



2026

The Liberty Challenge Camporee

A Journey Through American History

September 11 to 13, 2026

Camp Old Indian

LEADER'S GUIDE

WELCOME FROM THE EVENT DIRECTOR

Dear Leaders,

We are excited to invite you to the 2026 Liberty Challenge Camporee at Camp Old Indian! Join us for a weekend built around our theme, A Journey Through American History, where Scouts will explore the stories, values, and enduring spirit that shaped our nation. As you prepare for the event, please take time to carefully read through the leader's guide and program guide, and follow each step outlined.

While this event is hosted by the Swamp Rabbit District, it is important to remember that the entire staff is made up of dedicated volunteers, parents, and leaders just like you. Their commitment makes weekends like this possible, and your preparation and cooperation play a key role in helping the event run successfully.

To keep the Camporee running smoothly, we ask that each unit assist by providing a couple of adults to help staff a challenge station over the weekend. If your unit has a particular challenge station you would like to run, please contact our Volunteer Event Program Director, Steph Burton, so she can coordinate assignments and ensure every station is fully supported.

We encourage everyone to embrace the Scout motto, Be Prepared, by planning to be weather wise and ready for whatever the weekend may bring. Just as important is arriving with a flexible attitude and a Scout centric mindset, keeping the focus on creating a fun, safe, and memorable experience for every Scout.

We look forward to an incredible weekend of adventure, learning, and fellowship, and we cannot wait to welcome you to Camp Old Indian!

Yours in Scouting,

Andy Brubaker

Volunteer Event Director

OUR GOAL

The goal of this event is to provide our Scouts BSA the opportunity to live out the Scout Oath and Law through engaging outdoor experiences that promote fun, encourage family participation, and offer select advancement opportunities.

ARROW OF LIGHT PARTICIPATION

Arrow of Light Dens and individual AOLs are warmly invited to join a Scouts BSA Troop for the Camporee weekend. It is a great chance for AOLs to preview the Scouts BSA experience and build early connections with a Troop ahead of their crossover.

Troops are asked to extend the invitation and coordinate directly with the AOL den's Cub Scout leaders. In accordance with Scouting America guidelines, **AOLs may not attend without a coordinating Troop.** Each AOL's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must attend the entire event, and Safeguarding Youth guidelines must always be followed.

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ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

- Check in opens Friday at **5 pm**. Please do not arrive early; we will not be ready before then. Check in closes at **7 pm**. If you believe you will arrive later than 7:30 pm, please contact the Event Director before 7 pm on Friday at **678.699.9610**.
- Check in at the Camp Office to turn in Scouting America Medical Forms Parts A and B for each participant (Scouts and Adults) and to receive your campsite assignment.
- Consider downloading and saving a copy of all completed medical forms to your phone as a backup, ensuring they are readily accessible in the event paper copies are misplaced or left at home.
- After check in, unload gear and head to your assigned campsite.

CHECK OUT

- Checkout begins on Sunday at **9 am**. Please complete the checkout process to receive your medical forms and event patches.
- Whenever leaving and returning to camp, sign out and sign in at the Camp Office.

PARKING AND VEHICLES

- Riding in the back of open trucks or similar vehicles is strictly prohibited.
- It is highly recommended that you bring a wagon or cart to transport your gear to your campsite.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Turn in Medical Forms Parts A and B and inform the Health Officer of any special concerns.
- All prescription and OTC medications must be stored under lock. Please turn in medications at check-in and visit the Health Lodge for administration.
- Medications must be in original containers and placed in a labeled resealable bag.
- Carry personal epinephrine injectors, heart medication, and inhalers as needed for life threatening conditions. A limited set of OTC medications is approved for unit and personal first aid kits.
- Practice and model proper hygiene throughout the event: wash hands before and after restroom use and before meals; sanitize before and after each activity area.
- Closed toe shoes are required at COI.
- The Buddy System must be followed at all times by youth and two-deep leadership for adults.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

While enjoying your time at COI, please remember the Scout Law, especially Courteous, Kind, and Clean, by serving as a respectful neighbor to fellow campers. Quiet hours begin at 10:30 pm on both Friday and Saturday; during this time, noise should be kept to a minimum and youth should remain at their assigned campsite.

Please also take pride in keeping campsites and campsite bathhouses clean, leaving each space better than you found it for the next Scout. Maintaining these standards is a shared responsibility, and we ask unit leaders and parents to partner with event staff to ensure a safe, restful, and positive experience for all.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

For everyone's safety, we must know who is on the property at all times. If you arrive late or depart early, please sign in or out at the Camp Office. Thank you for being so cooperative.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

Light Rain

Activities continue as scheduled.

Heavy Rain, Thunder, Lightning, or Hail

Move to assigned areas with area leaders. When the weather clears, staff will notify you via radio.

Tornado Threat

Assume the Tornado Safety Position: sit or kneel facing the wall, curl into a ball, and place your hands over the back of your head and neck.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED

- Personal firearms
- Tobacco products
- Vape products
- Electronic devices (MP3 players, handheld games, radios, etc.)
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs
- Aerosol cans
- Fireworks