

RiverTrails Spring 2024
Camporee
Participation Manual



Beaumont Games
MMXXIV

Presented by Troop 469

“Beaumont Games MMXXIV”

Spring Camporee 2024

Date: April 19-21 2024

Location: Beaumont Scout Reservation

Camp May & Lane Camporee Field

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This manual will hopefully answer all of your questions and prepare you for a great time. Should you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact any of the following:

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Visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-> for registration

Tee Shirt Order

Tee Shirt Order information will be on the online registration page.

SCHEDULE

Scouts will participate in activities EXPO style. This is in an effort to allow scouts to shoot, throw and climb equally. Scouts will be given a wristband that will indicate which area they will be participating in at the safety brief at Camp May Council Ring.

Friday

5p-8p: Check-in Lane Campsite Parking Lot

7p-8:30p Registration at Headquarters (even if you registered online)

8:15p-9p: Scoutmasters and SPL meeting Lane Campsite Parking Lot

ALL STAFF INCLUDING YOUTH MUST ATTEND for STAFF MEETING

9:15p-9:45p: Staff Meeting at Lane Campsite Parking Lot

11p: Quiet Hours

Saturday

8:00a - 8:30 Registration at Headquarters (even if you registered online)

8:30a Depart for Council Ring as a unit

9a Opening Ceremony at Camp May Council Ring

ALL Participants including LEADERS MUST ATTEND for SAFETY BRIEF

9:30a-11:30a Climbing/Range Activity Area for green wristbands, STEM Area for blue wristbands

11:30a-1p Troop Campsite for lunch, STAFF Lunch Provided by climbing tower.

1p-4p Olympic Games in Lane Camporee Field, bring your scout spirit!!!!

4p-5:30p Dinner at Troop Campsite

6p-8p STEM/Activity Area for green wristbands, Climbing/Range Area for blue wristbands

8:30 Closing Campfire at Camp May Council Ring

9p-11p Staff Climbing Tower

11p Quiet Hours

Sunday

Check out with CampMaster by 10:30a

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Scouts will be placed into a group and follow a rotation schedule. Scouts will participate in the planned program activities both morning and afternoon. Activities are planned as a hands-on experience.

List of attentivities:

Range

Axe Throwing

Archery

Chalk Ball

Rock Wall

Speed Climb on one of the faces of the climbing tower.

Sport Climb on the bouldering wall scouts will climb the wall and click some push lights on and off.

Olympic Team Games

Overload

Tug o War

Coffee Sack Races

Knot Tying Relay

Scout Spirit Awards

Flag contest

Scout Spirit!!!!

Frisbee Golf

GaGa Ball

Volley ball

STEAM Tent

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Two-deep leadership is required for this event and will be provided by each Troop. If the parents of newly crossed over AOLs are camping with the Troop they need to be registered BSA scouters and have YPT training.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for Camporee. Far from being useless paperwork, this information is important in order to planning the best use of space available. There is a lot of coordination and organization required to pull together a large group of staff and youth and adult participants.

This year pre-registration is due by **April 18th 2024**. **The registration form can be found in the back of this manual.** Knowing how many people is vital to good planning. An exact count is not necessary, be sure to register with your best estimate for scouts and adults. A "best" estimate is important in planning the sizes of the groups and acquiring program materials. Each unit must plan early and pre-register, this is the best way to guarantee adequate space for your unit at camp. Late registrations may be split up and may not be able to remain as a group for the activities.

REGISTRATION FEE

Every scout, leader, and adult is required to pay a \$10.00 registration fee per person. This applies whether or not they attend the entire weekend or just part of it. This fee covers the cost for a patch, program materials, the porta-potties, dumpsters and the other supplies needed for the Camporee. The fee for all participants will be collected when the Troop registers online, also registration will be available on Friday night of the Camporee. **NO REFUNDS ONCE THE FEES ARE PAID.** However, the fee can be transferred to someone else in the unit. All checks should be written to *GSLAC*.

WHAT ABOUT A HEALTH Form Parts A and B?

A HEALTH Form is **REQUIRED** to be in camp for each Scout and will be kept by each troop. Health forms may be obtained on the Council website. The health form grants the unit leader permission to seek appropriate medical attention should there be an accident or other medical problem. If a scout has a medical condition such as reaction to bee stings, peanut butter allergies, asthma, etc., be sure that this information is clearly stated on the form. Also, be sure this information is in the safe keeping of one primary leader and appoint a back-up leader who will also know where this information is kept. If any incident should occur please render care as required and notify camporee headquarters immediately.

WHEN IS CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION?

Before arriving, assign the responsibility for check-in and registration to ONE adult. This adult will take the responsibility of communicating information to the other members in the unit.

If your unit will not be arriving until Saturday morning please email your number of scouts attending before the event at scoutmasterg@gotroop469.com

CHECK-IN begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. **Please do not arrive any earlier than 5 p.m. on Friday.** The staff needs the time to set up. There may be another district sharing the grounds with our district. Watch for the River Trails and headquarters' signs. **UNIT REGISTRATION** will be held on Friday night from 8:00 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. Day-only and Saturday night campers may register from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. **Even if pre-**

registered, every Unit MUST complete a final registration on Friday evening (or Day-only units on Saturday morning) or you will not be placed in a rotation!

Each unit will be required to have the following at registration:

- Completed "**Unit Registration Form**" (if not previously submitted);
- Completed final "**Camp Roster**" with scout and adult names with phone numbers for adults;
- Additional registration **fees** for those not paid for online.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Before your Troop leaves your campsite on Sunday morning, please follow this procedure:

1. All camp equipment and tentage taken down and transported to vehicles.
2. Scouts should perform a police line to pick up and dispose of all debris including food, rocks, logs, charred wood, candy wrappers, etc.
3. Bag all trash. Do not burn it. Bagged trash should be taken with you or placed in an available dumpster.
4. All fires should be completely out and the area of the ground fire should be fairly flat with no rocks or charred wood.
5. All unused wood should be taken with you.
6. Go over the evaluation form and fill it out.
7. Bring the evaluation form to Headquarters and request an inspection. (Please note: an evaluation needs to be received before patches are distributed to your unit at a future roundtable.)
8. Accompany the staff back to your campsite. The staff member will ask your scouts to once again patrol your campsite for trash and debris.
9. Once the campsite is acceptable, the staff will approve departure.

REMEMBER - always leave things better than you found them!

HOW ARE CAMPING AREAS ASSIGNED?

Sites are given on a first come first serve basis.. Please let the district staff know which site your Troop has setup camp. We will have numbered stakes designating camping lanes that run from west to east across the camporee field, please try and stay within your lane. The last Troops to register may have the farthest walk to their campsite.

Space is limited, so care needs to be taken not to spread out into another unit's site. Take only the area within your designated campsite. No one wants to move tents once they are set up. But your camp staff will have no problem asking!!!

WHAT ABOUT PARKING?

At Beaumont parking can be limited. Pull off the road at your campsite and pull straight in. No parking parallel to the road. There are two parking areas, please make sure not to block someone in. If all spaces are full, you may need to park at Emerson and walk in.

Parking is limited, so we ask that you make every effort to carpool.

FIREWOOD, CHARCOAL, AND PRESSURIZED FUELS

Each Troop should bring its own wood or charcoal to cook with. The use of flammable liquids (charcoal lighter) to start any fire is not allowed. For charcoal, use a charcoal chimney and newspaper. For a campfire, have an older Scout teach your younger scouts the proper way to build and start one.

Ground fires are permitted at scout camps. Because of the space constraints, only one fire per camping lane is allowed. To keep damage to the grounds to a minimum, please consider joining with some of the units around your area. To ensure that warm campfire at night, bring your own wood! **Do not dig any holes.** Learn the five (5) fire safety rules found in the Scout Handbook. Better yet, **POST THEM** at your campsite. **REMEMBER: Fires should be a minimum of 15 feet from the nearest tent and no unattended fires or operating pressurized fuel devices**

Only those with a **Toasted Chit Card** will be allowed to use pressurized fuels at your campsite. This includes the use of propane lanterns and Coleman stoves for light and cooking. All rules of safe pressurized fuel use will be strictly enforced, including the proper storage of the fuels. Campers found to be violating the safety rules will be asked to store their pressurized fuel and equipment and not use them for the balance of the weekend.

However, in keeping with the spirit of Scouting, consider cooking your meals using charcoal or wood. Cooking over natural fuels is a great experience for the scouts and helps everyone appreciate the skills required for a good meal. And remember: only the people with the Toasted Chit Card will be allowed to use pressurized fuels. Use of these fuels by the Scouts or by adults without the Toasted Chit Card is **prohibited!**

KNIFE POLICY

Sheath knives are not allowed on *GSLAC* scout property. A "Totin Chit" is required for all scouts in order to carry a folding pocket knife. Scouts should limit the use of pocket knives strictly to their own campsite and under the direct supervision of an adult. Pocketknives **WILL NOT** be needed in the program areas.

BSA SMOKING POLICY

"This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate **smoking**. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a **smoke-free** basis, with **smoking areas** located away from all participants." *Any products or devices containing CDB, or THC solutions or products are specifically prohibited.*

It is preferred that there is no smoking at Camporee. If an adult must smoke, please do so away from the youth participants. Please field strip all cigarettes. The scouts are expected to leave the campsite cleaner than they found it. It is not fair to have the youth picking up adult cigarette butts.

HOW DO WE LOCATE A Troop LEADER?

One responsible unit leader should have his or her tent clearly marked so that person can be identified in case of an emergency. Affix to this leader's tent (in a noticeable location) a **large**, bright, weather-resistant sign bearing a red "X". It should be at least 1 foot x 1 foot. This leader should be the leader of record and should be the person marked on the check-in information as the contact person. This person's cell phone number should also be given at check-in on the "Unit Registration Form".

WHERE DO I TAKE THE STUFF I FIND?

A lost and found is at headquarters. Please keep track of all items. Placing the scout's name and Troop number on all items will help identify lost items. If something is missing, check at headquarters. If something is found, give it to any staff member or bring it to headquarters. During each of the group gatherings an announcement will be made to try to find an owner. After the weekend, all leftover articles will be brought to the next Roundtable. After that, all items will be thrown away. **Please remember—socks are not lost items** (they just decided to leave the campsite)!

FIRST AID AND MEDICAL TREATMENT - REPORT ALL INCIDENTS TO HEADQUARTERS

Safety is first and foremost at all scouting events. Each Troop should have its own properly equipped first aid kit. If the unit's kit has not been opened lately, be sure to dust it off and restock any missing or expired goods. Hopefully the weekend will be accident-free. All accidents must be reported **IMMEDIATELY** to headquarters.

WHAT ABOUT BATHROOMS?

Several outdoor latrines will be available near the camping area. Please observe the following rules in their use:

1. All campers are to use the latrines and porta-potties for their bodily functions. Only bears go in the woods. Please note: There are no flushable facilities available at the camp sites.
2. Do not put trash, soda cans, or other debris into the latrines or porta-potties.
3. Observe the signs marked "HANDICAPPED", "LADIES", and "STAFF". Scouts are not to use these marked facilities!
4. Please remind Scouts (and adults) to use the "Boy Scout flush" - putting the seat cover down after usage. This keeps the draft from pulling up the fragrances and keeps the smell down.

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

Religious services will be held on Saturday evening after dinner. Specific time and location information will be issued in the final schedule. Class A uniform is expected at religious services. Allow adequate time to get to the service to avoid any delays in the closing campfire that follows religious services. Also, please remind Scouts to say grace before each meal.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION-A SCOUT IS CLEAN

Clean up is the responsibility of EVERYONE participating in the Camporee. To check out on Sunday, a staff member will inspect each campsite. See the "Check Our Procedures" on page 4 of this manual for details.

CAMPSITE QUIET (I want to go to bed!)

11:00 p.m., both Friday and Saturday night, is the official time for campsite quiet and lights out for both youth and adults. The scouts are understandably excited, especially Friday, and may have trouble settling down. We encourage the leaders and adults to observe and enforce the 11:00 p.m. deadline. It is important the scouts (and leaders) get a good night's sleep. Saturday starts quite early and everyone will need his or her rest to make it through a very busy schedule. Saturday night the scouts usually go down quickly and the parents can relax around the campfire. Be sure to remind the moms and dads to keep their voices down and be careful what they say. Tents are not soundproof, nor the trees, nor the campfire smoke, etc. A Scout is clean - including their jokes and stories. However, if you do experience any problems with a neighboring unit, alert HQ and a staff member will assist with a solution. **REMEMBER ADULTS -- BE RESPECTFUL AND LEAD BY EXAMPLE!**

SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE SHOW

A camp-wide campfire program will be presented by the staff on Saturday evening. After the religious services are complete, a torch-light procession will proceed to the campfire. The campfire is for both the day-only participants and those that are staying the night. This is a wonderful experience for both the Scouts and adults that you won't want to miss. Campfire is the official ending of the day.

WEATHER

Fall and Spring are two of the most unpredictable times of the year for weather. It is not uncommon for fall and spring camps to have a "bit" of inclement weather. Every year dozens of Scouts arrive at camp without adequate clothing or sleeping gear to protect against both the cold and the wet. Such things as hypothermia and other weather-related medical problems become serious threats to a person's health and well-being when the temperature drops. Please be prepared for whatever Mother Nature brings us. Extra clothes, rain ponchos, extra shoes, rubber boots, or snow pants are some suggestions in case of bad weather.

We want to stress that one of the most important areas of scouting is **-BE PREPARED**. It is better to have a warm coat or rain jacket and not need it than to need it and not have it. **The program will go on regardless of the weather, so come prepared!**

PROPER UNIFORMING

Class B (scout t-shirt) uniform is acceptable for the day program. Class A (official Scout uniform) is expected for religious services as a sign of respect and reverence! Class A uniform will carry over to the campfire program.

CAMP RULES

- **NO DRUGS or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES!**
- **NO SMOKING!**
- **NO unattended fires.**
- **NO tagalongs or PETS.**
- NO fireworks, firearms, bow-and-arrow, etc.
- NO pressurized fuel equipment (lanterns, stoves, heaters, etc.) **unless** you have taken the Grater St. Louis Area Council Training and have received your **Toasted Chit and have it with you**. Charcoal or wood is recommended for all cooking.
- NO flames of any kind inside or near tent.
- NO heaters of any kind inside or near tent.
- Fuel lanterns may be used to illuminate the campsite. However, battery operated lanterns are much safer and shed more light.
- Water sources are for filling water containers and drinking only, not for bathing or for washing the dishes. Please ask your scouts not to play in the faucets. This creates a muddy mess in a very short time.
- NO live trees may be cut. Follow the Outdoor Code.
- NO digging around any tents. Use proper pitching to avoid ditching.
- **NO PARKING** on or alongside the dirt or paved road. **NO PARKING** on any grass.
- **Sheath knives are strictly forbidden for ALL Scouts: Youth, Adults and Leaders.** A Totin' Chit is **required** by the Scout to carry a folding pocketknife. These tools must be used safely and properly at all times. Limited use of knives is expected and only at the campsite with adult supervision.

Deadline is Thursday, April 18th, 2024.

UNIT REGISTRATION FORM Troop # _____

River Trails District - 2024 Spring Camporee

The Camporee registration fee is \$10.00 per Scout and adult. This fee includes a patch for each participant, program materials, porta-potties, dumpsters, and other supplies.

	# Attending:		Total	REGISTRATION:
CAMPING:				__ w/ Council/OL
BSA Scouts		X \$10.00 =		__ Pre@Roundtable
Leaders/Adults		X \$10.00 =		__ Email
				__ On line \$_____
DAY-ONLY: W				__ Cash: \$ _____
BSA Scouts		X \$10.00 =		__ Check: \$ _____
Leaders/Adults		X \$10.00 =		# _____
				TOTAL:
Total attendance		X \$10.00 =		\$ _____

CONTACT PERSON FOR REGISTRATION:

Name _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

CONTACT PERSON AT CAMP DURING THE EVENT:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Unit Registration Form and the required fees should be returned by the April 18th deadline via:

- COUNCIL CAMPING DEPARTMENT (payment required)
- ON-LINE @ <https://scoutingevent.com/312-> payment required
- E-MAIL "best estimate" to: Rick Bopp 3eatgles550@gmail.com (registration and payment at event)

RANGE SAFETY RULES

Scouts will abide by ALL RULES on the range or they will be removed and not allowed to return to the range for the duration of camporee. No refunds will be issued for removal from the range.

- ALWAYS keep your bow pointed in a safe direction
- NEVER dry fire your bow
- ALWAYS keep your bow unloaded until ready to use
- Only council bows and provided axes will be allowed on range or in camp.
- While on range, scouts will conduct themselves in keeping with the scout oath and law. Roughhousing, wrestling, or acting in an unsafe manner will get you removed immediately.
- The proper color wrist band will be required to enter the range.

Scouts BSA Shooting Sports

CLIMBING SAFETY PROCEDURES

- 1.** The qualified instructor is in charge of all activities surrounding the rock climbing experience.
- 2.** Qualified instructors should defer to the advice of anyone possessing current Instructor Staff and current Climbing Instructor cards. Failure to do so may result in immediate loss of qualification. The Instructor Staff is responsible for the safe administration of this activity and will stop operations at any time they deem necessary.
- 3.** Safety is always your first consideration. All procedures and equipment should have a backup if the primary system fails.
- 4.** Nothing is taken for granted - every item of equipment and all procedures are checked and rechecked. Use the buddy system - two people (one is the instructor) to check everything.
- 5.** Remember to P.E.E. before and during every event. Assess the **PARTICIPANTS, ENVIRONMENT, AND EVENT**. Assess the participants as a group.
- 6.** Onlookers are kept away from the activity site and the possibility of falling debris and any possible accidents.
- 7.** All anchor points are checked each day (visit), especially at the beginning of summer following the winter freeze-thaw period.
- 8.** All gear is checked daily for flaws: worn rope, cracked helmets, loose carabiner pins, sticky carabiner gates, holes in gloves, frayed chin straps, etc. A rope is overdue for retirement if the outer sheath is worn or cut.
- 9.** Participants must be continuously supervised. Clarify that the program does not make them qualified climbers. If they wish to pursue climbing, they should seek help from qualified climbing instructors.
- 10. DO NOT CLIMB -**
 - **During a thunderstorm**
 - **When raining or holds are slippery and wet**
 - **(How wet is too wet? Your judgment)**

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Campfire Program

(Turn in before 4p on Saturday)

TROOP: _____

Title of Skit: _____

Description of Skit:

EVENT EVALUATION

Spring Camporee 2024

Troop: _____ Contact email: _____

- What did the scouts like best?
- What should we keep doing?
- What should we start doing?
- What should we stop doing?
- Other comments:

CAMP MAP



Brendan's Summer Backpack

Troop 469 and River Trails are collecting items to be handed out to our Brendan's Backpack recipients for the summer break.

The unit with the most collected donations will win an award!!!

Items we are looking to collect:

- Soap, Shampoo, deodorant etc.
- Coloring books, crayons
- Water guns
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bubbles
- Sunscreen
- Journals, notebooks, pens/pencils
- Kid friendly canned soup and pasta
- Pudding or fruit cups
- Plastic jars of peanut butter (16 oz or smaller)
- Individual snacks (cookies, chips, trail mix, etc.)
- Granola or breakfast bars
- Single serve cereal

Items will be collected at Spring Camporee at the Check-in station.