

RiverTrails Fall Camporee

Go Viking!
October 10th-12th 2025
S-F Scout Ranch

Participation Manual

This years Youth Campmaster is Joey Jennemann and
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The adult Campmaster is Monica Jennemann along with support from Troop 892B & G



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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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 activities:

Event 1 Viking First Aid

- Scouts will Learn Basic First Aid

Event 2 Viking Regatta Race

- Boats are to be made in advance. Scouts will race from one end of the track. Load their boat with loot and return to the other end.
- Prizes will be awarded for the fastest time, most loot and best theme inspired boat.

Event 3 Knots

- Scouts will learn basic knots and how they could have been used in Viking times.

Event 4 Kubb

- Kubb is a Viking outdoor game. To strategically knock over wooden blocks called 'kubbs' by skillfully throwing wooden batons known as 'kastpinnar.' It is often referred to as Viking chess and is a little bit horseshoes and requires a bit of tactical skills and aim.

Event 5 Axe Throwing

- Troops 469 B&G will allow scouts to test their skill throwing axes.

Other Activities:

FLAG Retirement Ceremony

All Scouts will assemble in Field Dress Uniform for a Flag Retirement Ceremony assisting the members of the Farmington VFW Hall.

There is NO FISHING at any time during this event.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Two-deep leadership is required for this event. Two *registered* leaders or assistant leaders must accompany each Troop. Remember, too, we will have youth and adults in camp that are camping for the first time. This will give the older scouts and experienced adults the chance to teach the camping experience to the younger scouts and their parents.

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 Thursday, October 17th, 2024. **The registration form can be found in the back of this manual.** Knowing how many people and tents 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 \$14.00 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 and include the account

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.

CHECK-IN begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. An adult will check-in to receive the unit's camping location. Campsites are easier to set up in the daylight. **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. It is important to check-in and receive your camping location. **UNIT REGISTRATION** will be held on Friday night from 8:30 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 correct addresses and phone numbers;
- Additional registration fees.

Saturday events will start promptly at 8:30 a.m.

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 Troup 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!!!

Accurate and timely pre-registration is key to assigning adequate space for your unit. Before camp opens Friday afternoon, the district staff will stake off an appropriate amount of space **based on pre-registration**. If a unit is not pre-registered, that unit will be placed **where** possible. If you are sharing leadership/resources with another troop, please note this on the Unit Registration Form.

WHAT ABOUT PARKING?

When you arrive, you will be greeted by a staff member who will direct you to the camping locations and explain where you can park. Our gravel road is a ONE WAY ROAD, from North to South. Per new Council regulations, parking is no longer allowed on either side of the gravel or paved roads in the camporee area. Only trailers will be allowed to park in the grass along the gravel road at your campsite. All vehicles will be allowed to park at the lot at Famous Eagle or the new parking area at the south end of the camporee field behind Scout Lodge. Therefore, a quick drop off of campers and their equipment must be made while parking on the hard surface road. **ABSOLUTELY NO DRIVING OR PARKING ON THE GRASSY AREAS. NO PULLING OFF OF THE BLACKTOP ROAD ONTO THE CAMPOREE FIELD.** *There is no parking for loading or unloading along the Blacktop road, This road must be kept open in case of an emergency.* Illegally parked cars will be towed at the owner's expense.

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 scout 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 and a number of porta-potties 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.
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.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 5 p.m. CAMP GATES OPEN for arrival and camp setup (please do not arrive earlier!)
- 8:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. FINAL REGISTRATION at Headquarters by one representative from each unit. Bring completed **"Unit Registration Form"** (if not previously submitted), completed final **"Camp Roster"** with scout and adult names with correct addresses and phone numbers, and any additional registration **fees**. *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.*
- 11 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

SATURDAY

- 6:30 a.m. REVEILLE
- 6:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. BREAKFAST and Clean Up
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION FOR Troops that did not register already
- 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. ASSEMBLY at the Flag Pole in front of Headquarters
- 8:30 a.m. - 8:55 a.m. FLAGS and OPENING
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. PROGRAM ROTATIONS - exact schedule given at opening
- 12:20 p.m. - 1:25 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Continue PROGRAM ROTATIONS
- 4:50 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. DINNER
- 5:00 p.m. LEADER MEETING at Headquarters to confirm evening schedule (only one adult from each unit attends)
- 7:00 p.m. RELIGIOUS SERVICES (locations announced at leader meeting)
- TBA CAMPFIRE assembly and retreat (time and location details at leader meeting)
- 11:00 p.m. LIGHTS OUT!

SUNDAY

- 7:00 a.m. REVEILLE, BREAKFAST, clean up, and pack up
- By 10:30 a.m. BREAK CAMP, turn in evaluation, and campsite inspection

Deadline is Thursday, October 9th, 2025.

UNIT REGISTRATION FORM Troop # _____

River Trails District - 2025 Fall Camporee

The Camporee registration fee is \$14.00 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 \$14.00 =		___ Pre@Roundtable
Leaders/Adults		X \$14.00 =		___ Email
				___ On line \$ _____
DAY-ONLY: W				___ Cash: \$ _____
BSA Scouts		X \$14.00 =		___ Check: \$ _____
Leaders/Adults		X \$14.00 =		# _____
				TOTAL:
Total attendance		X \$14.00 =		\$ _____

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 October 9th 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)

CAMP ROSTER

Fall Camporee
S-F Scout Ranch

(completed roster due at time of *final* registration)

October 10-12, 2025

DISTRICT: River Trails

Troop: _____

Patrol Name: _____

BSA Scouts # _____

Name	Address	Phone Number	Age

Adults # _____

Name	Address	Phone Number