


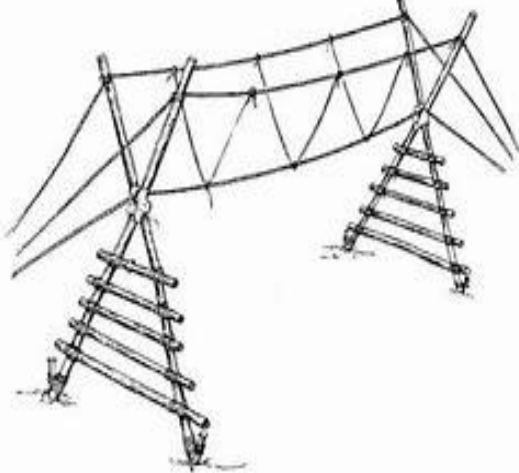



# Leaders Guide

Turtlehead Creek Park

Cook County Forest Preserve near Orland Park, Illinois

25 to 27 April 2025.

	<p>CALUMET DISTRICT APRIL 2025 PIONEERING CAMPOREE</p>	
		
<p>SCOUTS BSA</p>		

Welcome to the Calumet District, Pathway to Adventure Council, Spring Camporee! We are camping at Turtlehead Creek Park, Cook County Forest Preserve near Orland Park, Illinois from 25 to 27 April 2025. The theme for the weekend is Pioneering.

**Before April 23, 2025: Register and pay online through the PTAC calendar website.**

- \$10 per Scout or adult
- Ensure a minimum of two deep adult leadership in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting.
- Arrow of Light Patrols must register separately from troops and have their own two deep leadership in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting.
- Recognize and prepare for two factors: *There is no water available*, so Troops must bring their own water. And ground fires are *not* allowed.

**Sign-in Upon Arrival, Friday Evening or Saturday Morning:**

- 6:00 PM Friday to 9:00 AM Saturday at Pavilion 1, Turtlehead Creek Park.
- Please bring your file of medical forms to the sign-in station to show you have them. Not for inspection.
- Please provide (leave at the check-in station) a roster of attendees, both adults and Scouts.

**Agenda:**

**1. Scout Troop Check-in:** 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Friday. Saturday, 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

- Friday Night, 8:30 PM: OA Gathering / Camp Orientation.

**2. Saturday Station Occupation, Execution and Clearance.**

- 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM                      Catch a Fish
- 7:30 to 9:00 AM                        Establish Check-in Station.
- 7:30 AM Until Complete              Opening Ceremony / Flags
- 8:00 to 9:30 AM                        Start 5-mile hike. Complete by 1:00 PM. Patrols check in / out at check-in station, Pavilion 1
- 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM                    Troops work on Pioneer Projects and Camp Gadgets in / around their respective campsites.
- 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM                    Scout Stations

- 3:00 PM Until Compete                      Judge Walk through campsites for Points on Projects
- 5:00 PM    Activities Closed
- 7:00 PM Until Complete                      Closing Ceremony / Retire flags

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

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

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

- 9:00 AM (T): Non-denominational Religious Ceremony

**Stations, Saturday Afternoon**

- 1. Set a bear bag:** Patrol members throw a rope over tree limb, ties off a food bag, and lifts a food bag off ground. Correct knots on food bag and to secure rope.
- 2. Lasso a cone:** Patrol members tie a lasso, lasso a cone.
- 3. Build a ladder:** Patrol builds a ladder four steps high with poles and correct lashings. With the Patrol holding the ladder, one Scout climbs ladder. Ladder does not break or fall apart.
- 4. Start a fire without matches:** Patrol members start a fire without matches and sustains the fire for 60 seconds. Cook something.
- 5. Blind fold knot tying:** Patrol members tie rank required knots blindfolded.

**Special Instructions:**

- **Cost:** \$10 per person
- **Water:** Water is *NOT* available. Troops must bring water.
- **Fires:** *No* fires, unless they are completely off ground. Platforms are not available or provided. Recommend propane stoves. The Camporee Campfire will be off ground.
- **Sanitation:**
  - Scout troops are responsible for providing individual and group sanitation material for their respective Scouts, leaders, and visitors.
  - Porta potties are available.

- The Cook County Parks Department will provide trash cans and remove trash on a timely basis. Scout units and Scouts are responsible for maintaining a trash-free camping and operational environment. Follow Leave No Trace.
- **Weather:** The one shelter in the camping area is reserved for the Scout troop reception station and medical station. It will be available for inclement weather / lightning shelter if necessary.
- **Parking:** Parking for campers is along the entrance / exit road.
- **Leave No Trace:** The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace are in effect.
- **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.
- **Safety:**
  - All BSA safety and youth protection policies remain in effect.
  - The Buddy System remains in effect.
  - The public is not invited into 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 all persons onsite whether participating in the event or not.
  - Smoking and vaping are prohibited.
- **Lost Scout:** Should a Scout become lost, the Troop or other people involved will notify the Camp staff at the check-in location Pavilion 1. Troops 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
- **Youth Protection:**
  - All persons involved in Scouting shall report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation, including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. You may not abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.
  - Steps to Reporting Child Abuse
    - Ensure the child is in a safe environment.
    - In cases of child abuse, injury or medical emergencies, call 911 immediately.

- In addition, if the suspected abuse occurred in the Scout’s home or family, you are required by state law to immediately report/contact the local child abuse hotline.
- Notify the Scout executive or his/her designee, if he/she cannot be reached call the 24/7 Scouts First Helpline at 1-844-726-8871 or email, scoutsfirst@scouting.org
- **Active Shooter / Violent Intruder Procedures:** Staff and Scouts will follow the Owasippe Scout Reservation Active Shooter / Violent Intruder Procedures. ALICE: Active Shooter Response Training (ALICE) prepares people to respond with confidence during an active shooter situation. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) empowers people to make good survival decisions should an attack occur.

ALICE	Description	Camporee
LOCKDOWN	Barricade. Prepare to EVACUATE or COUNTER if needed. If EVACUATION is not a safe option, barricade entry points into your space. There are scenarios where Lockdown may be the preferable option and dispels myths about passive, traditional ‘lockdown only’ procedures that create readily identifiable targets and makes a shooter’s mission easier	There are no buildings. Evacuate if possible.
INFORM	Communicate the violent intruder’s location and direction in real time. The purpose of INFORM is to continue to communicate information in as real time as possible, if it is safe to do so. Armed intruder situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly, which means that ongoing, real time information is key to making effective survival decisions. Information should always be clear, direct and in plain language, not using codes. If the shooter is known to be in an isolated section of a building, occupants in other wards can safely evacuate while those in direct danger can perform enhanced lockdown and prepare to counter.	Staff and Campers should respond to an active shooter by alerting individuals in their immediate area.  Call 911.
COUNTER	Create Noise, Movement, Distance and Distraction with the intent of reducing the shooter’s ability to shoot accurately. Counter is NOT fighting. Confronting a violent intruder is not the best method for ensuring the safety of those involved. Counter is a strategy of last resort. Counter focuses on actions that create noise, movement, distance and distraction with the intent of reducing the shooter’s ability to shoot accurately. Creating a dynamic environment decreases the shooter’s chance of hitting a target and can provide the precious seconds needed in order to evacuate	If no other alternative is available, staff and campers should do what is necessary to protect their own lives. Any form of tool or item that can be used to counter the intruder until escape is an option should be considered
EVACUATE	ALICE provides techniques for safer and more strategic evacuations. Evacuating to a safe area takes people out of harm’s way and hopefully prevents civilians from having to come into any contact with the shooter.	If an intruder is on the property and other areas of camp can safely leave, instructions can be issued for units to evacuate the camp. The evacuation rally point will be the Palos Park Police Department, 8999 123 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Palos Park 708-448-2191.

- **Medical:**
  - 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.
  - Nearest Hospital: Turtlehead Lake, Orland Township, IL 60462 to Northwestern Medicine Palos Hospital Emergency Department.
  - Use of 911 system in emergencies prior to notifying staff is expected and authorized.
- **SERIOUS INCIDENTS**
  - Immediate notification required from Scout executive to the appropriate National Service Territory director or vice president. Directors and VPs should notify their ACSE, or the CEO/CSE and Legal team if ACSE is not available.
  - Notify the PR@Scouting.org email. This will initiate an immediate response.
  - Complete incident entry into Riskconnect within 24 hours.
  - Serious incidents include:
    - Fatalities
    - Sexual or physical abuse
    - Potentially life-threatening injuries (e.g., amputation, brain injury, loss of sight, paralysis, etc.)
    - Those requiring air transportation or medivac
    - Communicable disease (e.g., measles, norovirus, etc.)
    - Significant damage to property (e.g., wildfire, tornado, hurricane, etc.)
    - Any for which media attention is anticipated.
  - Applies to all Scouting activities, including transportation to and from an event. If immediate assistance is needed in the handling of a sexual-abuse allegation, contact Scouts First Helpline: 1-844-SCOUTS1.
- **LESS-SERIOUS INCIDENTS**
  - Complete incident entry into Riskconnect within 72 hours.
  - Less-serious incidents include:

- o Treatment beyond Scout-rendered first aid
- o When a licensed health care official provides medical attention at the health lodge
- o Intervention of emergency response personnel
- o Those requiring a visit to a licensed health care provider
- o COVID exposures and positive test results.
- o **NEAR-MISS INCIDENTS**
  - Complete incident entry into Riskconnect within 72 hours.
  - Near-Miss incidents include: Incidents that did not result in injury, illness, or damage but had the potential to do so
- o **Point of contact:**
  - Calumet District: Short Term Camp Administrator Dan Chachakis, 708-668-5389 (cell), or [dchachak@prodigy.net](mailto:dchachak@prodigy.net).
  - Calumet District: Program Chair Sheila Langerfield 708-414-9050
  - Calumet District: Senior District Executive Ray Delecourt 630-334-0395
  - PTAC Crisis Reporting: Make immediate telephone contact as follows (call work extensions, keep calling until you reach someone live -
    - A. Cedric Bodley – Deputy Scout Executive 312-421-8800 ext. 202.
    - B. If unable to reach Cedric Bodley, call: Mike Hornung – Director of Field Service 312-421-8800 ext. 252.
    - C. If unable to reach Cedric Bodley or Mike Hornung: Amy Hutcherson – Director of Camping Services 312-421-8800 ext. 231.
  - Youth Protection Violation Reporting: Notify the Scout executive or his/her designee, the Senior District Executive. If he/she cannot be reached call the 24/7 Scouts First Helpline at 1-844-726-8871 or email, [scoutsfirst@scouting.org](mailto:scoutsfirst@scouting.org)