

CAMPOREE 250

OCTOBER 9-11, 2026

CAMP SEPH MACK



2026 FALL CAMPOREE LEADERS GUIDE

**LACKAWANNA,
CHIEF GUYASUTA,
& PENNS WOODS
DISTRICTS**

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Overview

Join Lackawanna, Chief Guyasuta, and Penns Woods Districts for our 2026 Fall Camporee.

For Scouts BSA troops, this camporee will be a lot of fun and provide a great program with plenty of challenges as they learn and experience the history of the United States, from cooking, to games, to historic documents. This is also a great opportunity to invite an Arrow of Light den to camp alongside your troop. This can really help with recruiting!

For Arrow of Light Scouts, this is a great opportunity to meet Scouts from across our districts as you begin looking at troops to join. The entire program is fun and accessible for Arrows of Light. AoLs may attend with their den (following Cub Scout camping requirements), but we can also arrange the necessary supervision if individual AoLs are attending with a parent or dens cannot provide sufficient leadership.

Schedule

Check-in

- One adult from each unit (Troop, Pack) must submit medical forms and clearances
- All units must register all attendees, both youth and adults
- All units must bring their own water. There is no water available at Camp Seph Mack.

Friday, October 9, 2026

- Campers arrive after 6:00 pm
- Registration is open from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the dining hall
- Please bring all paperwork (clearances, medical forms) to registration
- If you arrive after 8:30 pm, please check-in at the Staff Pavilion

Saturday, October 10, 2026

- Registration is open from 8:00 - 8:45 am in the dining hall
- Please bring all paperwork (clearances, medical forms) to registration
- Volunteers helping to run stations should meet at the dining hall at 8:45 am

Program

Opening Ceremony	9:30 am	Parade Field
Morning Program	10:00 am	
Lunch	12:00 pm	Unit Campsites
Afternoon Program	1:30 pm	
Flag Lowering	4:45 pm	Parade Field
Dinner	5:00 pm	Unit Campsites
Closing Campfire	7:00 pm	Campfire Circle
Evening Social	8:00 pm	Dining Hall

Sunday, October 11, 2026

- Depart by 10:00 am

General Information

Registration

- All participants (Scouts and adults) must pre-register on the camporee event page: <https://scoutingevent.com/527-JLSFall2026>
- There is a tiered registration cost to encourage early registration.
- All participants must bring copies of their Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Records, Parts A and B.
- All adults must bring copies of their clearances and Safeguarding Youth/Youth Protection Training certificates.
 - Safeguarding Youth Training certificate
 - Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
 - Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check
 - Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Check OR Resident Volunteer Verification Form (if a resident of PA for 10+ years)
- All adults attending with troops must be registered leaders in that troop
- Adults attending with Arrow of Light Cub Scouts follow the rules of Cub Scout camping, so parents may attend without being registered leaders in Scouting America.
- Paperwork for all attendees must be submitted at registration Friday night or Saturday morning.

Safety

- For safety reasons, all participants should wear shoes or boots. No sandals or Crocs.
- There is **NO** water at Camp Seph Mack. The State Park has turned off **ALL** water. Even to the restrooms. There are port-johns throughout the camp. **ALL units planning to attend must bring their own water.**
- Fires may only be built in existing firepits, fires may not be built on the ground.
- Individuals with symptoms of COVID or flu should not attend.
- Yellow Creek Lake is strictly off-limits except for fishing.

Camping

- Registration will **NOT** include the cost of campsites.
- Units should plan to book campsites here: <https://campreservation.com/527/Camps/767>
- No meals will be provided, units are responsible for all meals.
- Please avoid driving in camp on Saturday during program time.

Program Logistics

- Troops must volunteer adults or older youth (14+) to program areas.
- During program time, Scouts should travel in small groups or as patrols.
- The buddy system must be followed at all times.
- Scouts should carry their Scout Essentials; no special program materials are required.

Campfire

- After dinner on Saturday, we'll have a campfire program.
- Ideas for skits, songs, stories, jokes, run ons, and other fun content should be submitted to Mr. Barlow in the dining hall by 1:30 pm.
- Every unit is expected to contribute some campfire content (e.g. story, song, skit).
- **All material must be approved in advance of the campfire.**

Arrow of Light Cub Scouts

- Arrow of Light dens and individual AoL Scouts are encouraged to attend.
- All program activities are designed to be fun and accessible for AoLs.
- AoLs may partner with a troop for cooking and program participation.
- AoLs must follow Cub Scout camping guidelines.
- If attending as a den, two deep leadership from the Pack is required, and if any female Cub Scouts are attending, at least one leader must be female.
- Parents and AoLs may tent together, but Packs are encouraged to have AoLs tent with others in their den to prepare for Scouts BSA.
- AoLs may not tent with Scouts in a troop.
- Webelos and younger Scouts may not attend, even for the day.
- Parents and legal guardians of Arrow of Light Cub Scouts may attend, but any other adults attending the camporee must be registered with Scouting America in the unit they are camping with.
- Individual Arrow of Light Cub Scouts may still attend with a parent or legal guardian if their den is not attending. ***Please contact the organizers to allow coordination of two-deep supervision.***

Program

Scouts will have the opportunity to experience a variety of program stations related to the history of the United States, from learning about the documents that helped to establish our country, to cooking the way early settlers might have done, to exploring the technological innovations that made the United States what it is today. In each area, you will learn details about the activity and how it relates to the America 250 anniversary. Scouts will have the freedom to move between stations at their own pace (there will not be a schedule of station rotations). Scouts may revisit a station multiple times if they wish. A more detailed program guide will be available closer to the date of the camporee, but we expect to include the stations listed below.

- American Heritage
 - American Indian Culture
 - The Declaration of Independence
 - The Constitution
 - The US Flag
 - American Labor
- Food and Cooking
 - Cast-iron Cooking
 - Campfire Bread
- Pioneer Skills
 - Log Sawing
 - Log Splitting
 - Sewing
 - Candle Making
 - Rope Whipping and Splicing
- Games and Sports
 - Kickball
 - Basketball
 - Games of the Past
 - Go Fly a Kite!
- Science and Technology
 - Ford versus Ferrari
 - Rockets!
 - Flight
 - World of Sound
- Fishing
- Range and Target

Emergency Procedures

In case of an emergency, a horn will be blown 3 times.

Emergencies can be, but are not limited to:

- Unforeseen inclement weather
- Missing Scout

When the horn is blown 3 times, **ALL** units and attendees **MUST** stop what they are doing and immediately come to the Dining Hall for further instructions.

Emergency Contacts

IRMC - Indiana Regional Medical Center

835 Hospital Road

P.O. Box 788

Indiana, PA 15701-0788

724-357-7000

Refund Policy

No refunds will be issued, unless the event is cancelled by the Event Chairperson.

