

Mystery at the Museum

2025 Oneida District Spring Camporee: April 4-6, 2025
Isett Heritage Museum, 11941 Stone Creek Ridge Rd., Huntingdon, PA 16652



Patch design created in part with Canva AI Assistant

Introduction

Based on the game "Clue," this will be a competition camporee with patrols competing and negotiating with each other to solve the museum mystery. In working through the problems of the camporee, the Scouts should be able to earn most, if not all, of the requirements for the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge. The winning patrol will be the one that first correctly identifies which famous Scout or founder was at the correct location with the correct item from Scouting's history. When clue tokens are revealed to a patrol, the patrol can eliminate that person, location or item from consideration.

Be Prepared

Camping Gear

In preparation for the camporee, please make sure your Scouts have adequate gear for cold weather camping. The average temperature for early April in Huntingdon is a high of 57°F and overnight low of 31°F, with a record high of 82°F and a record low of 19°F.

Campfires will be permitted in above ground portable fire pits only. Bring your own firewood.

Please bring adequate portable tables and chairs for your unit to sit down for meals. You will need to bring them to the potluck location for Saturday supper.

Menu Planning

In order to ensure adherence to the schedule for Saturday, we are offering a catered hot breakfast included in the camporee fee. **Please bring your own mess kits, utensils and cups/mugs to breakfast to cut down on disposable waste.**

Please plan a lunch menu for your campsite that is quick to prepare and clean.

For supper on Saturday, we plan to have a campwide potluck. Scouts will prepare their dish in the campsite, and bring it to a central location for the shared meal. Please let the attendees know what dish you are planning to bring by filling out the sign-up genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A5A82AA1F49-55627763-2025> OR <https://tinyurl.com/tpt9zahw>

Cracker barrels are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings. The Shawnee Chapter of Monaken Lodge Order of the Arrow will provide a campwide cracker barrel on Saturday evening. The Oneida Chapter of Monaken Lodge Order of the Arrow will provide a campwide cracker barrel on Friday evening.

Sunday breakfast will be in campsites.

Schedule

Friday, Apr 4, 2025

5:30-8 PM Check-In & Campsite Setup
8:30-9 PM Unit Leader and SPL Meeting
9-10:45 PM "Night at the Museum" movie and Campwide Cracker Barrel provided by Oneida OA Chapter
11 PM-7 AM Quiet Hours

Saturday, Apr 5, 2025

8-8:45 AM Catered breakfast

8:45 AM Flag Raising & Opening Ceremony
9 AM-12 PM Program stations
12-1:30 PM Lunch in campsites and Brownsea Island games setup
1:30-3 PM Brownsea Island games
3 PM-? Negotiation & Deductive Reasoning
5:45 PM Flag Lowering
6-7 PM Potluck supper
7-8 PM Closing Campfire & Awards (OA Call Out)
9-10:45 PM "Night at the Museum 2" movie and Campwide

Cracker Barrel provided by Shawnee OA Chapter
11 PM-7 AM Quiet Hours

Sunday, Apr 6, 2025

7-9 AM Breakfast in campsites
9:15 AM Flag Raising
9:30-10 AM Vesper Service
10-11 AM Break camp and check-out

Program Advance Planning

Prior to the camporee, challenge Scouts to bring along a collection of their Scouting patches or other memorabilia, and/or items or photos of patches or memorabilia from friends or family members who were Scouts. Scouts should pack them in an album, case or ziploc bag with their name on it. They will be asked to show them to Scouts from other patrols during the camporee. They may also wish to bring patches to trade, but that is not required.

Please also reach out to past members or leaders of your unit who might be willing to share their Scouting stories at the camporee. Have them get in touch with Matt Price at mprice@raystown.org or Doug Baker to participate.

Patrols must reproduce the equipment for an old-time Scouting game such as those played at Brownsea Island. You may find one on your own (with your unit leader's approval and following the BSA safety guidelines), or pick one from the Scouting Heritage merit badge pamphlet. Teach and play the game with other Scouts. Links are provided below for some suggested games.

Games from *The American Boys Handy Book* by Daniel Carter Beard:

<https://books.google.com/books?id=74cUAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=daniel+carter+beard&hl=en&sa=X&ei=iQ2PUIDxHOWYyAHVx4HYDg&ved=0CEIQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=daniel%20carter%20beard&f=false4>

- Unarmed War Kite Battle: Pages 23-24
- Simple model sail boats: Pages 119-120
- Bric-A-Brac or The Tourist's Curiosities: Pages 305-309: **Story will need to be adapted to more culturally sensitive language.**
- Mind Reading: Pages 309-310

Games from *The Boy Pioneers: Sons of Daniel Boone* by Daniel Carter Beard

<https://books.google.com/books?id=DCkKAAAAIAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=daniel+carter+beard&hl=en&sa=X&ei=iQ2PUIDxHOWYyAHVx4HYDg&ved=0CDwQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q&f=false>

- Costume Race: Pages 166-166
- Leap Frog Race: Pages 168-169
- Observation Race: Pages 172-173
- The Hawk Eye Test: Pages 174-175
- Racoon Pole High Jump: Pages 253-257

Games from *The Book of Woodcraft* by Ernest Thompson Seton

https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Book_of_Woodcraft_and_Indian_Lore/GUVIAAAAIAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=ernest%20thompson%20seton%20woodcraft%20indians&pg=PA291&printsec=frontcover

- The Game of Quicksight: Page 291
- Far Sight or Spot the Rabbit: Page 292



PATROL SKETCHBOOK

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"SCOUT STAVE"



sketch after Baden-Powell



...as a cooking tripod



...as a hiking stabilizer

Grooves for overnight camp-outs

SIZE: 5 to 6 feet long about 1 inch diameter

SOURCES:

- Tree limb trimmings
- wooden closet rod material (lumberyard)
- implement handles
- ASA Supply Catalogue

smile and a stick will carry you through every difficulty" - Baden-Powell

Heavy-duty rubber band

Brass tack at 5-foot mark

utility hook for a variety of uses, retrieving items, picking fruit, etc.

Peepholes drilled at right angles to each other for laying out a 90 degree corner ...as a fishing pole

20 to 30 feet of parachute line or nylon cording as a handgrip and emergency line

Grooves denoting 5-mile hikes

Brass tack and groove at 3-foot point (midpoint of 6-foot-long staff)

50 feet of fishing line around two Band-Aids and fishhook

Brass tack and groove at 2-foot mark

Brass tacks at 1 inch on center to continue inch scale and as emergency nails

Brass tack and groove at 1-foot mark

grooves at 1 inch on center as inch scale

Rubber furniture leg tip

...You will be surprised at how many tasks a good hiking stick can perform! Don't be without one when your patrol sets out!



