

Pathway to Adventure Council

Patriot “America 250” Camporee

We are excited to have your unit attend the The Patriot “America 250” Camporee. This event will have a theme focusing on the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our nation. April 18th is also the 251st anniversary of the ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes alerting the countryside of the approaching British Army. Who knew 14 months later our founding fathers would declare their independence from Great Britain (Editors note- there may be a question on this at one of the patrol stations about this anniversary;-) Below is the information for the weekend activities!

Event Location:

Scouting America Canyon Camp
4856 E Townsend Rd
Stockton, IL 61085
Operated by Blackhawk Area Council

There will be an Order of the Arrow Call out encourage your members to bring their sashes- everyone looks spiffy in a sash!

Arrival Times: Friday, April 17th

6:00 PM Camping opens for all units.

- Campsites will be assigned and will be jamboree style. Your unit will be notified a few days prior to arrival of its specific site and there will be someone to direct you your marked camp site on arrival

10:00 PM– Leader/SPL meeting will be in the dining hall.

Wrist bands will be issued when you check in or at the leader meeting.

Canyon Camp requires wrist bands for Scouts and Scouters during your stay at the camporee

11:30 PM Lights out– Quiet

Check-in Procedures:

- Unit Roster is required and must be turned in Friday night to Camporee Staff
- Please have completed Health Form A & B for EVERYONE- These will be retained by the unit at their site
- All scouts must be pre-registered.
- Any site changes must be approved by the Camporee Staff
- Units will be camping off the main road throughout camp in the open fields.

If your unit is delayed and arrives late we will make accommodations for check-in

Parking:

Parking facilities are limited at Canyon Camp. Blackhawk Area Council asks that all trailers be parked on the grass with their trailer tongue facing the road (but off the road). All Vehicles will park in a similar manner along the road near their campsites. They ask that everyone back into their camp area off the road. For the safety of the Scouts and Scouters, the speed limit on all camp roads is 10 mph. Please try to carpool and limit duplicate equipment by planning with other unit attendees.

Campfires in site?– ONLY above ground fire pits are allowed in Troop sites. NO damage to the vegetation PLEASE– leave no trace

Buddy System– Please have your Scouts adhere to the buddy system when moving through camp. Also remind Scouts to ask “permission to enter” before entering or crossing through another Troop campsite.

Program

You will receive a finalized version of the Saturday events, times, and locations at Friday night's Senior Patrol Leader and Unit Leader Meeting (SPL Meeting).

Patrol competition sites will be throughout the campground and will have scores for competition.

The Rifle range, sling shot range, and Metal detector stations will only count as "attended" on the score cards and will be a uniform amount of points for the competition (think Points or "No Points")
Note—Patrols may choose to attend these stations more than once but will only receive points once

The Illinois Metal Detectors Association will be raffling off a few metal detectors to Troops who visit their station. These folks are donating their time and talents. They only ask that we take a group photo with them. # Note if your unit chooses not to visit and participate at the Metal detector station they will not be entered in the raffle. The raffle will occur at the end of the day at approximately 4:00PM. The members of the club have assured me that if there is a Scout who wants to experience the metal detectors they will stay as long as needed (talk about friendly)

PATROL COMPETITION

The ideal patrol should consist of 5-8 Scouts, this includes a patrol leader. The patrol members will communicate within the patrol but the patrol leader will be the main spokesperson for the patrol. Once the patrol has completed a challenge, the judges may review the scoring methods as well as the patrol's effectiveness with the patrol leader, who will then inform the patrol members.

Scout Spirit will be noted (so bonus points could be awarded)

Along with a Patrol name the Patrol should have a patrol call/yell- they will be asked for it at some stations
It is encouraged that the patrol know at least one verse of a camp song (this is strongly encouraged for points)

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Per Scout:

Filled canteen or water bottle with a strap

Closed Toe Shoes

—Crocs are not really the best type of closed toe shoe for this event. Sandals and flip flops are definitely a Bozo no-no

Every patrol must have:

At least two Boy Scout type compasses

Pen and paper

Score card -(issued to SPL at leaders meeting)

Recommended— one Scout handbook or fieldbook per patrol

Most competition stations will have the equipment required for the competition at that station.



Patch Trading- In order to encourage interactions between the Troops, we are implementing patch trading. There is no cost for this activity and it is included with the camporee fee. Your Troops patrol(s) will be given triple the amount of their members, of one of these three patches, at a Station on Saturday. In order to collect all the patches they will need to trade with a patrol that has one of the other patches. They will also be required to record (on their Score card) the patrol , troop number, and patrol leader of the patrol(s) they traded with. Points will also be awarded when the patrols check back in at the patch station.

Note – Every attendee and Scouter at the Camporee will receive the middle patch. So all adults/leaders staff will get the middle patch– we promise :-)

There will also be stickers for the event – more on that at the leaders meeting.

Commissioners Axe- (Commissioners Award)

There will be a Commissioner's axe awarded to more than one lucky, skillful, talented Troop. It will be based on Unit Participation throughout the weekend activities, Scout Spirit, Troop Campsite Appearance (so keep it neat N' tidy) and overall helpfulness (Confused– just follow the Scout Law) . This is a trophy we are excited to present.!

Is there MORE?!

In addition to patrol competitions there is fishing South of the Dam, a human foosball area and 2 gaga ball pits!

A week ago there was excavation near the gaga ball pit. If this is not complete Blackhawk Area Council has asked that the gaga ball pit be off limits as we do not want Timmy or Tammy tenderfoot jumping into a hole to retrieve a gaga ball and twisting an ankle. We'll know more on Friday April 17th.

Schedule:

Friday April 17, 2025

6:00 PM - Campsites open

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Campsite Setup

10:00 PM - 10:30 SPL and Unit Leader Meeting

11:30 PM LIGHTS OUT

Saturday April 18, 2025

9:00 AM – Opening Flag Ceremony Main parade field (Location will be given at SPL Meeting)

Morning Sessions

9:15 AM until 12:00 Noon

Lunch 12:10 to 1:15 PM at Troop camp sites

1:20 PM to 1:35 PM -Patrols meet at Flagpole

1:35 to 4:40 PM Afternoon Session

The Camp trading post will be open during our visit we will have the exact time(s) later

5:00 PM – Dinner in the Unit campsite.

7:10 PM – Scout Vespers at the Spirit Pavillion

7:35 PM – Order of the Arrow Call-out Ceremony near Dance ring by Coon Lake

Following call out ceremony camp wide campfire same location as call out ceremony

Following Campfire Ice Cream to be provided to all in attendance outside the Dining hall.

Quiet Time 11pm

We ask that Scouts are quiet and in their tents by 11:00pm

We also ask for adults to please help to keep individual sites quiet (I know...but please try)

Sunday April 19th

Breakfast in your campsite

Pack up/Clean up campsites

10:30 AM – Close camp

What NOT to bring: • Pets • Entertainment systems: (stereos, video games, DVD/movie players etc.)

•Equipment such as air compressors or any other appliance requiring an electrical outlet. Medical equipment must be self-powered.

First Aid

- Basic First Aid from an EMT will be available (if required).
- Units should bring their own First Aid kits to manage minor injuries.
- Please alert Camporee leadership with anything greater than a minor injury. .

Meals Campers are responsible for their own meals. Scout units will need to plan for a breakfast, a lunch, and a dinner meal on Saturday, and a breakfast meal on Sunday morning. Meals are prepared in your camp area. Camp stoves are allowed in your camps. Please remember, practice Leave No Trace.

Potable Water There are several sites for drinking water at camp. Hydrant type system.

Inclement Weather

See – BSA Hazardous Weather Training. For an alternative shelter we will use the Dining Hall (see map).

Firewood Units are prohibited from bringing firewood into camp because it can harbor invasive pests and diseases harmful to area trees. Wood for the bonfire and campsite fire will be provided. Please remember no ground fires.

Cleaning of Campsites

- Leave No Trace policies apply to all campsite upkeep.
- A police line should be executed in your camp site before leaving
- Each Unit is responsible for its own trash and cleaning up their campsite Sunday Morning.

Trash and Garbage

- Each unit will provide their own trash bags and remove all refuse from their campsite.
- Dumpsters are near the dining hall off the main road
- Remember: Trash In – Trash Out

Check-Out Procedure

- Check-Out with the Camporee Staff or the Camp master.
- Ensure your camp site is clean and neat. All garbage must be taken to the dumpster in the parking lot.
- Check-out time is 10 AM

General Camp Rules

- Every unit or group must always have two-deep leadership. At least one leader must be 21 years of age. The other must be at least 18 years of age.
 - Unit leadership is responsible for their youth at all times.
 - If any camper leaves early, the unit must be able to provide when asked – the name of the scout, time they left, who they left with, and what that person's relation is to that scout.
 - Anything more than a minor injury **MUST** be reported to camp staff.
 - All BSA rules and regulation concerning camping, transportation, youth protection, etc. will apply
- Discipline of each group is the responsibility of the adult leader in charge. Individuals should respect the camping areas of others and only enter with permission.
 - Scouts will remain in their unit area between Lights Out and Breakfast unless accompanied by an adult to/from the campsite.
 - The Buddy System is to be enforced, especially during nighttime KYBO visits.
 - Scouts are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit to their unit, and the BSA, and are to follow the Scout Law and Scout Oath.
- BSA Guidelines for coed camping must be followed.
- Support the principles of "Leave No Trace".
- Cooking fires and campfires are only permitted in established fire rings and fire scars; do not create your own fire pit or fire ring
- Outdoor fires must be supervised by an adult until extinguished.
- Please be respectful of all visitors by keeping all restrooms clean, even if the restroom is not in your campsite
- Fires must be reasonable (safe height) and be "dead" out at time of departure.
- At least one adult must be present during check-out.
- All vehicles are to be parked in the designated parking area. Staff vehicles are to be parked in the staff parking area unless being used to conduct staff duties.

Prohibited Behaviors and Items

- Firearms, fireworks or large hunting knives may not be brought to camp. A knife must fold.
- No chain saws in camp.
- Alcohol is prohibited in camp. Violation of this policy will result in your group/unit being asked to leave camp and forfeit all fees.
- No smoking in ANY camp building or in view of any youth.
- No tampering with smoke detectors, exit signs, fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide alarms or any other life safety device.
- Swimming is not permitted..
- No motorcycles, ATV's
- Pets are not allowed in camp.
- Cutting of trees is not permitted.
- No gambling permitted

