



**DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL, SCOUTING AMERICA**

# **SKULL ISLAND**

# **CANOE-O-REE**

## **2.0**

**Wellington State Park on crystal clear**



**Newfound Lake**



**May 30 - June 1, 2025**

**We decided to continue a very successful event! Canoe and camp at Skull Island with your essential camping gear in the canoes.**

**Learn map and compass skills on land and in the water. Test your skills in Canoe Orienteering. Sit around a campfire under a starry sky.**

**Feel the presence of Native Americans thousands of years ago at beautiful Wellington State Park and beach with a nature trail.**

**Paddle on cool, clear water. Fish if you wish!!**



Photos of Last Year's Event





## Costs – Skull Island Canoe-o-ree

- Scouts \$25 each
- First two Adults FREE
- Additional Adults \$20 each

## Camping and Facilities

This is a remote, unimproved “campground”. Bring small, 2-person tents to fit between the trees. You may wish to raise a tarp / dining fly strung between trees, but please avoid pop-up shelters or the like.

Each campsite will have picnic tables to accommodate the number of registered campers. Near each campsite is a fire ring, likely shared with neighboring units. Fires, including charcoal, are allowed only in these fire rings. You may burn dead downed wood you find on the island (almost exclusively pine), and we may be able to provide you a small amount of hardwood firewood. Plan to cook on stoves rather than on the fire. Backpacking stoves or small 2-burner Coleman-style stoves are appropriate – please don’t bring anything larger.

Near each camping area is a latrine – use it! There is no running water on the island. Bring water for cooking and cleaning, or plan to purify lake water. If needed, we can refill troop/patrol water jugs (not personal water bottles) during the day Saturday – make sure they’re clearly labeled with your unit number.

We don’t expect bears on the island, but there are other small animals that will chew through packs to get to food or garbage. Please secure all these items overnight in hard-sided containers or by hanging them.

## Activities

- **How to set up a Safe Swim Area**
- **Proper Axe/Saw Yard**
- **Gray water/Sanitation Skill/Water Purification**
- **Knots, for Beginners and Advanced**
- **Canoe Skills Instructions**
- **Canoe Orienteering**
- **Map and Compass Navigation**
- **Song Fest ! Submit a few camp songs to be included in the Skull Island song book**

## What to Bring

Pack as if for a backpacking trip. Avoid heavy or bulky items such as family-size tents, patrol boxes, Dutch ovens, pop-up shelters, turkey blasters. Coleman-style two-burner stoves are OK.

### INDIVIDUAL

See Scout Handbook pp. 238-9, 268, 108

Pack your gear to be waterproof: in dry-bags or heavy (contractor) trash bags.

- Tent, ground cloth, stakes, poles (shared with a buddy)
- Sleeping bag & Sleeping bag
- Complete change of dry clothes
- Closed-toe footwear
- Water shoes or old sneakers (will get wet)
- 1-liter water bottle, full
- Snacks (secured overnight w/ patrol food)
- Rain gear
- Headlamp & extra batteries
- Warm clothing layers, hat, gloves
- Personal first-aid kit
- Sunscreen & insect repellent
- Compass
- Folding pocketknife
- Matches
- Mess kit
- Hygiene items: toothbrush/paste, soap, washcloth, etc.
- Small trash bag
- Swimsuit & towel

Optional:

- Inhaler or EpiPen
- Other meds (held by adult leader)
- Pillow
- Watch
- Compact fishing gear
- Small musical instrument

### PATROL / TROOP

See Scout Handbook pp. 269, 109

- Stove(s) & fuel
- Lighter
- Food (2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch)
- Pots & pans, Cooking & serving utensils
- Dishwashing supplies
- Trash bags
- Water in Jerry cans, 1 gallon per person, labeled w/ troop number
- Hard-sided container or bear bag & rope to contain all food
- Patrol/troop first aid kit
- Repair kit
- Roster
- Med forms
- Notebook & pen/pencil
- Leader cell phones & backup battery

Optional:

- Water filter / SteriPen
- Dining fly
- Menu plan
- Duty roster
- Advancement chart
- Patrol flag

### CANOEING GEAR

- Canoe (16-18 feet) for each 2 people
- Paddles & lifejackets to fit participants

Optional:

- Kneeling pads
- Bailer / sponge

**If you can't find canoes locally, we may be able to offer some canoes for rent.**

**Let us know EARLY what you need.**