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## Calumet District Camporee - Welcome!

Welcome to the Calumet District, Pathway to Adventure Council, Spring Camporee! We are camping at Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve, 27064 S. Dutton Road, Beecher, IL, from Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28, 2024. The theme for the weekend is Astronomy.

There are six stations and four additional activities in support of Scouts earning the Camporee patch, the Astronomy Merit Badge, and the Eclipse 2024 patch.

The evening campfire includes skits and songs from the various troops and patrols, an American Flag Retirement Ceremony, and an Order of the Arrow Call Out.

### **Points of Contact, Calumet District:**

Program Director MarcyJo Chachakis, 708-228-3378 or mchachakis@gmail.com.  
Camp Administrator Dan Chachakis, 708-668-5389 (cell), or dchachak@prodigy.net

**Cost:** \$10 per attendee. Includes patch.

**Registration:** Use the link on the PTAC calendar to access the registration forms and pay the registration fee. Registration closes April 8, 2024.

### **Request, Astronomy Merit Badge Counselors, Subject Matter Experts and Stargazing**

**Equipment:** Scouts and Scouters are encouraged volunteer, and to bring telescopes and binoculars, to support the different stations and nighttime stargazing activities.

### Check-in Requirements

Please bring your file of medical forms and be prepared to show you have them. Scoutmasters or designated representatives must attest that insurance information and medical form parts A and B are onsite for all attendees. Not for inspection.

Please provide a roster of attendees, both adults and Scouts.

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## Agenda

**1. Scout Troop Check-in:** 5:00 PM Friday to Saturday, 9:00 AM

**2. Friday Night 8:30 PM:** OA Gathering / Camp Orientation.

**3. Saturday Station Setup, Execution and Clearance.**

- 7:30 AM: Establish Station Check-in Station.
- 8:00 AM: Establish Stations
- 9:30 AM: Open Stations (See station list)
- 4:00 PM: Close Stations
- 5:00 PM: Stations Cleared
- 9:00 PM: Outdoor Astronomy Stations  
Night Star Hike

**4. Saturday Scout Operations.**

- 9:00 AM: Opening Ceremony / Flag Raising
- 9:30 AM: Stations Open (See station list)
- 4:00 PM: Stations Close
- 7:00 PM: Closing Ceremony / Lower Flag,
- 7:30 PM: Campfire / Flag Retirement / OA Call Out
- 9:00 PM: Outdoor Astronomy Stations  
Night Star Hike

**5. Saturday Campfire:** 7:30 PM to completion

- Each Scout Troop, Patrol, or Den should have a skit or song.
- Flag Retirement Ceremony

**6. Saturday Night Observations and Star Hike:** 9:00 PM to midnight

**7. Quite Hour:** Quite hours start at 10:00 PM.

**8. Sunday Scout Troop Clearance:** 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**9. Sunday Morning Non-denominational Religious Ceremony:** 9:00 AM

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## Stations

- 1. Constellations:** Make 10 constellations using different sized nails to poke holes in dixie cups. Identify 10 constellations in the night sky.
- 2. Planets:** Identify five visible planets.
- 3. Moon:** Make a sketch of the moon and label the landmarks. make clay model
- 4. Eclipse:** Watch a video of an eclipse. Draw the positions of the earth, moon and sun to show how an eclipse occurs.
- 5. Telescopes and Binoculars:** Show how to use and store telescopes and binoculars. Identify the different types of telescopes and binoculars, and the different accessories associated with each.
- 6. Rockets:** Build and launch vinegar and water bottle rockets.

## Additional Activities

- 1. Sundial:** Build and maintain a sundial.
- 2. Flag Retirement Ceremony Preparation:** Prepare American flags for proper disposal at the evening campfire.
- 3. Night Star Observation:** Observe the night sky for three hours, weather permitting.
- 4. Star Night Hike:** Participate in a Star Night Hike, weather permitting.

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## Special Instructions

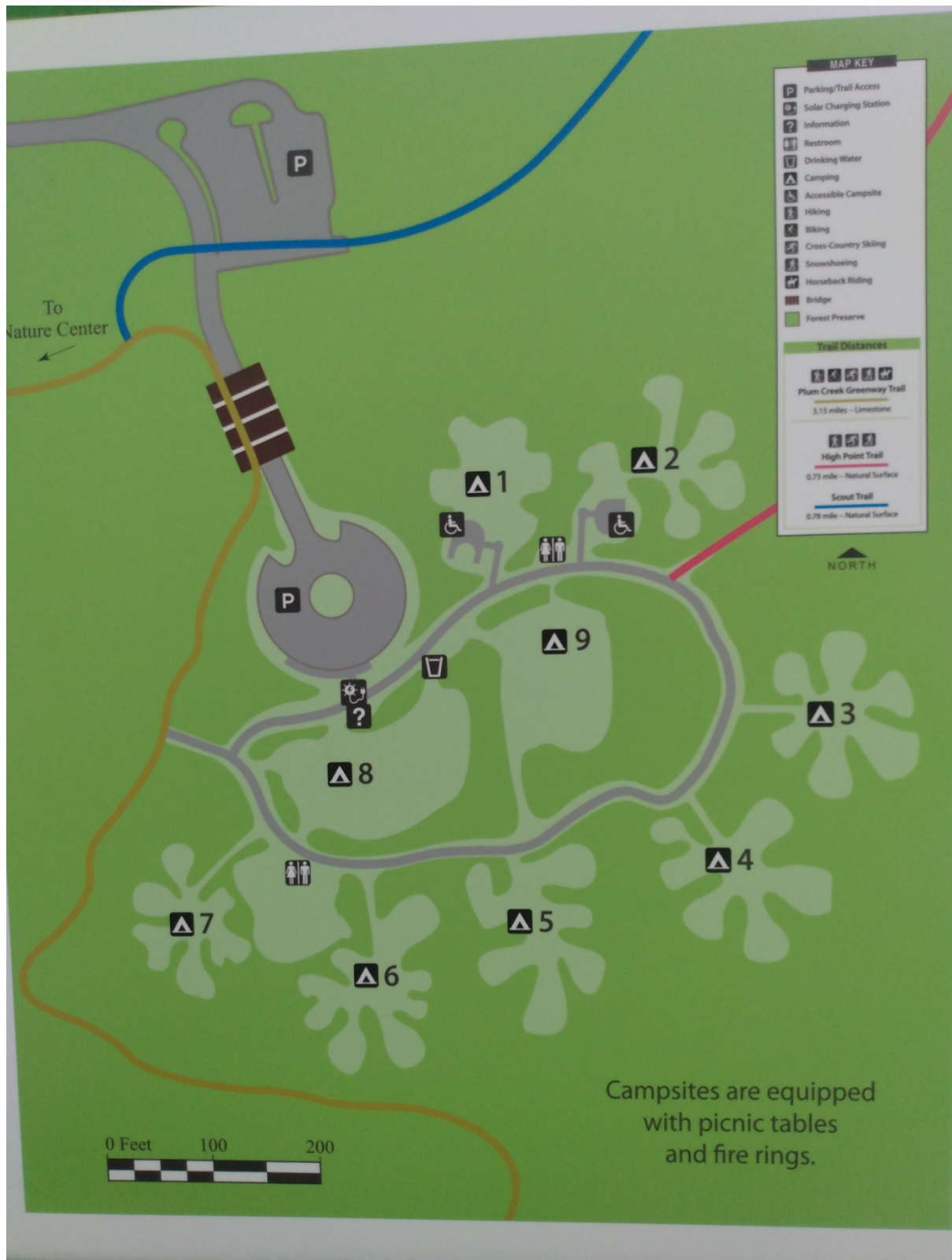
- **Vehicle Operation:** Follow all signs. Park in designated areas. No speeding. Watch for hikers, bikers, horseback riders, and others using the parks. No riding in the back of pickups. Do not drive vehicles / trailers to campsites, must access from the parking area.
- **Parking:**
  - Parking for campers is within the Goodenow Grove designated parking circle and overflow parking area.
  - Staff will reserve some parking spots for troop trailers.
- **Fires:** Wood and charcoal fires must be within the fire ring or off ground. Do not bring your own fire wood if the wood is coming from more than 50 miles from the campsite. If you bring firewood, please attempt to burn it all. Do not leave fires unattended.
- **Camp Fire Protection Plan:** Restrictions on gas, "boy scout water", or other restricted materials remain in effect. No flame in tent. Staff and Scouts will not attempt to put out fires that are above their head. Call 911 and notify Staff if fire occurs that cannot be extinguished by the unit.
- **Sanitation:**
  - Scout troops are responsible for providing individual and group sanitation material for their respective Scouts, leaders, and visitors. Please pack out your trash or follow camp trash collection guidance.
  - permanent bathrooms are available
  - Do not clean dishes or conduct personal hygiene at the water point.
  - Do not put hot or burning substances in the trash.
  - Follow Leave No Trace.
- **Water:** Water is available at the pump near the parking area.
  - Do not conduct KP / cleaning / personal hygiene duties or activities at the water point.
- **Safety:**
  - All BSA safety and youth protection policies remain in effect.
  - The Buddy System remains in effect.
  - The public is not invited in the camping area without Troop or district staff representative escort.
  - Alcohol is not permitted in any areas of the park for the duration of the Camporee; this restriction includes everyone onsite whether participating in the event or not.
- **Weather:**
  - Please ensure Scouts and Scouters attach all guide ropes and use tent pegs on all tents and shelters to prevent collapse in winds or rain.
  - A 10 x 20 will be available in case of weather the tents cannot manage.

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- **Lost Scout:** Should a Scout become lost, the Troop or other persons involved will notify the Camp staff at the Check-in location. Troop and other units will be recalled to camp, conduct a count, and the senior patrol leader with one adult leader will report to the check-in Station with a count of those who should be in camp and those unaccounted for. Camp staff then will organize and execute a lost Scout search plan
- **Active Shooter / Violent Intruder Procedures:** Staff and Scouts will follow the Owasippe Scout Reservation Active Shooter / Violent Intruder Procedures.
- **Medical:**
  - Troops will have medical forms and insurance information for all attendees, and must be prepared to show the forms are present onsite. Scoutmasters or designated representatives must attest that insurance information and medical form parts A and B are onsite for all attendees. Not for inspection.
  - Troops and other units will report all injuries that require first aid beyond basic first aid to the First Aid Station.
  - Camp Medical Staff will maintain a daily record of all first aid and medical treatments in a First Aid Logbook.
  - Utilize 911 as necessary, but report use of 911 to Camp Staff.
- **Leave No Trace:** The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace are in effect. Do not cut live trees. Do not dig holes or trenches. Do not cut, move, remove, paint, uproot, destroy or in any way alter any flora (any kind of plant life), whether alive or dead.
- **Uniform of the Day:** Class A for opening, closing, and campfire. Class B for stations, night sky observations, and night hike.
- **Patches:** Camporee patches will be bought and distributed after the Camporee in accordance with PTAC policy. While Scouts who complete the eclipse station will qualify for the 2024 Eclipse patch, troops are responsible for ordering, and paying for, the patches for their Scouts and Scouters.
- **Webelos:** this Camporee is open to overnight camping by Webelos Scouts who are sponsored by a Scouts BSA Troop. The Scouts BSA Troop leadership is responsible for the Webelos sponsored and ensuring proper adult coverage. Cub Scout rules for overnight Webelos camping remain in effect.

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## Goodenow Grove Camping Area



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