

2025 Northwest Iowa Camporee Leader's Guide

Scoutcraft



April 11th-12th-13th 2025

Buena Vista County Conservation Park
North Lodge
Peterson, IA

Schedule of Events

Friday

5:00-8:00 pm Check-In - Admin/HQ – North Lodge
5:00-9:00 pm Camp setup – Area surrounding north lodge
9:00 pm SPL / Leader's Meeting
9:30 pm Cracker Barrel
10:30 pm All quiet in camp. Please be considerate of others.

Saturday

7:00 am Reveille
7:00 am Breakfast in unit campsites
8:30 am Flags – 225
9:00 am Events Begin
12:00 pm Lunch in unit campsites
1:00 pm Events Continue
4:00 pm Events end
5:00 pm Supper in unit campsites
6:30 pm Cooking challenge judging – North Lodge
7:00 pm Retrieve flags – 208
7:30 pm Campfire Show – Outside North Lodge
8:30 pm OA Call Out – Outside North Lodge
10:30 pm All quiet in camp. Please be considerate of others.

Sunday

7:00 am Reveille
7:00 am Breakfast in camp
8:00-10:00am Camp wide clean-up
8:30 am Scouts Own – 225
9:30 am Unit check out – North Lodge
10:00 am Strike camp. Have a safe trip home.

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Camp Headquarters

The headquarters will be the North Lodge. All administrative, program, and health needs will be handled at the headquarters.

Check-in Procedures

Please plan to arrive between 5-8pm. Please send one unit member to registrations at Admin/HQ with health forms and completed unit roster upon arrival at camp. A printout from the scout event registration page is sufficient. Note any changes to the roster when checking in to keep account of people at the camporee during the event. Camporee staff will direct your unit to your campsite at check-in. Notify camporee hosts at Admin/HQ of any unit member departing early from camp for any reason to maintain complete accountability of campers.

Health forms and medical staff

Every Scout and Adult attending Camporee must provide a copy of Parts A & B of the BSA health history form. Medical Staff will be operating the GPS Station. ALL injuries during the camp must be reported to the camporee medical staff. The units will keep the health forms at their camp sites during the camporee. Prescription medications must be kept in a secure locked box or in a unit leader's care. All medications requiring refrigeration are the responsibility of the individual units.

Adult Leadership

A minimum of two registered adult leaders are required for all trips and outings. All adults camping overnight must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or as an adult program participant in the position(s) they are serving in and be approved by their charter partner where applicable. If your unit has only one registered adult leader in attendance, contact any of the camp hosts and we will combine troop campsites to provide the required supervision.

Campsites

Each unit will set up patrol camps in designated areas. The areas are not marked and are available on a first come, first served basis. Please be courteous to neighboring units when setting up your sites and use only the space you need. Please keep vehicles and trailers on durable surfaces.

Water and Restrooms

Drinking water will be available at the north lodge. Units should bring containers to carry water to their campsites. Every camper should come to Camporee with a personal water bottle.

An adult restroom is available in the lodge. Pit toilets are available outside of the lodge for youth.

No **CELLPHONES** are allowed restrooms at any time.

Meals

All meals are unit functions and menus, shopping, transportation, and food storage should be performed by each troop or crew in preparation for the camporee. Units will cook and serve meals and clean up at troop campsites.

Campfires in campsites

Campfires are allowed in troop campsites only within metal fire rings. Pop up fire pits are permitted. Contained charcoal fires are allowed for cooking.

Vehicle Parking

Park vehicles and trailers in designated areas. Do not park on the road to allow emergency and service vehicles access. Parking on the grass next to the road is permissible while loading or unloading. For safety reasons, do not move vehicles during the camporee to minimize vehicle traffic while scouts are about.

Check-out Procedures

Remember a scout is clean and units are on their honors to police campsite and leave them ready for the next campout. Move any firewood in your campsite to the tree line to allow lawn mowing.

Uniform

The uniform for flag ceremonies and the campfire shows is Units Field Uniform ("Class A"). While at Camporee events, Scouts and Scouters are expected to wear the official Scout uniform or other attire Scout appropriate.

Range Active Safety Meeting

This will be on Friday night at 8:00. It is a must attend if the scout wants to shoot on Saturday, wrist bands will be issued. Please plan on attending the meeting at the HunTel Dining Hall

OA Callout

Will be held after the Campfire show. Any question please let the OA team know at the Friday night leader meeting. Each Troop should come prepared with a skit or song for campfire!

Patrol Awards

Patrols completing events will earn recognition. Winners will be announced during the District Campfire Show. In addition, the award for the cooking competitions

Patrol Events

All locations are TBD and will be announced at the SPL meeting

- fire starting (Scouts must start a fire to burn a string. Extra points will be awarded for using flint and steel)

- Waypoint finding (Someone in the group should have a GPS app like “Handy GPS” installed on their phone)
- Knot relay
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Minecraft Cataan – Scouts will work together in their patrol to complete a strategic objective

Cooking competition

Patrols are challenged to enter a dish of their Evening Meal in the Camporee Cooking Competition. The rules for the competition are:

1. Scouts should prepare their best dish.
2. It should be a camp appropriate recipe and prepared at camp.
3. Recipe cards must be included when turned in. Unit number, Patrol name, ingredients, how prepared

Qualifying entries will be judged on: Taste, Recipe card turned in, Originality, Suitable for camping. Any method of cooking is acceptable for the competition (baking, boiling, broiling, pan frying, simmering, steaming, grilling, foil cooking, and use of a Dutch oven).

Campfire Show

A district-wide campfire show is on Saturday evening. Patrols may provide a skit or song for selection at Friday night SPL/ Adult Leaders’ meeting. Skits or Song will be of three minutes or less. All Skits and Songs must be approved by camporee staff. Skit and Songs space is limited for time, be prepared to show the skit to staff for placement if needed. The list for the campfire show will be posted in the North Lodge building on Saturday by 5:00pm.

What to Bring to Camporee

- Health Form Parts A and B
- Face Mask (optional)
- Water Bottle
- Tent or tarp, poles, and stakes
- GPS device or phone with GPS app
- Firestarting Supplies
- Waterproof ground cloth or plastic sheet
- Sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress or pad
- Scout uniform
- OA sash (for OA members)
- Poncho or raincoat, warm jacket, or coat
- Clothes for sleeping and appropriate for the weather
- Durable shoes, shoelaces

- Hat or cap, gloves
- Extra socks, shoes, other extra clothes
- Toothbrush, comb, soap in container
- First aid kit, sunscreen, insect repellent
- Flashlight, headlamp, batteries