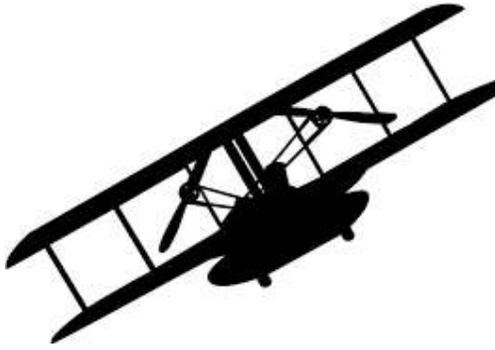


Leader's Guide
AIR AND SPACE CAMPOREE
Miami Valley Council

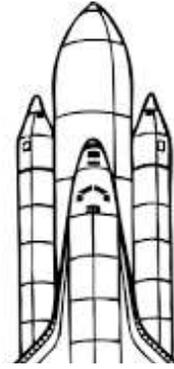
April 17 – 19, 2026

WACO AIRFIELD
TROY, OH



Orville Wright – If birds can glide for long periods of time, then... why can't I.

Wilbur Wright – The fact that the great scientist believed in flying machines was the one thing that encourages us to begin our studies.



Neil Armstrong – "...one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

John F. Kennedy – We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.

General Camporee Schedule:

Friday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

7:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast and Gateway Construction
8:30 Camp Opening and Flags
9:00 – 12:00 noon Morning Session – Midway or Merit Badge Workshop
12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch
1:30 – 4:30 PM Afternoon Session – Midway or Merit Badge Workshop
4:30 – 5:30 PM Midway/Museum/Downtime/early dinner prep
5:30 Midway Closes
5:30-6:30 Dinner prep/cooking
5:45 Flags
6:30 Shared dishes to Camp Dining area
6:45 – 8:00 PM Dinner and cleanup
8:30 – 9:30 PM Awards and campfire program
10:00 PM Quiet time

Sunday, April 19

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

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Special Activities:

Dinner in the Mess Hall - For dinner on Saturday we will have a grand celebration pot-luck in the Mess Hall. Spaghetti and sauce (tomato) will be provided by the Camporee staff as a small part of the meal. Each patrol is encouraged to dream up a special dish to prepare and share with other explorers - an entree, a side dish, a dessert. We ask that your dish be enough to share with others who are attending (enough for at least 10-15 people) Let your imagination go wild! Awards will be available (see Golden Spoon below) - as well as good food for all! Units should maintain perishable foods below 41F with the use of an appropriate ice chest and ice. Please plan to let Camporee staff know what you are planning to bring so that we can ensure a well balanced menu. We will also ask each patrol to be prepared to provide a list of ingredients in their dish for health and safety purposes. We also ask that Scouts volunteer to help serve.

Golden Spoon Competition - For this Camporee the Golden Spoon Competition will be a part of the Saturday Dinner in the Mess Hall. Patrols are asked to prepare an entree, side dish, or dessert to share - any cooking method. Your dish should serve approximately 10-15 people. Awards will be presented for scouts and adults in a variety of categories (category, originality, presentation, taste, etc.). When you bring your dish to the Mess Hall, please bring it about 15 minutes before dinner.

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 on Saturday. Adults, please encourage your scouts to utilize their Troop or Patrol flags. Extra points for incorporating the theme.

Campfire – After Dinner Saturday, in the parking lot outside the Mess Hall, we will hold our closing campfire. Begin preparing skits, stories and songs for our evening campfire program.

MERIT BADGES BEING OFFERED - sign up in advance:

Aviation - all day

Astronomy - morning and afternoon sessions

Space Exploration - morning and afternoon sessions

Weather - morning and afternoon sessions

General Information:

1. WACO Airfield will be open to the public during the day Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
2. Bring a chair for the closing campfire on Saturday evening.
3. Bring poles, rope, & other props for gateway construction.
4. Bring your best camp cooking recipe and supplies needed for the Golden Spoon competition.
5. Bring money for anything you may want to purchase at the Museum or for the Trading Post.
6. Plan for scout appropriate skits, songs, and stories for the campfire.
7. AOL scouts may visit the camporee for the day on Saturday - with a troop.

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). For those coming on Saturday, check-in is from 8:00-8:30. Trailers and tow vehicles will not be allowed in the camping area, but will be parked nearby. All gear will need to be carried to the campsite. Campsites are assigned and you will get your location at the time of check in. If you wish to camp next to or share a campsite with another unit, please contact either Charlotte or Melissa at least one week prior to the Camporee. At least one Leader from each unit must 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. Please stay off of the grass runway, unless instructed to enter it.

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.

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 trained service animals under the ADA/ADAA.

No Campfires are allowed at WACO Airfield. No driving on the grass.

Cooking:

Troops / Patrols will need to plan their meals for the weekend. **No open fires allowed.** Cook on propane stoves. Plan dishes to share for Saturday evening dinner. Your dish should serve your patrol plus 5 other people. **Units should maintain perishable foods below 41F with the use of an appropriate ice chest and ice.** 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. Potable water is available at WACO, but units should still plan to bring what they need for 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.

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 morning (?), afternoon and evening. 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 Rules:

1. No Campfires allowed.
2. Stay off the runway, it is active and may be used during the camporee.
3. Be respectful of non-scouting guests visiting the museum.
4. Fire Extinguisher present per unit.
5. No parking in the camping area - designated parking in parking lots marked on the map.
6. Lights out by 10:00pm.
7. No driving on grass.
8. Bring water for the needs of the troop.
9. No alcoholic beverages in camp.
10. Unit leaders are responsible for all scouts during the Camporee.
11. No candles, firecrackers, explosives, or firearms are permitted.
12. No eating in tents - bugs and critters may visit you.
13. Scouts cannot share medications.
14. No one is permitted to go barefoot.
15. Ax yards are NOT allowed.
16. The buddy system and YPT guidelines are in effect at all times.
17. Leave no trace and leave it better than you found it.
18. Be respectful of those around you and respect lights out time as quiet time.

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