



Leaders Guide

May 9-10, 2026

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2026 Camp Gorton Cub Camporee! This guide is supposed to help alleviate some of the stress leaders might have for an event like this. We hope this will give you the resources you need to have a fun weekend.

Event Information

When: May 9-10, 2026, Check-in 8:30-10:00AM

Main events: Saturday 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

All units should prepare for the current weather.

What: Cub Scouts will get to learn new skills, work towards some of their Adventure Loops and participate in several fun activities!

**Some range and target Adventure Loop activities will be available but may not be able to be fully completed while at the event.

Who: This event is open to all Cub Scouts

Where: Camp Gorton 4241 County Route 25 Dundee, NY 14837

Contact:

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Register:

Online registration is located here: <https://scoutingevent.com/375-98914>

Transactions and reservations are not complete until payment is posted. Prior to arriving at the event, please finish the registration process by entering the names of all participants, both youth and adult, attending the event (this allows for faster check-in).

Accommodations: All units that choose to camp overnight will be provided with an assigned campsite. **Units are responsible for providing their own camping gear (tents, awnings, etc.)** ALL UNITS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE A BALOO TRAINED LEADER STAYING WITH THE UNIT OVERNIGHT. Units wishing to rent a cabin Saturday night should make a reservation at <https://campreservation.com/375/Camps/924>

Cost:

\$35 per Scout/ youth

\$15 per Registered Leader/ Adult

Youth under 5- Free

Scout/Youth/Adult Leader Late Fee: if registering after April 26th: +\$10 per registrant.

CANCELLATION POLICY: ONCE REGISTRATION FEES HAVE BEEN PAID, THEY ARE GENERALLY NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE, AS EVENT

EXPENSES ARE INCURRED IN ADVANCE. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION

MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE GREAT FALLS COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER VIA MAIL OR EMAIL AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT. IF APPROVED, REFUNDS MAY BE PARTIAL, BASED ON COSTS ALREADY COMMITTED. CREDITCARD PROCESSING FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

REFUNDS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER WILL ONLY BE ISSUED IF THE EVENT IS OFFICIALLY CANCELLED BY THE COUNCIL. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT AS WE WORK TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS FOR OUR SCOUTING COMMUNITY.

2026 Camporee Schedule

Saturday, May 9th

- 8:30-10:00AM Check-In and Campsite Setup
- 10:00AM Opening Ceremony
- 10:15-12:15 Stations
- 12:15-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-1:15 Siesta**
- 1:15- 5:15 Stations
- 5:45- Flag Ceremony/ Chapel
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner
- 7:00-8:00 Camp wide Activity
- 8:00 Campfire
- 8:45 Cracker barrel
- 10:00 Lights Out

** This is a time for you and your Scouts to relax. We ask that units return to their campsites and rest or find a quiet activity for the Scouts to do. They will need their energy for the afternoon. There will be no organized activities during this time.

Sunday, May 10th

- 7:45AM Morning Flag
- 8:00-8:45AM Breakfast
- 8:45-10:00AM Pack up campsite and check out

CHECK IN: Units will arrive at Camp Gorton Saturday morning between 8:30-10:00 AM. Please proceed to Headquarters when you first arrive inside Camp Gorton. Please ensure you have completed health forms, A and B for ALL participants. One leader from each unit should come to registration to check in your unit.

PARKING: There is plenty of parking available for ALL vehicles and trailers. There is no vehicle access or parking at the campsites. If you have a special need, please let us know in advance.

MEALS: All meals will be provided (Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday Breakfast)

SETTING UP CAMP: Our staff will direct you to where to set up your camp. We will be stressing Pack camping during this event so the packs should be self-reliant. With that in mind, the Cub Leaders should take charge of the units as soon as equipment and scouts are unloaded. It will be up to your leaders and scouts to work together to set up in the space allowed. Units are to provide their own tents and sleeping gear. Camp tents are not available.

Do not bring more equipment than your unit needs and make sure to share the sites courteously.

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

TRADING POST

The Trading Post will be open during our event with a limited selection of snacks, drinks, and assorted Camp Gorton items. Check the Trading Post door for open times.

SEVERE WEATHER

This event is rain or shine. In the event of hazardous weather, we will relocate to indoor spaces.

HYDRATION

Be Prepared, please bring your own water bottle to carry with you. There will be refill stations around camp.

CAMPFIRE

We will have a Campfire Saturday evening. We want each Pack to prepare a song or skit for the evening so that we can all have a fun time! Please have a unit leader assist in the vetting of the songs or skits. We ask that you turn them in at lunch time to the event chair.

General Policies

Alcoholic Beverages & Drugs :Alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited. All prescription drugs are kept and supervised by an adult within the unit.

Smoking & Vaping: Everyone is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at camp. Smoking is prohibited anywhere in camp. This includes E-cigarettes and Vaping products.

Cell Phone Policy: Each unit can develop their policy for appropriate cell phone use during the weekend. We do encourage Scouts and Scouters to take pictures and videos and share them with the event crew. Cell phone usage is prohibited in bathroom or sleeping locations.

Fires, Cooking, and Open Flames: Fires will be authorized depending on the status of State and County fire prohibitions in effect for the event. The staff will update units on the current fire policy at check-in. All fires are permitted ONLY in the designated fire rings at each camp site or in above-the-ground fire barrels. Units must post water buckets in the fire area(available from event staff). Cutting of live trees, shrubs, or vegetation is prohibited. Wood is available in the woods and from requesting it from the event staff. Please do not grab the stacked wood, we will work with units. We prohibit bringing wood from off Camp Gorton property. Lighting in tents is to be provided by battery-powered lanterns or flashlights only. It is, however, acceptable to use a lantern under a dining fly. All cooking fires, campfires and stoves are to be attended while they are burning, and each unit must have a fire extinguisher for each lantern. Fires are only to be built in designated areas and must be extinguished so that they are cold to the touch when unattended.

Liquid Fuels: Adult leaders only may use stoves and lanterns requiring liquid fuel. Extra fuel must be stored in a vehicle.

Initiations, Hazing & Military Training: Corporal punishment, hazing, initiation of any sort, and military training and drills are not permitted in the BSA.

Money & Valuables: Each family must decide how much money a Scout should take to camp. Each Scout is, however, responsible for the safeguarding of their money and

personal property. It is recommended that expensive cameras, watches, and personal entertainment devices be left at home. Regardless, all items should be clearly marked, with the Scout's name and unit number.

Pets: No pets are allowed in camp. Please ensure that anyone planning to visit your Pack during the weekend is also aware of this rule. Service animals must wear identifying insignia.

Restricted Areas: The following areas are off limits to all campers: Ranger's home, County Route 25, maintenance areas, the kitchen and food storage areas (except for authorized adult volunteers,) any program area where staff is not present. The lake is off limits, no one is allowed in the water.

Trailers: Trailers are not permitted in the campsites. Trailers can be parked in the parking lot but will not be allowed past the main gate.

Trash Disposal: Participants should practice Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent practicable. If you packed it in - you pack it out! Trash should be disposed of in the dumpsters located behind the dining hall. Trash that will not fit in the dumpsters becomes the responsibility of the unit to remove from camp. Do not pile trash next to the dumpsters.

Vehicles in Camp: Since safety is our number one priority, vehicles are not permitted past the gateway at the parking lot unless authorized by the event staff. Any vehicle that is authorized to drive beyond the gateway must remain on the main road. Absolutely no vehicles are permitted on grass or in campsites. Likewise, no vehicles authorized in camp may block the stockade at the rear of the Dining Hall. Vehicle owners, and operators, who drive beyond the gateway of the parking lot do so at their own risk. Great Falls Council will not accept responsibility for any vehicle damage within camp.

No other motorized vehicles (golf carts, etc.) will be allowed in camp at any time except for use by designated camp staff. If the need arises for a vehicle to be in camp, approval MUST first be obtained from the Event Chair or the Camp Ranger. Special arrangements will be available for special needs visitors, Scouts and Scouters as requested.

Weapons, Knives, Fireworks, & Firearms: Camp Gorton provides all necessary and appropriate equipment for our shooting programs. Personal firearms, ammunition, bows, and arrows are not permitted in camp. Also, no water guns are permitted at camp.

Pocket knives may be carried by adult leaders and any Scout who has earned the appropriate certification for their level. Fireworks & firearms of any kind are prohibited in camp.