

2026 Fall Camporee



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Beaumont Scout Reservation
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Welcome to Camp

Welcome to the Boone Trails' 2026 Fall Camporee - "Driving to Succeed". We will have a lot of activities for Scouts BSA, Venturers and Webelos to have fun while providing advancement opportunities.

Beaumont Scout Reservation (6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr, High Ridge, MO 63049) located off I-44 in the southwest corner of St. Louis County.

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 outlined in this manual.

Upon arrival, please send your Scoutmaster and SPL to Headquarters (HQ) to check in along with a copy of your registration list. Check-in will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 9:00 PM Friday night. Headquarters will be at **Lane Shelter**.

There will be an opening leaders' meeting on Friday night. 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 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 when completed.

Our Boone Trails camporee is youth-led. During the camp, please listen to and follow the directions provided by the youth staff. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff or visit HQ. We are here to make sure that your troop has a great time and look forward to our next District camping event. We welcome and appreciate your feedback along with suggestions for the future.

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Camporee Event Overview

The Boone Trails 2026 Fall Camporee will be held at Beaumont Scout Reservation October 2-4. Scouts BSA and AOL activities include rank advancement opportunities, merit badges, shooting sports, games, and many unique competitions. Registration includes a lunch for all participants catered by the OFP (if registered by September 27). The weekend cost is \$21 if paid before September 27. Afterwards the price is \$26.

Camporee Manual

Planning for the camporee takes months and goes right up to opening night as staff adjusts for the availability of equipment, resources, counselors, and the weather. 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 camporee, and updates will be announced at the opening leaders' meeting. Troop feedback based upon the draft manual is appreciated for review during the planning process.

Camporee Staff

Our District camporee is youth led. The Campmaster, senior staff, and many youth staff volunteers from troops around our District 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 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the **Weldon Spring Interpretive Center, 7295 MO-94 St. Charles, MO 63304**. Scouts are asked to contact the Campmaster for information.

Remaining meeting dates is September 30

Registration

The event fee for this camporee will be **\$21 until online registration closes on October 19**. If you do not register by this date but still wish to attend, you may pay a fee of \$26 at the event, cash only. **The fee includes the event patch, program materials, lunch on Saturday by the Boone Trails OFP, and all activities (except shotgun). Please note that Saturday lunch is not guaranteed for registrations after September 27).** Event registration can be found on the Boone Trails District webpage.

Scouts also can purchase shotgun shooting tickets 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 online purchase. Upon check-in, unit leaders may be able to purchase additional shotgun tickets for \$5, cash only. **Each Scout wishing to participate in Range and Target Activities during the Camporee will need to have a completed Range and Target**

Permission Form (see the last page of this manual) turned into the HQ during check-in on Friday night.

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

Camporee Lunch

Saturday lunch is included with registrations completed by September 27. After that date, we will try to accommodate additional participants, but lunch cannot be guaranteed because food will already have been ordered. The planned menu includes BBQ pulled chicken sandwiches, 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. Expect fresh brewed coffee and fried donuts.

Leader Training

Adult leader Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster training, pressurized fuel training, and Merit Badge Counselor training are planned for this camporee. Walk-in registration will be available by visiting HQ on Friday night or Saturday morning immediately after the opening flag ceremony.

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member training and Merit Badge Counselor training will begin after opening flag ceremony on Saturday near Nature Lodge and Lucas Shelter.

Pressurized fuel training will begin immediately after coffee klatch Saturday.

Boone Trails Items

There will be unique Boone Trails items for sale at HQ including previous Boone Trails event patches. Please stop by HQ to see what is available.



Boone Trails adult leader patches will be available at HQ for \$3 each (while supplies last). Past Boone Trails event patches will be available as well. 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's directions. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit the event headquarters (HQ).
3. All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity (the Camporee) must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant.
 - a. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. For example, an adult volunteer attending the Camporee must be registered in a unit, district, or council position. Registration as a merit badge counselor does not satisfy this requirement.
 - b. An adult program participant is an individual aged 18 or older (most often aged 18-20) who is registered as a program participant in which youth members are also eligible to participate (for example Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Exploring).
4. **Arrow of Light (AOL) Dens that would like to camp with a troop must provide their own two-deep leadership and follow all overnight camporee guidelines. Contact Dax Nieders (dnieders@kdarco.com) to request camping with a specific Troop. Otherwise, all AOL dens will be co-located together.**
5. Absolutely NO fireworks, personal firearms, weapons, alcohol or other drugs will be permitted at the camporee. Adults that need to smoke are asked to please make sure that they are out of sight of all Scouts.
6. 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, the 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, which is available as an attachment on the registration webpage.

7. Personal Vehicles

- a. All vehicles used in the 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 seatbelts are 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 outside of pavilions and buildings. Roads must remain clear for emergency vehicles.
- d. 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.
- e. Vehicle operation should not interrupt or spoil the experience of any Scout or participant, or program presentation such as campfires, flag ceremonies, etc.
- f. Vehicles may only be operated after dark if equipped with working headlights.
- g. Follow the *Guide to Safe Scouting* including:
 - i. Youth drivers are prohibited. Must be 18 years of age or older.

8. Transportation of passengers in a pickup or truck bed, recreational camper or towed trailer is prohibited.

9. 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.
- c. Please review the Short-Term Medical Care Policies (NCAP Standards HS-503 through HS-509) for more information, which is available as an attachment on the registration webpage.

10. Please review the Emergency Procedures (NCAP Standard AO-805), which are available as an attachment on the registration webpage.
11. The current camp requirements for a safe fire building will be reviewed at the opening meeting. Troops are responsible for ensuring that any troop fires are built safely, managed and put out cold when finished.
12. The scout uniform should be worn during the camporee. 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.
13. Troops must maintain the BSA guidelines for two-deep leadership and follow all other Youth Protection Training (YPT) guidelines.
14. The Buddy System is required at this event, and Scouts should remain within the event boundaries.
15. Campsite size will be assigned based upon the number of participants included in your registration. Early registration is appreciated and will help staff better plan the campsite assignments and activities. Most of the units will be placed in Lane Field. Unit camping map will be shared with unit leaders after registration closes on September 27. **Contact Dax Nieders, dnieders@kdarco.com**, if you do not receive an email about unit campsite location. Signs for unit campsite space will be marked the afternoon of October 2. Please do not adjust/move signage.
16. Garbage and trash
 - a. Participants are expected to practice the Leave No Trace guidelines and properly dispose of all trash. Dumpsters are behind the Emerson Center.
 - b. Garbage and trash should be removed from the campsite daily.
17. There will be NO fighting (verbally or physically) at this event. Any issues should be reported to staff at HQ.

Camp Etiquette

Based upon feedback from previous events, a few common camping etiquette practices help improve the enjoyment of all participants. Experienced campers are asked to share and promote these practices within their troop.

1. It is preferable and safer to walk around another troop's campsite rather than walk through the campsite. If you must walk through a campsite, it is courteous to first ask for permission.
2. Please observe quiet hours between lights-out and reveille. Between those hours, please keep noise from conversations, music, cooking equipment, latrine doors and vehicles to a minimum so that all can get a good night's sleep.

3. Please observe the surrounding campsites and the wind before lighting a fire. Fires built too close to another campsite to risk the possibility of burning holes in tents from wind-carrying embers.
4. Follow Leave No Trace guidelines and keep the camp clean of trash.
5. Troops that arrive early should be courteous when setting up camp and leave room for later arriving neighbors by not spreading beyond their designated area.

Activities

SESSION 1 (8:15 am - 11:45 am)

Merit Badges – Morning Only.
See page 12 for details

- ❖ Range and Target Activities
 - ❖ Rifle
 - ❖ Knife and Hawk
 - ❖ Archery
 - ❖ BB-Guns
 - ❖ Shotgun (ticket required)
- ❖ Games
 - ❖ Kick Ball / Capture the Flag
 - ❖ Gaga Ball
 - ❖ 2 Hand Touch Football
 - ❖ Soccer
 - ❖ Chess
- ❖ Climbing
 - ❖ Bouldering Wall
 - ❖ Climbing Tower
 - ❖ Crate Stacking
- ❖ Training
 - ❖ SM/ASM and Committee Member
 - ❖ Pressurized Fuel
 - ❖ Merit Badge Counselor
- ❖ **Vietnam Veterans of America Display**

SESSION 3 (Saturday Evening Program)

- ❖ Religious Services
- ❖ Campfire

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

- ❖ Shooting Sports
 - ❖ Rifle
 - ❖ Knife and Hawk
 - ❖ Archery
 - ❖ BB-Guns
 - ❖ Shotgun (ticket required)
- ❖ Games
 - ❖ Kick Ball
 - ❖ Gaga Ball
 - ❖ 2 Hand Touch Football
 - ❖ Soccer
 - ❖ Chess
- ❖ Climbing
 - ❖ Bouldering Wall
 - ❖ Climbing Tower
 - ❖ Crate Stacking
- ❖ Competitions
 - ❖ Rifle and BB Gun Top Shot
 - ❖ Golden Arrow
 - ❖ 2L Water bottle Rocket Launch
 - ❖ Rocket Fashion Show
 - ❖ Cardboard Rocket Races
 - ❖ Cooking Competition

Competitions

- ❖ Top Shot: There will be separate Archery Top Shot (Golden Arrow), Rifle Top Shot, and BB Gun 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. AOL Top Shot for best BB Gun shot group.
- ❖ Carboard Rocket Race: Troop or AOLs must make before or during Camporee. Rocket must be made of majority cardboard and decorated, this is a 3-person relay race, 1 astronaut at a time (switch each lap), foot powered, **cardboard Astronaut helmet required**, 3 laps, must start lap outside of rocket.
- ❖ Bernoulli's Principle Race: Foot race while blowing into an inverted funnel with a ping pong ball, ball must stay in funnel while racing. Staff will demonstrate.
- ❖ Ping Pong Water Cup Race – Just show up and watch and learn. Blow a ping pong ball from one cup to the next. Top 7 contenders will compete against the staff at Campfire.
- ❖ 2L Water Rocket Launch- Longest time of flight wins
- ❖ 2L Water Rocket Fashion Show - Decorated and Creative Rocket that launch. Judged by the Staff.
- ❖ Food Cooking Competition- Foil pack cooked meal presented in a rocket shaped vessel made of aluminum foil. Bring to Lane Shelter starting at 3:00 pm Sat., Judge by the Staff.
- ❖ Gaga Ball Afternoon Tournament – 3 persons per Troop, 3 on 3, and 3-minute limit or until one Troop is out. Winner announced at campfire.

Activities

- ❖ Shotgun: Scouts can purchase shotgun shooting tickets during pre-registration. 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. Tickets that have not been used before 3:00 PM Saturday will be forfeited, and the remaining rounds will be on a

first-come basis. Additional shotgun tickets may be possible during unit Friday night check-in with event HQ staff. **Cash purchase only.**

Scouts BSA Merit Badges

Merit badge spots can be reserved online along with camporee registration. Remaining spots (if any) will be announced during the leader's meeting on Friday night. Scouts are asked to bring an adult leader signed blue merit badge card to the merit badge class and complete any prerequisites as noted below. Bring written/photographic evidence of completion to the class.

	Disabilities Awareness	Prerequisites: 4 and 7
	Engineering	Prerequisites: 1,2 and 5
	Radio	Prerequisites: 8 and 9
	Digital Technology	Prerequisites: 1,5b,6,7c,8 and 9 Review MB at Scouting.org before Camporee. Watch the available videos and review the resources that correspond with the requirements.
	Astronomy	Prerequisite: 6b, 8

	Space Exploration	Prerequisite: 2,8, bring a 16 oz <u>soda bottle</u>
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AOL Activities:

Saturday Morning - Emerson

-NOVA Out of This World – Review this prior to camporee. Bring evidence of what has been completed prior:

https://stlbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Out-of-This-World-2022_GSLAC-JUN1-2025.pdf

Planned activities include 1 A, 2 B, 3 D, 5

As time allows additional activities:

- Building Cardboard Rockets & Racing Them
- 2L Water Rocket Building
- Lunar Landing Challenge

Saturday Afternoon – Ranges and Tower

- BB Guns and Archery
- Climbing Tower
- Cardboard Rocket Race (see rules under competitions)

AOL Adults are encouraged to attend and assist Staff AOL youth leader.



Camporee Schedule

FRIDAY

5:30 pm	Check-in opens at HQ (Lane Shelter)
9:00 pm	Check-in closes
	Opening Leaders' Meeting starts at Lane Shelter
	Movie Night starts- Space Theme feature (bring a chair) near Lane Shelter
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
	AOL Nova Morning Session Starts; followed by AOL Adventure
	Scoutmaster/ASM training starts (Adults/Leaders)
	Merit Badge Counselor training starts (Adults/Leaders)
9:00 am	HQ moves to Gazebo near Emerson
	Coffee Klatch by OFP outside Emerson (Adults)
	Pressurized fuel training (Adults)
	Committee Member training (Adults)
11:45 am	Activities close
12:00 pm	Lunch by OFP vicinity of Emerson
1:00 pm	Activities open
3:00 pm	Bring cooking creation for competition to Lane Shelter to be judged
4:00 pm	Activities close and HQ moves from Gazebo to Lane Shelter
4:30 pm	All Campfire sheets are to be turned into HQ
5:00 pm	Dinner at campsites
6:15 pm	Flag ceremony at HQ followed by brief announcements
7:00 pm	Religious Services start
8:00 pm	Religious Services end
8:15 pm	Campfire starts at Council Ring
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 at Lane Shelter
11:00 am	Camp Closed

Activity Locations

FRIDAY

Check-in at HQ Lane Shelter
 Movie Night: Title TBD Near Lane Shelter
 Opening Leaders' Meeting Lane Shelter

SATURDAY

Opening Flag Ceremony Lane Shelter
 Camporee HQ (9 am-4pm) Gazebo
 Coffee Klatch Beckett Cabin
 Lunch by OFP Outside Emerson
 Adult Leader Training

 SM/ASM & Fuel Walz Shelter
 MB Counselor Lucas Shelter

Merit Badges

Disabilities Awareness Emerson Lg Mtg Rm
 Engineering Green Room
 Radio Blue Room
 Digital Technology Red Room
 Astronomy Walz Shelter
 Space Exploration Lucas Shelter

AOL Morning Activities Emerson Theatre
 AOL Afternoon Activities Tower & Ranges

Competitions:

- Top Shot/Golden Arrow Ranges
- Cardboard Rocket Race Scoutcraft Field
- Ping Pong Challenge Gazebo
- Bernoulli's Principle Race Gazebo
- Food Challenge Lane Shelter
- 2L Rocket Launch Scoutcraft Field
- 2L Rocket Fashion Show " "
- Gaga Ball Competition Gaga Ball Pit

Religious Services:

- Catholic Council Ring
- Protestant Emerson Theatre
- Scouts' Own Chapel

Campfire Council Ring

SUNDAY

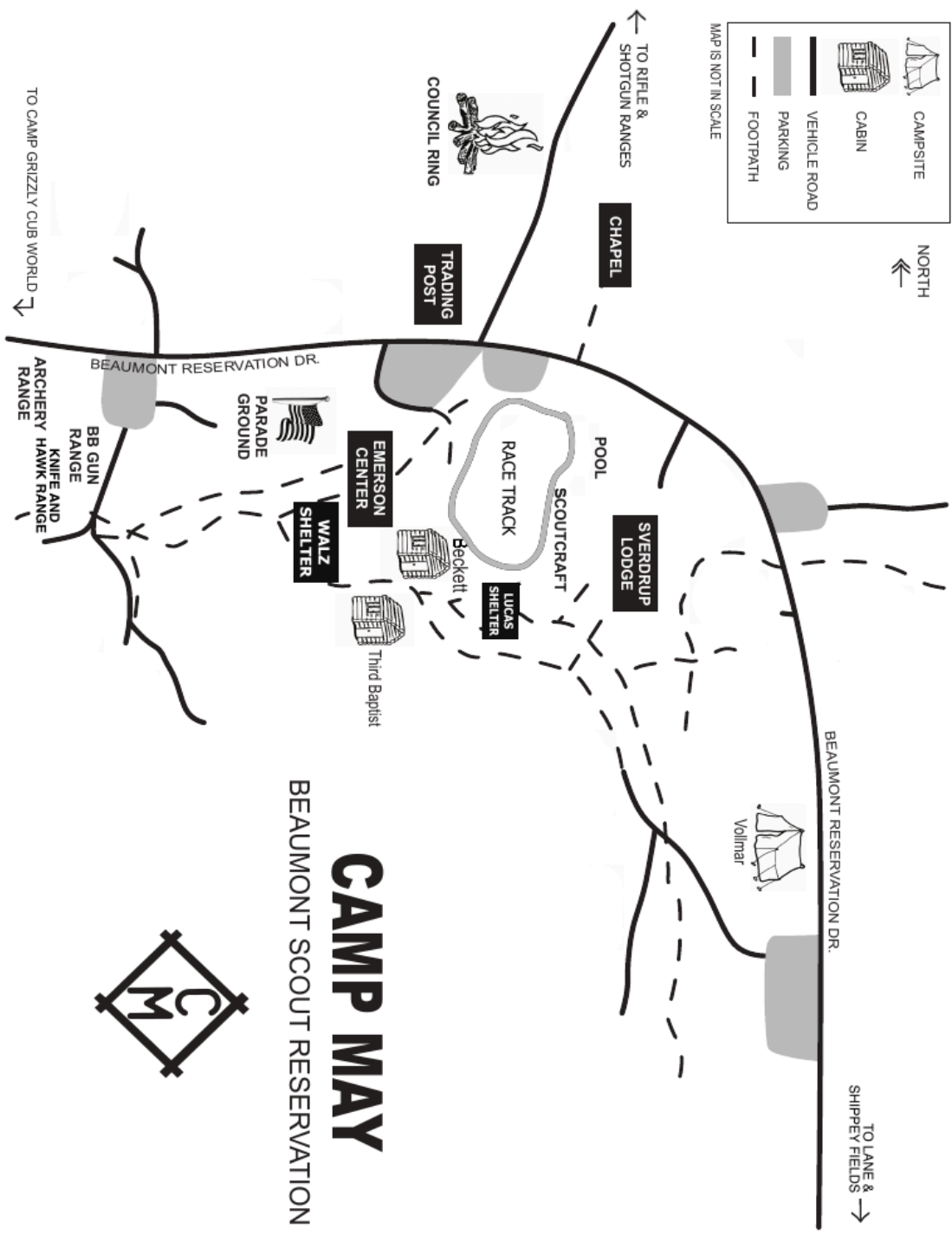
Closing Flag Ceremony Lane Shelter
 Check-Out at HQ Lane Shelter

Activities:

- Knife and Hawk Archery/BB Range
- Archery Archery Range
- BB-Guns BB-Gun Range
- Rifle Rifle Range
- Shotgun Shotgun Range

- Gaga Ball Gaga Pit
- Climbing Tower Climbing Tower
- Bouldering Wall Climbing Tower
- Crate Stacking Climbing Tower
- Chess Walz Shelter

Event Map



RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES PERMISSION FORM

Boone Trails District _____ (Unit, District or Council) will be conducting an open shooting  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.