



Leader's Guide

2024 Spring Camporee – Earth Day!
Miami Valley Council

April 19 – 21, 2024
Eastwood MetroPark
1385 Harshman Road
Dayton, OH

Special Activities:

Conservation Service Project - Three hours of conservation service hours will be available on Saturday morning as we help the MetroPark remove invasive plants and plant native species. Some University of Dayton students will be joining us for the service projects - at least one per unit. These students will be staying to provide programs in the afternoon. Please plan to include one as a guest of your troop in your lunch plans for Saturday!

Golden Spoon Competition - Bring your dutch ovens for our Golden Spoon dessert competition! Bring your entry to the command center at 7:00pm on Saturday, ready to eat (already cooked). This is open to both Leaders and Scouts.

Gateway Competition - After you get your camp set up on Friday and again in the morning on Saturday, scouts have time to construct their gateway at their campsite entrance. Troops must bring their own poles and lashing materials or other props / flags / banners, etc. Judging will occur during the afternoon open program time. Adults please encourage your scouts to utilize their Troop or Patrol flags. Extra credit for Earth Day themed gateways (think recycled materials, etc.)

Shelly's Ice Cream Treats - Bring some spending cash to enjoy an ice cream treat from this food truck on Saturday afternoon.

Campfire - Begin preparing skits, stories and songs for our evening campfire program.

General Camporee Schedule:

Friday, April 19

4:30 – 8:00 PM	Arrival and check-in
9:00 PM	Leader Meeting at Command Center
10:00 PM	Lights Out

Saturday, April 20

7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast and Gateway Construction
9:00 – 12:00 noon	Service projects as assigned
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Afternoon environmental workshops and outdoor recreation
5:00 – 7:30 PM	Dinner and games
7:00 – 7:30 PM	Gateway and Golden Spoon competition judging
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Awards and campfire program

Sunday, April 21

7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast and clean-up campsite
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Check-out

Basic Camporee Information

Check-in and Parking:

Troops will need to arrive and check in as full units. Check in will be from 4:30 to 8:00pm, Friday evening. Check in will be at the Command Center (on the map) at the Mad River Shelter near the large parking lot. Trailers may be parked in campsites and tow vehicles will be allowed to stay with the trailer. Campsites are assigned and you will get your location at the time of check in. Leaders should be sure to give their mobile number for communications throughout the Camporee.

Leaders Meeting:

There will be an informational Leader (Scoutmasters and SPLs) and Staff meeting at the Command Center at 9:00pm Friday evening. Additional information and any changes will be shared at this meeting. The Leader meeting is a great time for unit leaders and Troop SPLs to meet and greet other leaders, get the finalized program for Saturday and address any issues with the Camporee Staff.

First Aid:

Medical Forms, Part A & B only, are required to be turned in at the First Aid Tent in the Command Center, next to Registration, for all participants – youth and adult. Each unit is responsible for providing basic first aid for their Scouts. If additional help is needed our First Aid Staff and station will be available all weekend. Please report any major illness or injury to the First Aid Staff located at the First Aid Tent - Designated by a first aid flag.

Coming Late or Leaving Early:

If a Scout is coming in late or leaving early - the unit leader and SPL or ASM will need to meet or escort them to the Command Center to sign in (if arriving) or out (if leaving).

Checkout:

Checkout is between 8 and 10am on Sunday. After loading and checking the site for trash come to registration for your units check out folder which will include medical forms and patches.

Safety and Emergency:

Weather notifications will be sent out via text to Unit Leaders and Staff. Wristbands are to be worn at all times. If not worn, you will be denied access to activities. In case of heavy rain or electrical storm, take cover under a park shelter or in a vehicle.

Communication:

Unit leaders and Staff will be sent updates, changes, weather instructions or any other emergency instructions via text message. Please be sure to register your unit's adult leader contact numbers at registration.

Cooking:

Troops / Patrols will need to plan their meals for the weekend. Campfires and cooking fires have to be elevated and not leave any marks on the ground. Bring all needed supplies and water. Keep an eye on the weather and plan meals accordingly.

Water and Garbage:

Units will need to bring water for both cooking and drinking. A gray water disposal tank will be provided. Each unit is responsible for disposing of their trash. There are no dumpsters available at the park.

Pets:

No pets are allowed to visit or stay during the Camporee. This includes dropping off equipment or scouts. This applies to all visitors and staff personnel. The only exception would be for licensed service animals.

Smoking, Drugs, and Alcohol Policy:

This is a smoke, drug, and alcohol-free event. The smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vaping, and illegal substances is prohibited. The use of smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes is prohibited. This policy applies to all leaders, parents/guardians and Scouts. Violation of this policy will result in being asked to leave.

Uniforms and Clothing:

Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear Field (class A) uniforms when entering camp and for the program events and presentations on Saturday afternoon and evening. Activity (Class B) uniforms may be worn for the service projects on Saturday morning. Wristbands will be issued at check in and are required to be worn At ALL TIMES while attending the Camporee. No open toed shoes are to be worn at any time. Be prepared for Ohio Spring Weather.

General Information:

1. Eastwood MetroPark will be open to the public during the day Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
2. The park will provide gloves and all equipment for conservation projects, but feel free to bring your own gloves.
3. Bring a chair for the closing campfire on Saturday evening.
4. Bring poles, rope, & other props for gateway construction.
5. Bring your best camp cooking recipe and supplies needed for the Golden Spoon competition.
6. Bring your fishing poles, tackle boxes, and bait to fish in the ponds. Catch and release.
7. Bring money for an ice cream treat.
8. Plan for scout appropriate skits, songs, and stories for the campfire.
9. AOL scouts may visit the camporee for the day on Saturday - with a troop.

General Rules:

1. No Campfires on ground - have to be on a structure above the ground.
2. Fire Extinguisher present per unit.
3. No parking in the camping area - designated parking in parking lots marked on the map.
4. Lights out by 10:00pm.
5. No driving on grass - except in the designated lane to unload trailers and gear.
6. Bring water for the needs of the troop.
7. No alcoholic beverages in camp.
8. Fishing is available - catch and release.
9. Unit leaders are responsible for all scouts during the Camporee.
10. No candles, firecrackers, explosives, or firearms are permitted.
11. No eating in tents - bugs and critters may visit you.
12. Scouts cannot share medications.
13. No one is permitted to go barefoot.
14. Ax yards are NOT allowed - firewood will be supplied.
15. The buddy system and YPT guidelines are in effect at all times.
16. Leave no trace and leave it better than you found it.
17. Be respectful of those around you and respect lights out time as quiet time.

Environmental Workshops (subject to change)

All About Bees!

How to Be a River Steward

*Try Kayaking

The Wonders of Wetlands!

Learn to Row

Learn About Composting at Home

Leave No Trace

Buckeye Trail

Backyard Bass

Bird Study

Sustainability

Mammals

Tree Identification

Make a plastic bottle bird feeder

Build a bee "hotel"

Pollinator Gardens

Invasive Plants

Ohio Rocks!

Plant your own flowers

***Important Information regarding kayaking.**

The kayaking activity requires each scout to be a **BSA swimmer**. Each scoutmaster will be responsible for getting a special wristband for those scouts eligible for this activity. This activity also requires a special **waiver** to be completed by the scout and their parents and turned in when the scout arrives at the activity. The waiver is attached to this guide.

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Informed Voluntary Consent and General Release

In consideration of participation in the University of Dayton _____ as described herein, and having actual knowledge and appreciation of the particulars of the program and those risks involved in this type of activity/program, I, voluntarily consent to use of the facilities and participation in the activities/programs at this site, and assume all the risks arising therefrom.

Sponsoring Organization/Department: Fitz Center for Leadership in Community

I hereby declare that I am in good health and have no mental or physical condition or symptoms that could interfere with my safety or the safety of others while participating in any activity using any equipment or facilities of the University of Dayton. Furthermore, I certify that I have adequate health insurance to cover any injury or damage that I may suffer while participating, or alternatively, agree to bear all costs associated with any such injury or damages.

I, the undersigned, do hereby release, hold harmless, indemnify, waive, and discharge the University of Dayton and all its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action arising from any injuries or damages I may suffer or sustain from her/his participation in, or use of, any facility, equipment, and/or programs. Furthermore, in full recognition and appreciation of the potential dangers and hazards inherent in athletic and other activities, I do hereby agree to assume any and all risks, liabilities, and responsibilities for all accidents, injuries, damages, or property losses arising from my participation.

In the event of a medical emergency requiring more than basic first aid, I authorize University of Dayton to secure from any licensed hospital, physician, and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for my immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered.

I have read and fully understand the above statements.

Name of participant

Name of legal guardian (If under 18 years of age)

Signature of Participant

Signature of legal guardian

Date

Date

In case of Emergency Contact: (please print)

Name

Relationship

daytime phone

evening phone

allergies, special (medical) needs, dietary concerns, etc.

medications

