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## **UNIT LEADER GUIDE**

### **2025 Coastal District Fall Camporee**

Camp Bowers, Cape Fear Scout  
Reservation

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## INTRODUCTION

The theme for this Fall's Camporee is "Are You Tougher Than a Venturer"? Now that Scouts have earned a lot of merit badges at summer camp, the Venturing Crews in the Coastal District want to challenge the skills they acquired in a winner take all competition. Scouts will be challenged by 8 stations around Camp Bowers using a shotgun rotation to beat the times/scores established by the Coastal District Venturing Crews in patrol sizes of 4-6. Only 1 patrol from each troop can compete in a station until all troops have completed all 8 stations. Patrol composition should be changed from station to station to take advantage of the best scout skill mix within the troop. The SPL will be leading each Troop through the events, responsible for station changes, and fielding the patrols for each event. An overall score bonus will be given to troops that use the most scouts during the competition.

During check-in, smaller troops will be put together to help average out troop sizes during the competition. These troops will have to strategize on the best mix of scouts for each event. Trophies will be awarded at the Saturday evening campfire for patrol winners of Stations A, B, E, and F that beat Venturing Crew times/scores and a troop/combined troop winner with the best overall patrol scores for all stations.

All participants will receive a camporee patch using the design shown on the first page. A schedule for the weekend is provided next followed by a map for the stations and a description of each station (to include scout prerequisites). Next is a list of general Camporee rules that all units must follow. An attendance roster is the next to last page at the end of the guide and a copy should be provided at check-in to verify on-line registration numbers and help assign staff and scouts to stations. Staff positions available are as follows: Timers/Scorers (Stations A-H), Paddle Craft Safety (Station A), Safety Afloat (Station A), Course Guides (Stations B/E), Campfire MC, Worship Service Lead. The last page is the score sheet and should be kept by the troop along with the roster to enter scores as they go through stations and then turned into the Venturing Crew kiosk on Eagle Field when complete to help determine station and overall troop winners.

A separate staff guide will be published by October Roundtable providing more detailed instructions on the conduct of each station.



## SCHEDULE

### Friday, 07 November, 2025

5-8 pm – Registration and Check-in at admin building for campsite assignments. Turn in med forms and troop/patrol rosters. Dinner from home or in-route.

8:30 pm – SM/SPL/Staff mtg at Dining Hall.

10:30 pm – Lights Out

### Saturday, 08 November, 2025

6:30 am - Reveille

6:30 – 7:45 am – Breakfast in camp (pack bag lunches)

8:00 am – Opening Ceremony and Flag Raising

8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Morning Station activity rotation

12:15 – 1:15 pm – bag lunch and free time

1:30 – 5:00 pm – Afternoon Station activity rotation

5:15 pm – Flag Lowering Ceremony

5:30 – 7:00 pm – Dinner and Free Time

7:30 pm – Campfire at Arena – Troop songs/skits/stories and award presentations. Troops should be prepared to participate since it will be used as a tiebreaker for any station scores.

10:00 pm – Lights Out

### Sunday, 09 November 2025

6:30 am – Reveille

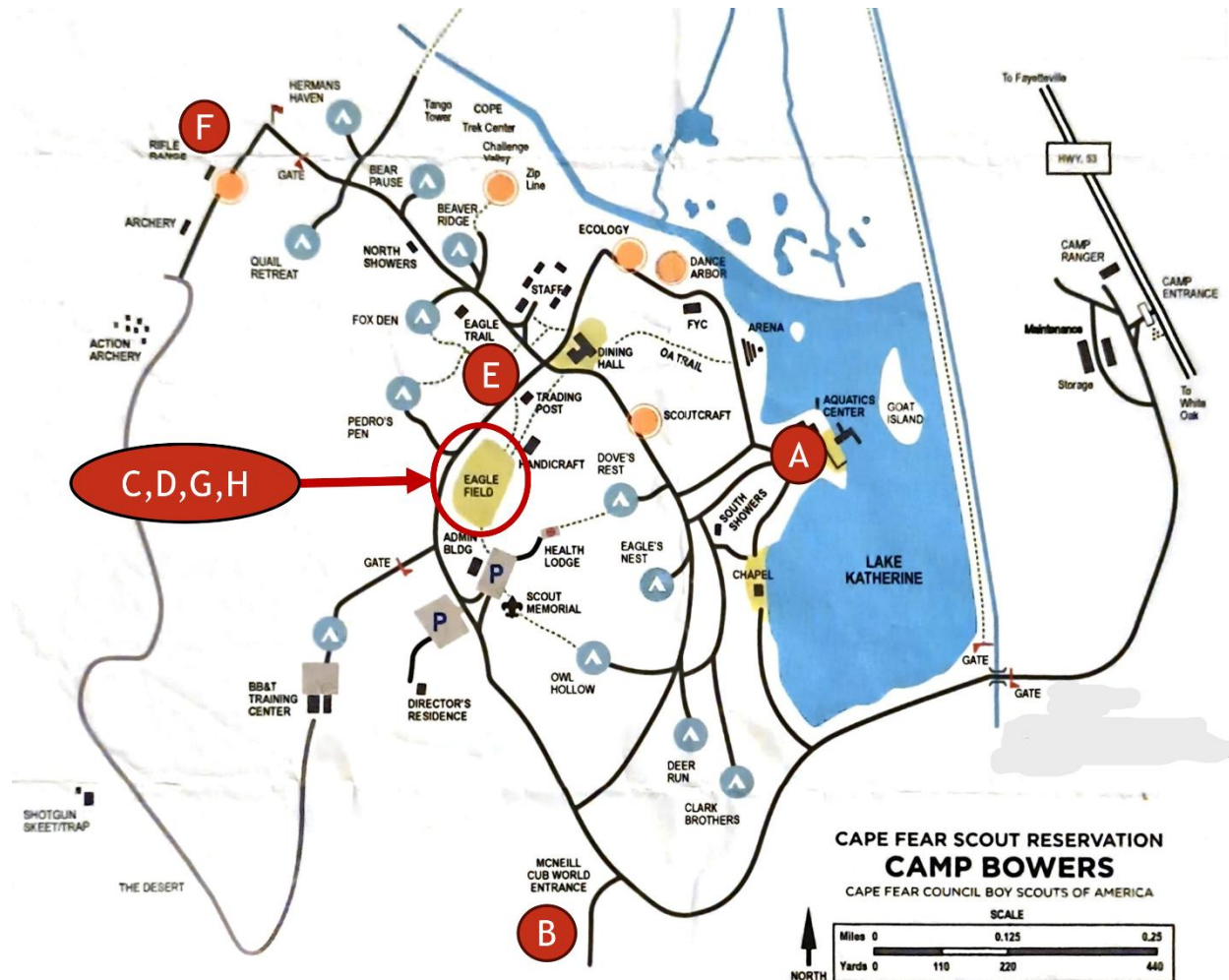
7:00 – 8:00 am – Breakfast in camp

8:15 am – Interfaith Worship Service

9:00 am – Break Camp. A member of the staff will check campsites when units are packed and hand out camporee patches. All units off-property by 1100.



## MAP OF STATIONS (A-H)



- Station A - Canoe Relay Race at Waterfront
- Station B - Obstacle Course through Camp McNeill
- Station C – Truck Tire Roll at Eagle Field
- Station D – Rescue Relay at Eagle Field
- Station E – Bike Relay Race at Trading Post
- Station F – Shooting Competition at Rifle Range
- Station G – Dining Fly Race at Eagle Field
- Station H – Everyone on the Tripod at Eagle Field



## STATION A – CANOE RELAY RACE AT WATERFRONT

Station A will be a patrol canoe relay race starting at the waterfront pier.

**Prerequisites for this event include a swimmer certification accomplished during swim checks for 2025 summer camp and canoeing experience preferably by earning the canoeing merit badge.** The patrol will be split into 2 groups of 2-3 scouts for this relay. Patrols will be racing in parallel during this event so canoers must avoid one another on the lake. Any attempt at disrupting fellow canoers on the lake will result in disqualification. **Staff will be using the Guide to Safe Scouting for this event, following Safety Afloat guidelines by checking all life jackets are properly worn prior to canoeing and positioning Paddle Craft Safety certified staff on the lake in a rowboat to assist any scouts who have difficulty during this event.** The shortest time to complete this event wins. A trophy will be awarded if the winning patrol also beats the time established by the Coastal District Venturing Crews.

## STATION B – OBSTACLE COURSE THROUGH CAMP MCNEILL

Station B will be a patrol obstacle course race through Camp McNeill. A map will be provided showing the approximate location of 8 orange cones with attached cached items. A compass may be useful but not required to orient the patrol on the map provided. One item from each cache must be collected and returned to prove all 8 locations on the map have been visited. The locations can be visited in whatever order the patrol decides is most efficient, but the patrols must stay together and finish together. Cones and cache items may not be immediately visible at map locations so be prepared to hunt above or below ground to find them. Starting and end point will be at the front gate entrance to Camp McNeill. Patrols will be using a staggered start to prevent interfering or intentionally following each other on the course. Faster patrols may overtake slower patrols if there is no interference. Any patrol interfering with another patrol or moving cones and cache items will result in disqualification. Staff will be stationed throughout the course to monitor progress and help, if needed. The shortest time to complete this event wins. A trophy will be awarded if the winning patrol also beats the time established by the Coastal District Venturing Crews.



### STATION C – TRUCK TIRE ROLL RELAY AT EAGLE FIELD

Station C is a truck tire roll relay at Eagle Field. A course for each patrol consisting of a straight line of cones must be navigated by each patrol. The tires are off an 18-wheeler, are 40 inches in diameter, and weigh about 100lbs. As such, this will be a team effort by the entire patrol to lift and roll the tire through the cones. The shortest time to complete this event wins. No trophy will be awarded for this event, but points count towards the overall troop winner trophy.

### STATION D – RESCUE RELAY AT EAGLE FIELD

Station D is a rescue relay at Eagle Field. Patrols are each issued six 5-foot cords and assemble behind a line with their patrol leader sitting on a cardboard square 20 feet away. On signal, each patrol forms a long line by joining the 5-foot cords together with sheet bends. As soon as they've joined the six cords together, one patrol member coils the long line and throws one end to their patrol leader. When the patrol leader can grab hold of the line without leaving their cardboard square, they use it to tie a bowline around their waist. Once this is done, the whole patrol pitches in to pull their patrol leader over the line, as they hold on to the cardboard square with both hands. The shortest time to complete this event wins. No trophy will be awarded for this event, but points count towards the overall troop winner trophy.

### STATION E – BIKE RELAY RACE AT TRADING POST

Station E is a bike relay race using a course identified by orange cone markers. Starting and end point will be at the Trading Post where all camp bike racks will be relocated. **Units are responsible for inspecting and providing bicycles (no e-bikes) and helmets for all participants (which can be shared) suitable for off-road racing consistent with the Guide to Safe Scouting. Bicycles should be prepositioned with helmets Friday night or Saturday morning in the bike racks at the Trading Post before the Opening Ceremony at 8:00 am. Bicycles are to be used only during the bike relay race and then returned to the bicycle racks until checkout Sunday morning.** A map showing the bike route will be provided at the start of the event. Patrols will be using a staggered start to prevent interfering with one another since the course is laid out in serial fashion to accommodate 1 biker at a time. Faster bikers may overtake slower bikers if there is no



interference. Any biker interfering with another biker will result in disqualification. Staff will be stationed throughout the race to monitor progress and help, if needed. The shortest time to complete this event wins. A trophy will be awarded if the winning patrol also beats the time established by the Coastal District Venturing Crews.

## **STATION F – SHOOTING RANGE COMPETITION**

**Station F is an open shooting range competition at the Rifle Range at Camp Bowers. Experience is recommended via NRA certification or the Rifle Shooting Merit Badge but not required. Note that any instruction given to patrol members without experience will affect the overall patrol score since the competition is time limited. David Latham will be operating up to 8 lanes of shooting as our certified Range Activities Director.** Patrol members will be shooting 1 at a time and the highest total target shooting score for all patrol members within the time limit specified wins the event. A trophy will be awarded if the winning patrol also beats the score within the time established by the Coastal District Venturing Crews.

## **STATION G – DINING FLY RACE AT EAGLE FIELD**

Station G is a Dining fly race at Eagle Field. Patrols assemble with their materials in an area large enough to accommodate the extended guylines and ridge line. On signal, with round lashings, they lash together the four Scout staves into two upright poles, attach the ridge line to the top of each upright with clove hitches, attach a guyline to the corner grommets with two half hitches or a bowline, extend the guylines out 45° and tie the ends to stakes with taut-line hitches, doing the same with the two ends of the ridge line. They then stand up their fly and adjust the tension of the ropes. When the dining fly is properly erected, all patrol members stand underneath. The shortest time to complete this event wins. No trophy will be awarded for this event, but points count towards the overall troop winner trophy.

## **STATION H – EVERYONE ON THE TRIPOD AT EAGLE FIELD**

Station H is everyone on the tripod at Eagle Field. On signal, patrol members lash three 8-foot spars into a tripod, using a 20-foot rope. When finished, they set up the tripod and using six square lashings, lash a 6-foot spar between each of the



legs. When all lashings are completed and the tripod is strong and secure, all the patrol members stand on the 6-foot spars, making sure their weight is evenly distributed. The shortest time to complete this event wins. No trophy will be awarded for this event, but points count towards the overall troop winner trophy.

## GENERAL CAMPOREE RULES

1. All units must have at least 2 adult leaders (SM, ASM, or other registered trained adults) present at all times during the Camporee.
2. All troops must register/check-in at the Administration Building upon arrival. To register/check-in you must provide: A copy of the Troop/Crew Attendance Roster and proof of on-line registration or pay registration fees on-site.
3. The unit leaders are responsible for the conduct of their Scouts at all times.
4. Safety – All travel and Camporee activities are to be conducted according to the Guide for Safe Scouting. Each troop must have a suitable first aid kit in camp in a readily accessible and visible location.
5. Campsite selection is on a first-come first-served basis except for units that have permanent off-season campsites that they regularly use and maintain. Please email Eric Johnson at [novaviking2@aol.com](mailto:novaviking2@aol.com) if you plan on using your permanent off-season campsite during the Camporee so it can be included during check-in.
6. Garbage – Each troop must carry all unburned garbage away upon leaving the Camporee. Do not bury garbage of any kind.
7. Uniforms – Full Scout uniforms (Class A) are to be worn at general assemblies, campfire, and the worship service. Activity uniforms (Class B) consisting of a scout t-shirt and appropriate pants, socks, and shoes for station activities must be worn at all other times.
8. Cutting of live trees is prohibited.
9. Parking – Vehicle traffic must be kept to a minimum during the weekend to prevent accidents with pedestrian and bicycle traffic (especially during the Bike Relay Race). Once trailers have been dropped off at campsites, all vehicles should be parked in the Administration Building Parking Lot for the weekend.



### CAMPOREE ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Troop/Crew #:	# of Adults:	# of Youth:	Total:
Adults	Staff (Y/N), Position, Cell Phone		
SM			
ASM			
ASM			
ASM			
Station A Youth – Canoe Relay	Station B Youth – Obstacle Course		
1	1		
2	2		
3	3		
4	4		
5	5		
6	6		
Station C Youth – Truck Tire Roll	Station D Youth – Rescue Relay		
1	1		
2	2		
3	3		
4	4		
5	5		
6	6		
Station E Youth – Bike Relay	Station F Youth – Rifle Shooting		
1	1		
2	2		
3	3		
4	4		
5	5		
6	6		
Station G Youth – Dining Fly Race	Station H Youth – Everyone on the Tripod		
1	1		
2	2		
3	3		
4	4		
5	5		
6	6		



### CAMPOREE SCORE SHEET

Troop/Crew #:	Start Time	Finish Time	Raw Score/Time Difference	Station Score (Calculated by Staff)
Station A - Canoe Relay				
Station B – Obstacle Course				
Station C – Tire Roll Relay				
Station D – Rescue Relay				
Station E – Bike Relay				
Station F – Rifle Shooting	_____	_____		
Station G – Dining Fly Race				
Station H – Everyone on the Tripod				
		TOTAL SCORE		