2026 FALL CAMPOREE
LEADERS GUIDE

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR (JOTA)
and RADIO MERIT BADGE

KEYSTONE CAPITAL DISTRICT – NBOF

Important Pre-Camporee Leaders Meeting

A pre-camporee leaders meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM. All volunteers, Scoutmasters, senior patrol leaders, and other adults are invited to review final camping and camporee issues and questions by using the following link: https://tinyurl.com/fallcampSPL26

This Year's Event • JOTA & Radio Merit Badge

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend of adventure, fellowship, and fall fun at the 2026 Keystone Capital District Fall Camporee, happening Friday, October 16 through Sunday, October 18 at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation. This year's theme features Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA), the largest Scouting event in the world. Scouts will have the chance to connect with fellow Scouts and amateur radio operators across the globe while working on the Radio Merit Badge and learning the power of communication through amateur radio.

Fees and Registration

Scout Troop Youth	$8.00
Troop Adult	$4.00
Camporee Volunteer	$2.00
Arrow of Light with Troop	$5.00
Arrow of Light Parent	$2.00

Registration is open now and can be completed by using the following link: https://scoutingevent.com/544-2026KCFallCamp

Late pricing begins October 2, 2026, and payment must be made in full to complete registration for the event.

Arrow of Light Scouts may participate at a Scouting America "camporee" during the day and/or overnight with their 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.

Fees cover program supply costs, recognition costs, the leadership cracker barrel and a collectible patch.

Location, Camp Services & Site Expectations

Location: Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, Loysville, PA

Water: Water will be available for cooking and drinking.

Trash: This is a pack-in / pack-out event.

Restrooms: Shower houses will be open, with restrooms available in the dining hall and latrines at the campsites.

Arrival, Parking, Equipment & Check-In

Arrival, Parking, and Equipment: Upon arrival, units will be directed to park in designated areas. Trailers can be kept at the campsite with one vehicle attached to the trailer.

Check-In: Upon arrival, the unit must send an adult leader to the administration building by the main parking area. Please do not enter camp until your unit is checked in.

To participate in camporee, units must have:

- At least two-deep adult leadership. All leaders with current Safeguarding Youth training.
- Current Scouting America medical forms (Part A & B) for all participating youth and adults. Units will keep the forms.

- Roster of participating youth and adults, including points of contact in case of emergency. Units keep one copy and provide one copy to the camporee registrar at check-in.

At check-in, units will receive:

- Directions to campsite and parking areas
- Invitation to Cracker Barrel leadership meeting
- List of activities, location map, and schedule

Safeguarding Youth Training, Medical Information & Safety

Safeguarding Youth Training Required for Adults: All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement.

Medical Information Form: Troops must have completed medical forms (Part A & B) along with copies of the front and back of insurance cards for all participants, youth and adults, attending the camporee.

Emergencies and Medical Care: Troops should be prepared to handle all non-emergency medical needs within their camps, including first aid for minor cuts, small blisters, and similar needs using their unit first aid kit. The camporee will have a medical person on staff for emergency needs.

Medications: Troops will be responsible for taking care of any prescription medication required for youth participants.

Weather Emergencies: Troops should go to the main dining hall in the event of severe weather or a weather emergency. Troops should prepare for adverse weather by making sure tents and canopies are properly staked down for potentially high winds.

Uniforms: Field Scout uniforms are encouraged during arrival and departure, Scout's Own, and Catholic Mass. Activity uniforms may be worn during patrol competitions, games, and other activities.

Duty to God & Camporee Program Philosophy

A Scout Is Reverent: Duty to God is part of Scouting. The camporee supports individual and unit needs for performing your duty to God. While some units are very active in their religious activities, there are other Scouts who have little contact with religion. The fall camporee offers two services, Catholic Mass and Scouts Own.

Units are invited to conduct their own services should they need special content. If any unit will not participate in a Scout's Own, the unit should remain in its camp and maintain quiet so as not to disturb others.

Electronic Communications: In order to provide a quality outdoor experience, the use of personal electronic devices, including cellular telephones, by Scouts while at camp is discouraged. Each Troop is allowed to establish its own policy for personal electronic devices.

Check-Out, Code of Conduct & Leadership Meeting

Check-Out: Since units may have diverse scheduling constraints, units may check out on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. When ready to depart, the unit must ensure that the campsite is properly cleaned up and all participants, equipment, and trash are taken out.

Code of Conduct: Participation in this camporee requires adherence to:

- Safeguarding Youth Training and Guide to Safe Scouting
- The Scout Oath and Scout Law
- Leave-No-Trace Ethics and the Wilderness Code
- Fire Safety, Totin' Chip, and Personal Safety Awareness

- Applicable laws and restrictions
- Tobacco products within view of Scouts are prohibited by Scouting America rules

Failure to comply with these rules may result in the individual or the unit being asked to leave the camporee event.

Prohibited Items: The Camporee staff or Scout Camp reserves the right to confiscate prohibited or unsafe items. The source guide lists fireworks, firearms, ammunition, alcohol, tobacco products, cannabis products, illicit drugs, knives with fixed blades, blades greater than 3", laser pointers, or other items determined to be unsafe.

JOTA / Radio Merit Badge Programming

STATION NAME	MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENT	LOCATION
Radio Safety	1	Nature Center 1
Radio Fundamentals	2	Nature Center 2
Radio Waves	3 & 4	Commissioners Corner
Radio Hardwire & Regulations	5 & 6	Olewine Pavilion
Amateur Radio (Licensed Operators)	8A: 1-5 & 9	Scout Pavilion
Amateur Radio Contact (Licensed Operators)	8A: 6	Scout Pavilion
Cellular Phones	7	Wagner Training Center
Radio GaGa	N/A	GaGa Pit

2026 SCHEDULE

Friday, October 16, 2026

5:30–8:30 p.m.	Arrival, Check-In, Camp Setup
9:00–9:20 p.m.	SM & SPL Leader Meeting & Cracker Barrel – Dining Hall
9:20-10:00 p.m.	OA Ice Cream Social – Dining Hall
10:30 p.m.	Taps and Quiet Time

Saturday, October 17, 2026

6:30 a.m.	Reveille
6:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast and Cleanup. Arrival and Check-In available.
8:45–9:00 a.m.	Colors, Opening Ceremony, and Announcements
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Radio Merit Badge & JOTA Stations
12:00–1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Break
1:30–4:30 p.m.	Radio Merit Badge & JOTA Stations
4:30–7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Campsite Decorations for Halloween
7:00–7:45 p.m.	Scouts Own Service / Mass
8:00–9:30 p.m.	Haunted Woods Trick or Treating at Campsites
10:30 p.m.	Taps and Quiet Time

Sunday, October 18, 2026

6:30 a.m.	Reveille
6:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast and Cleanup
9:15–10:30 a.m.	Clean Up, Pack Up, Check-Out and Departure