

Leaders Guide

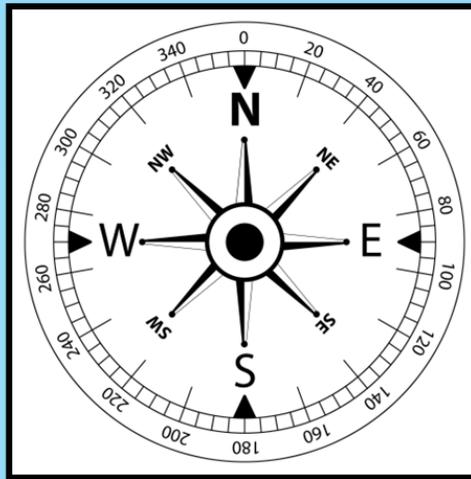
Calumet District

Map and Compass Camporee

Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve
Beecher, Illinois

Pathway to Adventure Council

Calumet District



MAP and COMPASS

Spring Camporee
April 2026

Welcome to the Calumet District, Pathway to Adventure Council, Spring Camporee! We are camping at Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve, Will County Forest Preserve, 27064 Dutton Road, Beecher, Illinois from 24 to 26 April 2026. The theme for the weekend is Map and Compass.

Register and pay online through the PTAC calendar website before April 22, 2026.

- \$15 per Scout or adult
- Ensure a minimum of two deep adult leadership in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting.
- Arrow of Light Patrols may attend but must register separately from troops and have their own two-deep leadership in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting. Arrow of Light Patrols should associate with a sponsoring troop.

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

- 6:00 PM Friday to 9:00 AM Saturday.
- 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. Friday: Check-in and OA Gathering / Camp Orientation

- 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM: Scout Troop Check-in.
- 8:30 PM: OA Gathering / Camp Orientation *at 10 x 20.*

2. Saturday: Station Occupation, Execution and Clearance

- 7:30 to 9:00 AM Establish and operate Check-in Station.
- 9:00 to 9:15 AM Opening Ceremony
- 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM Scout Stations
- 11:00 to 5:00 PM 1 Mile Compass Course
- 5:00 PM Activities Closed
- 7:00 to 7:15 PM Closing Ceremony

3. Saturday Campfire: 7:30 PM to completion

- Each Scout Troop, Patrol, or Den should have a skit or song in accordance with the current BSA Ceremonies and Campfire Guidance from the National Camping School.

- Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony

4. Saturday Night after Campfire

- Find direction at night without compass

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

- 9:00 AM (T): Non-denominational Religious Ceremony
- All campsites closed by 12:00 pm.

Stations, Saturday

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| 1. Compass: | Identify parts of a compass. Take and follow a reading |
| 2. Read a Map #1: | Identify Man Made Features and Terrain Features |
| 3. Read a Map #2: | Declination Diagrams and Legends |
| 4. Measure Distance | Measure distance on a map |
| 5. Know Your Pace: | Walk and count footsteps for 100 meters and 100 feet |
| 6. Find Direction: | Find direction without a Compass, day |
| 7. Measure a Tree: | Measure the height of a tree |
| 8. GPS (tentative): | Plan a route using GPS |
| 9. 1 Mile Compass Course (T): | Use a compass to follow a 1-mile compass course |

Plum Creek Nature Center is open Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and is available for participants to visit.

Special Instructions:

- **Cost:** \$15 per person
- **Fires:** Each campsite has a fire ring. Please do not bring non-commercial firewood. Finding wood onsite is authorized. Charcoal is authorized.
- **Sanitation:**
 - Scout troops are responsible for providing individual and group sanitation material for their respective camp sites, Scouts, leaders, and visitors.
 - Two on site bathrooms are available.
 - The Will County Forest Preserve 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:** Staff will set up 10 x 10s and 10 x 20s in case of inclement weather.

- **Parking:** Parking for campers available. Troops will not take trailers to their respective sites. Trailers must remain in the parking area.
- **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. 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 Crete Fire Protection District Station, 26730 S. Stoney Island Ave, Crete, IL.

○ **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: Community Hospital ER, 901 MacArthur Blvd, Munster, Indiana.
- 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:
 - Treatment beyond Scout-rendered first aid
 - When a licensed health care official provides medical attention at the health lodge
 - Intervention of emergency response personnel
 - 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 **Points of contact:**
 - Calumet District: Short Term Camp Administrator Dan Chachakis, 708-668-5389 (cell), or dchachak@prodigy.net.
 - Calumet District: Program Chair Sheila Langerfeld 708-414-9050
 - Calumet District: Senior District Executive Ray Delcourt 630-334-0395
 - PTAC Crisis Reporting: Make immediate telephone contact as follows (call work extensions, keep calling until you reach someone live -
 - a. David Tafur, Deputy Scout Executive. 312-421-8800 x 246
 - b. If unable to reach David Tafur, call: Mike Hornung – Director of Field Service 312-421-8800 ext. 252.
 - c. If unable to reach David Tafur or Mike Hornung, call Dalton DeVries, Camping Director. 312-421-8800 x 202.
 - 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.
 - Emergency: 911.
 - Non-emergency on forest preserve property: Laraway Communications Canter, 815-727-6191, and select prompt for a dispatcher for a Forest Preserve office to be sent to our location.