

OREGON TRAIL SPRING CAMPOREE

**YOUR PIONEERING ADVENTURE
LEADER'S GUIDE**



**TOM BRANTNER MEMORIAL PARK
GLYNDON, MINNESOTA
MAY 29 – 31, 2026**

Districts 1, 2, 5, & 8
Oregon Trail Spring Camporee - 2026
Tom Brantner Memorial Camp, Glyndon, Minnesota
May 29 – 31, 2026

Welcome to the 2026 Oregon Trail Spring Camporee. Scouts from multiple districts will gather to test their skills in hands-on frontier challenges. Challenges are focused on teamwork and leadership while utilizing the patrol method and recognizing individualism. From fire-building to outdoor problem-solving, Scouts will experience the spirit of the pioneers while connecting with fellow Scouts from neighboring districts.

The 2026 Spring Camporee is located at Camp Brantner Memorial Camp. Camp Brantner is a Northern Lights Council owned property located 8 miles northeast of Glyndon, MN. The camp is easily reached via U.S. Highway 10 (3 miles) or MN Highway 9 (4 miles). Camp consists of two large grass activity areas, small-wooded area, small creek, and several basic, primitive camp sites. Each camp site has a fire ring and a picnic table. Camp also has one Picnic Shelter (Camporee Headquarters) and one water spigot/well (hand-pumped) with a latrine. Additional information can also be found at; <https://scoutingnlc.org/campingprograms/properties/brantner/>

Units will need to bring potable water and water jugs for bringing water back to the unit campsite. Besides water jugs, Units should also plan to bring their own certified, bug free, firewood to cook Patrol Style in-camp meals. Note, meal service is not provided. Units are responsible for food and food preparation in their campsites. Units should also plan on “Hosting” one staff member for Saturday Lunch and Supper. Refer to the end of this guide for additional items recommended for both individuals and units. Please see <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/safe-food-handling-and-preparation/food-safety-basics/steps-keep-food-safe> for additional information on food storage and handling while at camp

Other items to note:

Scouts BSA will camp overnight with Webelos/AOL welcome as day participants. Scouts with Friday night or Sunday conflicts are also strongly encouraged to attend.

“Camp Headquarters / Trail Head” will be near the park shelter. In case of emergency, hazardous weather, etcetera, we will meet at the park shelter. If required, the alternate gathering location is the flagpole/camp memorial sign.

Health Forms (Parts “A” and “B”) are REQUIRED and will be collected at camp check-in and returned at the conclusion of camp. There will be a Health tent at Camp Headquarters. Please let camp staff know (prior to camp) if there are campers with special needs. Camp patches will be mailed to Units after the completion of camp.

Due to the primitive nature of the access road/trail, please limit vehicles to the grass parking area, vehicles and troop trailers are not allowed past the grass parking area. Grass at Camp is not mowed, but due to the time of year, it should be relatively short. There is no electricity at camp. In keeping with the Pioneering Theme, Units can bring their gear to the campsites on foot (Backpacks) or utilize “Oregon Trail Wagons” and wagon train the gear to the campsites.

There is no garbage service. Please practice “Leave No Trace Behind” and “Pack In/Pack Out” when at camp.

Bring any old flags you may have for our Flag Retirement Ceremony

Please wear your Class A and/or Troop Class B (Activity) uniform.

Cost: \$20 per Scout on or before April 23, 2026

\$25 after April 23, 2026

\$10 per Adult on or before April 23, 2026

\$20 after April 23, 2026

Questions: Your Local District Executive or Lee Cariveau 218-791-0934 cariveau1@gra.midco.net
Host Unit: Troop 0674 - Detroit Lakes

SCHEDULE

Friday May 29, 2026

5:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Registration
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Set up Camp – Supper in camp sites (or prior to camp)
8:00 pm	Opening Flags - Host Troop 0674 Campfire – District Commissioner(s) Safety Moment – District Commissioner(s) Scoutmaster Minute – Host Troop 0674
9:00 pm	Adult Leader Meeting / Cracker Barrel
10:00 pm	Quite Time
11:00 pm	Lights out

Saturday May 30, 2026

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast by Unit in campsites
8:00 am – 8:45 am	AOL / Day Camper Registration
8:45 am	Flags
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Session 1
10:30 am – 12:00 am	Session 2
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch by Unit in campsites
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Session 3
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Session 4
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Guest Speaker
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Fire Building Competition
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Supper by Unit in Campsites
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Free time
8:30 pm	Evening Campfire Each Unit 1 or 2 – Skits or Songs for Campfire Scoutmaster Minute – Host Troop 0674 Flag Retirement Ceremony Award Ceremony
9:30 pm	AOL / Day Camper Discharge
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Free Time
10:30 pm	Quite Time
11:00 pm	Lights out

Sunday May 31, 2026

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast by Unit in Campsites
8:45 am	Chapel Service at Flagpole
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Check out

“A week(end) of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.”
Sir Baden-Powell

CAMPOREE ACTIVITY SESSION SCHEDULE

Group A

Group B

Group C

Group D

Session 1

Pioneering / Lashing / Rope
Making / Knots

BB Guns / Tomahawks

Pioneering First Aid

Tower Construction

Session 2

Tower Construction

Pioneering / Lashing / Rope
Making / Knots

BB Guns / Tomahawks

Pioneering First Aid

Session 3

Pioneer First Aid

Tower Construction

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Session 4

BB Guns / Tomahawks

Pioneering First Aid

Tower Construction

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*Get ready to blaze new trails, build new skills, and make memories at the
Prairie and Pines Spring Camporee!*

Fire Building Competition

Each unit (Max group of 4) will be required to build a campfire that can burn through a string suspended 18 inches above the ground, in the least amount of time.

The distance between the string and top of constructed campfire materials shall be at least 6 inches. (A second string will be at the 12-inch height or 6-inch separation distance). Once the fire is lit, the fire/fire material shall not be touched. No additional fire materials can be added once the first match is struck. Each fire building team will be provided Five (5) matches.

No propane (torches), cigarette lighters, click type stick fire starters with fuel, bug spray, or other liquid flammable material, will be allowed. No mechanical or machine-driven devices (Fans, mechanical bellows, etc.) allowed. Manual click type fire starters are allowed. As well as electrical / electronic fire starters, flint / steel, and magnesium fire starters. Use of other fire starters in-leu of the Camp provided matches will result in a **1-minute deduction penalty**.

Maximum time to gather materials, construct the fire, and burn the string is **15 minutes**. Units/teams will be required to clean up their fire pit post competition. Teams not able to burn the string in the allotted 15-minute time span will be automatically awarded a 15-minute time score.

Use of only **NATIVE** material, acquired at camp, during the timed competition, will receive a **30-second time bonus**.

Use of only **1 match** will receive a **1-minute time bonus**.

Use of **ZERO matches** will receive a **2-minute time bonus**.

Due to time bonuses, a negative burn time is possible.

Other Bonus time allotments may be awarded at the discretion of Camp Staff. All decisions by Camp Staff are final. If teams end up with the same score, after time bonuses are awarded, the team with a/most time bonuses will win the tie.

Camp Staff reserves the right to cancel or alter the competition due to weather conditions.

Conservation Project(s)

Each unit will be required to complete a camp improvement or conservation project while at camp. Camp Improvement/Conservation projects will be determined by Camp Staff near the start of camp. Units will be notified if any equipment is needed prior to camp. Scouts should at a minimum bring "work" gloves and sturdy shoes. An example of a project would be to remove fallen branches from the campsites. If there are no camp improvement or conservation projects available, at a minimum, garbage / camp clean-up will be required of all campers at the conclusion of camp.

Leave No Trace (Behind)

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

"Take Only Pictures and Leave Only Footprints"

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to—

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

Be conservation-minded.

SCOUT PACKING LIST

Scouts plan for: Friday Night – Saturday – Sunday morning

Average High 73°

Average Low 51°

Expected Sunrise 5:37 am

Sunset 9:12 pm

- _____ Scout Handbook
- _____ Medical Form
- _____ Class “A” Uniform Shirt
- _____ Closed Toe Shoes
- _____ Class “B” Shirt(s)
- _____ Socks & Underwear (Including long/leggings under pants)
(Bras for Females) enough for three days / two nights
- _____ Long Pants
- _____ Long Sleeve Shirt
- _____ Sweatshirt / Jacket / Hoodie
- _____ Rain Gear (Poncho or Rain Jacket with or without Rain Pants)
- _____ Work Gloves
- _____ Closed Toed Shoes / Hiking Boots
- _____ Stocking Cap / Hat / Sun-neck protection
- _____ Sleep Clothes / Pajamas
- _____ Sleeping Bag / Pad (Expect cool temperatures overnight)
- _____ Pillow
- _____ Scout Basic Essentials or Cub Scout 6 Essentials (Personal First Aid Kit, etc.)
- _____ Personal Hygiene Items (Including Feminine hygiene products for females)
- _____ Notebook, Pen / Pencils
- _____ Flashlight / Head Lamp
- _____ Water Bottle
- _____ Whittling and/or Totin Chit
- _____ Playing Cards (or other type of non-electric activity)

If not provided by Troop / Pack:

- _____ Tent
- _____ Mess Kit

Scouting America, Northern Lights Council, the Spring 2026 Camporee Staff, its agents / assignees, are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Campers are to secure valuables, including but not limited to; money and electronic devises, within themselves, or their units.

UNIT PACKING LIST

These are basic items suggested for camp. Brantner has one (1) water spigot for the entire park, it is located near the center of camp, by the picnic shelter. There is a two-stall outdoor latrine at the camp as well as picnic tables and fire rings at most campsites. There is no electricity.

The “roadway” into camp is grass turf. If it rains, traveling in camp, via vehicle, will be difficult. Units will be allowed to transport their Unit Trailers to the campsites, but all vehicles shall be parked in the main parking area for the duration of camp. Please plan & pack accordingly.

- _____ Tent(s)
- _____ Ground Tarp(s)
- _____ First Aid Kit(s)
- _____ Water Containers (filled) (There is 1 water spicket on site)
- _____ Cooking Equipment / Stoves / Propane / Firewood
- _____ Mess Kits
- _____ Wash Bins / Environmentally Safe Dish Soap
- _____ Coolers
- _____ Food (For the entire unit over the full weekend)
- _____ Drink(s) in addition to water or mix to add to water
- _____ Extra flashlights & batteries
- _____ Trash Bags – Garbage in / Garbage out – Leave No Trace Behind
- _____ Firewood (Certified please if possible) for cooking or small campfires
- _____ Camp Chair(s)
- _____ Camp Table(s) – Some picnic tables are in decent shape; others have seen better days.
- _____ Troop / Unit Flag

Minimum required Adult to Scout YPT requirements:

Arrow of Light

- 2 – Registered Adult Leaders per 8 scouts (W/1-21+)
- 1 – Registered Adult Leader per 4 scouts thereafter
- 1 – Female Adult Leader (21+) per female unit

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- 2 – Registered Adult Leaders per 10 scouts (W/1-21+)
- 1 – Registered Adult Leader per 5 scouts thereafter
- 1 – Female Adult Leader (21+) per female unit