

PIONEER PATRIOT GAMES – Pioneer District Fall Camporee



Event Information

Dates: September 25-27, 2026

Location: Camp Hidden Valley

Event Registration

Register online via BlackPug at: <https://scoutingevent.com/544-115336>

Fee: \$15 per youth participant, no adult fee

Registration Opens: August 1, 2026

Register by: September 11, 2026 (fee increases after this day)

Registration Closes: September 21, 2026

Campsite or cabin reservations must be made separately by contacting District Director Sal Franqui at: sal.franqui@scouting.org.

Program Description

Scouts BSA Troops will be assigned to a group to compete with other Troops from their geographic area in a series of 8 events to determine a champion of our Pioneer Patriot Games! During the day on Saturday, scouts will be challenged to a series of Scouting related activities. There will be separate programming for Cubs that will overlap some station themes, and include time at the Archery range.

Scouts BSA Program will include a scored competition of Archery. Scouts are NOT permitted to bring their own bow.

Cub Scout Program will include similar programming to Scouts BSA, including Archery, while also giving time for Fishing and exploring a part of camp they haven't seen before!

Program Schedule

Friday, September 25, 2026

Time	Activity	Location
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Check-in (weekend participants)	Camp Admin Building
8:30pm - 9:00pm	Leader's Pre-Event Meeting	Wagner Training Center
10:00pm	TAPS & Lights Out	Campsite

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Time	Activity	Location
8:00am – 8:45am	Registration	Dining Hall
8:45am – 9:00am	Opening Flag Ceremony	Parade Field

9:00am – 12:00pm	Morning Program Rotation	Davis Field (Scouts BSA) Waterfront Field (Cubs)
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch	Boy Scout Pavilion / Unit Campsite
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Afternoon Program Rotation	Davis Field (Scouts BSA) Waterfront Field (Cubs)
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Camp Hidden Valley 5K	Administration Building
5:30pm - 5:45pm	Awards Presentation	Scout Pavilion
5:45pm – 7:00pm	Dinner	Unit Campsite
7:00pm – 7:30pm	Scout's Own Vesper Service	Outdoor Chapel
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Iron Chef Competition Judging Cracker Barrel & Movie	Dining Hall

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Time	Activity	Location
8:00am – 10:00am	Check Out & Departure	Unit Campsite

All Troops & Packs should be at their starting station at 9:00AM so staff may start the program on time. Specific rotation schedules will be given out at check-in on Saturday morning to each Pack or Troop.

Arrival & Check-In

Packs and Troops should plan on being at the registration table in the Dining Hall between 7:00 and 8:00am. Event maps and program area rotation instructions will be distributed upon check-in. Please be prepared to turn in 2 copies of your unit roster (upon arrival at camp and upon check-in for the event) upon registration.



A pre-event meeting via Microsoft Teams is scheduled for Sunday, September 20 @ 4:30pm. This meeting is intended for leaders to join for the volunteer staff to share important details ahead of the event.

Meeting Link: Fall Camporee Pre-Event Meeting

Sunday, September 20, 2026

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

<https://teams.live.com/join/9374437894888?p=n2ccVJ7mO7NPL2ECmu>

Event location address: Camp Hidden Valley, 268 Hidden Valley Road, Loysville, PA 17047



- 1 - Davis Field
(Scouts BSA Program Field)
- 2 - Boat Docks
(Cubs Program Field)
- 3 - Archery
- 4 - East Camp Gate
- 5 - West Camp Gate



Each Patrol/Den will receive a copy of the event station map at the event.

Program Details

Program Areas:

Scouts BSA

Scouts BSA Troops will rotate through stations to test them on the following skills: Camping Tools, Outdoor Ethics, First Aid & Emergency Preparedness, Nature, Fitness, Navigation, Archery, and Scout Spirit. Most challenges will focus on content that all scouts should know. For guidance, Troops can review the various requirements related to the above topics in the Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements.

Stations will mostly be centered around Davis field. Camping for the weekend is available in sites in camp and should be arranged with District Director Sal Franqui.

Each Troop will receive a schedule at check-in of when they should be at each station.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Packs will rotate through their own program stations separate from the Scouts BSA stations. These fun-packed stations will give Cubs a chance to do some activities that can either only be done at camp or are more fun when done at a camp! The stations include: Archery, Fishing, Fitness, Crafts, Nature, STEM, and Games.

Stations will be mostly centered in the Boat Docks field in central camp, across the creek from Rotary lodge. Cubs should be prepared to take a short hike around central camp.

Each Pack will receive a schedule at check-in of when they should be at each station.

Campwide Programs:

Camp Hidden Valley 5K - Introducing the first of its own, a 5K at Camp Hidden Valley! Following the day's program and prior to dinner, we're hosting a 5K for both scouts and adults to participate in. Anyone interested should meet at the camp admin building at 4:30pm. The route will begin at the camp's West gate, run down to Commissioner's Corner, around the Davis Loop, then proceed down to Friendship bridge, follow the paved road across center camp and into East camp, and out to the camp's east gate. Once at the east gate, runners will turn around and backtrack to Commissioner's Corner. Instead of going through the Davis loop again, runners will turn right and proceed back up to the camp's west gate. Crossing the west gate will be the end of the 5K route. All runners and professional walkers are welcome to participate with awards for the fastest and slowest runners.

Iron Chef Competition - each Pack and/or Troop staying for the weekend are invited to come up with and enter a dessert dish of their choice to be judged as the best dessert dish in camp on Saturday night. Any unit wishing to enter should bring their dish to the Dining Hall on Saturday night at 8:00pm to share with the judges (at least 3 portions) and enjoy while they watch the movie in the dining hall!

Scout's Own Vespers: A scout is reverent. After playing in camp all day and appreciating the wonders of the world around us, it is important for scouts to give thanks for everything we enjoy. This Vespers service is non-denominational and all scouts are welcome to attend for a brief period of reflection and gratitude.

Equipment: Personal Protective Equipment will be provided at each range & target station where it is required. Scouts are welcome to bring their own personal gear if they would like, the staff member running the range is allowed the final say on whether or not personal protective equipment may be used.

If any supplies are needed at a program station that the Troop must provide, it will be included in a Packing List to be distributed no later than the pre-event Leaders Meeting on September 20.

Scouts BSA List:

- Reusable/refillable water bottle
- Appropriate dress for the weather
- The “10 Essentials” found in your Scout Handbook

Cub Scout List:

- Reusable/refillable water bottle
- Appropriate dress for the weather
- The “6 Essentials” found in your Handbook

Uniform: Field uniforms are not required for the event. Activity uniforms are most encouraged. Clothing should be appropriate for camp. Shoes must be closed-toe shoes. Keep in mind that range road can get muddy if there is wet weather prior to the event.

Volunteer Opportunities

This event would not be possible without a group of dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this event, please contact the event chair by September 11, 2026.

- USA Archery Level 1 Instructors
- Cub Scout Rangemasters
- Non-certified Range Assistants
- Program Station Staff

All volunteers should report to the Dining Hall at 7:30am.

Meals

Pack and Troop meals are not included in the registration fee for this event. Units should make a plan for lunch while at the event. Participants are not allowed to eat while at ranges.

Volunteer event staff will be provided with lunch. Lunch can be delivered to range & target volunteers so they do not have to close down the ranges. All other staff will be fed at the Dining Hall.

Cancellation

This event is “rain or shine” and will only be canceled in the event of unsafe conditions as a result of severe weather. We hope for the best weather we can get, but please understand that in case of thunderstorms, we do have safety rules that must be followed and may impact your experience at the ranges.

Cancellations and refunds will follow the New Birth of Freedom Council Year-Round Camping Policies.

Pioneer District

This event is organized by the Pioneer District of the New Birth of Freedom Council. The Pioneer District serves Scouts within the Camp Hill, Carlisle, South Middleton, Mechanicsburg,



Cumberland Valley, East Pennsboro, West Shore and Northern York County School Districts.

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