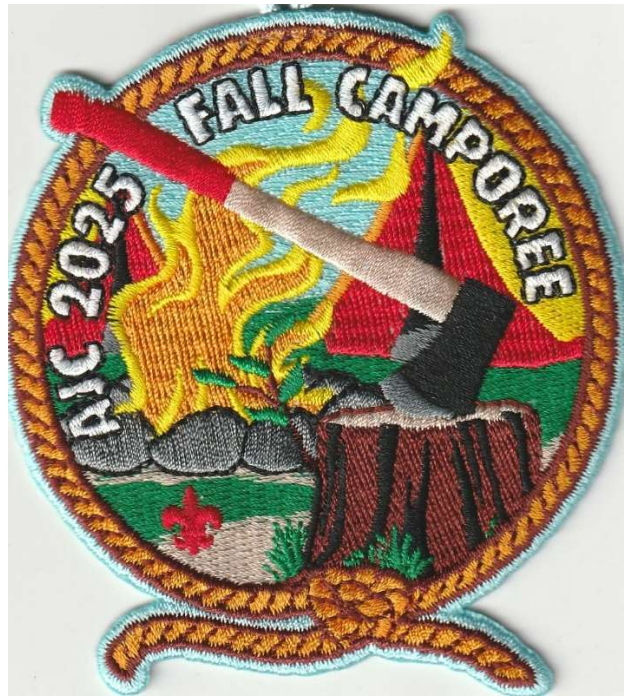


Andrew Jackson Council

2025 Fall Camporee

Back To Basics



October 3-5, 2025

Leaders Guide

Gaddis Farms

Bolton, MS

In 1908 the Captain Scout, as he called himself, published his book, *Scouting for Boys*. It appealed to all the sense of adventure and love of open-air life which is so strong in youth. But beyond this it stirred those sentiments of knightly chivalry, of playing the game – any game – earnest or fun – hard and fairly, which constitute the most important part of the British system of education.

Success was immediate and far-reaching. The simple uniform, khaki shorts, and a shirt – within the range of poorest – was founded upon that of General Baded-Powell's old corps, the South African Constabulary. The hat was the famous hat with the flat brim and pinched top which he had worn at Mafeking. The motto "Be Prepared" was founded on his initials. Almost immediately we saw at holiday times on the roads of Britain little troops and patrols of Boy Scouts, big and small, staff in hand, trudging forward hopefully, pushing their little handcart with their kit and camping gear towards the woodlands and parklands which their exemplary conduct speedily threw open to them. Forthwith there twinkled the campfires of a vast new army whose ranks will never be empty, and whose march will never be ended while red blood courses in the veins of youth.

It is difficult to exaggerate the moral and mental health which our nation has derived from this profound and simple conception. In those bygone days, the motto "Be Prepared" had a special meaning for our country. Those who looked to the coming of a great war welcomed the awakening of British boyhood. But no one, even the most resolute pacifist, could be offended; for the movement was not militaristic in character, and even the sourest, crabbiest critic saw in it a way of letting off youthful steam.

--Winston Churchill on Baden Powell

# The 2025 Camporee Information

## ➤ Questions?

Please contact:

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## ➤ When?

Friday, October 3, 2025 to Sunday, October 5, 2025

Troops and AOL Dens may camp for one or two nights at the Scout Camporee site.

## ➤ Where?

Gaddis Farms - Bolton, MS

Take exit 27 toward Bolton and go right onto Bolton-Brownsville Rd.

Go less than a mile

Keep left onto Williams Lake Rd.

Go for about 2 miles

Turn left on Queens Hill

Go for about 2 miles

You will pass Pleasant Hill on the left and turn right just after you pass this road

The gate will be open

Cross over the cattle guard

You will see a sign that says The Gaddis Farm Lake House

The house is on the left – keep right

Do not go through the green gate – stay right

When you see the boat house on the lake, stay to the right

## ➤ Who?

All Scouting Troops and AOL Dens

## ➤ Fees and Deadlines – Troops / AOL Dens

Fees are \$15 per Scout and \$10 per Leader

Registration closes September 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm

## ➤ Personal Health and Medical Records

To ensure the health and safety of everyone, all Scouts and leaders participating in the 2025 Scout Camporee must have a current, completed Scouting of America Health and Medical Record (Parts A & B). Units are responsible for each Scout's medical forms and must have the forms available upon request at check-in. Any health/medical condition needing special consideration should be brought to the attention of the Scout Camporee Medical Officer upon arrival. If any special considerations are needed, please contact the Scout Camporee Director.

- Restrooms

There will be Porta-Potties on site.
- Water

There will be a place to get water. It will be a hike from the campground. It is suggested that units bring as much water in for the weekend as possible.
- Garbage

All Units will need to truck out their own garbage from the weekend.  
Remember Leave No Trace!
- Weather

The Camporee will be held regardless of weather conditions, wind, rain, or shine.  
Be Prepared for any weather conditions.
- Check-In Procedures

Check-in time #1: Friday October 3, 2025 4:00-8:00 PM  
Check-in time# 2: Saturday October 4, 2025 6:00-8:00 AM  
Items needed for check-in  
    Medical Forms (to be kept with each Unit)

  1. Units must check in as a Troop/Den
  2. Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters Leaders will update the unit's roster at time of check-in.
  3. Campsite assignments will be given at check-in time.
- Check-Out Procedures

Check-out time: Sunday October 5, 2025 10:00-11:00 AM  
Every unit should plan to stay until the end of the Scout Camporee. However, we understand that some units may need to depart Saturday night. In all cases, we encourage units to stay through the campfire. Any unit not staying through Sunday must notify Camporee Admin when they check-in.  
All units must be prepared to depart by noon on Sunday

  1. Campsites will be inspected by the staff before checkout. Have site inspected by camp staff whether you are leaving on Saturday or Sunday.
  2. When your site has passed inspection, send the SPL with your check-out sheet to the Camporee admin area. Patches will be given to units at that time.

## 2025 Scout Camporee Program

- Senior Patrol Leaders

SPLs may participate in events as a member of a patrol.  
Scouts will participate in the Scout Camporee as Patrols. Each Patrol should be prepared to participate in the various challenges using basic Scouting Skills and Spirit.
- Gateway Competition

Gateways will be judged on how elaborate they are by only using Scouting Skills.  
This will be done by unit – not by patrol.
- Cooking Competition

Pork and Beans with a side of Cornbread. I am leaving this wide open for thinking out of the box. If there is Pork and Beans with Cornbread on the side, the dish may be entered into the competition. All preparations must be made at camp. You may start Friday night if necessary. Entries can be Troop or Patrol
- What the Scouts need for Saturday
  - Compass
  - Water Bottle
  - Scouting Spirit
- Campfire Program

Each Patrol will be required to provide a skit or song for the Campfire Program.
- Religious Services

A Scout's Own service will be held on Sunday morning. We encourage all scouts and leaders to attend. The Chaplain's Aide from each unit should attend the Scoutmaster and SPL meeting on Friday night.
- Campsite Inspections

Campsite Inspections will be based off the BSA Campsite Inspection sheets.  
Campsite Inspections will be given as a Unit Award

## Policies and Procedures

### ➤ Participation

All youth participants are required to be registered members of Scouting America before arriving at the Scout Camporee. Participation is limited to Scouting America Troops and AOL Dens. All units must follow all Youth Protection rules and regulations regarding tenting for male and female scouts.

### ➤ Leadership

**Adult:** Each unit registering for the Camporee is responsible for its own leadership. It is Scouting America's policy that there are at least two leaders with the unit at all times. They must be available and present in camp 24 hours a day. NO EXCEPTIONS! The unit camp leader must be a registered adult leader, at least 21 years of age, and preferably should be the year-round leader. If the year-round leader cannot attend, leadership can be recruited from Assistant unit leaders.

**Youth:** Troop leaders are expected to set the pace by their own examples of living the Scout Oath and adhering to the Scout Law.

### ➤ Camp Uniform

The official BSA field uniform will be worn properly (e.g., shirts tucked in, neckerchiefs, etc.) during check-in, flag ceremonies and check-out. All other times Patrols/Dens should be easily recognized and are encouraged to be in BSA or unit t-shirts.

### ➤ Campgrounds

Gaddis Farms is our temporary home for the weekend for our Scouts and Leaders. Your cooperation is needed to keep it neat and clean.

**Fires:** Campfires are allowed if there is not a burn ban at the time of the Camporee.

**Trash:** Units should be prepared to pack out their trash.

**Campsites:** Campsite assignments will be determined by the Camporee staff and will be given to you at the time of check-in. Please use the Patrol Method in your campsite layout.

**Restrooms:** There will be two Porta-Potties.

**Low-Impact:** The Camporee staff is encouraging the use of low-impact camping skills. We will be out in a field. There is no place for hammock camping. Please plan accordingly with sleeping quarters, meals, etc. No camping equipment will be furnished at the Camporee site.

### ➤ Lights Out

All Scouts are to be in their unit area after dark, following any Camporee events. All noise will stop at Taps. Scout and Leaders are responsible for maintaining quiet after Taps. Please respect the unit quiet after hours as to not bother those in the surrounding campsites.

➤ Transportation

Camporee staff will not be providing any transportation nor making any special accommodations for unit member transportation needs. Camping Assignments can be arranged by Camporee Staff if informed in advance of specific scout needs. All units are required to provide their own transportation to and from the Camporee. Under no circumstances are Scouts or Leaders to ride in the back of Trucks or Trailers.

➤ Parking

Parking will be limited on the road going through the field. The Camporee staff will try to find a parking area for vehicles without trailers. Vehicles with trailers will be able to park on the road at their campsites.

➤ Camp Rules

Do not enter any campsite other than your own without permission.

No alcohol, firearms, or personal bow and arrows allowed.

No generators in the campsite.

No Profanity.

No horseplay around the water.

No Pets.

Buddy systems should be used when out of your unit's area.

➤ Alcohol and Drugs

It is policy of Scouting America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by Scouting America or at any activity involving participation of youth Members.

This policy will be strictly enforced for all those that use this facility. Unit Leaders will be responsible for monitoring any prescription medications for its members.

➤ Scouting America Smoking Policy

Smoking is discouraged among adult leaders as a rule. Smoking is prohibited in all program areas, camp buildings. Smoking is discouraged in the presence of the scouts anywhere on the camp property.

➤ Use of Chemicals Fuels

Scouts should use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns in camping activities, particularly in and around canvas tents. No chemical fueled lantern or propane stove is to be used inside a tent.

It is recommended that no liquid fuels be used. It would be best if units used propane or butane fuels only.

The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited. This includes damp wood, charcoal and ceremonial campfires. Solid type starters are just as effective, are easier to store and carry, and are much safer to use for this purpose.

➤ In Case of Medical Needs

Units are expected to handle most minor injuries, but a Camporee Medical Officer is on staff to handle other injuries and illnesses. Accidents, injuries and illnesses **MUST** be reported to the Camp Medical area. The Camporee Medical Officer is available day and night at the Camporee Admin area. If you have an emergency, please notify any Camporee staff member right away.

➤ Fire Plan: Fire Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility!

Fire prevention is the key to any fire plan and should be uppermost in the minds of every Scout Camporee staff member, leader and Scout. A healthy awareness of the potential for injury from a brush fire, down to the touching of a hot ember should drive home the need for fire safety.

NO tent material is fireproof, and it can burn when exposed to heat or fire. If using tents, please follow these rules:

1. Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. No flames in tents is a rule which must be enforced.
2. Chemical-fueled stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches or other flame sources should never be used in or near tents.
3. DO NOT pitch tents near open flames.
4. DO NOT use flammable chemicals near tents.

Always extinguish cooking stoves properly (police and pick up trash from fire site or disposal).

**UNITS NOT FOLLOWING THE SCOUT CAMPOREE RULES  
MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE.**



# Schedule

## Friday, Oct. 3, 2025

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 4:00pm-8:00pm | Unit Check-in/Campsite set-up/Dinner |
| 8:30pm-9:00pm | SPL/Chaplin aid/ SM meeting          |
| 9:00pm-9:30pm | Staff meeting                        |
| 10:00pm       | Lights out (Taps)                    |

## Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 6:00am         | Reveille  |
| 6:00am-8:00am  | Breakfast/Cleanup/Patrol Preparations/ Saturday Check-In  |
| 8:00am-8:30am  | Opening Ceremony/ Staff set-up if needed  |
| 9:00am-12:00pm | Camp games<br>Knot-tying/ Fire building/ Orienteering/ Games  |
| 12:00pm-1:30pm | Lunch   |
| 1:15pm-1:30pm  | SPL/ Chaplin aid meeting at Admin.  |
| 1:30pm-4:00pm  | Camp games if everyone is not done.<br>If done scouts can go fishing and work on gateways and dishes for cooking competition. |
| 4:00pm-6:00pm  | Dinner  |
| 6:30pm-6:45pm  | Turn in Cooking competition items. Pork and Beans dish and Cornbread  |
| 7:30pm         | Campfire  |
| 10:00pm        | Lights out (Taps)   |

## Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 7:00am      | Reveille                                  |
| 7:00am-8:30 | Breakfast/Cleanup                         |
| 9:00am      | Scout's Own Services (Non-denominational) |
| 9:30am      | Break camp/Campsite Inspections/Checkout  |
| 11:00am     | 2025 Fall Camporee ends                   |