



Skilled Trades Camporee

Operating Engineers Local 18

Sheet Metal Workers Local 33

Plumber and Pipefitters Local 50

Carpenters Local 351

Leaders and Parents Guide

Fallen Timbers District, Erie Shores Council Fall Camporee

October 3-4, 2026

Ohio Operating Engineers

9435 Cygnet Rd

Cygnet, OH 43413

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Welcome

We welcome to a fun weekend of camping and adventure for the 2026 Skilled Trades Camporee located at the Ohio Operating Engineers Training Site in Cygnet, OH

The skilled trades will be represented by:

- Operating Engineers Local 18
- Sheet Metal Workers Local 33
- Plumber & Pipefitters Local 50
- Carpenters Local 351

- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 8

This is a HANDS ON event, youth will have the opportunity to operate a backhoe to dig holes, a mini excavator outfitted with a wrecking ball to knock over bowling pins, build a sheet metal tool box that they can take home, build a catapult, a piping project, an electrical circuit and more!

We have had Scouts that have attended the Skilled Trades Camporee previous years learn about the skilled trades and basically made a career decision to pursue one of the trades as a profession. It is one thing to talk about career choices, it's entirely another to experience them. Seeing, touching, and operating equipment or making things bring abstract career choices to life.

The Fall Camporee is open to Scouts BSA troops, Venture Crews, and Webelos/AOL Scouts that are hosted by and camp with a troop.

Location

Ohio Operating Engineers Training Center
9435 Cygnet Rd
Cygnet, OH 43413

<https://local18training.com/>

When driving east on Cygnet Road, enter the Ohio Operating Engineers Training Center at the second entrance. The first entrance is to the classroom area. The classroom area has a gate that will be closed Friday evening and Sunday morning. The second entrance which leads to the camping area is always open. All vehicles are to enter and exit through the camping entrance.

Follow the road back towards the camping area to the parking area. With the exception of vehicles towing troop trailers, vehicles that are staying overnight are to park in the gravel parking area. The porta johns are also located in the parking area.



Medical Information

Camp Health Officer

Camp Health Officer: Tom Miller from Scouts BSA Troop 103 Advanced EMT

Contact by cell phone at cell (419) 376-9345

Medical Emergencies

In the event of a serious or life-threatening medical emergency, call 911. Cygnet Volunteer Fire Department will respond.

Wood County Hospital (21 minutes)
24-hour emergency room
950 W Wooster St, Bowling Green, OH 43402
(419) 354-8900

Hospitals

Blanchard Valley Hospital, 1900 S Main St, Findlay, OH 45840 (24 minutes)

Emergency Department open 24 hours

419.423.5207

Physicians Plus Urgent Care (18 minutes)

3949 N Main St, Findlay, OH 45840

419-423-3888

Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm. Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

Unit Responsibilities

Registration and Payment

Units are asked to give their best estimate of attendance using the online registration form no later than Friday, September 25, 2026. The estimate allows the district camping committee to better plan for the event by knowing which units are attending and their estimated attendance. The registration form can be found at <https://scoutingevent.com/460-Fallcamp1>

Payment is \$15 per person (youth and adults) for the event, It includes program fees and a camporee patch. It does not include food. Units pay only for those that attend, which may be more or fewer than their estimated amount. Payment may be made through check, cash, or through the unit's Erie Shores Scout Shop account. A professional Scouter will be available to take the payment and provide a receipt.

Payment is made at the Friday night leader's meeting or by special arrangement. A roster containing the names of the youth and adults attending the event is due at the Friday night leader's meeting as well.

Health and Medical

Units are responsible to have a BSA medical form parts A and B for each participant with them at camp. Units will review of these forms in advance for medical concerns, allergies, or other conditions that may affect them while at camp and for planning appropriately based on this review.

Units are responsible for administering prescription and non-prescription medications for youth.

Units are expected to have an appropriate first aid kit in camp and to be able to handle minor medical issues.

Food and Cooking

Units will be responsible for providing their own food and equipment to cook at their campsites. This typically includes:

Friday

Cracker barrel (snacks)

Saturday

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner (see special Saturday Night dinner)

Sunday

Grab and Go breakfast

Saturday Night Dinner

The Ohio Operating Engineers will be providing an enormous caldron of chili suspended from a crane for dinner. Troops are asked to bring a side dish and desert, to be shared with all the units present at the camporee. Units should bring enough side dishes and desert to feed the number of individuals in their unit.

Paper plates, plastic ware, napkins, cups, water and bug juice will be provided.

Tables will be setup in the Operating Engineers shop to share food items.

Checkin

Units can check-in near the gravel parking lot near the Ohio Operating Engineers Pond from 6:00-8:30pm.

Fees and Unit Rosters are due no later than the Friday Night Leader's Meeting.

A list of the program activities will be available at the Leader's Meeting and at Opening Flags.

Checkout

Units must depart their campsite by 10:00am Sunday morning.

Units are responsible tracking the arrival and departure of their youth and other participants.

Units are responsible for policing their campsite and cleaning the latrines and inspecting their own campsite before departure. Ashes and coals from campfires must be out and cold. The preferred practice is to scatter the ashes in the woods and stack unburnt wood in an out of the way area, typically by the periphery of the campsite. Latrines are to be cleaned and swept. Garbage must be taken when the troop departs, there are no trash disposal facilities at camp.

Trailers and Vehicles

With the exception of vehicles towing troop trailers, vehicles that are staying overnight are to park in the gravel parking area. Units will transport their own trailer to their campsite.

Schedule

Schedule:

Friday October 2

7:30pm-8:30pm Check in, setup camp

8:30pm SPL and Adult Leader's Meeting, island at camping area

Saturday October 3

8:30am Opening Flags Front of Operating Engineers Training Building

9:00am-Noon Program Activities, Operating Engineers Training building

NOON-1:00pm Lunch at Campsites

1:00pm-4:00pm Program Activities, Operating Engineers Training Building

5:30pm Chili Dinner, troops bring side dishes

7:30pm Vespers/Closing Campfire, island at camping area

Sunday October 4

8:00-10:00am clean campsite and depart for home

10:00am All units and youth out of camp

Camp Guidelines and Procedures

Restricted Areas

The Operating Engineers Shop Area and building is only to be accessed during the program activities or during severe weather.

The area behind the Operating Engineers shop area where heavy equipment is parked and materials are stored is off limits at all times. The entrance to this area is marked with caution tape. Do NOT climb on any of the equipment or supplies.

The rock pile and the pile of reclaimed asphalt near the camping area is off limits at all times. These piles are marked with a sign.

Campfires

Units may have a campfire in a portable firepit that raises the fire off the ground at their campsite so that it doesn't damage the grass. No ground fires are permitted.

The district will have a Vespers and a closing campfire in the designated fire ring near the south side of the pond.

Latrines

Multiple porta potties are provided in the gravel parking area. Please keep them clean and free of litter.

Potable Water

Units are advised to bring their own potable water for the camporee.

However, there is a large sink in the Operating Engineers shop area that is suitable for filling 5-gallon water coolers and other similar containers. Units may obtain good tasting potable water when the building is open, which is expected to be 8:30am-6:30pm Saturday only.

Gray Water

Gray water may be dispersed in the grassy or brushy areas away from the unit campsites.

Trash

There is a dumpster located outside the Ohio Operating Engineers shop that units may use to dispose of their trash.

Severe Weather

Units are expected to have one or more adult leaders on site that are current with the BSA Hazardous Weather Training. Units should monitor with weather forecasts and take appropriate precautions when hazardous weather is forecast.

In the event of severe weather, units may shelter in the Ohio Operating Engineers shop area. Severe weather specifics will be discussed at the Friday night leader's meeting.

Contact Information

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Website Links

Ohio Operating Engineers Training Center Website

Includes information about the Operating Engineers Apprenticeship program.

<https://local18training.com/>

