

# NORTH SHORE DISTRICT



## Leader's Guide

To Be or Not To Be Camporee

April 19-21, 2024

Scout Camp Green Dickson

County Road 354

Shiner, TX 77984



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# Welcome to North Shore District's To Be or Not to Be Spring Camporee!

On behalf of Capitol Area Council and the North Shore Chapter of the Order of the Arrow, we welcome you to this spring's event at Camp Green Dickson in Gonzales County. Your staff has been working hard to plan a fun event that will showcase your troop and enjoy our North Shore scouting community.

The event is scheduled for April 19-21, 2024 at Green Dickson. If you've been to one before, you know that spring camporee is an annual event, hosted by the Order of the Arrow, inviting all North Shore District older scout units to camp together in spaces assigned for each unit. Each unit is asked to sponsor a station for the rotations on Saturday. Units may camp overnight beginning Friday.

During the day on Saturday, scouts will rotate through the unit stations and compete in a camp-wide challenge. Additional competitions will be held for campsites, campfire performance, entryways, Scout spirit, food and the traditional Top Troop award canoe. Troops are encouraged to bring your favorite campfire skits and songs with a renaissance twist to share in the evening campfire.

## **Cost**

Registration is through Black Pug at <https://scoutingevent.com/564-81779>

\$15 per Scouts BSA attendee (youth and adult)

The proceeds cover the cost of campsites, camporee supplies, and a patch.

Brotherhood sash: For those sealing their Brotherhood, please bring \$20 cash for a new sash.

# SCHEDULE

## *Friday*

6:30-8:00 PM Staff arrival and setup

8:30-9:30 PM Units check in. Gate will not open until 7:30PM.

9:45 PM Senior Patrol Leader Meeting (Scoutmaster attends)

10:30 PM Lights Out

## *Saturday*

8:30-9:30 AM Check in for Troop Saturday arrivals

8:00-8:30 AM Opening Assembly

8:30-10:30 AM Troops set up activity station

10:30-11:50 AM Station rotations (approx. 20 minutes each station)

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00-3:00 PM Station rotations

3:30-4:30 PM Camp-wide Competition Relay Maze

4:45-5:15 PM North Shore SPL Council meeting

6:00 PM Dinner

6:00 PM Campfire submissions due (skits, songs, stunts, stories)

6:30 PM Food submissions due

7:00 PM Flags, campfire, awards, Call Out (~8:30PM)

Following Call Out- OA Social

Following OA Social - Brotherhood Ceremony

10:30 PM Lights Out

## *Sunday*

7:00 AM Wake up and breakfast

8:30 AM Flag Assembly and Scouts' Own Service

Following Scouts' Own Service - Clean up, check out, and get patches

10:30 AM Last departure

## *District Camporee Contacts*

- OA Staff Advisor: Heather Spencer (512) 627-0139, hspencer112@gmail.com
- Camp Health Officer: Staci Kilpatrick (512) 657-5789
- Capitol Area Council Lead Ranger: Ranger: PJ Brown (979) 417-6564
- Capitol Area Council Executive: Jon Yates (512) 496-3289
- North Shore District Advisor: Justin Brundel
- NCAP Short-term Camp Administrator: Staci Kilpatrick

# SAFETY

## ***Camp Health Officer***

The Camp Health Officer on site is Staci Kilpatrick. The designated Medical Lodge is the white Medical trailer. The health officer will oversee routine cleaning and sanitation of medical facilities and equipment. She will typically be available in the Medical Trailer or its front porch.

## ***Closest Emergency Services 911***

Non-Emergency

Shiner Fire Department (361) 594-3333, 519 N Avenue D, Shiner, TX 77984

Yoakum Community Hospital (361) 293-2321, 1200 Carl Ramert Dr, Yoakum, TX 77995

Akin Ambulance Inc (830) 401-9986, 330 E 501 East 4th Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964

Gonzales Police Department (830) 672-8686, 716 St Paul St, Gonzales, TX 78629

Gonzales County Sherriff's Office (830) 672-6524, 1713 E Sarah DeWitt Dr, Gonzales, TX 78629

## ***Incllement Weather Plan***

See the Emergency Action Plan.

## ***Accessibility***

The event should allow for inclusion of all scouts and leaders. If you have any in your unit who may need extra assistance, please let us know in advance so we can address your concerns.

***Please read the entire Leader Guide for more information concerning scout safety.***

# GETTING TO CAMPOREE

## *Who can attend*

- **Troops/Crews/Ships:** Registered members of North Shore District troops, crews, or ships. Adults must have completed the YPT course since April 21, 2022, and be registered in a position that allows overnight camping with a unit. Register and check in as a unit.
- All attendees must be pre-registered for the event.
- Visitors are allowed at the discretion of the Event Coordinator. Please contact Heather Spencer in advance of Camporee.
- All participants and visitors must check in and check out. See Check In and Check Out Procedures.

## *What must be done prior to Camporee*

- Register in Black Pug. Each unit should register together as a unit.
- Units will need to prepare and obtain OA approval for a Scouts BSA appropriate activity. There are continuous BSA safety updates, so please consult the latest information on Scouting Safely (Guide to Safe Scouting, SAFE Checklist, and the General Health and Safety FAQs). All shooting sports activities must be approved in advance by the Council Shooting Sports Director.
- All leaders must be registered in a position that is approved for overnight camping and have current Youth Protection Training through 4/21/24.
- Scouts BSA units will need to plan for:
  - At least one Adult Leader with current Hazardous Weather Training.
  - Attendance Roster
  - OA Call Out list and Brotherhood Induction list
  - Water- Please bring potable water for your unit for the weekend.
  - No ground fires. We have limited water on site.
  - Hand washing station. May be a designated water jug with soap.
  - First Aid Kit to be readily available during unit activity hours.
  - Food for your unit for patrol cooking, as you would on a normal campout.
  - Trash haul out. There is no dumpster at Green Dickson.
- Gather forms and plan transportation. Scouts and adults who do not have complete forms will not be able to stay at camp. Units should compile all documents, including a unit roster for those attending, in one folder or binder without plastic sleeves. Please sort the AHMR forms alphabetically by last name. Binders will be available for pick-up at departure. Forms will be required for every person upon entry:
  - BSA Annual Health and Medical Record parts A & B.
  - Youth Protection Training Certificate or Unit print out with YPT dates from my.scouting for EVERY adult in attendance.

### ***Troop Unit Supplies to Bring***

- Individual Scout: their unit's regular weekend camping gear including tents
- Food and cooking equipment
- Dining flies / shelter
- Materials for Troop activity station
- Troop Flag, Patrol Flags
- Materials to construct troop campsite gateway/entryway
- Note: Hammocks are not allowed to be used on Council property. Drones are not allowed without council and event lead permission.

## GETTING TO CAMP

Camp Green Dickson is located at  
County Road 354  
Shiner, Texas 77984

From North Shore:  
Head to Gonzales, Texas.

From Gonzales,

- 1) Traveling east on Alt. 90 turn north-east on FM 532.
- 2) Turn right on FM 795 in 8.2 miles.
- 3) FM 795 turns into CR 354.
- 4) Stay straight on CR 354.
- 5) After 1.9 miles, camp will be on your left where CR 381 tees into CR 354.

CR354 @ Green Dickson Gate – Please line up / park on CR354 and wait for gates to open. Be careful as this is a 3-way intersection with large truck / trailers traveling along the road.



US 90 Alt @ FM 532



FM532 @ FM795



FM795 @ CR354



### ***Parking***

Please minimize the number of vehicles you use to travel to Green Dickson. Units will park by their campsite.



# MAP OF CAMP GREEN DICKSON



# CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

## *Check-in Times*

- **Staff Arrival:** Staff should arrive by 6:30-8:00 PM, Friday April 19, 2024. All staff must check in with the event lead upon arrival.
- **Units - Friday Arrival:** Scouts and adult leaders may arrive between 8:30 and 9:30 PM pm on Friday, April 19.
- **Units - Saturday Arrival:** Scouts and adult leaders may arrive between 8:30 and 9:30 AM Saturday morning, April 20.

UNITS: Upon arrival, please drive on the road and park at your designated campsite. For Campsites A-C, if you need to turn around, you can turn right at the fork and loop back to your campsite. Please be courteous if you are sharing a campsite with another troop.

## UNIT Check-in Procedures

The Senior Patrol Leader and their Scoutmaster should proceed with all necessary paperwork to the Learning Center Pavilion. While the SPL and Scoutmaster are checking in, Troops may set up camp.

At check-in, all required paperwork will be reviewed. Troops may leave organized binders or folders. Please do not use plastic sleeves to hold individual med forms. They will be returned at check out. Please have all paperwork for everyone who is attending at any time over the event.

SPLs will:

- Verify their rosters and only check in those who are physically present.
- State their troop's departure (Saturday night after campfire or Sunday after all program).
- Receive wristbands to distribute to all participants, both youth and adult. Wristbands are to be worn throughout the event.
- Verify unit activity they are running during rotations
- Turn in the award for their activity. Staff will bring the award to the campfire for a youth representative of the troop to present to the top winner of their station.

The Scoutmaster will:

- Turn in the troop's med forms and adult YPT aging report from My.Scouting.
- Notify staff of any scouts planning to arrive or leave and return on Saturday
- Notify staff of any expected visitors for the campfire for the Call Out or Brotherhood ceremony following. Visitors must have prior approval from event director.
- Verify their OA Ordeal candidates
- Verify Brotherhood candidates.

*NOTE: Those eligible for Brotherhood are invited to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony following the OA Social on Saturday night. They will need to be current in their OA dues and pay \$20 for their new sash. They may send their OA ASM or Unit OA Representative to the Administration Building to confirm on Saturday by 4:00 PM.*

### ***Unit Check Out***

Units may leave Saturday evening after campfire or Sunday morning at the closure of the event. If the troop has individuals leaving before the unit, the scout or adult should check out with their unit's Scoutmaster *and then check out at headquarters*. All departures must be recorded by an adult staff member.

When the troop's campsite is clean, the Senior Patrol Leader should report to the Staff at Headquarters. Staff will assist with check out of each unit after their area has been confirmed as clean. The staff will confirm with the Scoutmaster that the entire troop is departing. At the completion of check out, the Senior Patrol Leader will be given patches and all paperwork.

### **Individual Participant Entry/Exit:**

The intention is for all to stay the duration of the event. Special circumstances may be pre-approved by the unit's Scoutmaster. All arrivals and departures must be recorded by an adult staff member at Headquarters.

#### **Individual Check-in Procedures**

If prior arrangements have been made with the Unit Leader, scouts may arrive outside of Unit Check In, as long as the unit has already checked in and is still present. Individuals must have all paperwork turned in by the unit prior to arrival. A parent or guardian must escort the scout to the Medic Trailer to be checked in. The participant will be issued a wristband to wear and the scout will be directed to the unit's campsite. If the parent or guardian is dropping off only, they should leave camp after walking the scout to the unit's site.

Individual Check In Times  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

#### **Individual Departure Procedures**

If prior arrangements have been made with the Unit Leader, scouts may depart outside of Unit Check Out. The scout must be released by the Scoutmaster and report to the Medic Trailer. A parent or guardian must sign out the scout at the Medic Trailer. Then they should proceed directly to the bridge after walking the scout to the unit's site.

Individual Individual Departure Times  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### ***Visitors***

Visitors may attend Saturday evening Campfire only for the purpose of Order of the Arrow Call Out or Brotherhood Ceremony. They must check-in and out at the Medic Trailer with an adult staff member. Scoutmasters may alert the staff at check-in of all expected visitors. Visitors must have pre-approval from the Event Director. The Scoutmaster may contact Heather Spencer ([hspencer112@gmail.com](mailto:hspencer112@gmail.com)) for more information and approval.

## **CAMPSITES**

### ***Unit Campsite***

There will be designated campsites for each unit. The staff will communicate the exact location upon arrival. Reminder: adults and youth do not share tents. Youth sharing tents must be within 2 years of age of each other. Please keep the campsite clean throughout the event and be courteous of neighboring troops..

Linked Troops: Both troops will share a campsite. Each troop should set up their own campsite area as a troop.

**Note:** No open ground fires. We have limited water on camp.

# ACTIVITIES

## ***Senior Patrol Leader Meetings***

There will be an SPL meeting on Friday night in the main pavilion. SPLs may bring one Scoutmaster.

North Shore Senior Patrol Leaders' Council will meet on Saturday afternoon in the main pavilion. Senior Patrol Leaders may attend this meeting alone.

## ***Flag Ceremonies***

Flags will be held Saturday and Sunday mornings and Saturday evening prior to campfire at the parade grounds by the flag poles.

## ***Unit Competitions***

Each troop is requested to host an activity for other units. Units will rotate through stations during activity times. Each activity should be able to be completed within 10-15 minutes. Activities are highly encouraged to follow the Camporee theme (Renaissance: To Be or Not To Be Camporee) and scout-related activities, such as fire building, knot tying, Scout trivia, First Aid, Pioneering, rope making, games, team building, etc. Get creative, with the idea of reinforcing scout skills while having fun. All activities must have staff approval before Camporee.

The unit should have a method of scoring the units that visit their station. The results should be point-based 0-50 and turned into the Staff at the conclusion of the rotations.

- ★ In addition, the SPL or designee will award the top troop from their station with an award at campfire. Awards to be turned in at check in or prior to campfire.

## ***Camp-Wide Challenge***

On Saturday afternoon, the staff will host a separate Renaissance Relay Maze competition. Make sure you bring your Troop's trusty steed (stick horse). Bring the entire troop to cheer on the representative and anyone may run through the activity after the competition part. More details will be provided at the Friday night SPL meeting.

## ***Campfire***

Campfire will be held with skits/songs managed by the staff program team. Each unit and staff will be allowed to perform one skit or song, pre-approved by the staff. An award will be given for the best performance that fits the theme Renaissance. If a unit has visitors, the unit may decide if the visitors should sit with the unit or separately and establish expectations ahead of camporee. All current OA members should wear their OA sashes. Please make sure your 2024 dues are paid to be current.

## ***Saturday Campfire Awards***

May include:

Highest score for Camp-Wide Challenge

Best Scout Spirit

Quality Campsite Awards

Best Entry/Gateway

Best Activity Station

Best Dinner (Youth and Adult categories)

Best Dessert (Youth and Adult categories)

Best Campfire Performance

### ***Order of the Arrow Call Out***

Following the Campfire, the OA Call Out will begin. Please remain quiet and still until the end of the ceremony. The Scoutmaster should confirm expected candidates and the pronunciation of the names with the staff prior to the campfire.

### ***Order of the Arrow Social***

Following the Call Out, OA members wearing their sashes and new candidates are encouraged to join in a social in the main pavilion. The Chapter officers will share Lodge and Chapter information including Ordeal opportunities. Members will have time to visit with other members and enjoy light refreshments. Please make sure your OA dues are current.

### ***OA Brotherhood Induction***

Brotherhood candidates, including Scouts and Scouters, will register upon check-in to participate in the Brotherhood walk late Friday night following the OA Social at approximately 9:15pm. The cost is \$20 and needs to be paid at check in. It is expected that all candidates will be familiar with the OA obligation and other information that was included in the Ordeal packet. In recent years, the induction has changed from an interview format to a discussion. As a reminder, Brotherhood candidates must have completed the Ordeal before October 20, 2022 and must have demonstrated a commitment to their units since the Ordeal to be eligible and be current in their OA dues.

### ***Chapel***

A Scouts' Own Service will follow the Sunday morning flag assembly at the flag poles.

# AROUND CAMP

## ***Communication***

During the weekend, communications will be handled by the staff using megaphones or air horns to let groups know to move from station to station. The staff will carry radios to allow for remote communications.

## ***Building Use***

All building use will follow the established and approved council procedures. The only structures in use by participants will be pavilions.

## ***Water Stations***

Units must supply water dispensers for their participants. No ice will be available, but potable water is available from the water buffalo.

## ***Food***

Meals will be handled by the patrols within each unit campsite. Camporee staff will have its own quartermaster team to manage their meals. During food preparation times, dining, and cleanup, scouts should remain in their campsites.

## ***Headquarters***

The staff will maintain a presence on the field or Medical Lodge at all times from morning until lights out. The camp health officer will be stationed inside the Med Lodge. Participants will be allowed to approach for questions but will not be allowed to stay in the area for more than a few minutes.

## ***Staff***

Please ask any staff member if you have a question or need help. Running camporee is a full-time job over the weekend and please remember the scouts are learning leadership! The staff will be camping and dining as a group at Elgin pavilion.

## ***Facilities***

There are portapotties available.

## ***Trash***

Units are required to collect and haul trash offsite after the event. There are no trash receptacles at Smilin V.

## ***Wi-fi service***

None available

## ***Electricity***

None available at unit campsites. Please contact Heather Spencer if someone in your unit needs electricity for health reasons.

# CAMPER SECURITY

Make sure all forms are filled out prior to arriving at Camp please, think of those waiting to be checked in after you. A Scout is courteous.

All fields on the online unit registration form for each camper must be filled out and a current attendance roster turned into the admin staff upon arrival.

- ★ Standard AO.804 No youth camper can leave camp without the unit leader first bringing the camper to admin and meeting the person signing the camper out in the presence of an admin staffer. All adult participants will sign out if leaving the event before the end.
- ★ Standard AO.804 Wristbands will be used throughout the event, any person who is not wearing a wristband should be reported to an adult camporee staff member right away.
- ★ Standard AO.804 Any unauthorized person in camp who may pose a possible threat should be reported to 911 and camporee staff notified right away.
- ★ Standard AO.804 Page 14 Per BSA requirements, at least two registered adult leaders who are 21 years of age or older are required to attend with each unit, and to be present during the entire Camporee. Units bringing female youth must bring at least one registered adult female who is 21 years of age or older. All leaders must have a current Youth Protection Training certification.



# EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Scout Camp Green Dickson  
County Road 354  
Shiner, TX 77984

EMERGENCY: Medical, Fire, Sheriff: CALL 911.  
Notify camp headquarters immediately after calling 911.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Camporee Coordinator: Heather Spencer 512-627-0139  
Camp Health Officer: Staci Kilpatrick (512) 784-7201

## EMERGENCY SHELTER:

In case of dangerous weather, proceed to the main pavilion. If you are in your campsite, take shelter under your pavilion if suitable. If you cannot get any of these buildings, the following standard safety procedures should be followed:

### *LIGHTNING:*

- Stay away from natural lightning rods: trees in open areas, high ground, aquatic areas, climbing tower, canoes, and any metal object.
- If near a building or vehicle, get inside.
- In a wooded area, seek shelter in a growth of trees in a low area and not under the tallest tree in the area.
- If in the open seek a low area, such as a ravine or valley.
- Groups should spread out.
- Never stand under a tree, tall structures, or out in the open during a thunder/lightning storm.
- If unable to safely find shelter during a thunder/lightning storm, crouch down in a ball-like position with head tucked and hands over their ears to make minimal contact with the ground.

### *TORNADO:*

- Camp leadership should become thoroughly familiar with the terrain adjacent to their campsite as to the best location for everyone when a tornado warning is in effect. Everyone should try and lay down in a depression, ditch, or ravine to be as low as possible.
- Knowing the difference between a watch and a warning can be lifesaving.
- A tornado watch means conditions are right for a tornado to form. Keep apprised of weather conditions and be ready to take shelter.

- A tornado warning means that a funnel cloud or tornado has been spotted in the area. Take shelter immediately in case a tornado approaches.

*FLASH FLOODS:*

- Camp on the highest ground available within the established camping area.
- At the first sign of rapidly rising water, move to highest ground possible; leave all gear and or equipment as necessary.

# QUALITY CAMPSITE AWARD INSPECTION SHEET

Objective: To set up a model campsite.

Procedure: As a Troop/Patrol, decide the best way to set up your camp in the area you have been assigned. Take into consideration all the things the completed campsite will be judged.

Rules: Staff will be allowed in the campsite during judging. Any scouts and adults in camp at the time of the inspection are asked not to interact with the judges unless asked.

<b>Overall Campsite</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>
Tents arranged neatly with patrol areas easily identified	10
Tents assembled correctly, including ground cloths and stakes	10
Troop identification prominently displayed	5
Grounds clean, free of all debris and hazards	10
Well defined camp perimeter	10
Camp gadget or entryway	10
Subtotal	55
<b>Kitchen Area</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>
Mess gear properly washed and stored	10
Visible provisions made for trash/recycling	5
Menu and duty roster posted	5
Fire Ring Clean: (no ground fires) Use of charcoal in raised container OK, raised firepit with propane fuel OK	10
Hand washing station	5
First Aid Kit readily available	5
Stoves safe and operating properly	5
Subtotal	45
Grand Total	100

Judging Criteria: