



# 2024 Frontier Challenge Spring Camporee Leader's Guide

**May 17 - 19, 2024**

**Rotary Scout Reservation**

## Questions?

Any clarifications, don't hesitate to reach out!

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## About the Event

Frontier settlers of New York.

Throughout the 1600s, the Dutch and French settled Upstate New York, primarily working for the Fur Trade and Timber Industry. Many early New York settlers were trappers and lumberjacks - this year's Camporee we will practice the skills they used!

Scouts will spend half the day earning the Paul Bunyan Award, learning proper use of wood tools. This program will conclude with a conservation project, to put Scout's wood tool skills to use! The other half the day will be spent experiencing the art of trapping and traveling across unsettled American forests.

Cub Scouts will have their own day program, where they will experience the fun of settler life and skills. Cub Shooting Sports will be open.

Troops will be camping in their own tents at established campsites with multiple units, and cook their own meals. Cub Scout Packs are welcome to join their Troop overnight, or come for just Saturday.

## Critical Information for Leaders

Arrival - Friday after 5pm. Departure - Sunday by 10am.

Bring your own Tents, Cook your own Food.

Equipment need - bring water jugs to fill, in case water is not on at campsites yet.

Campsites will be shared by multiple units.

Weather/mud permitting, 1 vehicle/trailer to campsite max.

Leaders keep copies of their unit's BSA Med Form.

Paul Bunyan Award:

Equipment need - scouts bring your own Lopper for conservation projects.

Totin Chip - reviewing knife safety will help Scouts enjoy camp more, but not required.

## Frontier Challenge Spring Camporee 2024

### When/Where

Friday May 17th - Troop check-in between 5-8pm

Saturday May 18th - Program starts at 9am, Cub/Day visitors should arrive prior to

Sunday 19th - Departure after breakfast

Rotary Scout Reservation [279 Davitt Lake Rd, Averill Park, NY 12018](https://www.rotaryscoutreservation.com/279-Davitt-Lake-Rd-Averill-Park-NY-12018)

### Fees and Deadline

Deadline 5/10/2024. Late fee applies for registrations after this date.

Weekend Scout - \$15

Day Pass Cub - \$8

Adults - \$10

### Registration

<https://scoutingevent.com/364-82628>

## Weather

The camporee will be held regardless of weather conditions, some activities may be shortened or changes may be made around the elements.

## Food

Food will NOT be provided by the camporee staff. Each unit is expected to provide their own food for the entire event.

## TRASH REMOVAL

Camporee participants will be expected to follow the carry in/carry out policy. Dumpsters are located at the main camp road.

Please keep the camp clean!

## Fire control

All fires must be in existing fire pits or elevated fire places. Firewood: Patrols may bring wood for the fire building event or can use dead and down wood found in the vicinity.

Latrines will be open, but each unit should bring supplies.

## MEDICAL/ EMERGENCY

**Call (315)854-7801**

**State your name.**

**State the location of the injured person(s).**

State the nature of the injury.

All troops must have BSA medical forms for all Scouts.

Medical personnel will be on site at all times.

Report medical emergencies to the camp office or the closest radioed staff member. A cell phone number will be provided which can be called for emergencies.

## CAMPING

Unlike most camporees, we will be following dispersed camping rules during this camporee. Units will be located at campsites across Rotary Scout Reservation at either existing summer camp sites or at locations determined by the Camp Ranger.

We expect that two - three units will share each campsite, but they are asked to respect the other troop's space. Youth will be asked to avoid other campsites during the camporee. Campsites will be assigned based on registration numbers.

Plan to bring your own tents as the canvas tents will not yet be set up. Trailers will be parked in the upper parking lot. **[TBD] Units must plan on carrying water to campsites.** Water will be available behind the Camp Office.

## 2024 Spring Camporee Itinerary

### **Friday, May 17th**

5:00 pm - Arrival/check in at Main Office

9:30 pm - SPL Orientation Meeting At Seneca Lodge

10:00 pm - Taps

### **Saturday, May 18th**

7:30 am - REVEILLE

7:45 am - Breakfast starts

8:45 am - Breakfast ends

9:00 am - Opening Ceremony at parade field

9:15 am - Morning program starts

11:45 am - Morning program ends

12:00 pm - Lunch starts

1:00 pm - Lunch ends

1:15 pm - Afternoon program starts

5:30 pm - Afternoon program ends

6:00 pm - Dinner starts

7:30 pm - Dinner ends

8:00 pm - Closing Ceremony and Order of the Arrow Callout (Uniforms required)

10:00 pm - Taps

### **Sunday, May 19th**

7:00 am - REVEILLE

7:15 am - Breakfast starts

8:00 am - Breakfast ends

8:15 am - Clean up and pack up, check out and depart starts

11:00 am - Clean up and pack up, check out and depart ends

## Scout Program

Scouts will go to events to experience the life and skills of Lumberjacks and Fur Trade trappers.

Half the day will be spent completing the **Paul Bunyan Award**. The award covers the Totin Chip, advanced wood tools, and completing a conservation project.

Scouts will review **Totin Chip**, but will spend most of their time on Wood Tools safety. Unit leaders may want to use this opportunity to review pocketknife safety prior to the event, so Scouts are familiar.

Most conservation project work will involve clearing trails and winter-downed trees. This will primarily involve using **Loppers** to prune branches and small trees, and dragging brush off of trails and fields. If half of all Scouts from a unit brings their own Loppers, they will make an awesome team. **Work gloves** and hiking **boots** are appropriate. A bow-saw, if available, may also help the projects. Please, no axes or powered equipment.

Half the day will be spent learning from experts about the Fur Trade. They will learn from a presenter and will complete several patrol based activities.