



Camporee Manual
April 25 – 27, 2025
Camp Geiger
St. Joseph, MO

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Welcome

Greetings Scouts and Scouters,

I would like to invite every member of the Pony Express Council to attend our Spring Camporee. Any registered Scout and Scouter is welcome to attend even though you may be outside our service area.

This is a fun event for Packs, Troops, Crews, and Ships, so be prepared to show Scout Spirit and have a great time. We have planned full and exciting programs for all who attend; it does not matter if this is your first scout camporee or your hundredth scout camporee, it does not matter if you are a Cub Scout or an adult Scouter there will plenty of activities for all who attend.

This year's Spring Camporee is entitled "Scouting Through the Ages". This is sure to be an event that you do not want to miss. All the information contained in this manual should allow your unit to be adequately prepared for a weekend full of fun and memorable experiences.

Yours in Scouting,

Eugene Lickenbrock

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Registration and Fees

The registration for this event can be found at the following link:

<https://scoutingevent.com/311-springcamporee2025> . The cost for the event will \$15 for this event. To be completely transparent, the breakdown for the total cost of \$15 breaks down to \$8 for a camporee shirt and \$7 for program supplies, awards and two cracker barrels.

General Information

Disclaimer

The information in this Camporee manual may change before the Spring Camporee occurs. Final instructions will be provided on Friday evening and Saturday morning at the leaders' meeting.

Camp Code

This is a Scouting event! As such, proper Scout-like behavior is expected of all Scouts and all Scouters. The Scout Oath and Law will be the camp code at all times during the Spring Camporee. Violations to following the Scout Oath and Law may result in the individual or entire unit being asked to leave the event.

Camporee General Rules

- The Scout Oath and Law will govern the behavior of all participants.
- The Buddy System must be followed by all Scouts at all times.
- Leave No Trace applies as always.
- No one may leave the Camporee site early unless approved by the Unit Leadership. Please have everyone check out at Headquarters before leaving the Camporee area.
- As with any Scout event, there will be no illegal drugs, alcohol, fireworks, firearms or other weapons.
- Sheath knives and fixed blade scabbard knives are prohibited.
- Campfires must be in a raised above ground pit and must be properly extinguished when the campsite is unattended.
- Report all accidents, injuries or other emergencies to a member of the Camporee Staff. Medical personnel will always be on site during the Camporee.
- Lost and found items should be turned into Headquarters.

Quiet Hours

Everyone must be in their campsites between the hours of 10:30 pm and 6:00 am. All are expected to be quiet. Lights out is 11:00 pm.

Parking

Parking is allowed only in parking areas designated by the staff.

Garbage

All trash must be put into trash bags and disposed of utilizing the dumpsters located behind the Trading Post and the Dining Hall.

Fires

Campfires must be in a raised above ground pit and must be properly extinguished when the campsite is unattended.

Leader's Meeting

There will be an important Leader's meeting on Friday evening and Saturday morning. These meetings will cover any last-minute changes to information pertaining to the Spring Camporee, as well as any questions you may have concerning the Spring Camporee.

Religious Services

"A Scout is Reverent." We ask all leaders to encourage their Scouts to attend a religious service of their choice in their Class A uniforms.

Saturday Night Evening Show

Saturday night the staff will put on an evening show including the presentation of camporee awards, skits from the staff and the participating Scouts, and much more entertainment. We encourage everyone to wear their Class A uniforms.

Health Forms

Be sure to have health forms (Parts A & B) for all participants (adults and Scouts) attending the Spring Camporee. These forms should be shown to Headquarters during Check-In and then should be readily accessible at your campsite. All leaders in camp, in case of emergency, should know where these forms are located.

First Aid

Scout leaders are to be prepared to handle all minor situations. Health forms are to be kept with the unit and accessible. Each unit should have their First Aid Kit in their campsites. Serious injuries and emergencies must be immediately reported to the Health Lodge. Trained Medical Personnel will be present on site for the Camporee. Should any of your Scouts experience an injury or illness requiring treatment beyond Scout-rendered First Aid, please take them to the Health Lodge.

Cracker Barrels

As part of the registration fee for the Spring Camporee, the Camporee Staff will provide cracker barrel to all participants on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Check-In Procedures

All units must have two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over. Units with female youth or female program participants must have at least one registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over. All adults (age 18 or over) staying overnight must be registered members of the BSA.

Please make every attempt to have your Unit arrive together.

Check-in registration will be on Friday evening between the hours of 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm or Saturday morning between the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 am at Headquarters. At check-in, all units must submit the following:

- Updated Unit Roster with names of all attendees
- Copy of BSA medical forms Parts A & B for all attendees (Note: Units will keep these in their campsites after Check-In is completed)
- Payment of any additional fees
- Copy of Youth Protection Certificates for all adults staying at the Camporee (Note: Units will keep these in their campsites after Check-In is completed)

Campsite assignments will be provided at Check-In.

Wristbands will be issued at check in. Anyone without a wristband is not part of the event and should be reported to staff right away.

Check-Out Procedures

Check-out will begin at 8:00 am on Sunday.

Your campsite **MUST** be inspected by a member of the Camporee Staff before you leave.

Prior to inspection, please complete the following:

- Ensure the campsite is litter free.
- Restore your campsite to better than you found it.
- Pack up your gear and be ready to depart.
- Carry out all garbage to the dumpster behind the Trading Post or Dining Hall.
- Request a campsite inspection by a Camporee Staff member by sending someone from the unit to Headquarters.
- Complete, and be ready to submit, a Camporee Evaluation Form.

Camporee Schedules

Cub Scouts

Friday April 25, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Check-In/Registration/Set Up Campsites	Unit Campsites
8:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Leader's Meeting	Herzog Lodge
8:30 pm to 10:00 pm	Bazinga	Dining Hall
10:00 pm	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
11:00 pm	Lights Out	Unit Campsites
11:15 pm	Staff Meeting	Dining Hall

Saturday April 26, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Breakfast/ Check-In/Registration/Set Up Campsites	Unit Campsites
9:30 am to 9:45 am	Leader's Meeting	Herzog Lodge
9:45 am to 10:00 am	Opening Ceremony	Parade Field by Dining Hall
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Field Sports Activities (BB guns, archery and fishing)	Shooting Sports Area and Lake Richardson
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch	Unit Campsites
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Gaga Ball Tournament	Trading Post
2:30 pm to 4:00pm	Belt Loop Program	Blackhawk Ridge
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Beat the Eagle Scout: Scouting Skills Competition	Tapping Valley
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Dinner	Unit Campsites
7:00pm to 7:20 pm	Assemble for Evening Activities	Corral
7:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Scout's Own Religious Service	Training Center
8:15 pm to 9:45 pm	Evening Show	Running Horse Council Ring
9:45 pm	Cracker Barrel	Corral
11:00 pm	Lights Out	Unit Campsites
11:15 pm	Staff Meeting	Corral

Sunday April 27, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Breakfast/ Check-Out/Breakdown Campsites	Unit Campsites

10:00 am	Depart for Home	N/A
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Scout Troops

Friday April 25, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Check-In/Registration/Set Up Campsites	Unit Campsites
8:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Leader's Meeting	Herzog Lodge
8:30 pm to 10:00 pm	Bazinga	Dining Hall
10:00 pm	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
11:00 pm	Lights Out	Unit Campsites
11:15 pm	Staff Meeting	Dining Hall

Saturday April 26, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am to 9:30 am	Breakfast/ Check-In/Registration/Set Up Campsites	Unit Campsites
9:30 am to 9:45 am	Leader's Meeting	Herzog Lodge
9:45 am to 10:00 am	Opening Ceremony	Parade Field by Dining Hall
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Merit Badge Program: Scouting Heritage	Training Center, Museum, Corral
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch	Unit Campsites
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Gaga Ball Tournament	Trading Post
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Beat the Eagle Scout: Scouting Skills Competition	Tapping Valley
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Host Beat the Eagle Scout: Scouting Skills Competition for Cubs	Tapping Valley
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Dinner	Unit Campsites
7:00pm to 7:20 pm	Assemble for Evening Activities	Corral
7:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Scout's Own Religious Service	Training Center
8:15 pm to 9:45 pm	Evening Show	Running Horse Council Ring
9:45 pm	Cracker Barrel	Corral
11:00 pm	Lights Out	Unit Campsites
		Corral

Sunday April 27, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Breakfast/ Check-Out/Breakdown Campsites	Unit Campsites
10:00 am	Depart for Home	N/A

Mic-O-Say

Saturday April 26, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Dress for Dance Competition	Mic-O-Say Lodge
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Dance Competition	TBD
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch	Mic-O-Say Lodge
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	Set Up for Scout Me In Event	Ridge by Dining Hall
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Scout Me In Event	Ridge by Dining Hall
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm	Tear down Scout Me In Event	Ridge by Dining Hall
8:15 pm to 9:45 pm	Dance at Evening Show	Mic-O-Say Lodge

Scout Me In Event

Saturday April 26, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	Set Up for Scout Me In Event	Ridge by Dining Hall
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Scout Me In Event	Ridge by Dining Hall
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm	Tear down Scout Me In Event	Ridge by Dining Hall

Adult Program

Saturday April 26, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
10:00 am	Coffee Talk with Scout Executive and District Executives	Herzog Lodge
11:00 am	Meet the Council Commissioner and District Commissioners	Herzog Lodge
2:30 pm	Hike to Old Camp Geiger	Herzog Lodge
2:30 pm	Religious Emblems Coordinator/ Chaplin Training	Front Room of Goetz
2:30 pm	Leader Specific Training	Herzog Lodge
2:30 pm	Golden Skillet Competition	Dining Hall

Service Project Program

Saturday April 26, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Service Projects	Maintenance Shop
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch	Unit Campsites
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Service Projects	Maintenance Shop

Events/ Activities Overviews

Scout Troops

Scouting Heritage Merit Badge

Scouting Heritage Merit Badge will be offered to all Scouts during Spring Camporee. Scouts should complete requirements 5 and 6 prior to attending the camporee and bring proof of completion to the camporee.

Scouts will participate in three informational sessions in the morning and will then assist in leading some Scout skills games for the Cub Scouts in the afternoon to fulfill the requirements of the merit badge.

Beat the Eagle Scouts: Scouting Skills Competition

All troops will have the opportunity to compete in a variety of Scouting Skills Competitions during the afternoon. Not only will the troops be competing against each other. At each Scouting Skills Competition, troops will have an opportunity to compete against a group of Eagle Scouts.

If your troop manages to beat the Eagle Scouts, you will win their pennant and be able to carry it around for the day as a symbol of pride.

Event #1: Kim's Game

Come test your skills of observation during this competition. Troops will be shown a collection of items and then asked to recall as many of the items from memory.

Event #2: Sharpshooter

Grab your team and take aim. How many points can your troop collect with while tossing tennis balls at an array of targets?

Event #3: Squalier Toss

Help! Help! Several scouts have chosen not to listen to the leaders and now are stuck in the lake and cannot make it back to shore. Can your troop use your skills and rescue the Scouts from danger.

Event #4: Orienteering

Can your troop navigate your way through our unknown course and reach the destination?

Event #5: Fire building

How fast can your troop build a fire to boil our dishwasher so we can clean up from lunch? Each troop will be provided a pot with a specific amount of water to be used during the competition.

Event #6: First Aid

Each troop will be given an emergency scenario and asked to perform the required first aid to our injured staff member. Any scenario in the requirements up to Star rank are fair game for the competition.

Event #7: Ring the Bell

Can your troop use their pioneering skills and ring the bell?

Event #8: Tracking

Can your troop correctly identify all the signs of wildlife along our nature trail?

Event #9: Teamwork

How well can your troop work together to accomplish a task? Each troop will select from a deck of scenarios each with its' own challenges. You must work together to win this event.

Event #10: Fitness

Everyone knows that a Scout must be physically fit, well now you must prove it. This event will be composed of a relay race of various fitness challenges.

Event #11: Shelter Building

Each troop will be provided with a tarp, two poles and eight pieces of rope. Your troop will be tasked with using all these pieces of equipment to construct shelter. Not only is time important but also what knots will your troop use?

Event #12: Scavenger Hunt

Can your troop find all the hidden items throughout the day? Pay attention as I am sure some items will be easy to find, and others will not be so easy.

Cub Scout Packs

Belt Loop Program

Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the belt loop corresponding to the outdoor adventure for their grade level. We will have activities organize for each Cub Scout to be able to complete the requirements for the below belt loops:

- Lions- Mountain Lion Belt Loop

- Tigers- Tigers in the Wild
- Wolf- Paws on the Path
- Bears- Bear Habitat
- Webelos- Webelos Walkabout
- Arrow of Light- Outdoor Adventure

Beat the Eagle Scouts: Scouting Skills Competition

Do not worry Cub Scout leaders, we have plans to have older Scouts assist each pack during the events. Packs are not competing against one another, rather the hope of these activities is to give them a taste of things to come in Scouting.

Event #1: Kim's Game

Come test your skills of observation during this competition. Packs will be shown a collection of items and then asked to recall as many of the items from memory.

Event #2: Sharpshooter

Grab your team and take aim. How many points can your troop collect while tossing tennis balls at an array of targets.

Event #3: Fire building

How fast can your pack build a fire to boil our dishwater so we can clean up from lunch? Each pack will be provided with a pot with a specific amount of water to be used during the competition.

Event #4: Fitness

Everyone knows that a Scout must be physically fit, well now you must prove it. This event will be composed of a relay race of various fitness challenges.

Event #5: Orienteering

Can your pack navigate your way through our unknown course and reach the destination?

Adult Program

Coffee Talk with Scout Executive and District Executives

Come enjoy some coffee and meet the Scout Executive of the Pony Express Council and our District Executives. They will offer updates on the status of the council and upcoming events along with answer any questions you want to ask.

Meet the Council Commissioner and District Commissioners

Take the opportunity to come meet our new Council Commissioner and the District Commissioners. They will share plans they have for upcoming programs and how they can assist your units.

Hike to Old Camp Geiger

Take the afternoon to travel back in time to the hills of Old Camp Geiger and hear many stories from the past with our tour guide.

Religious Emblems Coordinator

A Scout is Reverent. One way that Scouts can show their Duty to God is to earn the religious emblem of their faith. This presentation will give more information about the various religious emblems available for Scouts to earn, and give guidance on how Scouts can grow their faith thru the religious emblems program.

Leader Specific Training

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader. If you had a magic wand, would you use it to make the Scouting program better and more fun for youth so they stayed in Scouting longer, so it had a larger impact on their lives? What if the same magic wand made leadership roles easier, more rewarding, and led to better retention among adult leaders? Would using that magic wand be a top priority?

Well, such a magic wand does exist—in the form of the learning programs for leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

Common sense tells us that training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit a knowledge and confidence that is picked up by people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety, and a whole lot more. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be!

What is OA?

Come meet the officers of the O-Ni-Flo Order of the Arrow Lodge to learn how units can be involved in the Order of the Arrow. Order of the Arrow Is Scouting's National Honor Society. We focus on serving others through service projects, creating lifelong bonds through fellowship, and becoming better versions of ourselves. Along the way, we strive to make a difference in our communities. OA gives Scouts many leadership opportunities that will allow them to become better leaders in their scout troop, community, and lodge

Golden Skillet Competition

Do you fancy yourself as the Gordon Ramsey of camp cooking? Well, this Spring Camporee does take place in the great state of Missouri, so you will have just have to Show Me. Prepare a dish and present it to our panel of judges to see who the best cook is.

Service Projects

This program is being offered for scouts in Troops or adults who wish not to participate in earning the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge or the Beat the Eagle Scout: Scouting Skills Competition or Scouts who might need a conservation service project. Participants will have the opportunity to work with Ranger Larry to help in the final preparations for the summer at Camp Geiger.

Camporee Awards

Top Scout Troop

To qualify for the Top Troop Award, a unit must complete at least 9 of the 12 Beat the Eagle Scouts: Scouting Skills Competition events. If a troop completes more than 9 events, the top 9 event scores will be used.

We will be presenting first, second, and third place awards in the category.

Beat the Eagle Scouts: Scouting Skills Competition

We will present first place awards in each of the 12 events for the troops.

We will also recognize the top three units who were successful in beating the Eagle Scouts.

Best Skit/Song/Cheer

During our evening show on Saturday, our judges will determine the winners for this competition in the Cub Scout Division and the Scout Troop Division.

Gaga Ball Champion of Champions

We will present championships in the Cub Scout Division and the Scout Troop Division.

Old Goat Award

This award will go to the unit (pack or troop) with the most active adult participation during the Spring Camporee.

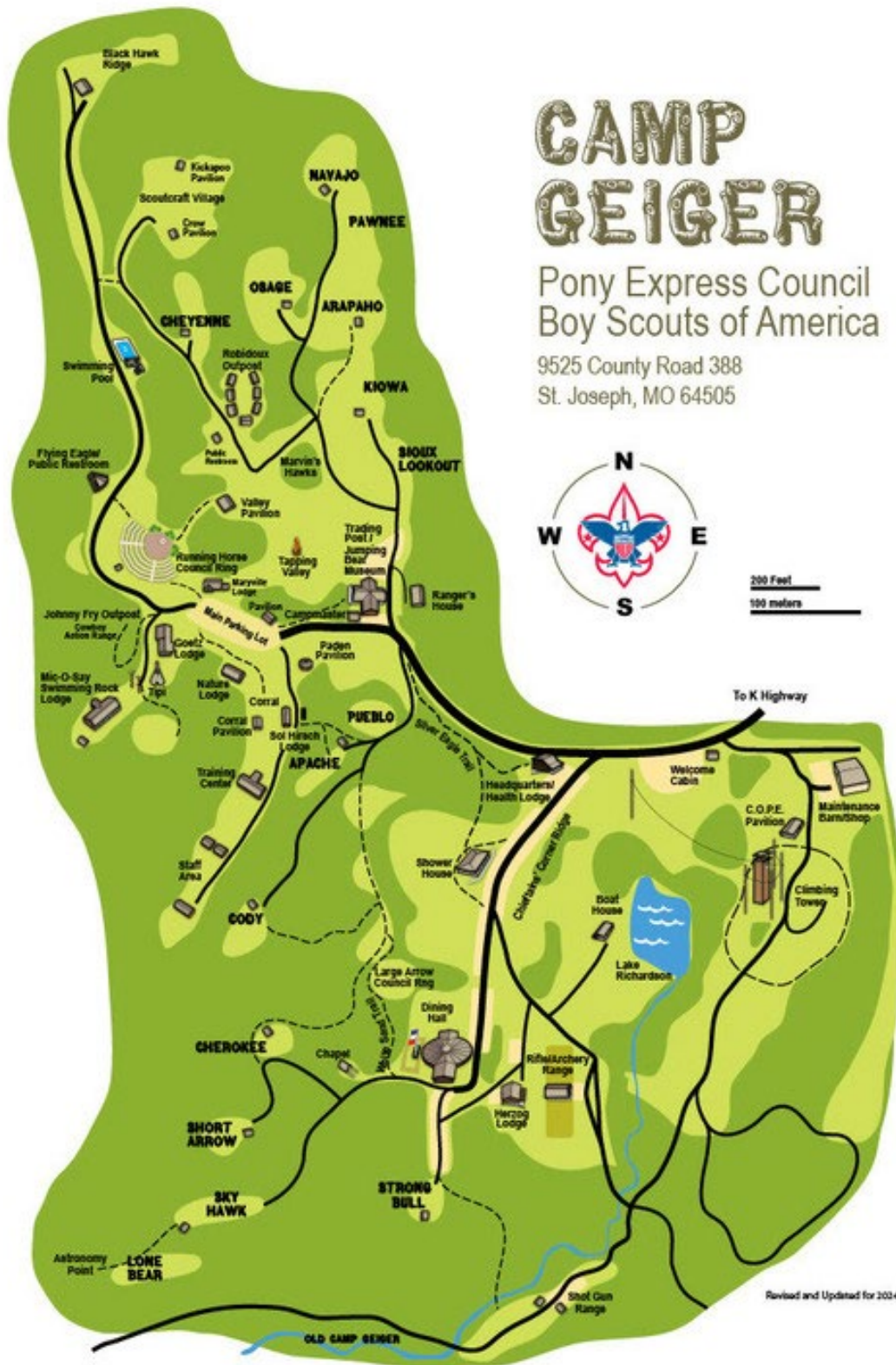
Golden Skillet

We will present first, second, and third place awards in the category.

Scout Spirit Award

We will present awards in the Cub Scout Division and the Scout Troop Division for the pack and troop who display the most Scout Spirit throughout the weekend.

Appendix A- Camp Geiger Map



Appendix B- Unit Roster

Unit Number: _____

Unit Type: Pack or Troop

Council: _____

Youth

	Scout Name	Age	Rank
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Adult

	Scout Name	Phone	Youth Protection Expiration Date
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5.			

Appendix D- Spring Camporee 2025 Evaluation Form

Unit Number: _____

Unit Type: Pack or Troop

Council: _____

1) On a scale of 1 to 10, how would your unit rate your experience at the Spring Camporee.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2) Which activities were your unit’s favorites and your unit would like to see again? Please pick up to three activities.

3) If you could have changed two things about the Spring Camporee (weather does not count, what would those two things be?

4) The Spring Camporee would have been easier for our unit if the Staff.....

5) Any additional comments/ suggestions?

Thank you for your feedback. We hoped you enjoyed the Spring Camporee and hope to see you again soon.