**CAMP SEPH MACK**

90th Anniversary

Fall Camporee



September 20-22, 2024

Leader’s Guide

Thank you for your interest in attending the **Camp Seph Mack 90th Anniversary Fall Camporee**! Events like these do not occur without the help of the many volunteers that donate their time and effort into producing such an activity for our youth. **ANY** help that you may be able to provide will be greatly appreciated.

**Registration**

Troops should register their scouts and leaders online by September 16th. Any individuals interested in volunteering as **staff** should contact the event coordinator. This is a great opportunity for any Eagle or Life Scouts, or those in the Order of the Arrow, to show leadership and help teach the younger scouts.

Also, campsites will be **“First Come, First Serve”**, with units registering early able to select their choice of campsite. Units will be contacted by email in the order in which their registrations occur online.

**Check In**

Units should check in at Hopocan Lodge between 5 and 8 pm Friday night. If there are any changes to the scouts that will be participating, please inform us at that time (or earlier). Each unit will be issued a parking pass, allowing **one** vehicle to remain at the campsite. At **NO** time should vehicles be parked **inside** the campsite. Recipes for the Patrol Cooking Challenge will be due at check in on Friday evening.

**Senior Patrol Leader’s Meeting**

Following the opening campfire on Friday night, Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders will meet at the OA Pavilions at 9 pm. Open area schedules and additional information will be provided at this time.

**Activities and Events**

Morning activities will begin at 9 am and conclude at Noon. Afternoon activities will operate from 1:30-4:30 pm. All areas will be open for the full 3 hours, although some special events will only take place until completed.

Some of the activity areas may require special gear or equipment. Although this list is far from complete, some of the events planned include:

* Fishing – scouts may bring their own fishing gear. Any Scouters aged 16 and over MUST have a current PA fishing license.
* Shooting Sports – NO shooting sports equipment may be brought or used from outside the camp, per BSA policy.
* Aquatics – Any units having “Buddy Tags” or a copy of Swim Tests should bring them. This will assist our Aquatics crew during any water-related events.
* Iron Man Challenge/Triathalon – Contestants should bring athletic clothing and running shoes.

**Museum and Trading Post**

A camp museum will be open during the open program area hours. Scouts and adults are encouraged to visit the museum and look at pieces of Seph Mack’s 90-year history. A trading post will also be open with snacks and refreshments and some Camp Seph Mack gear.

**Cub Scout Carnival**

During the afternoon program time we will also conduct a Cub Scout Carnival. All area Cub Scouts are invited to participate in the anniversary festivities on Saturday afternoon with their own Cub-specific activities, located in the Sports Field. Cub Scouts and their families can also visit the museum and trading post at this time.

**Evening Activity and Cracker Barrel**

This is a special Patrol Cooking Challenge for the weekend. Units and/or Patrols are asked to create a camp meal to include one main dish, one side dish, and one dessert, with at least one of these made in a Dutch Oven. Units will provide all materials and ingredients needed to create each dish. Patrols must turn in recipes at check in on Friday night, and they must be on the forms included at the end of this Leader’s Guide.

Examples of these dishes must be brought to the Dining Hall between 7 and 8:30 pm to be sampled by the contest judges. During this time, light snacks and drinks will be provided, and units may bring additional food and drink to share and socialize.

**Closing Campfire**

A closing campfire program will begin after Cracker Barrel, around 9 pm. A review of the weekend’s events will occur, including recognitions and winners of some of the special events.

**Vesper Service**

A brief, multi-denominational religious service will be held on Sunday morning. We ask that **all** units attempt to participate in this activity. Weather permitting, this will take place at the Chapel.

**Checkout**

Before leaving camp, units should pack up and police their campsites. Picnic tables should be returned to where they had been found. Trash bags should be placed in the dumpster near the parking lot. Units can then check out at Hopocan Lodge and receive their patches prior to leaving.

**Schedule**

Friday Activity Location

5-8 pm Unit Check in Hopocan Lodge

8 pm Opening Campfire Amphitheatre

9 pm SPL / Scoutmaster Meeting OA Pavilions

Saturday

6-8 am Breakfast In sites

8:15 am Flags\* Parade Field

9-12 pm Morning Open Areas Campwide

12-1:30 Lunch In sites

1:30-4:30 Afternoon Open Areas Campwide

Cub Scout Carnival Sport’s Field

4:50 pm Flags\* Parade Field

5-7 pm Dinner In sites

7-8:30 pm Evening Activity Dining Hall

9 pm Closing Campfire Amphitheatre

Sunday

7-9 am Breakfast In sites

9-9:30 Scout’s Own Service\* Chapel

10 am Check out & Depart Hopocan Lodge

\* Class A uniforms required

**Camp Seph Mack 90th Anniversary**

**Patrol Cooking Challenge**

Recipe Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Main Dish Side Dish Dessert

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Directions: (use back of form if needed)

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