

April 5-8, 2024

Camping Guide Oliver

Perry District



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Welcome

Welcome to the Gem City Eclipse Camporee put on by the Oliver Perry District in French Creek Council. This camporee is being organized as a chance for youth from all over to experience the unique combination of activities that covers the S.T.E.M. fields as well as Shooting Sports within the BSA. We have many local organizations from all over Western PA coming to help introduce scouts to different topics and activities. Keep an eye out for the most current list on the registration site to see the updated list of organizations and activities that are attending.

Basic Event Information

- Who:** All Scouts BSA, Venturers, Cub Scouts
- What:** Gem City Eclipse Camporee 2024
- When:** Friday April 5th – Monday April 8th
- Where:** Gem City Outdoorsmen’s Club – 6701 Van Camp Rd. Fairview, PA 16417
- Bring:** Camping Gear, all food for weekend, raised fire ring
- Registration:** On-line via the following link: <https://scoutingevent.com/532-eclipse-2024>
- Deadline:** Camping Registration ends March 31st or once camping limit has been reached.
- Extras:** Range Classes are \$5 per person per class time – This is to cover your ammunition used.
- Contact:** Stephanie Jackson – 814-573-7673 or Stephanie.Jackson@scouting.org

Staff Advisor – Stephanie Jackson

Event Committee – Cam El-Farouki, Dan Ste Marie, Howard Richards, Carol Richards, Dave Hoenes, Nick Lang, Larry Daley.

Camping - Scouts, BSA – Limited to 250 campers total.

Youth -\$40

Adults - \$15

Cub Scouts Youth & Adults - Youth and Adults associated with a pack - Daily only and includes registration options for both Saturday and Monday activities.

Youth - \$10

Adults - \$10

Scouts, BSA Daily Registrations - Saturday and Monday Registration options without camping.

Adults Any Day or Combination - \$10

Youth Saturday Only - \$30

Youth & Adults Monday Only - \$10

Youth Saturday and Monday - \$35

Public Opening – Monday Only for Viewing

All Participants - \$10 each

Weekend Schedule

This schedule lists events that are happening as part of this event. Meals are the responsibility of each unit, please use this schedule to plan accordingly so your scouts can take advantage of everything we have set up for them. The Saturday schedule is subject to change depending on weather and other organization changes.

Friday

- 6-8pm – Registration for units camping for the weekend.
 - If your unit needs to be checked in at a time not within the limits above, please contact the event committee and let us know. We will accommodate to the best of our ability.
 - Once units are checked in, they have the rest of the night to themselves and get their camp set up.
- 8:30pm – 9pm – Range Safety Briefing
 - This is mandatory for any scouts taking a shooting sports class over the weekend. There is also a briefing Saturday morning. If you do not attend one of these, you will forfeit your place in shooting classes without a refund.
- 9pm – Leaders Meeting
 - This will cover specifics for the weekend. We will need at least one Leader per unit to attend this.
- 9pm – Evening movie Starts

Saturday

- 8am – Registration opens – for daily participants, and Camping units who did not come on Friday evening.
- 8:30am – Flag raising and Opening
- 9:15-9:45 - This is mandatory for any scouts taking a shooting sports class over the weekend. There is also a briefing on Saturday morning. If you do not attend one of these, you will forfeit your place in shooting classes without a refund.
- 10am – 10:45am- Range Classes #1
- 10 am - NSSA Presentation Starts
- 11am – 11:45am- Range Classes #2

- 11am- NSSA Presentation Starts
- 11am-2pm – Food Truck Open for Lunch
- 12pm – 1pm – 6 different Rocket Launches
 - Weather depending
- 1pm – 1:45pm - Range Classes #3
- 1pm – NSSA Presentation Starts
- 2pm – 2:45pm- Range Classes #4
- 2pm – NSSA Presentation Starts
- 3pm-3:45pm- Range Classes #5
- 3pm – NSSA Presentation Starts
- 4pm-4:45pm- Range Classes #6
- 5pm – Main Activities End
- 9pm – Movie Begins

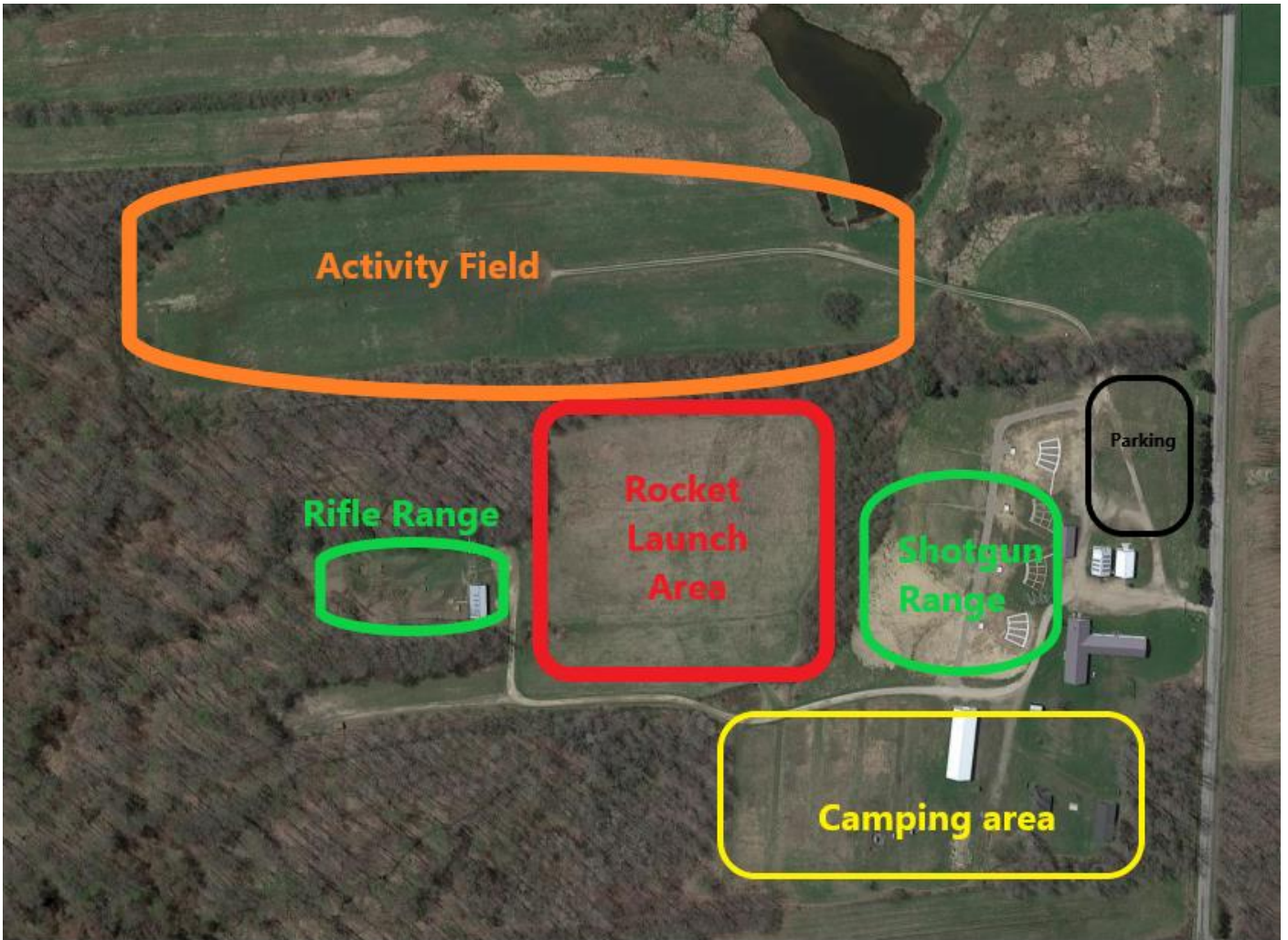
Sunday

- 10am – 11am - Scout Interfaith Service
 - There is a general overview of the service in this guide and we are asking units to register for the specific portions they would like to lead.
- 12pm – 5pm –Troop Competitions
- 3pm-3:45pm- Range Classes #1
- 4pm-4:45pm- Range Classes #2
- 8pm Campfire

Monday

- **Unit camps need torn down, cleaned up and checked by event staff no later than 1:30pm**
- **All scouts need to be off premises by 5pm following Eclipse.**
- Eclipse Preparation and activities through morning and the viewing.

Event Map



General Unit Information for Event

Event Check-In

Upon Arrival all units will need to check in at the registration tent. You will need to have Part A & B medical forms for all participants. The medical forms will be kept by the Unit Leadership and not Event personnel. You will be given wrist bands for each participant and leader. These will need to be worn for the entire weekend. Participants will be able to sign up and pay for additional range classes at the event check-in.

Event Staff

Event staff will be readily identified by their light blue Event Hats. There will be staff manning checkpoints throughout the area, at registration, at the ranges and at some stations as well as roaming the activities area.

Wrist Bands

Wrist bands will be worn by all participants and staff at the Camporee. The color of the wrist band will indicate what function that person has at the event. In case your wrist is torn or lost please report (with your buddy) to the registration tent.

- Weekend Camper Participant - Green
- Saturday Event Only Participant - Red
- Monday Event Only Participant - Yellow
- Cub Participant - Blue
- Presenter/Exhibitor - Pink
- Staff – Gold
- Range Safety Training - Orange

Camping Information

- This is a primitive camping event.
- Port-a-Johns will be available throughout the site. “A Scout is Clean” and should make every effort to keep the facilities in good clean condition.

- Hand washing stations will be available near the Port-a-Johns.
- Potable water will be available in the camping area but is limited. Efforts should be made to conserve water. Please bring large containers for your unit to transport water to your campsite.
- Unit Trailers can be parked by the storage building in the camping area. Once parked, the vehicle must be moved to the general parking area.
- Your unit will need their camping area to be checked to ensure it is cleaned before being allowed to leave the event.

Food

- All meals and food will be the responsibility of the unit camping.
- A food truck will be onsite Saturday during lunch hours, 11am-2pm. A copy of their menu is available in the back of this guide, feel free to utilize their services but you are not obligated to use them.
- Fires are allowed in above ground pits ONLY. You must bring a raised firepit as we do not have them available on site.
- Firewood - Needs to be brought and only limited kindling/tinder can be collected from deadfall in the woods. Firewood should be locally sourced and not transported in from areas outside Erie County, PA.

Medical Information

- All medication will be handled at the unit level. Event personnel will not hold, distribute or dispense any medication.
- Medical personnel will be available onsite during the event to handle any first aid or medical issues. They will be available in the main building as well as at a pop-up tent in the Activities field.
- Health forms will be verified at check-in but will be retained by Unit Leadership.

Troop Supplies Needed

Units will need to bring the following items in addition to any camping, cooking and unit gear that they typically use:

- Empty 2-liter soda bottles (one or two per patrol) – For making water bottle rockets for the Troop competition on Sunday.
- Shoe box or other similar sized box for making eclipse viewers (one per

scout/participant)

- Camp Chairs – for use in camp as well as for the movie showings.
- Firewood - Needs to be brought and only limited kindling/tinder can be collected from deadfall in the woods. Firewood should be locally sourced and not transported in from areas outside Erie County, PA.
- Skits and songs for the Sunday evening Campfire

Trading Post

A small trading post will be open Saturday and Monday during the Camporee. All purchases must be made by credit/debit card, no cash sales will be available. Items that will be available for purchase include:

- CTSR T-Shirts and apparel
- French Creek Council apparel
- Personal hygiene items

Evening Movies

- A movie will be shown on Friday night and Saturday night outside on the side of the building. Make sure to bring drinks and snacks.

Range Classes

All scouts registered for a range class either Saturday or Sunday will be required to attend one of the range Safety Briefs classes. These will be held Friday evening from 8:30pm-9pm and Saturday morning from 9:15am-9:45am. You must attend one of them. After completing this class you will be given a wrist band color specific to wear indicating you have completed this training. There is also a hold Harmless form attached to the registration and this guide. This form will need to be completed for each scout before they are able to be permitted onto a range. These will be collected at the time of registration. **YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ONTO A RANGE WITHOUT THIS WRISTBAND OR YOUR HOLD HARMLESS FORM COMPLETED.**

Saturday Activities/Organizations

- Eriez Magnetics
- Erie Bird Observatory
- Pittsburgh Space Command
- Asbury Woods
- PA State Police
- Erie Zoo
- French Creek Conservancy
- Purple Martin Association
- Fishing
- Rifle Ranges
- Shotgun Range
- BB Gun Range
- Leather Stamping
- Morse Code Keychain
- Critter Keychain
- Souvenir Button
- Gannon Robotics
- Regional Science Consortium
- NASA

Gem City Eclipse Camporee Scouting Participation and Hold-Harmless Agreement

French Creek Council, in conjunction with Gem City Outdoorsman’s Club, is conducting a Shooting Sports outing. Scouts will be instructed how to handle and shoot a Rifle, Shotgun, BB gun, and Bow & Arrow safely. They will also be provided instruction to increase their shooting skills. Scouts will have classroom instruction and range instruction in which they will shoot under the supervision of trained BSA Shooting Sports Directors, NRA Range Safety Officers, NRA Certified Rifle and Shotgun Instructors and USA Archery Instructors.

Scouts will be required to wear eye protection and hearing protection at all times while on Rifle and Shotgun range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range safety Officers and Instructors.

I, the undersigned, give my child, _____, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk.

I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release Gem City Outdoorsman’s Club, the Boy Scouts of America, the French Creek Council, the activities coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program. I understand that any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded if my child is removed due to behavioral problems.

1. Complete the training offered as part of the program.
2. Wear safety gear at all times while on the range.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of the NRA Range Safety Officers, Rifle Instructors, Shotgun Instructors and Archery Instructors always.
5. Do not handle any Rifles, Shotguns, Bows or Ammunition until instructed to do so by the Instructors.
6. Is a registered Cub Scout (BB gun Only), Boy Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout

Participant signature _____ Date _____
Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____
Parent/guardian printed name _____ Date _____

Sunday Interfaith Service

We will have an interfaith service on Sunday morning. We are asking that the units pick one portion of the service and lead it. We will have the service layout at the event for units to sign up for a specific portion of the service. This outline is below so you can start planning what portions you would like to oversee.

Trainer tip: *This sheet could be posted on the wall or projected on a screen.*

Interfaith Worship Service Planning Worksheet

Date: _____
 Location: _____
 Event: _____
 Leader: _____

Helper 1: _____
 Helper 2: _____
 Helper 3: _____
 Helper 4: _____

Include ✓ Y/N	Possible Elements in Order of Service	Sequence Number in Order of Service	Assigned to
	Processional with flags		
	Call to worship		
	Opening song (No. 1)		
	Prayer		
	Responsive reading		
	Offering, if appropriate		
	Song (No. 2)		
	Meditation		
	Suitable prayer		
	Song (No. 3)		
	Benediction or closing prayer		

Other notes: _____

Troop Competition- Sunday Afternoon

These activities are open to scouts who want to participate. Information for each station is located on the following pages. These are something else for the scouts to enjoy, but are not required to participate in.

Stations

Alligator Pit Crossing

Ladder Building

Atomic Pile

Knots

Water Bottle Rocket

Tic Tac Toe

String Burning

2-Man Saw

Ax Throwing

Alligator Pit Crossing

Summary: The “Alligator Pits” are marked on the ground, one for each patrol, 15’ x 15’ square. Patrols line up on one side of their pits. On signal the patrols lash together an A-Frame “walker” using either three [square lashings](#) or two square lashings with a [shear lashing](#) at the top. At the top they attach two 20-foot lashing ropes, and attach two more ropes at each corner of the crossbar, using [roundturns with two half hitches](#). These are the guylines. The patrol then stands the “walker” upright, and one member climbs on the crossbar. One Scout mans each guyline to help steady and to help propel the Scout on the crossbar as he tries to “walk” the A-Frame across the pit. Only the A-frame “walker” is allowed inside the pit.

Supplies

- two 8-foot x 4-inch spars to serve as A-frame shear legs
- one 6-foot x 3-inch spar to serve as a ledger at the base (crossbar)
- three 15-foot x 1/4-inch lashing ropes
- six 20-foot x 1/4-inch lashing ropes (for guylines)

Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Knot-Tying
- Spirit
- Completed
- Time

Additional Information

<https://youtu.be/IJINLuA5krk>

The real challenge built into this activity comes into play after the lashing is finished. The patrol is simply building a very well-lashed A-frame. As with all pioneering endeavors, teamwork is essential. With this interpatrol challenge, it’s absolutely necessary! Crossing the Alligator Pit affords a superlative team building opportunity. [Read about and view one patrol’s very impressive accomplishment!](#)



Patrols pull together to assemble their A-frame "Walkers." They work as quickly as possible but need to make sure their lashings are tight.



After the A-frames are built, the guy lines have to be attached, and their "Walker" needs to be stood up with their first patrol member balanced and ready to cross the "Alligator Pit."



The patrol is now challenged to keep their "Walker" standing while their patrol member attempts to move the A-frame and himself across the pit.

Ladder Building

Summary: with the above materials, each patrol will lash together a ladder with four rungs, spacing the rungs *FROM THE BOTTOM ABOUT ONE FOOT APART*, using eight square lashings. When sturdy, the whole patrol will stand the ladder up and take turns climbing to the top.

Supplies

- two 8-foot x 4-inch spars
- four 3-foot x 2-inch ladder rungs
- eight 15-foot x 1/4-inch lashing ropes



Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Knot-Tying
- Spirit
- Completed
- Time

Additional Information

<https://youtu.be/YJv7HTOAwNs>

The [square lashing](#) is the basic type of lashing for most pioneering projects. The more a Scout ties them, the more they become like second nature. That means, when the tying of an efficient and tight square lashing is “no sweat,” building a pioneering structure will be easier and more successful. This, of course, makes the experience more fun.

So, to assure the Scouts are ready and able to tackle projects that are challenging, fun, and rewarding, they need to feel confident and happy they can easily tie tight square lashings.

This challenge is very simple, *but*, it’s fun, and requires each patrol to tie eight tight square lashings. It’s great for new Scouts and a useful team-building activity and practice session “disguised” as a fun, fast-paced interpatrol competition.

Atomic Pile

Summary: This activity is so named because it's supposed to simulate the manipulation of radioactive graphite discs in an atomic pile. Like all good team building challenges, it requires concentration, cooperation, and strict attention to the Scout who's calling the signals.

The object of the challenge is to place and the Atomic Core on top of the Core stand (Frisbee nailed to top of a wooden stand). The Core is maneuvered by pulling in or paying out line from four ropes, each of which are tied to the rubber band that is stretched around the Core and controlled by an individual Scout. The stands can vary in height, color, position or can be numbered, all to correspond with how many points they're worth.

An additional test of skill can be introduced by challenging the Scouts handling the ropes to turn around so their backs are facing the log. In this way, they can't see the position of the log and placement of the wooden "cookies," and hence must rely only on the verbal commands of the signal caller.

Supplies

- 3-5 Guide Ropes 25' Long Paracord
- Atomic Core (Ball)
- Large Rubber Bands to tie the Guide Ropes to and stretch around the Atomic Core
- Stands logs of varying length with frisbees attached to one end.

Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Number of points earned in specified time
- Spirit

Knots

Summary: Each Patrol must successfully tie the following knots:

- [Square Knot](#)
- [Two Half-Hitches](#)
- [Taut-Line Hitch](#)
- [Sheet Bend](#)
- [Bowline](#)
- [Clove Hitch](#)
- [Timber Hitch](#)

Supplies:

- 12 ~3-4 foot lengths of rope

Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Knot-Tying
- Spirit
- Points for each knot successfully completed
- Bonus 5 point for not using book

Water Bottle Rocket

Summary: Each Patrol must successfully build and launch a water bottle rocket. They will get 3 attempts to achieve the highest flight.

Supplies:

- 2 liter bottles (on Troop List)
- Cardboard
- Tape
- Markers
- Water
- Rocket Launchers

Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Spirit
- Creativity
- Record Highest flight

Tic Tac Toe

Summary: Each Patrol must play a game of Tic-Tac-Toe.

Supplies:

- Beanbags
- 4 10' long x 2" diameter staves
- 4 Lashings rope

Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Spirit

String Burning

Summary: Each Patrol must attempt to build a fire and burn through the string. The base fire structure cannot exceed the 12" height of the lower string. The burn string is positioned at 18". Bonus point for not using matches, using a single match and using less than a handful of tinder. The general guideline is a handful of tinder, and a hatful of kindling.

Supplies:

- Tinder
- Kindling
- Firewood
- Halfbarrel or other platform for fire
- Matches
- Flint & Steel

Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Spirit
- Objective Completed
- Record time to burn through string
- No matches?
- Single Match?

2-Man Saw

Summary: Each Pair of Buddies must use the 2-Man Saw to cut a timber cookie.

Supplies:

- Large logs (6-8" diameter) for cutting
- Saw buck
- 2-Man Saw

Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Spirit
- Record Time and average across Patrol

Throwing Axes

Summary: Each Scout must attempt to hit the target with a thrown Ax. Each Scout will get 5 attempts.

Supplies:

- Throwing Axes
- Target
- Boundary Tape and Posts

Judging

- Leadership
- Cooperation-Teamwork
- Spirit
- Record Number of Successful Hits

HAPPY CAMPER SNACK SHACK



SAVORY



Roast Beast 10

Smith's shaved roast beef marinated in seasoned au jus served steamed on a hoagie roll

Cheezy Beast 12

Roast Beef with 2 slices of pepper jack cheese and topped with shredded cheddar

The Chickadilly 9

Breaded chicken strip, ham, swiss cheese and lettuce, wrapped in a steamed Greek pita, topped with feta cheese and dill sauce with a pickle on the side

Double Dog Dare (We dare you to eat it without a napkin!) 11

Two all beef hot dogs with two slices of pepperjack cheese, meat chili, lettuce and jalapenos, topped with sour cream, Franks Red Hot sauce, served on a steamed hoagie roll

Reuben Dog 6

All beef hot dog with swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and thousand island dressing

Chili Cheese Jalapeno Dog 6

Chili Cheese Dog 6

Cuban Dog 6

All-beef hot dog with ham, swiss cheese, pickle and mustard.

Plain all beef hot Dog 4

Walking Taco 4

A 1.75oz bag of Doritos filled with meat chili, shredded cheddar, lettuce, and sour cream (add jalapenos at no extra charge)

SWEET

Mini Donuts 6



CINNAMON SUGAR



OREO



FRUITY PEBBLES



SMORES

Warm Brownie Bites 6



THE HAPPY BROWNIE



BLACK FOREST



CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER



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DRINKS

Fresh Squeezed Lemonade 6

Soda Pop, Water 2



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