

# Lakeshore District Survivoree Leaders Guide



**April 17-19, 2026**  
**Gerber Scout Reservation**  
**(1733 Owasippe Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457)**

Hello Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, and Skippers

The Lakeshore District in Association with Gerber Scout Reservation and the Michigan Crossroads Council is proud to provide you this information packet for our 2026 Spring Survivoree.

**Please be sure to carefully read and share this information with your participants.**

We hope that after you review this information, **you will join us and come prepared to make it a real highlight of your unit's Scouting year!**

See you at Gerber Scout Reservation!!

Rob Keen  
Lakeshore District Vice Chair of Program and Activities Chair

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**Who:** All Troops, Crews, and Ships are welcome to attend.

**What:** An action-packed weekend at Gerber Scout Reservation Arcade. Teams will participate in challenges to see who can Outsmart • Outlast • Outmaneuver the competition.

**When: Friday, April 17th to Sunday, April 19th, 2026**

- 1) Plan to arrive for registration between 4:00 pm and 9:00pm on Friday April 19th, 2026. (Late check-ins can be handled by special arrangement, please reach out to the event chair prior to the event to make arrangements).
- 2) Check-Out on Sunday, April 19th, 2026, will occur via a campsite inspection and dismissal by Survivoree staff. Site inspections may be arranged on a first come, first served basis any time after 10am (following closing/flags).
- 3) For those attending for only the day of Saturday April 18th, 2026, please check-in at the main pavilion of Gerber Scout Reservation (Scouts BSA side) between 7:00am-7:45am.

**Where: Gerber Scout Reservation (GSR)** located at 1733 Owasippe Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457

**Fees:** The registration fee is \$25 per Scout/Venturer the registration fee for Scouters is \$10 prior to March 13th. After March 13 the registration fee is \$35 per Scout/Venturer the registration fee for Scouters is \$20.

**THERE WILL BE NO WALK-IN REGISTRANTS FOR THIS EVENT, all attendees will need to sign-up prior to the event if you wish to attend!**

Although participants are able to attend Saturday only there is NO day fee for this event.

**Registration Cost Pays For:** Camp/Reservation fees, all Friday and Saturday program features and activities and infrastructure surrounding the event and the event patch.

**Program: Friday Program**

- Board Games
- Patch Trading

**The Survivoree**

- Patrols - Teams of 5-8 Scouts will get an opportunity to compete in challenges based on the tv show survivor. Teams will compete for high score in each challenge and an overall champion will be crowned.

**Contests**

- Cook Off – We will be having a camp wide cooking challenge. Teams can

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prepare either an appetizer, main dish, or dessert. There is a twist! A surprise ingredient will be provided when teams show up to camp.

- Campsite Decoration – Troops are encouraged to decorate their campsite in accordance with our theme.
- Spirit Award – The Team/Unit that shows the most Team/Unit Spirit throughout the event will be recognized at fire bowl.

## Saturday Night Fire Bowl

- Awards Presentations
- Skits/Songs/Fellowship

## The Survivoree Rules

Teams of 5-8 Scouts will get an opportunity to compete in challenges based on the tv show Survivor Teams will compete for high score in each challenge, and an overall champion will be crowned. There will be physical challenges, such as obstacle courses, and mental challenges, such as puzzles as well as skill-based challenges, such as fire building.

There will be three divisions:

- Scouts BSA
- Venturing/Sea Scouts
- Scouters

The Survivoree will be divided into three challenge areas. The tentative locations of the areas are highlighted on the GSR Map further down in this leader's guide. Each challenge area will consist of three challenges.

Teams participating in the Survivoree will be divided into three color groups. Each of the color groups will be assigned a designated time for each of the challenge areas.

All rules will be discussed at the leader's meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## CAMPOREE REGISTRATION

A confirmation of your unit's registration and final roster will be emailed to the primary leader you designate in your unit's registration. For planning purposes please respond to that email with the number of Patrols your unit will have.

## REQUIRED SPL/SM ORIENTATION

Our experience has shown that orientation for units participating is critical for a smooth event. An orientation is set for SPL/leader's at 9:30pm Friday April 17, 2026, in Centennial Dining Hall. We would like at least one adult leader and youth leader

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to attend the meeting. This will help you understand how Saturday's events will function, the ins and outs of camp, and give everyone a chance to ask questions. If your unit arrives after 9:30pm our registration team will still check you in and catch you up on the information discussed at the meeting.

**\*\*ATTENDANCE AT FRIDAY'S 9:30 PM MEETING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL UNITS\*\***

## UNIT PREPARATION

The weather in Michigan can change rapidly! **BE PREPARED!** Plan appropriate attire for a wide variety of weather conditions including sun, wind, rain and even snow! It can all occur on the same day in April in Michigan.

Scouts and leaders are expected to be able to set up camp after dark and in adverse conditions. As site space is at a premium, please bring only the necessary tents and equipment. A troop trailer may be left in the campsite and may be attached to a vehicle. Any other vehicles must remain in the parking lot area.

**WHAT TO BRING! - (Note: there will not be running water in campsites, you can fill water jugs/containers at ranger's station).**

Bring tents, ground cloth, stakes, cooking gear, tools for campsite set up and clean up, dining fly, **water containers (jugs, water cans, igloo coolers, etc...)**, first aid kit, unit flag, plastic trash bags, and fire safety equipment.

Individuals should bring several changes of clothing, warm sleeping gear, rain protection, warm coat, gloves, hat, sun/wind screen, sunglasses, individual canteens or water bottles, flashlight, camera, compass, spending money, Scout Uniform. We would like Scouts to be in uniform for fire bowl.

**MEALS!** - Troops should plan their own meals for this event, no meals are provided.

**FIREWOOD!** - You may collect and burn downed wood in any of the available fire rings. Collecting the local wood benefits both you and Gerber. Please, however, **do not transport firewood to the camp.**

**WATER!** – We want to give our scouts and scouters the most wonderful and comfortable experience we can. Seeing as we live in a cold climate, unfortunately some comforts are not always readily available. The water lines throughout camp will still be winterized and unavailable for use during this event.

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**What does this affect?** This means there will not be running water at your campsites, nor at the wash stations, and the shower houses will be closed. Consider this a rustic campout. We do have water available, see below.

**What about bathrooms?** Each campsite has a latrine and there are latrines throughout camp. Bathrooms at Centennial Dining Hall will be available.

**What about washing?** Every latrine area will have hand sanitizer. You may also choose to set-up a wash station in your campsite using a water jug and soap. Sinks are available in the bathrooms of Centennial Dining Hall.

**What about drinking water?** Water for drinking and food preparation will be available at the GSR Ranger Station. Please come prepared with potable water containers filled with water for your units to use. If you are unable to transport filled containers, you may fill them up after check-in before you move to your campsite. **PUT YOUR UNIT NUMBER AND CAMPSITE NAME ON YOUR WATER CONTAINERS so nobody misplaces containers – You can use marker on a piece of duct tape or whatever method you wish to mark the containers.**

**Water refill wagons?** Wagons will be available for your scouts to transport water containers back and forth from the Ranger Station. Please ensure your unit returns the wagon to the pavilion.

**TRASH!** – Friday night trash can be put out by your campsite sign and will be picked up on Saturday during the main event. On Sunday, please bring your trash out with you to the dumpsters located off the parking lot near the Ranger Station.

**UNITS - BRING AN IDEA FOR AT LEAST 3 SKITS and/or SONGS!** The ideas will be vetted for appropriateness (no toilet humor) and also to ensure we are not doing the same skit/song twice.

**CHECK-IN!** – On Friday starting at 4:00 pm and running to 9:00 pm.

1. Try to arrive as a Unit if at all possible. Follow the directions of the Security and Logistics Team and find parking spaces. Consolidate your equipment into your troop/crew trailer and/or one large vehicle.
2. Send your designated adult leader and youth leader to the check-in main pavilion with your roster and BSA medical forms. The main pavilion is located near the parking lot off the entrance to Gerber. You'll receive your campsite assignment once your unit is checked in.
3. Return to unit vehicles. You may then have your unit walk back to the assigned campsite. Wagons (same ones will be used for water transport) will be available to pull belongings to the campsites. Please ensure your units are

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returning the wagons to the check in area. You are allowed **ONE** vehicle per unit to go back to the campsite (ideally the vehicle pulling your unit's trailer).

4. If your **vehicle is attached to your unit's trailer you may leave it at the campsite**. If the one vehicle is not attached to a trailer, please kindly move it back to the parking area after your equipment is unloaded.
5. If there is a mobility need for a vehicle, it will be reviewed on an individual basis with our medical/security team at the time of check-in.

**CHECK-OUT!** – On Sunday your unit is again allowed only **ONE** vehicle in their campsite. After breaking camp, please police your campsite and wait for a Camporee staff member to check your unit out before leaving Gerber Scout Reservation. After a staff member inspects your site, your unit will receive a check out pass. This pass will be required to receive your checkout package containing your units' patches.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **FRIDAY (April 17, 2026)**

#### Time Place Event

- 4:00pm – 9:00pm Main Pavilion Check-in/Campsite setup
- 6:00pm – 9:30pm Centennial Hall Friday Programing
- 9:30pm – 10:00pm Centennial Hall SPL/Leader Meeting
- 10:00pm – 11:00pm Campsite Fires, fellowship,
- 11:00pm Reservation Wide Quiet Time/Lights Out

### **SATURDAY (April 18, 2026)**

#### Time Place Event

- 7:00am – 8:00 am Camp Wide Wake-up! Eat Breakfast
- 7:00am – 7:45am Main Pavilion - Saturday Arrival Check-In
- 8:30am – 9:00am Centennial Parade Field - Opening and Flags
- 9:45am – 11:15am GSR Reservation-wide Session One
- 11:45am – 12:45pm Lunch Campsites
- 1:15pm – 2:45pm GSR Reservation-wide Session Two
- 3:15pm – 4:45pm GSR Reservation-wide Session Three
- 4:45pm – 6:30pm Campsites Relax and make dinner
- 6:30pm – 7:00pm Main Pavilion Cook Off Challenge
- 7:30pm – 9:30pm Fire Bowl FIRE BOWL – WATER PLATE!!!!
- 10:00pm – 11:00pm Campsites Fire, fellowship,
- 11:00pm Camp Wide Quiet Time/Bed

### **SUNDAY (April 19, 2026)**

#### Time Place Event

- 7:00am – 8:00 am Camp Wide Wake-up! Eat Breakfast

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8:30am – 9:00am Centennial/Flag Field Event Closing and Flags

9:15am – 10:00am Campsites Site Inspection and Check-Out

10:00am EVENT IS OVER HEAD HOME AND DRIVE SAFELY!

## THINGS TO DO

Trading post – The trading post will be open periodically.

Patch Trading – In Centennial Dining Hall there will be an opportunity to view various patches and take part in a patch trading event. Bring some patches to trade.

Board Games – We will have a portion of Centennial Dining Hall set up Friday evening so Scouts can play board games. Scouts are encouraged to bring their favorite game to share.

Cooking challenge - Sticking with our theme, units are encouraged to make a dish (appetizer/entrée/dessert). There is a twist! A Secret ingredient will be given to each unit at opening flags. Prizes will be awarded for each category.

Fire Bowl - Fire Bowl, Fire Bowl, Fire Bowl! Join us for an Outstanding fire bowl on Saturday night. This will be a fun atmosphere of fellowship and filled with skits, songs, and presentations. UNITS - BRING AN IDEA FOR AT LEAST 3 SKITS and/or SONGS! The ideas will be vetted for appropriateness (no toilet humor) and also to ensure we are not doing the same skit/song twice.

Campsite Competition – Decorate your unit's campsite in the most survivor way. Following the main event, staff will walk around and judge campsites for the best themed site. Winners to be announced at Fire Bowl.

## FAQs

### 1. What can we do to speed up check-in?

- Come prepared with your unit roster and **COPIES of health forms (A&B)**.
- Follow all sign in and vehicle unload instructions at the site.
- Relax – it will be a great weekend!!

**2. Patrol, Crew, Ship** This event is a Team event. Patrols, Crews, Ships should travel together whenever possible, minimally buddy groups (please no individual scout movements – YOU SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE A BUDDY!).

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- 3. Are individual health forms required?** Yes! BSA Health Forms Parts A & B are required for every participant. The unit should maintain one copy of each in a readily accessible location in case of emergency. These may be retained by the camp, so please make copies of any original forms.
- 4. May Scouts or Scouters with special needs attend?** Yes. Accommodations can be made in most cases. Please advise us of any special needs.
- 5. Where will we stay?** Units will be staying at the GSR Scouts, BSA campsites. Please bring your own tents and gear. If you have a unit that you would like to try to camp with, please notify us and we will **try** to accommodate you.
- 6. What will we eat?** Units will provide all their own meals for the weekend; no meals are provided.
- 7. Who can attend?** This event is open to all Troops, Crews, and Ships. This event is not open to Cub Scouts.
- 8. I'm only able to attend on Saturday, can I still go?** Yes, but **there will be no walk-in registrations.** You must have registered for the event online in advance of the event, and there is not a single day registration. Please arrive to 7:45 am on Saturday April 18, 2026, at the GSR Main Pavilion to be checked in so you can be present for the opening flags.
- 9. Other than our usual camping gear, is there any other "gear" that my unit will need to bring?** You may want to bring some pioneering materials to construct a useful item around your campsite and/or decorate your campsite

