



# Scouting America

## Patriots' Path Council



# Skylands District Cub Scout Camporee

## *Spirit of '76*

May 15 - 17, 2026

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation

## Handbook

## A Guide for Parents and Unit Leaders

The Unit Leaders Guide is a comprehensive resource for unit leaders, providing them with information and tools to lead Cub Scouts and Families for the Spirit of '76 Camporee.

### Important Information

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation (Camp Somers)

750 Waterloo Road

Stanhope, NJ 07874

#### Camporee Organizing Committee

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### Communication methods

Join [Skylands Cub Scout Camping GroupMe](#)

This chat is used for camping updates and questions. Collaborate with fellow Cub Scout volunteers, leaders, and commissioners prior to the Camporee weekend. Unit leaders

Join [Spring Camporee: Spirit of '76](#) This chat is your go-to hub for real-time updates, logistics, and coordination **during the Camporee weekend**. Stay connected with organizers to be prepared and stay informed.

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# EVENT OVERVIEW

A celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the founding of the nation, focusing on the flag, Local Heritage and History, and the Skills and Values that drove the Independence of a new nation.

## **Activity Stations:**

1. The Betsy Ross Challenge
2. Liberty Tree Planting (Service Project)
3. Independence Obstacle Course
4. Valley Forge Survival
5. Continental Army Practice Range (BB)
6. Continental Army Practice Range (Archery)
7. The Culper Spy Ring: Invisible Ink & Codes
8. Colonial Construction
9. Crossing the Delaware (Races)
10. The 13 Colonies Map Quest
11. George Washington's Headquarters (Continental Showcase)
12. The Patriot Milliner's Shop
13. Hook, Line and Liberty (Fishing)

## **13 Colonies:**

1. New Hampshire
2. Massachusetts
3. Rhode Island
4. Connecticut
5. New York
6. New Jersey
7. Pennsylvania
8. Delaware
9. Maryland
10. Virginia
11. North Carolina
12. South Carolina
13. Georgia



# SCHEDULE

Time Start	Description	Duration (Minutes)	Time End
<b>Friday</b>			
5:00PM	Participant Check-in Open	120	8:00 PM
5:00PM	Units Setup Campsite	180	9:00 PM
9:00 PM	Participant Leader Meeting (OA Lodge)	45	9:45 PM
10:00PM	Lights Out / Quiet Time		
<b>Saturday</b>			
7:00 AM	Participant Check-in Open	60	8:00 AM
8:15 AM	Units Assemble for Flag Ceremony	15	8:30 AM
8:30 AM	Opening Flag Ceremony	15	8:45 AM
9:00 AM	Morning Activity Stations	180	12:00 PM
12:00 PM	Participant Lunch - Unit Responsible	60	1:00 PM
12:00 PM	Thumbprint Flag Project (Session 1)	60	1:00 PM
1:00 PM	Afternoon Activity Stations*	180	4:00 PM
4:15 PM	Service Project: Tree Planting Ceremony	15	4:30 PM
4:30 PM	Thumbprint Flag Project (Session 2)	60	5:30 PM
4:30 PM	Unit Free Time & Dinner	165	7:00 PM
7:00 PM	Campfire Preparation	30	7:30 PM
7:30 PM	Gather for Campfire	15	7:45 PM
7:45 PM	Campfire Program	75	9:00 PM
9:00 PM	Unit Quiet Time	45	9:45 PM
10:00 PM	Lights Out / Quiet Time		
	<i>*If necessary BB/Archery will begin at 12:30</i>		
<b>Sunday</b>			
7:30 AM	Participant Check-out Open	210	11:00 AM
8:00 AM	Site Checks	180	11:00 AM
9:00 AM	Scouts Own Service	35	9:35 AM
11:00 AM	All Units Checked Out		

# SAFETY INFORMATION

## GENERAL CAMPOREE POLICIES

- Alcohol of any kind, smoking, and vaping are prohibited while at camp
- All participants must sign-in and sign-out of camp - leaving for any reason during the event, you must sign-out with a staff member to avoid triggering a “lost person” search. See staff at the camp office - if no one is available, follow the directions posted on the door or contact Carol Gonzalez (973-229-4172), or Marco Gonzalez (201-317-3047). Check back in upon your return.
- Leave No Trace - Please practice “Leave-No-Trace” principles while in Camp and model these behaviors for your scouts and families.

## SYT & CAMPING OVERNIGHT

- All Safeguarding Youth Protection (SYT) rules, barriers to abuse, and Guide to Safe Scouting rules apply to this event.
- SYT training is required for all Scouting America registered volunteers. Recognition of Prior Training: If you completed YPT before May 22, 2025, it will be honored until May 31, 2026, after which SYT will need to be taken.
- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants
- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.
- Overnight rules for camping:
  - All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant in that unit.
  - Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in.
  - Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement. Limited exception below for Cub Scout overnight Programs.
  - Individual Scouts can volunteer for the day, however they are not allowed to stay overnight. No provisional patrols will be set up. Scouts can stay overnight with their units.
  - Cub Scout Programs – Overnight Exception:
  - Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders.
  - All adults must review the “[How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide](#)” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook.
  - In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward.
  - All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.



- Accommodations:
  - Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required.
- Tenting:
  - Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
  - Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
  - In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
  - Spouses may share tents.
- Example Scenarios
  - Cub Scout and their parent or legal guardian camp overnight and share a tent - OK
  - Cub Scout and their parent or legal guardian camp overnight with siblings in the same tent - OK
  - Cub Scout, parent or legal guardian, and grandparent camp overnight in the same tent - NO GO
    - In this case, the grandparent would need to register as a leader in the Scouting Unit AND must camp in their own tent since they are not a parent or legal guardian of the Cub Scout.
  - Cub Scout camps overnight and shares a tent with a Cub Scout of a different gender - NO GO
    - Scouts may only share a tent with other Scouts of the same gender and within 2 years of age

## HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

- Direct Contact Leaders are encouraged to complete Hazardous Weather Training. Scan the QR code and from there log into my.scouting.org.
- Who are Direct Contact Leaders?
  - Cubmaster Scoutmaster Exploring Advisor
  - Asst. Cubmaster Asst. Scoutmaster Associate Exp Advisor
  - Den Leader Crew Advisor Sea Scout Adult Leader
  - Asst. Den Leader Associate Crew Advisor
- Click the [FAQ for more information](#) on Scouting America Health and Safety Page (Hazardous Weather Training)



## BALOO TRAINING

- Every unit is recommended to have a BALOO trained leader camping for the duration of the event.
- If the unit will not have a BALOO trained leader present, please make this known to staff upon check-in. A camporee staff member will act as the required coverage for Cub Scout camping requirements.

## RANGES/FISHING

- Registration for Fishing, BB and Archery is on a first-come, first-served basis.

- The fishing dock and ranges are OFF LIMITS to all participants and staff except during their scheduled session to participate in either activity. This is for your safety.
- The Ranges are under the supervision of a designated Range Masters and their staff. Please follow all of their directions, commands, and instructions at all times during the event.
- Failure to follow Range Master directions will result in expulsion of the entire unit from the range and possibly from camp.

## BUDDY SYSTEM

- The buddy system is critical to keeping all participants safe while in camp. This means that under no circumstances should a youth be alone or walking around camp by themselves. They must have a buddy (parent or youth) with them at all times.
- Adults acting as buddies to youth shall be the youth's parent or legal guardian OR a registered leader with at least one other adult present at all times. At no time should an adult be alone with any youth of whom they are not the parent or legal guardian.

## VEHICLES

- Only one vehicle/trailer per unit is allowed to park at each campsite. The vehicle should park upon check-in and leave only once the unit has checked out and cleared the campsite.
- Units camping only Saturday night must have their vehicle parked at their site by 8am Saturday morning. No vehicles will be allowed driving on the camp road after 8pm on Friday night or after 8am on Saturday for Saturday arrivals.

## INCIDENTS & GETTING HELP

- Any accident, injury, near-miss, YPT issue, missing youth or adult, or any other emergency must be reported to Camporee staff. Staff will have radios and cell phones to coordinate emergency responders. Incident reports will be required for each occurrence.
- Incident Reporting Portal: <https://riskconnectbsa.my.salesforce-sites.com/>
- In the event of a medical emergency, notify the medical officer on duty or camporee staff. Stay where you are and follow instructions from staff. If police or EMS is required, the Medical Officer, Camporee Staff, or Camp Ranger must call 911.
- The camp is equipped with an emergency siren that will be sounded in the event of an emergency. When heard, follow this procedure:
  - Check-out of all program areas. Everyone reports to the camp office by the parking lot.
  - Assemble as a unit. Unit leaders, take attendance / headcount.
  - Unit leader, report your headcount to camporee staff.
  - Additional instructions will be given.
- In the event of a weather emergency (severe lightning, dangerous winds) the shelter-in-place location will be the dining hall or the closest cabin.
- Nearby Medical Facilities
  - Hackettstown Medical Ctr, 651 Willow Grove St, Hackettstown, NJ 07840 (7 minutes)



# CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

## FRIDAY NIGHT – May 15

Participant check-in will be open from 5:00pm - 8:00pm inside the dining hall. Please park your vehicle in the lot first if you are not the unit's designated campsite vehicle. Bring a roster with medical forms for participants. Packs are recommended to arrive as a group with the Cubmaster or leader in charge responsible for check-in at the front of the group. If you have scouts/families checking in on Saturday, you must indicate on the roster form.

## SATURDAY MORNING – May 16

Participant check-in will open from 7:00am - 8:00am in the dining hall. If you are camping Saturday night, please check-in before 8am because vehicles must be off the camp road at 8am. Day visitors and those camping but not the unit designated vehicle may register anytime between 7:00 and 8:00am. If you arrive after 8:30am and no one is at the registration table, please call Camporee Staff and follow their instructions.

## SUNDAY MORNING – May 17

Check-out will be available starting at 8am. Your campsite must be checked by a member of Camporee Staff prior to your unit checking out (campsite is clean and orderly, firepit is cold and safe). Please send someone to the registration desk to request a site check - someone will be dispatched via radio.

## GENERAL NOTES

- **ROSTER** - Each unit must have 2 copies of their registered participant roster on them throughout the weekend. You can print out after you have registered online. Leave one at registration and keep one. NOTE - you must list everyone attending in your registration.
- **MEDICAL FORMS** - Each participant visiting for the day or staying overnight with their unit must have their medical form fully filled out prior to arriving, Part A & B. Include a cover sheet with major medical conditions by individual. Recommend a binder or folder. The health officer will review at check in.
- **PARKING PASS** - All vehicles on Camp Property need to have a parking pass on their dash. Parking pass templates are included in this guide. Please ensure your families have this on their vehicles and in the vehicle parked at the campsite
- **LANYARDS** - **NEW** PPC Camps will use to identify valid participants throughout the weekend. Upon check-in, participants present will be given their lanyard by their unit leaders. Participants arriving after unit check-in will receive their lanyard from Camporee Staff when they check in. Unit Leaders should collect lanyards from participants upon their departure and return to Camporee Staff upon Check-out.
- **RANGE TIMES** - Units will be scheduled for their Archery & BB range time - Units should receive this schedule before arrival, sent to the unit's registration contact in Scoutingevent.com. Additional schedules will be available at check-in.
- **MAPS** - Units should plan to print maps for their participants in advance of arrival. A limited number of maps will be available at check-in on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **LEAVING DURING THE EVENT** - Families leaving for any reason during the event must first check-out with their unit leader to note on their roster AND check-out with Camporee Staff

before departing the property. If they return during the event, they must Check-IN with Camporee Staff and their Unit Leader upon their return to the event.

- **UNIT CHECK-OUT** - Before the unit departs the event, please ensure your campsite is in a clean, tidy, and safe condition. All trash should be policed and packed out, fire pits should be cold and safe prior to calling for a check-out. Medical Forms will be returned at check-out.

# COUNCIL NOTES

## HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Patriots' Path Council, Scouting America will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at its meetings and events. Please call Rob Behan at 973-765-9322 Ext. 257 with your request.

## PHOTO RELEASE

I understand that by attending this program, sponsored by the Patriots' Path Council Scouting America, I consent to the use of photographs, film, videotapes, electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me during that time by Scouting America, at their discretion and I hereby release Scouting America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

## RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS

Rules for acceptance and participation in the programs are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin or handicap.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

In all programs offered by the Patriots' Path Council, a great deal of planning and purchasing takes place well in advance. These plans include, but are not limited to staff, food, program materials, patches and awards, rental, and purchase of equipment. Patriots' Path Council does not issue refunds on cancellations made less than 30 days from the day of the event.

# PARKING PERMIT

Please place it in the front windshield of every car in the parking lot.

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE**

**CAMPING OVERNIGHT**

**DAY PASS**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**PACK #** \_\_\_\_\_

# MASR Scout Reservation Map



