

Conococheague Spring Camporee

October 2, 3, 4, 2026 Camp Hidden Valley

The Great American Whodunit



“Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man’s desire to understand.”-Albert
Eistein/Neil Armstrong

Schedule

Friday

1700 – 2100 Check In

2100 Leaders Meeting

2300 Lights out

Saturday

0700 Reveille

0700 – 0845 Breakfast (on your own)/

Station Set Up

0845 – 0900 Opening Ceremony

0900– 1000 Station Session 1

1000 – 1100 Station Session 2

1100 – 1200 Station Session 3

Lunch Travel

1200 – 1400 Lunch (on your own)/Free Time

1400 – 1500 Station Session 4

1500 – 1600 Station Session 5

1600 – 1700 A Soldier's Hand Service Project

1700 Dinner (on your own) / Free time

2000 – 2200 Campfire Program

2300 Lights Out

Sunday

Sign out with Camporee Staff

The Great American Whodunit

Scouts will work in their patrol to figure out who stole the Declaration of Independence. Clues will be provided throughout the day in various ways, so make certain to put on your thinking and observation caps to figure out whodunit.

Stations

Paul Revere Race: Light the Lantern

Benjamin Franklin Printing Press

Escape Rooms: British Barracks and Revolutionary Tavern

Frontiersmen Orienteering

Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution Special Presentation

Stations are 1 hour long. Scouts will rotate from station to station. Each station will hold a clue to help figure out who stole the Declaration of Independence

Colonial Newspaper: As a special extra activity, we are asking all Scouts to write a brief paragraph history or story of either your hometown or your Troop. These will be included in a special newsletter that will be distributed to participants for the camporee. We ask that everyone please submit their articles to cory.kercher@scouting.org by Wednesday, September 30.

General Information

Location

This year's camporee is at Camp Hidden Valley, 268 Hidden Valley Rd, Loysville, PA 17047. A map for the camp can be found here: https://newbirthoffreedom.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/HiddenValley_Map.pdf

Leaders Meeting

A leader's meeting will be held on Friday evening after check-in, roughly at 9 pm.

Arrival / Check-in Process

All units will need to check in on Friday night with event staff.

Bathroom Facilities

Bathrooms at designated locations on the camp property

Campsite Assignments

Campsites will be assigned to each unit for the camporee based on the unit's size and campsite availability. Units will be informed which site they are staying in when they check in with the event staff.

Garbage

All units should plan to carry out everything that was carried in.

Buddy System

Please remind all Scouts that the Buddy System should be used at all times. Campers should never travel alone.

Fires

Units are to use the designated fire rings located in each campsite.

First Aid

Each unit should bring their own first aid kit. Any emergencies should be reported immediately either to one of the activity leaders or by calling the headquarters.

Arrow of Light Scouts

Arrow of Light Scouts can attend as an Arrow of Light den/patrol under the supervision of two deep leadership from their Arrow of Light den/patrol or pack. The Arrow of Light Scout's parent or legal guardian(s) may attend with the Arrow of Light den/patrol and their child, either alongside the two-deep leadership or as part of it if they are registered with the pack.

Prohibited

Event staff reserves the right to confiscate any prohibited items or items felt to be unsafe from either campers or adults.

Prohibited:

- Fireworks
- Firearms
- Alcohol
- Tobacco use or possession by underage individuals
- Ammunition
- Laser Pointers
- Any other item determined to be unsafe