



# **Spring Camporee**

**April 17-19, 2026**

**Camp Warren Levis**

**“Building to the Future”**

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# Welcome to Spring Camporee

Welcome to the Boone Trails' Spring Camporee, "Building to the Future". The event will include many elements of the 2026 Klondike event that was canceled in January due to the weather. This event will be held on April 17-19 at Camp Warren Levis. We will have a lot of activities for Scouts BSA, Venturers and Webelos to have fun while providing advancement opportunities.

When arriving at camp, participants are asked to stop at the checkpoint to receive updated information from staff. Please be courteous and ask your troop leaders and guests to park in the designated parking areas and follow the traffic guidelines as outlined in this manual.

Upon arrival, please send your Scoutmaster and SPL to Headquarters (HQ) at Winter Lodge. Check-in will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 8:45 pm Friday night. Each unit should bring along a copy of the event registration list. **Turn in completed Range and Target Sports Permission Form for each Scout participating in these activities. Late check in can be completed after the leader meeting** at Swaim Lodge.

There will be an **opening leaders' meeting on Friday night at 9 pm in Swaim Lodge**. During this meeting, staff will provide updates regarding all changes to this manual including plans for possible weather during the event. We will also review camp safety and emergency procedures including both weather and medical emergencies. Please be sure to send your Scoutmaster and SPL to the opening meeting for these important updates. At checkout please send your Scoutmaster and SPL to HQ at Winter Lodge when your campsite is clean including all gear stowed away and campsite inspected for trash. Staff will inspect your campsite and then release your troop and event package (blue cards, event patches, etc.) when completed. Remember to check the Lost and Found at HQ before departing Sunday morning.

Our Camporee is youth-led. During the event, please listen to and follow the directions provided by the youth staff. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact staff or visit HQ. We are here to make sure that your Scouts have a great time and they look forward to our next District event, Fall Camporee, October 2-4 at Beaumont Scout Reservation. We welcome and appreciate your feedback along with suggestions for the future.

## Registration

The event fee for this camporee will be **\$21 until online registration closes after midnight on April 12**. If you do not register by this date but still wish to attend you may pay a fee of \$26 at the event. Event registration can be found on the Boone Trails District webpage. **The fee includes the event patch, program materials, event cost,**

**lunch on Saturday by the Boone Trails OFP, and all activities (except shotgun). Please note that Saturday lunch is not guaranteed for registrations after April 12.**

**Webelos and Pack adults registration fee is \$10.** Pack Webelos and leaders can participate in the Spring Camporee on Saturday only. Fee will include lunch. Late registrants should plan on bringing a sack lunch. Please check-in at HQ, Winter Lodge at 7:30 am. Please register online, walk-ins can register at check in Saturday.

**Scouts also have the opportunity to purchase shotgun shooting during pre-registration and (if there are any remaining) at HQ on Friday night.** The ticket price is \$5 for a five-round set (i.e., 5 shots plus 5 clays). There will be a maximum of 25 sets available for purchase. **Each Scout and Webelos must have completed Range and Target Activities Permission Form, a copy is included in this manual and can be downloaded from the online registration site. Signed forms are to be turned in with HQ to receive a colored wristband for range and target sports participation.**

Additionally, preregistration will be available for merit badges and Webelos Nova to reserve a spot for your Scouts and so they can be prepared with any prerequisites. We're offering very exciting badges and Nova that are sure to fill quickly. Therefore, if your Scouts are interested in a badge or Nova please register as soon as possible; however, please also ensure that the limited number of reserved spots will be used. Any open merit badge or Nova spots after registration closes will be announced at the opening leaders' meeting.

## **Spring Camporee Staff**

Our event is youth-led. The Campmaster, senior staff, and many youth staff volunteers from troops across our Districts are excited about the event and working hard to ensure that every participant has a good time.

We welcome Scouts and adults to join staff and help plan events that your troop wants to attend. Meetings for this event are held on Wednesday night at the Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Scouts are asked to contact the Campmaster for meeting information.

Tentative meeting dates are as follows:

- March 11, 18, April 1, 8, 15

## **BOONE TRAILS SENIOR STAFF FOR THIS EVENT:**

- CAMPMASTER: Wesley Barlow
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## **Spring Camporee Manual**

Planning for the Camporee takes months and goes right up to opening night as staff adjust for the availability of equipment, resources, counselors, and the weather. In order to publish information as soon as possible, a draft manual is provided for troop planning. A final manual will be published about a week before the event and updates will be announced at HQ. Troop feedback based upon the draft manual is appreciated for review during the planning process.

## **Camporee Lunch**

A lunch on Saturday is included with registrations made before April 12. After that, we will try to accommodate but cannot guarantee lunch since the food will be ordered. The planned lunch menu is BBQ pulled pork sandwich, chips, cookies and bottled water. A limited amount of pulled pork without BBQ sauce will be available. Plates and utensils will be provided. Some accommodations for participants with dietary restrictions may be available by emailing Darrel Tadsen (dtadsen@aol.com). Adults/leaders are welcome to contact Darrel Tadsen (dtadsen@aol.com) at the Boone Trails O.F. Patrol or visit the OFP Saturday morning to review ingredient labels or ask any questions about the lunch.

## **Coffee Klatch**

Adults are welcome to visit the OFP Coffee Klatch on Saturday morning to meet with fellow leaders and unit commissioners. Meet at the Camporee HQ, Winter Lodge at 9:00 am.

## **Leader Training**

Adult leader Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster training, pressurized fuel training, merit badge counselor training and Advancement Seminar for AOL Adult Leadership

are planned for this camporee. Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor training will begin immediately after the opening flag ceremony at Winter Lodge area. Pressurized fuel training will begin immediately after Coffee Klatch. Please bring a pressurized fuel item such as a stove or lantern for training. The Advancement Seminar for AOL Adult Leadership will be inside Winter Lodge after the Coffee Klatch.

## Boone Trails Items



Boone Trails adult leader patches will be available at HQ for \$3 each (while supplies last). All funds generated by the patch sale will be used by the Boone Trails District Advancement Committee.

## Event Guidelines

1. The Scout Oath and Law will be our guide during this event.
2. Our camporee is youth-led. Please listen to and follow the youth staff directions. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit the event headquarters (HQ).
3. Absolutely NO fireworks, personal firearms, weapons, alcohol or other drugs will be permitted at the camporee. Adults that need to smoke or vape are asked to please make sure that they are out of sight of all Scouts.
4. All troops must check in their Scouts and adults when arriving and then check out before leaving.
  - a. Each unit should present a roster of those present and those who are expected to arrive during the event. The roster should include, at a minimum, name and emergency contact name, phone number, and identification of any Scouts that are to be picked up before the conclusion of the event and by whom.
  - b. All participants are required to wear their wristband for the duration of the event.
  - c. Please review the Camper Security Policies (NCAP Standard AO-804) for more information.
5. Personal Vehicles
  - a. All vehicles used in camp must be operated in a safe and legal manner. All posted speed limits must be adhered to.
  - b. Passengers must be seated in a seat and seat belts used. No one may ride in a vehicle's cargo area.

- c. Please park in designated parking areas and be courteous to other troops. Vehicles should stay on camp roads unless given permission by the camp ranger, event adult advisor or event headquarters. Vehicles must stay out of pavilions and buildings. Roads must remain clear for emergency vehicles.
- d. If required for the event, vehicles staying overnight should post the parking pass visibly on the dash while the vehicle is within camp. If required, parking passes will be handed out by staff upon arrival or will be available at HQ.
- e. Anyone wishing to use a personal ATV, UTV, golf cart or similar vehicle on a GSLAC property and/or a GSLAC Scouting event must receive permission from the event adult advisor and camp ranger and have required training per GSLAC Motor Vehicle Policy.
- f. Vehicle operation should not interrupt or spoil the experience of any Scout or participant, or program presentation such as campfires, flag ceremonies, etc.
- g. Vehicles may only be operated after dark if equipped with working headlights.
- h. Follow the *Guide to Safe Scouting* including:
  - i. Youth drivers are prohibited. Must be 18 years of age or older.
  - ii. Transportation of passengers in a pickup or truck bed, recreational camper or towed trailer is prohibited. See limited exception for parade and hayrides.

## 6. Medical Care

- a. Every participant in a short-term event must have an up-to-date BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, with parts A and B completed. The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record for all in camp (scouts and adults) should be kept in a secure location accessible to the unit leader and the health officer.
- b. Camp staff and volunteer leaders may and should treat minor cuts, scrapes, or other minor injuries. Anything beyond their expertise should be sent to the Camp Health Officer at Swaim Lodge.
- c. Please review the Short-Term Medical Care Policies (NCAP Standards HS-503 through HS-509) for more information.

7. Please review the Emergency Procedures (NCAP Standard AO-805).

8. Troops are responsible for ensuring that any troop fires are built safely, managed and put out cold when finished.

9. The scout uniform should be worn during the event. We ask that you wear your field uniform during flag ceremonies. Your activity uniform may be worn at all

other times. If you are a former staffer and just attending, please refrain from wearing your staff shirt or hoodie.

10. Troops must maintain the BSA guidelines for two-deep leadership and follow all other Youth Protection Training (YPT) guidelines.
11. The Buddy System is required at this event and Scouts should remain within the event boundaries.
12. To attend any shooting sports activity (if available), participants will be required to attend the safety brief and bring a completed Shooting Sports Permission Form.
13. Garbage and trash
  - a. Participants are expected to practice Leave No Trace guidelines and properly dispose of all trash.
  - b. Garbage and trash should be removed from the campsite daily. **Place trash in dumpsters behind Swaim Lodge.**
14. There will be NO fighting (verbally or physically) at this event. Any issues should be reported to staff at HQ.
15. **SAFETY ALERT** - Keep all camping participants out of the numerous **SINKHOLES** on camp. These karst features are very dangerous and are often the collapsing ceilings of underground caverns.

## Activities

**Range and Target Activities - Must turn in a completed Range and Target Sports Permission Form for each Scout and participate in these activities at check in.**

- Rifle Shooting
- Shotgun: Scouts have the opportunity to purchase shotgun shooting tickets during pre-registration and (if there are any remaining) at HQ. Tickets that have not been used before 2:00 PM will be forfeit and remaining rounds will be on a first-come basis.
- BB Guns, Knife and Hawk Throwing, and Archery are open to all participants Webolos must have a **completed Range and Target Sports Permission Form turned in at check-in Saturday morning.**

Gaga Ball - Please send a unit adult to assist with supervision

# Competitions

- Klondike Derby – This year, the annual race will have participants practicing the scouting skills (maximum 5 participants per race). Our race has teams race through a course while completing a number of challenges. Participating scouts should be able to push their sled over a long distance. Prizes will be given out for Most Team Cohesive, Fastest, and Safest sleds.
- Top Shot – There will be separate Archery Top Shot and Rifle Top Shot competitions based upon the Highest Score in the respective competition. Each Scout gets one (1) “round” and must state BEFORE THEY SHOOT that the round is for top shot (one try only per Scout). Scoring will be based on the individual events normal score system. Scouts only.
- Shelter Building Contest – The shelters must adequately protect a human from the elements. Shelter cannot be premade (no tents, pop ups, etc) Must be able to meet the following criteria (Comfortably fit inside, Reasonable water protection, reasonable stability. Materials must be found in a natural state. Judged by senior staff.
- Fire Building for Scouts and Adults (both will compete separately) - location is at “That Place”. No more than 3 participants per team. The team must burn through a string that is 2 feet high in the least amount of time. Fire fuel cannot exceed 1 foot in height. Materials must be found in the immediate area of the competition and be natural items - no paper, accelerants, etc. Matches will be provided and material hunt is for up to 10 minutes.
- Cooking Contest:
  - Youth: Creative Hot Dog challenge (Scouts). Most creative dish that includes hot dogs.
  - Adults: Creative Pie Challenge (Adults). Must be baked at campsite, no premade pies. Bonus points if the pie includes hot dogs.

# Activity Locations

## **FRIDAY**

Check-in      HQ at Winter Lodge  
Movie Night   Winter Lodge  
Opening Leader's Meeting   Swaim Lodge

## **SATURDAY Session 1 (8:15 am - 11:45 am)**

### **Merit Badges**

- Engineering      Council Ring
- Architecture      Swaim Lodge
- Electronics      Swaim Lodge
- Geology      Eco Lodge
- Disabilities Awareness - Chapel

### **Adult Training - Winter Lodge Area**

- SM/ASM Training Pressurized Fuel
- MB Counselor Training
- Advancement Seminar for AOL Adult Leadership

Webelos Activities   Optimist and Rotary Campsites

Vietnam Veterans Display   Pioneer Field

Klondike Derby      Pioneer Field

Units will sign up for a time slot Friday Night  
**(1:30-4:00)**

- Shooting Sports - Ranges
  - Rifle
  - Knife and Hawk
  - Archery and BB Guns
  - Shotgun (tickets required)
- Gaga Ball - Near Climbing Tower
- **Games      Pioneer Field**
- Climbing
  - Bouldering Wall
  - Climbing Tower

### **SESSION 3 (Saturday Evening Program)**

- **Religious Services**
  - Protestant - Chapel
  - Catholic - Swaim Lodge
  - Scout's Own - Amphitheater
- Campfire - Amphitheater

## **LUNCH SESSION (12-1 pm) Pioneer Field**

After Lunch - Architecture and Engineering Presentation at Pioneer Pavillion

## **SESSION 2 (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm)**

- **Water Bottle Launching - Pioneer Field**
- Shooting Sports - Ranges
  - Rifle
  - Knife and Hawk
  - Archery
  - BB-Guns
  - Shotgun (ticket required)
- Games      Pioneer Field
- Fishing - Levis Lake
- Competitions
  - Top Shot
  - Hot Dog and Pie Cookoff
  - Shelter Building
  - Fire Building - That Place
  - Klondike Derby - Continues
- OA Chapter Meeting - Amphitheater 1:30

# Schedule

## **FRIDAY**

5:30 pm Check-in opens at HQ  
9:00 pm Check-in closes  
Opening Leaders' Meeting starts  
Movie night starts (bring a chair)  
11:00 pm Lights out

## **SATURDAY**

6:00 am Reveille  
7:30 am Flag ceremony at HQ and morning announcements  
8:15 am Activities open and Merit Badges start  
Webelos Morning Session Starts  
Scoutmaster/ASM, MB Counselor training starts (Adults/Leaders)  
  
9:00 am Coffee Klatch by OFP (Adults/Leaders)  
9:30 am? Pressurized fuel training (Adults/Leaders)  
AOL Leader training starts (Adults/Leaders)  
  
11:45 am Activities close for Lunch  
12:00 pm Lunch by OFP  
Special activities during lunch  
1:00 pm Activities open  
1:30 pm OA Chapter Meeting - Amphitheater  
  
4:00 pm Activities close  
4:30 pm All Campfire sheets are to be turned into HQ  
Bring Youth & Adult Cooking creation to HQ to be judged  
5:00 pm Dinner at campsites  
6:15 pm Flag ceremony at HQ  
7:00 pm Religious Services start  
8:00 pm Religious Services end  
8:15 pm Campfire starts  
10:00 pm Campfire ends  
11:00 pm Lights Out

## **SUNDAY**

6:00 am Reveille  
7:30 am Closing Flag Ceremony at HQ  
8:00 am Check-out begins at HQ  
  
11:00 am Camp Closed

# Sled Requirements

The sleds will be a part of the Klondike Derby. Sign up for time slots (1:30-4:00 pm) to compete on Saturday at the Friday night leaders' meeting. The sleds MUST meet the following requirements for the **Klondike Derby Race**:

- Must be a life-size sled, which means that a scout should be able to sit comfortably on the sled. Otherwise, sleds can have any dimensions.
- There must be **NO WHEELS** on the sled but it must be able to operate on various surfaces, including snow, grass, and gravel.
- Must be able to hold materials and anything we give you at the event.
- You can use wood, lumber and similar traditional materials for construction, metal may not be used in the frame of the sled.
- Lashings must be the primary fastener on the sled. Screws and nails may be used, however they must be covered by lashings.
- Maximum team size is three for two pulling and one pushing.
- Must be safe and well built (as determined by Staff).

Failure to meet any of the requirements listed above will result in an automatic disqualification from the race. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns on whether or not your sled will qualify for the race, please email the Campmaster for a ruling prior to the event.

Please bring your sled to the Pioneer Pavilion for a pre-race inspection at 1:30 pm.

A sample sled guide to get you started is provided on the next page.

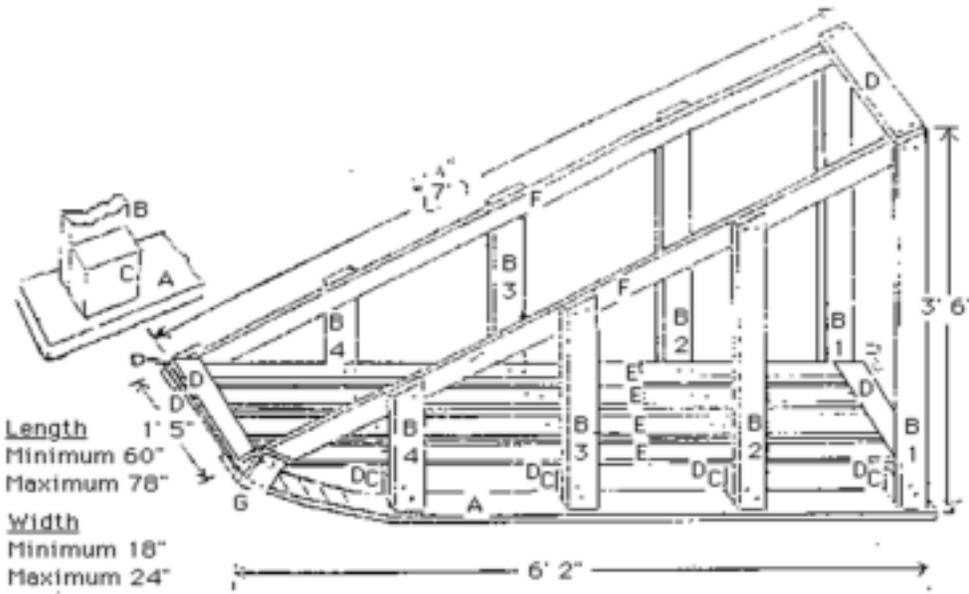
## Klondike Derby Sled Plans

The following plan is for a sled that has minimum and maximum dimensions as shown. There is no absolute requirement for these dimensions, but these are typical of those used in most areas.

The sled below is shown as a guide. Your own design may be used if it conforms to the minimum and maximum dimensions. Make sure the sled is strong enough to bear the weight of your equipment and will hold together for a long trip. It is best to use screws rather than nails. Drill first to avoid splitting wood. Varnish bottom of runners and wax before using. Wire netting or a canvas snow curtain may be added to prevent items from falling off of the sled.

Secure a towing rope at the front and secure a brake rope at the rear.

**Sled Design:**



**Materials:**

Item	Label	Quantity	Dimensions
Runners	A	2	1" x 4" x 6'2"
Uprights	B1	2	1" x 4" x 3'6"
	B2	2	1" x 4" x 2'8"
	B3	2	1" x 4" x 1'9"
	B4	2	1" x 4" x 10"
Upright Supports	C	8	2" x 4" x 4"
Cross Supports	D	6	1" x 4" x 1'5"
Floor Strips	E	4	1" x 4" x 6'
Hand Rails	F	2	1" x 2" x 7'
Front Supports G 2 1" x 4" x 6"			

# Scout BSA Merit Badges

Merit badge spots can be reserved online along with camporee registration. Remaining spots (if any) will be announced during the opening. Scouts are asked to bring a blue merit badge card to the merit badge and complete any prerequisites as noted below.

	<p><b>Disabilities Awareness</b> Prerequisites: 4 and 7, bring evidence of completion.</p>
	<p><b>Engineering</b> Prerequisites: 2 and 5, bring evidence of completion.</p>
	<p><b>Architecture</b> Prerequisites: 1.a, 1.b, 4, and bring evidence of completion.</p>
	<p><b>Electronics</b> Prerequisite: 6, bring evidence of completion plus a \$10 fee for LED light kit. Fee collected during online registration</p>
	<p><b>Geology</b> Prerequisites: Complete 4b, 5c - bring a rock or mineral of your choosing to identify</p>



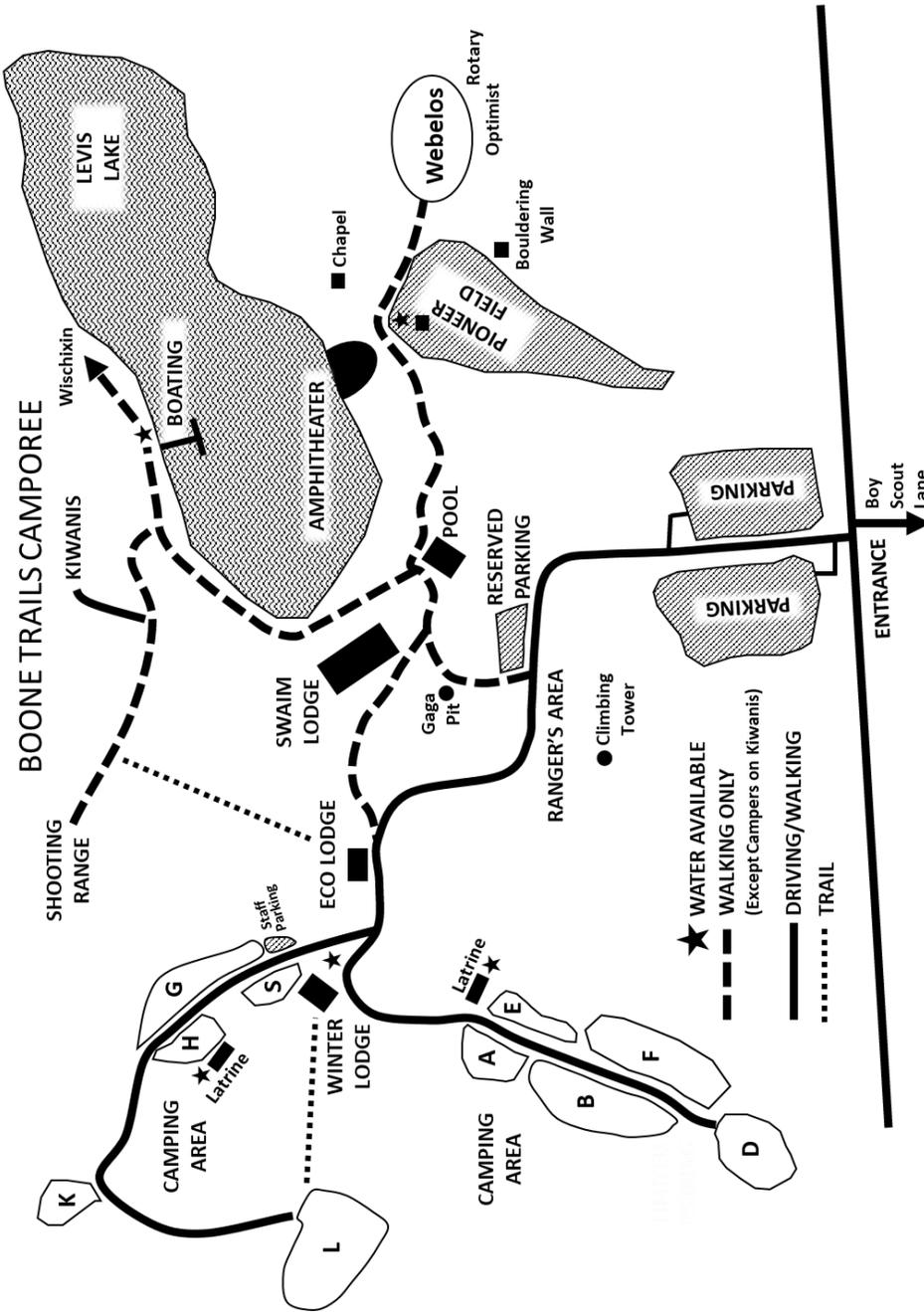
## Webelos/AOL Activity

Webelos will have the opportunity to participate in a STEM Nova Fearful Symmetry during this event. Sign-up during registration.

Planned activities include:

Spaghetti and marshmallow towers (Engineering), Build Bottle Rocket - bring an empty 2 L bottle w/cap	Rotary & Optimist Campsites
Rubber band string cup stacking (Team Building)	
Wind Turbine Activity (Engineering)	
BB guns, Knife, Hawk, and Archery from 1:00-2:00	Ranges
Climbing Tower from 2:00-3:00	Climbing Tower

# Event Map



# RANGE AND TARGET SPORTS PERMISSION FORM

## Range and Target Activities Permission Form

Boone Trails District (Unit, District or Council) will be conducting an open shooting <sup>★</sup> experience. In this program, Scouts will be able to participate in archery, rifle, shotgun, and/or pistol (Venture or Sea Scouts only) programs under the direction of an NRA Range Safety Officer, NRA certified instructors, or USA Archery Level 1 Instructor.

Scouts will be required to wear appropriate protection equipment at all times while on the range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation. For safety, my child and I agree that they will do the following or they will be removed from the program. I understand that any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded if my child is removed for not following the rules below.

1. Complete a range safety briefing.
2. Wear all safety gear at all times while on the range.
3. Follow all the safety rules provided in the briefing.
4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery instructor(s).
5. Do not handle the firearms until instructed to do so by the instructor(s).
6. Is a registered Venturer or Sea Scout (for pistol programs).

Participant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*** This program also includes knife and tomahawk target activities.