



Sooner Sam's Camporee

Sooner District Camporee 2025

April 11th – 13th, 2025

Oklahoma Army National Guard RSP

4000 Thunderbird St.

Norman, OK 73069

Sooner Sam's Event Information

Friday Night Arrival - April 11th

Because of events, please plan your arrival between **6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday. No early arrivals, please!**

Troop Gear

Each Troop will be responsible for their Troop Gear.



Uniform:

Class "B" Unit or Scouting T-shirts are recommended for the Camporee events, as some of the events may be rigorous. Field Uniforms (Class "A") are recommended for the closing Camporee Campfire on Saturday night.

Troop Meals

Each Troop will be responsible for providing all of their meals.

Prizes

Medals will be awarded to the top three patrols in every group activity.



Iron Chef Roulette

Saturday night, bring your best camp-cooked meal to be judged. It can be a dessert, main course, or a full-blown meal. A lottery will issue a secret ingredient to each participating Patrol Leader during the morning flag ceremony.

Equipment for Group Activities/Group Learning

We ask that each troop submit an idea of what they would like to demonstrate in the morning and a competition to play in the afternoon. Please submit them to ssheriff@gmail.com. We will confirm the competitions by Sunday, April 6th. Competition locations will be set and provided during Friday cracker barrel.

Fees

The cost is \$10 per scout, \$5 per adult. After April 1st a late fee of \$5 per participant will apply.

Lost and Found

This will be located in the admin area.

Sooner District Camporee Event Schedule: (subject to change)

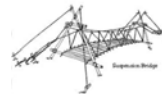
Friday, April 11

- 6:00 - 8:00 PM Troops will register at the main building - NO EARLY ENTRY. **When you arrive, you will be assigned a camping area**
- Troops are to set up camp in their assigned campsites.
- 10:00 PM: Scout Master and SPL meeting for Cracker Barrel. We will advise where this will take place at sign-in



Saturday, April 12nd

- 8:00 AM Late Registration
- 8:30 AM: Flags & Morning Briefing
- 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM: Meet and Greet Recruitment
- 11:30 – 12:45 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 – 4:45 PM: Intertroop Competitions
- 5:00 PM Flag Ceremony
- 5:00-6:30 PM Dinner at Campsites
- 6:30 PM Judges will round for the Iron Chef Competition
- 8:00 PM Campfire Location to be determined
- 11:45 PM: Camp Lights out.



Sunday, April 13th

- Breakfast at Troop Sites
- 9:00 AM Flag
- 10:00 -12:00 Break camp and leave.



Camporee Guidelines



We know that different troops handle their programs in various ways. However, when you're at the District Camporee, we all have to live close together under some standard rules. We've listed the Camporee Safe Haven Rules to make this a pleasant experience for everyone. Please take some time before arriving at the Camporee to have your Senior Patrol Leader review these with your Scouts:

1. The Camporee follows all points found in The Guide To Safe Scouting. Discipline is to be handled by unit leaders in charge. If a troop has any questions, please ask the Camporee Chairman.
2. An atmosphere of respect and consideration for others needs to be promoted and exemplified by all adult and junior leaders.
3. All language used at the Camporee must follow the 11th and 12th Points of the Scout Law.
4. Scouts are never to enter anyone else's campsite without being invited.
5. Scouts are prohibited from leaving their campsites after the designated "in camp" time each night, except for restroom trips. Adults and Scouts must attend the Lights Out and All Quiet times each evening. This consideration for others is critical when troops are camped close to each other as they are here. Scouts that roam the area at night or are in "ninja" clothing will be sent home by the Camporee Chairman.
6. We ask that no adult or Scout arise before 6:00 a.m., but we know that's not always possible. Adults and Scouts arising before 6:00 a.m. in the mornings must talk in whispers, not make any noise that will disrupt neighbors, and stay in their campsite except for restroom trips.
7. Competition must always be conducted with Scout Spirit.
8. Inappropriate troop or patrol yells should not be used during the Camporee. The Camporee Chairman will notify a Scoutmaster if this is in question with their unit.
9. Nothing is to be thrown while at the Camporee, including fir cones, rocks, sticks, or anything else, unless in an event approved by the Camporee staff.
10. Scouts should not wear bandanas, baggy pants, or other non-Scout clothing that represents an image contrary to Scout ideals and uniformity.
11. Campfire etiquette calls for silence upon entering the campfire bowl until prompted otherwise by the Master of Ceremonies, and be quiet upon leaving. Adult leaders should be interspersed among their troops to maintain discipline. Flashlights must not be used during the campfire. Please confiscate your Scouts' flashlights or laser pointers if they are being used during the callout, then return them afterward. Ensure that your Scouts practice raising their hands in the silent signal for "attention!"
12. Since the purpose of the Camporee is not to entertain, we expect troops to manage their free time. Please ensure that free time activities positively contribute to the weekend program.

We will try something new this year with Camporee; since we are in Norman right off I-35, we will use this as a recruiting tool for interested youth to come out and see what we do. We are working with the OK National guard on having multiple static displays to help bring in youth and families from all round Cleveland and McClain Counties. While we are camping on their facility we will be in a high visibility area and should bring in multiple families. We will have a way to capture their information and will share their information with the troops after the event so that you can reach out to them individually and invite them to your troop meetings. We encourage you to have some information about your troop to provide while the families are walking around looking at and interacting with the displays.

During the morning time please plan on having some activity in your area to showcase your unit and what they like to do while on outings. Examples could be having a knot and lash tying area building a pioneering project, kitchen setup cooking different types of food, realistic first aid and teaching scouts how to make moulage, scout skills training, the possibilities are endless. Remember we will have an opportunity to showcase what Scouting America is and ultimately have an opportunity to get youth excited and introduced to Scouting America. During the morning session we advise that you have some information about your unit to pass out with a way for them to contact you for more information.

We will be having a gateway competition, so be sure to have some gateway built to help identify your Troop, Crew, or Ship. This gateway will also help with recruitment of the youth, and will allow the families to see where everybody is. We will be camping in a large field, when you arrive on Friday night and check in we will advise you where you can park your trailer and where you will be camping. We will mark off spaces based on registration and you will need to setup everything in this area. It's important that you get registration in so that we can ensure we get you a large enough space for your troop and activities.

The second part of the day will be a more standard camporee and will be time for team competition. You will need break up into patrols and rotate around to the different troop areas and take part in the different competitions that each troop is responsible for bringing and running. So Sharpen knot-tying, Orienteering, Fire Building, Marksmanship, and Patrol method skills. We will share more on the games at Friday Night's SM/SPL meeting. We need each troop to Provide a couple of different options for a competition by email to ssheriff@gmail.com by 4/1/2025 so that we can ensure that there is a variety of competitions to go around. We will let you know by 4/6/2025 what your troop's competition will be from the list provided. When you provide your options please let us know in order that you prefer to do. The sooner you let us know what you would like to do, the sooner we will confirm with you. You will also have a better chance of getting your first selection.

Please read this entire guidebook and share it with the youth in your unit so they come prepared and ready to have fun and compete in this year's Camporee!