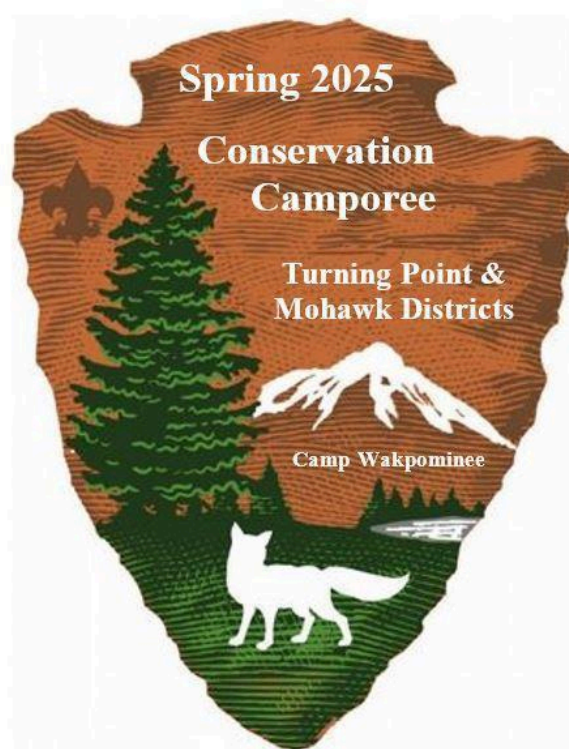


# 2025 Spring Conservation Camporee

Hosted by Turning Point and Mohawk Districts

Camp Wakpominee, Ft. Ann, NY

May 2 to 4, 2025



## LEADER'S GUIDE

*Please note that as we get closer to the event this guide will change, it will be updated as circumstances and the program evolve. Check the website regularly to make sure that you have the most up-to-date information.*

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Welcome and thank you for being a part of the Spring Camporee hosted by Turning Point and Mohawk Districts.

With your help, this weekend camporee will help Twin Rivers Council improve the water quality of the Lake George Basin, limit the spread of exotic invasive species, and provide opportunities to fulfill requirements for rank, Merit Badge, Community Service and Conservation Awards. Examples include:

- First Class #9d. *“Participate in three hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. The project(s) must not be the same service project(s) used for Tenderfoot requirement 7b and Second Class requirement 8e. Explain how your service to others relates to the Scout Law.”*
- Star #4. *“While a First Class Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster.”*
- Life #4. *“While a Star Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. At least three hours of this service must be conservation –related.”*
- Camping Merit Badge #9.(c) *“On any of these camping experiences, perform a conservation project approved by the landowner or land managing agency. This can be done alone or with others.”*

Scouts BSA will also have the opportunity to learn more about Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace and earn the Search and Rescue Merit Badge.

On Saturday, Cub Scouts will be able to enjoy Targeting Activities and other Cub Adventures.

Participants may also fulfil requirements for World Conservation Award, Paul Bunyan Award, Leave No Trace Award, Outdoor Ethics Award, and the Conservation Stripe of the National Outdoor Achievement Award.

Enjoy a spring weekend at Camp Wakpominee and please be sure to patrol your camp area and clean the latrines prior to checking out from the weekend.

Thank you and see you at Camp!

Yours in Scouting,

Mohawk District

Denise Donnell, Chair

Don Sipher, Commissioner

Matt Thorpe, Program

Turning Point District

Doug Mitchell, Chair

Chester Szymanski, Commissioner

Bob Clark, Activities

## Registration

BSA units may begin arriving at 5:00 pm on Friday night. Please do not arrive early. If you arrive early, you will be asked to wait in the parking lot until volunteers are ready to receive units.

Upon entering the camp, you will be greeted by staff with clipboards who will ask you for your unit number. They will provide the numbers and location of your campsite(s). Troops should expect to share a campsite.

Cub Scout registration will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday.

**ALL** registrations must be submitted online. Go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/364-70296>

Follow the link to register your units and individual participants.

Registration fees are as follows:	<u>Normal Fee</u>	<u>Late Fee 4/25</u>
Youth Camping	\$ 15 per person	\$ 20 per person
Cub Scouts (day only)	\$ 15 per person	\$ 20 per person
Adults	\$ 15 per person	\$ 20 per person
Event Staff	\$ 10 per person	\$ 10 per person

Registration is open until Saturday morning. Walk-in fee will be \$20. Lunch may not be available to walk-ins.

**Due to uncertain participation numbers, we did not order patches prior to the event. You can expect your unit commissioner to deliver the Camporee patches at the next unit visit.**

All units will be provided with an updated event packet upon arrival. It will include schedules and wristbands. Please wear the wristband throughout the Camporee to help identify adult leaders and youth.

AOL Scouts (with adult partners) can register to stay overnight, but must be staying with their affiliated Troop. The Pack and Troop must make these arrangements ahead of time.

Packs and Cub Scout families may begin to arrive on Saturday morning at 8:30 am. Registration will begin at 9:00 am.

## Location

All units must use the Camp Entrance at **185 Sly Pond Rd., Ft Ann, NY 12827**. Expect to park in the lower parking lots.

## Event Information/Communication

There will be an adult leader/SPL meeting on Friday night – see Agenda

The gaga ball pit will be closed during the scheduled program. An adult leader must be present and actively supervise any activities in (or around) the gaga ball pit when it is open.

Order of the Arrow members are encouraged to wear their sash for the Saturday evening call out.

## **Search and Rescue Merit Badge**

Scouts will have the opportunity to work toward and possibly complete the Search and Rescue Merit Badge. Scouts should review the Search and Rescue Merit Badge requirements and complete the following prerequisites.

2a, 2b, 2c  
3a, 3b, 3c (1-8)  
4a Complete Who in Area  
4c  
9 Describe Hasty Team and Describe Hasty Search  
10 all sections

Please bring a "Ready Pack"

## **Bake Competition**

Bring your most creative dessert ideas and compete in the Camporee Bake Off. The winning troop will win bragging rights and the "Golden Spoon." Please see below for the rules.

1. Must use a Dutch Oven, Fry-Bake Pan, or Camp Oven (reflector, wood) fuel source must be wood or coal. Extra Points awarded for making D.I.Y. oven (Dutch or Camp), Foil pack.

### **NO DUMP CAKES**

Be more creative and think outside (or inside the box)

Box Cake mix and premade pie crust are allowed.

2. Must have a cooked fresh fruit component. (Part of or used as cooking container - example: baked apples)
3. Must be a baked item
4. No Prebaked or premade items such as heat and serve pies
5. Must be assembled at camp.

Categories include:

Traditional Methods

Dairy Free

Gluten Free

Nut (peanut and tree nut ) Free

Extra Points awarded if your dessert meets more than one allergy category.

If possible avoid use of peanut butter if you want all judges to taste your dessert.

Points Awarded

50 points total

25 points for taste  
15 points best use of fresh fruit  
5 for execution  
5 points ease of cleanup  
Bonus points  
5 bonus points for creativity of baking method  
5 bonus points for multiple allergen free.

Please register for bake off at registration. If possible, submit your recipe and planned baking method.

One entry per Troop/Unit. (B and G maybe separate even if combined with Pilot).

Judges may visit your site to see your approach.

Bring entry to Saturday Campfire for Judging.

## Equipment

This will be a work weekend. Units are advised to bring hand tools (NO POWER TOOLS) to accomplish the goals of trail improvement and invasive species eradication. Participants should wear appropriate work boots, long pants, gloves, and eye protection when using tools.

## Recommended Tool List for Units:

- |               |           |               |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| • Axe         | • Loppers | • Pick Axe    |
| • Hatchet     | • Pulaski | • Garden Rake |
| • Bow Saw     | • Mattox  | • McLeod      |
| • Pruning Saw | • Shovel  | • Hoe         |

## Money

Saturday lunch is included as part of your weekend registration fee. The Order of the Arrow may operate a Trading Post with Scouting items and light refreshments.

## Medical Information

Medical forms (Parts A & B) are required for this event. They must be collected and secured by the unit leader. Medical staff will be available on site and the Northville Volunteer Fire Dept. is located within 3 ½ miles of the location. **In the event of an emergency, the unit leader must contact the on-site Chief Medical Officer in addition to local EMS.**

## Potable Water

Water will be onsite and available for all units. Multiple water spigots are located throughout the campsites. Units are to arrive with enough water for the first night to help alleviate any congestion in an already busy area.

## **Campfires**

Ground fires are permitted only in the fire pits provided in the campsites. Untreated firewood can only be brought if it was obtained within 50 statute miles of Camp Wakpominee. If not, it must be heat treated pursuant to NYS DEC regulations.

## **Finding Help/Staff Assistance**

Throughout the event, there will be various locations to find assistance or to get answers to your questions.

## **Uniforms**

Class A uniforms are expected for colors and assembly; Class B Troop/Pack/Ship/Crew Shirts are recommended at other times.

## **Event Meals**

Saturday lunch will be provided. Please note any special dietary needs in your registration. All other meals are the responsibility of individual units.

## **Checkout**

The Camporee ends on Sunday morning after an interfaith service. Units are free to pack up and head out at their earliest convenience on Sunday morning. All units must depart Camp Wakpominee by 11am on Sunday.

If a unit plans to check out earlier than Sunday morning, the unit leader must inform the event staff at the time of registration so that appropriate plans can be made.

## **Bicycles & Vehicles**

Vehicles are allowed for transporting units to their sites for set-up and tear-down. At all other times, vehicles need to be parked within the unit's designated area.

Use of bicycles and motor vehicles for personal transportation is prohibited unless prior approval is granted by event staff for special needs and situations.

## **Plants, Animals & Aquatic Life**

- Do not feed, attract or harass wildlife.
- If you notice any animal acting strangely, contact event staff immediately.
- Do not remove or disrupt plants, animals, fossils or rocks unless directed by your work crew

## **Rules to Camp By**

1. We are Scouts. The Oath and Law will be followed at all times.

2. Low impact camping guidelines will be followed at all times.
3. Scouts will use the Buddy System whenever they are outside their unit's camp area.
4. No vehicles will be allowed to travel around the event without prior permission of event staff.
5. Leave the facility better than you found it.
6. Trash: Carry in, Carry Out.
7. Campfires and cooking fires are permitted only in the fireplaces provided.
8. If you are not sure you should be doing something, Ask!
9. No alcohol or other drugs are permitted on site for the duration of the event.
10. Smoking must follow the Guide to Safe Scouting (see below). Smokeless tobacco is not allowed.

*Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any Scouting America activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.*

# Tentative Camporee Schedule

Final schedule will be provided at check in.

## Friday

- 3:00 pm – Staff arrive & set-up
- 5:00 pm – Camp open for units to arrive
- 7:30 pm – Search & Rescue Merit Badge 101
- 8:00 pm – Sunset/taps
- 9:15 pm – Cracker barrel (SM & SPL) Updates & Unit Assignments
- 10:00 pm – Quiet Time

## Saturday

- 6:00 am – Reveille – Units prepare breakfast on their own in their sites
- 7:30 am – Assembly & Colors
- 7:45 am – Form work details
- 8:00 am – Instructions, orientation & work projects  
**OR** Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics
- 8:30 am - Packs and Cub Scout families arrive
- 9:00 am - Cub Scout camporee registration
- 12:30 pm – lunch (provided)
- 1:30 pm – Instructions, orientation & work projects  
**OR** Leave Not Trace/Outdoor Ethics
- 2:00 pm – Search and Rescue Event
- 5:00 pm – Units prepare supper on their own
- 6:30 pm – Bake competition
- 7:00 pm – Evening assembly & Colors
- 7:15 pm – Order of the Arrow Call-out
- 7:15 pm – Campfire with skits & songs - Scouts to provide entertainment
- 8:00 pm – Sunset/taps; Troops return to camp sites
- 10:00 pm – Quiet time

## Sunday

- 6:00 am – Reveille - Units prepare breakfast on their own in their sites
- 7:30 am – Interfaith Service
- 8:30 am – Assembly & final remarks
- 11:00 am – All troops are checked out

*Safe travels and we hope to see you around the campfire again soon!*

**TRC 2025 Fall Camporee**  
**Schaghticoke Fairgrounds October 10 – 12, 2025**  
**Monster Mash!**

**62nd Deep Freeze and Klondike**  
**Camp Wakpominee January 23-25, 2026**