16000 Jennings Road off Silver Parkway, across from VG's and

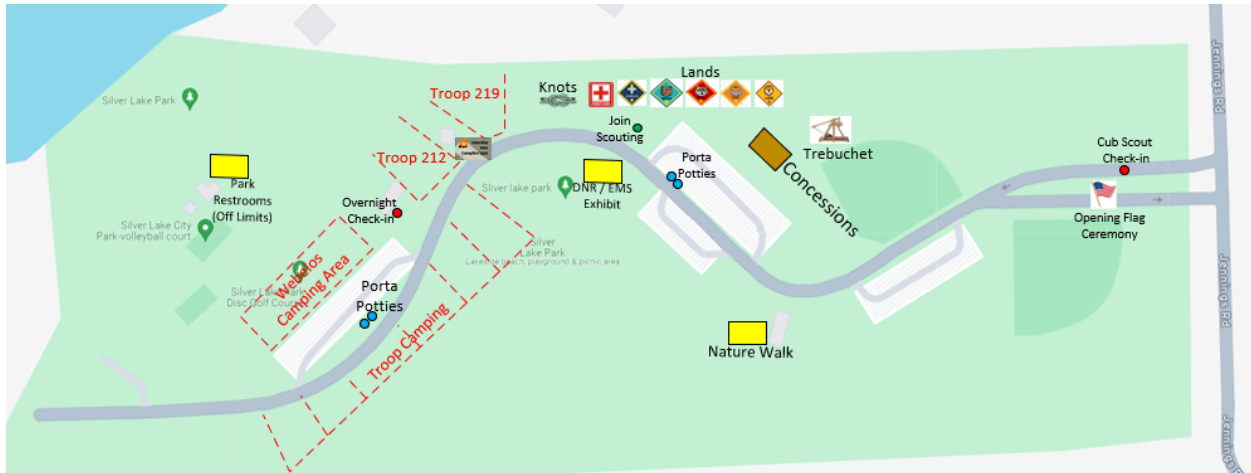
Michaels. You will be assigned a camping space for you to set up camp. Troop Trailers are welcome.

3. Meals:

- a. Friday Dinner - Eat Dinner Before you come to camp
 - b. Friday Cracker Barrel - Bring a snack to pass (example: Cheese & Crackers) we have a combined cracker barrel where we review the details of Saturday and make sure all stations are adequately staffed.
 - c. Saturday Breakfast - Everyone cooks in their own campsite with food you provide.
 - d. Saturday Lunch - will be provided, and delivered so the Scouts can stay at their assigned learning station.
 - e. Saturday Dinner - Pig Roast, we ask each Troop to bring a side dish to feed about 100 people (equivalent to three dutch ovens) so dig into your recipe book and wow us with your side dish. Dinner is combined with all the Troops and Webelos / Arrow of light scouts spending the night. This is a lot of fun and fellowship.
 - f. Saturday Cracker Barrel - Dutch Oven creations - Each Troop should bring their 2 favorite sweet dutch oven treats to share with everyone. This allows everyone to try and taste dutch oven cooking at its best and put something warm in everyone's belly for a good night's sleep.
 - g. Sunday Breakfast - Will be a combined breakfast consisting of doughnut's, hand fruits, etc.
4. There will be a combined campfire and flag retirement ceremony, each Troop should come prepared with their best scout appropriate skit or song.
5. During freetime there will be opportunities to throw the frisbee, play some football, or just unwind from the day. The play equipment by the lake is off limits due to it's out of sight from supervision.

6. Each Troop will get 10 minutes in a round robin format with the Webelos / Arrow of Light Scouts and their parents to tell them about your Troop, so they can get different perspectives of Scouting and see how each Troop is different. So come prepared with your SPL and Scoutmaster to talk with them.
7. For the overnight porta potties and handwashing stations will be available for use. The park restrooms by the lake will be locked and off limits to prevent any thoughts of mischief.
8. Troops will take part in the night Trebuchet launch of treats and candies.
9. Scouts could earn service hours for their time and efforts in teaching the Cub Scouts / Webelos / Arrow of Light Scouts new skills. This is up to each Troop to decide if the Scouts get credit.
10. Troops should come prepared for the weather, make sure you bring your canopies, rain gear etc. We live in Michigan and we have experienced in the past snow, rain, wind, and mid 90's so be prepared.
11. Bring your Troop flags and set up your campsite in a way to promote Scouting and your Troop.
12. Ground fires in your campsite are not allowed, so if you would like a campfire make sure you bring a raised pit.
13. Host Troops contact information:
 - a. Troop 212 - TBD
 - b. Troop 219 - Scoutmaster - Vince Levi - Cell: 810-423-9803
- Email: vlevi@umich.edu

Camp / Park Layout:



Skill-O-Rama Expectations:

We know different troops handle their programs in different ways. However, when you're at the District Camporee, we all have to live close together under some common rules. To make this a pleasant experience for everyone, we've listed the Camporee Safe Haven Rules. Please take some time prior to arriving at the Camporee to have your SPL review these with your Scouts:

1. Scout Oath & Law will guide activities and behavior. Leave No Trace will be observed.
2. The Camporee follows all points found in The Guide to Safe Scouting. Discipline is to be handled by unit leaders in charge. If a troop has any questions about this, please ask.
3. An atmosphere of respect and consideration for others needs to be promoted and exemplified by adult and junior leaders.
4. All language used at the Camporee must follow the 11th and 12th points of the Scout Law.
5. Scouts are never to enter anyone else's campsite without being invited.
6. Scouts are not allowed to leave their campsites after the designated "in Camp" time each night. Adults and Scouts must adhere to the Lights Out and All Quiet time being 10:00 PM each evening. This consideration for others is especially important

when troops are camped close to each other as they are here. We are also in a public park and there are residences in close proximity.

7. We ask that no adult or Scout arise before 6:00 a.m. but we know that's not always possible. Adults and Scouts arising before 6:00 a.m. must talk in whispers, not make any noise that will disrupt neighbors, and stay in their own campsite.
8. Competition must always be conducted with Scout spirit.
9. Inappropriate troop or patrol yells should not be used at any time during the Camporee. See rules 1 and 4 above.
10. Nothing is to be thrown while at the Camporee, including fir cones, rocks, sticks, or anything else, unless in an event approved by the Camporee staff.
11. Scouts should not be wearing bandanas, baggy pants, backward baseball hats or other non-Scout clothing that present an image contrary to Scout ideals and uniformity.
12. Campfire etiquette calls for silence upon entering the campfire area until prompted otherwise by the Master of Ceremonies and be quiet upon leaving.