



**SURVIVING:  
World War II  
The Western Front  
Hi-Line District  
Spring Camporee 2026**

## Greetings Leaders!

The Camporee theme for 2026 is “SURVIVING: World War II – The Western Front” and is based primarily on advancements through First Class. Please prepare your units for a day of full exposure outdoors as well as LOTS of trekking into areas. Long pants, socks, and appropriate footwear will be necessary for this Camporee as well as Scouting uniforms for ceremonies.

Camporees are an opportunity to enjoy one of the oldest traditions in Scouting history – Coming together as a District for a Scouting competition. District gatherings provide an opportunity to match skills against others within and beyond our district. There will be fun, friendship, and fellowship. This guide is intended to help you and your unit prepare for the fun and excitement of this year’s Spring Camporee.

The Scout Oath and Law will govern the behavior of all participants during this weekend. The principles of Leave No Trace will always be practiced. All events for the weekend will be based on basic Scouting skills and concepts taught and used in the Scout to First Class rank advancement section of the Handbook. They will also include new and exciting challenge events that will require effective communication, leadership, and teamwork to successfully complete.

**All participating units must provide a minimum of TWO YPT trained adults, at least one of which must be 21 or older. In addition, at least ONE adult must be current in Scouting America Hazardous Weather Training.** Individual participants/Lone Scouts are exempt from this requirement. This camporee will take place at the Scouting America Campground at Beaver Creek Park so please plan accordingly for adults within units traveling together.

Patrols should be no bigger than 6 or 7 scouts, if your unit has multiple patrols, please provide a daypack for each. If numbers are off, reach out to Jeremy 406-399-1520 or Jody 406-945-1501, and we can figure it out.

Sincerely,

Hi-Line District Spring Camporee Team

## **Important Notes:**

**REGISTRATION AND EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!:** Registration for Camporee is on the council website through the Council Calendar available at [scoutingmontana.org](http://scoutingmontana.org). Registrations received by Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$5 discount per person. Fees for 2026 are \$20 per scout (\$15 Early Bird), \$15 per adult (\$10 Early Bird).

**CHECK IN PROCESS:** At Check In, please be prepared to present A & B Medical Forms for all youth and adult participants. A & B Medical Forms will be required for all youth and adult participants to comply with NCAP standards.

**CHECK IN PACKETS:** Check In Packets will be unique again this year due to the nature of the event. Check In Packets will feature all the necessary information for the event.

**DAY PACKS:** Each unit will need to be prepared to provide 1 daypack per patrol attending the camporee. We will not have additional daypacks available. There is a packing list for this daypack in the Leader Guide.

**LEAVE NO TRACE:** Units will be required to pack in their own water for drinking and hand washing purposes. Units will also need to provide a clearly seen hand washing station for their unit. In accordance with the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace, please do not bring disposable individual water bottles to the campground.

**FOOD:** Camporee will provide cooking opportunities to assist with youth advancement. Breakfast and Lunch will be eaten by each unit individually at the scheduled times on Saturday. You do not have to plan a lunch for Saturday as your patrols will be earning rations throughout the morning, allowing them to eat as soldiers did (not sure if you should warn them or not??). Dinner will be our "potluck" where all units will dine together.

**HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING:** Each unit should plan to bring at least 1 adult member with current Scouting America Hazardous Weather Training. A friendly reminder that Hazardous Weather Training needs to be taken every 2 years to be valid.

# Surviving: WWII – Western Front Camporee Events

## FRIDAY:

**Daypack Checks:** Check Point so we can make sure everything is in functioning order and is a complete list according to the Camporee packing list.

**Cracker Barrel:** We know we don't see each other nearly as often as we would like so bring some snacks and hang out around the fire as we all get a chance to see each other again and enjoy some time relaxing.

## SATURDAY:

**Storming the Beaches:** Challenge Rommel's mine defenses on the beaches of Normandy.

**MEDIC!!:** Keep your wounded alive and mobile.

**The Battle of the Bulge:** The bb range is back this year. Cut down the targets to survive.

**Feast on the Front:** Earn your rations.

**Hoist the Colors:** Fly Ol' Glory high and proud.

**V-Day March:** Every battle deserves a little treat. Hike into the hills to find yours.

**USO:** Bob Hope is scheduled to appear for your entertainment. Best to have a skit ready in case he misses his flight.

**Crow's Flight:** A POW that can escape will be rewarded.

**ADULTS – All adults registered for camporee are expected to be active participants.**

# Surviving: WWII – Western Front Packing List

Each Daypack needs to include:

- Handheld GPS system charged/with new batteries and in working order
- Compass
- 100 feet of paracord
- Pocket Knife
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Whistle
- A Homemade flag that represents YOUR patrol's perspective of American patriotism, home or abroad during the war. (Yes, you can do a Captain America Shield.... but don't)
- Pencil and notebook
- First Aid Kit for the Patrol. Non-latex gloves only. Must include a minimum of: Band Aids, gloves, wound cleaning supplies, and antibiotic ointment, gauze or ACE bandage

\*\*\* Units are also asked to bring scout staves or whatever your units use to practice lashings.