

Fall 2025 Camporee

Level Up



Leaders Guide

November 14-16, 2025
Smilin V Scout Ranch
250 County Rd 286 Spur
Liberty Hill, TX 78642



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Level Up Your Scouting Adventure

On behalf of Capitol Area Council and the North Shore District Troops 258 & 358, we welcome you to this fall's event at the Smilin V Scout Ranch. Your staff has been working hard to plan a fun event that will showcase your unit and enjoy our North Shore scouting community.

The event is scheduled for November 14-16, 2025 in Liberty Hill. If you've been to one before, you know that this is an annual event, hosted by a Crew or Troop, inviting all North Shore and Hill Country District Units:

Older scout units - Troops, Crews, and Ships - will camp individually as units in designated campsites. Each unit is asked to sponsor a station for the rotations on Saturday. Units may camp overnight Friday and/or Saturday or come out for the day on Saturday. If your unit plans to arrive or leave on Saturday please let us know ahead of the weekend.

Packs - Arrow of Light only (5th graders) - bring your den for a one-night campout or join us for the day. On Saturday come participate in activities that the older Scout units host, a camp wide challenge, and campfire. Your den will camp as a unit in your designated campsite across from the older Scout units.

During the day on Saturday, Arrow of Light Scouts will rotate through the unit stations. All Scouts will compete in a camp-wide challenge Saturday afternoon. Additional competitions will be held for campsites, campfire performance, entryways, Scout spirit, food and the Top Unit. Units are encouraged to bring their favorite campfire skits and songs with an Amazing Race twist to share in the evening campfire.

CAMPOREE CONTACTS

- Camp Health Officer: JT Devenport
- Short-term Camp Administrator: Carter Davis
- Staff Scoutmaster: Shawn Trollope (258) & Carla Osuna (358)
- North Shore Program Chair: Heather Spencer (512) 627-0139
- North Shore District Executive: Justin Brundin
- Capitol Area Council Lead Ranger: PJ Brown (979) 417-6564
- Capitol Area Council Executive: Jon Yates (512) 496-3289

COST

The registration link in Black Pug will be sent directly to the unit leaders, posted on the district website, and the council calendar. We ask that **everyone register as soon as possible** so that we can plan appropriately.

\$15 per attendee (youth and adult)

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

SCHEDULE

*If noted Field Uniform is required. Arrow of Light and Cub Scout Leaders can wear their Activity Uniform (Pack T-shirt).

Friday (Scouts BSA only)

6:30 PM Staff arrival and setup

7:30-8:30 PM Scouts BSA units check in. Gate will not open until 7:30PM

9:15 PM Senior Patrol Leader Meeting (with Scoutmaster)

10:00 PM Lights Out

Saturday

7:00-8:00 AM Check in for Troop Saturday arrivals

7:00-8:30 AM Troops set up activity station

8:00-8:45 AM Cub Scout units check in

9:00 AM Opening Assembly *Field Uniform

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Station rotations

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00-2:30 PM Station rotations

3:00-4:30 PM Camp-wide Competition (All Scouts and AOL)

4:30-5:00 PM SPL meeting

5:00 PM Flags *Field Uniform

5:15-6:45 Dinner

6:00 PM Dessert Contest Entries Due AND Campfire submissions due (skits, songs, stunts, stories)

7:00 PM Campfire, awards *Field Uniform

Following Campfire - any day only participants must check out

Following Campfire - OA Social - wear OA sash

Following OA Social – Brotherhood Ceremony

10:00 PM Lights Out

Sunday

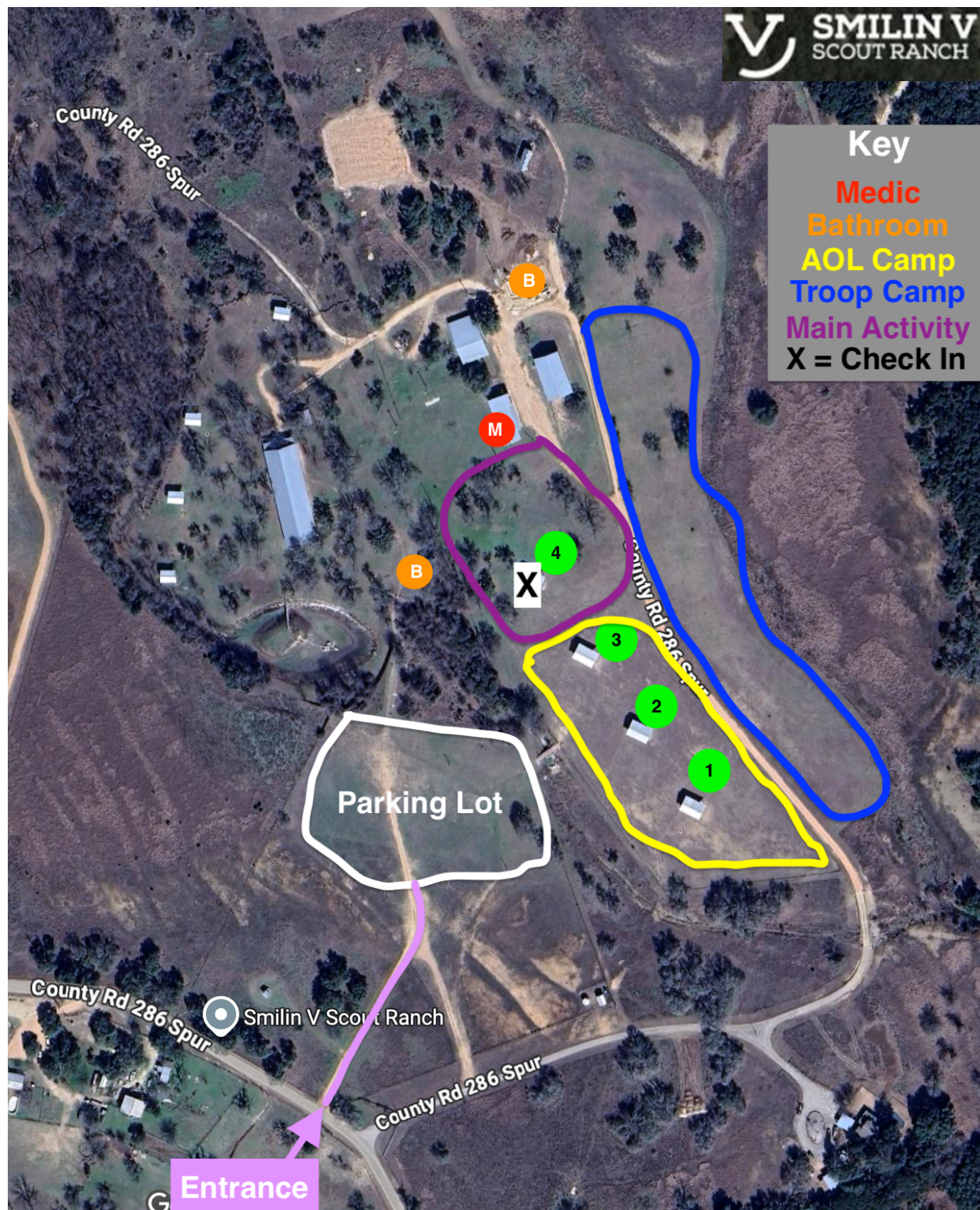
7:00 AM Wake up and breakfast

8:15 AM Flag Assembly and Scouts' Own Service *Field Uniform

Following Scouts' Own Service - Clean up, check out

10:30 AM Last departure

Schedule is an estimation and is subject to change at any point throughout the weekend.



SAFETY

Camp Health Officer

The Camp Health Officer on site is JT Devenport. The designated Medical Lodge will be noted by the Medic Flag. The health officer will oversee routine cleaning and sanitation of medical facilities and equipment. He will typically be available in the staff camping area or the Administration building if not in the Medical Lodge.

Bathhouse Cleaning

Bathhouses will be cleaned by the staff according to the established Council procedures. Please alert the staff if attention is needed in any stall.

Closest Emergency Services

Liberty Hill Fire Department, 301 Loop 332, Liberty Hill, TX 78642;
Non-Emergency Phone +1-512-515-5165

Inclement 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: Full Weekend, Overnight, or Saturday only:** Registered members of North Shore and Hill Country District Troops, Crews, or Ships. Adults must have completed the Youth Protection Training or Safeguarding Youth Training course good through November 16, 2025 and be currently registered Scouting America members with their unit. Register and check in as a unit.
- **Packs/Cubs:** Registered Arrow of Light (5th graders) members of North Shore and Hill Country District Packs and neighboring district Packs. Register and check in as a Den. **At least one parent/guardian must supervise your Cub(s). If you are coming as a Den, you must provide 2-deep leadership and a BALOO trained adult.**
- All attendees must be pre-registered for the event.
- 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.
- Troops will need to prepare an Arrow of Light appropriate activity. There are continuous Scouting America safety updates, so please consult the latest information on Scouting Safely (Guide to Safe Scouting, SAFE Checklist, and the General Health and Safety FAQs).
 - Submit the activity name and description for approval to the host troop
- Scouts BSA units will need to plan for:
 - At least one adult Leader with current Hazardous Weather Training
 - Attendance roster
 - Linked troops should plan to arrive together
 - Water - coolers may be refilled by the potable water at Smilin V.
 - Hand washing station. May be a designated cooler 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.
 - **Pack out all trash from your unit. There is no dumpster at Smilin V.**
- Arrow of Light and Parent of Arrow of Light Dens will need to plan for:
 - Attendance Roster
 - Water - coolers may be refilled by the potable water at Smilin V.
 - Hand washing station. May be a designated cooler with soap.
 - Personal or Den 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.
 - **Pack out all trash from your unit. There is no dumpster at Smilin V.**
- Gather forms and plan transportation. Scouts and adults who do not have complete forms will not be able to enter camp. Units should compile all documents in one folder or binder with a unit roster for those attending. 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.
 - Safeguarding Youth Training Certificate or Unit print out with Safeguarding Youth trained dates from my.scouting.org for EVERY adult.

Unit Supplies to Bring

Troops:

- Individual Scout: their unit's regular weekend camping gear including tents
- Food (for all meals) and cooking equipment
- Dining flies / shelter
- Materials for troop activity station
- Troop flag
- Materials to construct troop campsite gateway/entryway
- Award(s) from your troop for the best Arrow of Light group to visit your station
- Note: Hammocks are not allowed on Council property. Drones are not allowed without council and event lead permission.

Arrow of Light:

- ❑ Individual Arrow of Light Scouts: their unit's regular weekend camping gear including tents
- ❑ Food (for all meals) and cooking equipment
- ❑ Den Flag
- ❑ Wagon (optional) to transport gear
- ❑ Note: Hammocks are not allowed on Council property. Drones are not allowed without council and event lead permission.
- ❑ Note: Pavilions will be available for your use. They will be shared with other Arrow of Light.

Getting to Camp

Smilin V Scout Ranch is located at 250 County Rd 286 Spur, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

From Leander/Cedar Park/Jonestown/Lago Vista:

Get to US 183 and head north

Turn left on State Hwy 29 (go ~2.5 miles)

Turn left on FM 1869 (go 6.5 miles) - Watch for blue Smilin V sign.

Turn left on Co Rd 285 - Watch for blue Smilin V sign.

Turn right on Co Rd 286

Slight right on Co Rd 286 spur

Enter through the ***second gate*** (marked for event parking)



Parking

Parking for non-trailer cars will be limited to the standard parking lot. Only one trailer per Troop will be allowed to enter at the north entrance and will park in the designated area as directed by staff. If the Troop is not using a trailer, they will still be allowed one vehicle without Scouts to enter the camping area. Dens will park in the parking lot close to the footbridge.

CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT

Check-in Times

- **Staff Arrival:** Staff should arrive Friday between 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, November 14, 2025. All staff must check in with adult leader upon arrival.
- **Troop Friday Arrival:** Scouts and adult leaders may arrive between 7:30 and 8:30 PM on November 14, 2025. Check-in at the campsite 4 pavilion.

- **Troop Saturday** Arrival: Scouts and adult leaders may arrive between 7:00 and 8:00 AM Saturday morning, November 15, 2025. Check-in at the campsite 4 pavilion.
- **Arrow of Light Saturday** Arrival: Scouts and their parent/guardian or Den may arrive between 8:00 and 8:45 AM Saturday morning, November 15, 2025. Check-in at the campsite 4 pavilion.

All staff and attendees must check in upon arrival during the above times. For all other times, check-in and out will be at the Administration Building.

UNITS: Upon arrival, one vehicle or one vehicle pulling a trailer may proceed through the gate. Remaining vehicles park in the parking lot. **All participants will cross the bridge to enter camp.**

TROOP Check in Procedures

Upon arrival, vehicles will be guided to parking spots in the main lot. Once the entire unit has arrived, units may proceed across the bridge to check-in. The Senior Patrol Leader and their Scoutmaster should proceed with all necessary paperwork to Pavilion 4. While the SPL and Scoutmaster are checking in, troops may proceed to their designated campsite.

Each unit is allowed one vehicle and attached trailer to enter through the gate to the campsite area. Only one adult driver is allowed in the vehicle that goes to the campsites. Trailers will be directed where to park alongside the unit's campsite area. Drivers may wait for their Troops to arrive at the campsite.

At check-in, all required paperwork will be reviewed. Troops may leave organized binders or folders. 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 Safeguarding Youth information (list from my.scouting.org)
- ☐ Notify staff of any Scouts planning to arrive or leave and return on Saturday

Arrow of Light Check In Procedures

Upon arrival, vehicles will be guided to parking spots in the main lot. If traveling by Den, once your entire Den has arrived, proceed to the check-in pavilion.

At check-in, all required paperwork will be reviewed. Dens may leave organized binders or folders. They will be returned at check out. Please have all paperwork for everyone who is attending at any time over the event.

The Den Leader or Parent will:

- ☐ Verify their rosters and only check in those who are physically present.
- ☐ State their Den'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.
- ☐ Turn in the Den's med forms and adult Safeguarding Youth information (list from my.scouting.org)
- ☐ Notify staff of any Scouts planning to arrive or leave and return on Saturday

Unit Check Out

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

When the unit's campsite is clean, the Senior Patrol Leader or Den Leader/Adult 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 Den Leader/Scoutmaster that the entire unit is departing. At the completion of check out, the Senior Patrol Leader/Den 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 or Den Leader/Parent. 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 Headquarters 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 proceed directly to the bridge after walking the Scout to the unit's site.

Individual Check In Times

Saturday: 7:00 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 Administration Building. A parent or guardian must sign out the Scout at the Administration Building. Then they should proceed directly to the bridge and exit the property.

Individual Departure Times

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

CAMPSITES

Troop Campsite

There will be designated campsites for each unit. The staff will communicate the exact location upon arrival. Reminder: adult leaders 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: Please arrange to travel together. If your partner Troop arrives at a different time, have the driver of the campsite vehicle alert the campsite set up staff that more room will be needed. Each Troop should set up their own campsite as a Troop.

Note: Ground fires, including charcoal, are not allowed. If you plan to cook with fire or coals, you must bring your own off-the-ground (at least 6 inches) fire pit.

Arrow of Light Campsite

There will be designated campsites for Arrow of Light Dens/Arrow of Light and Parent. The staff will communicate the exact location upon arrival. Cub Scouts are allowed to sleep with their own parent or in a tent with other Arrow of Light Scouts who are within 2 years of age of each other. A pavilion with water and electricity is near your camp. Please keep the campsite clean throughout the event and be courteous of neighboring campers.

Note: Ground fires, including charcoal, are not allowed. If you plan to cook with fire or coals, you must bring your own off-the-ground fire pit (at least 6 inches) or use an established fire ring at campsite 2 or 3.

ACTIVITIES

Senior Patrol Leader Meetings

There will be one SPL meeting on Friday night in the Main Pavilion. SPLs may bring one Scoutmaster to Friday night's meeting. North Shore Senior Patrol Leaders' Council will meet on Saturday afternoon. 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 the Arrow of Light Scouts. Cub Scouts will rotate through stations during activity times. Each activity should be able to be completed within 15-20 minutes. Activities are highly encouraged to follow the camporee theme (Level Up) and Arrow of Light 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 learning Scout skills while having fun. All activities must have staff (host troop) approval before Camporee. The unit should have a method of scoring the Arrow of Light Dens 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 Arrow of Light Den 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 competition for all to participate in the fun. 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 Troop and Den 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, Level Up. Campfire will take place at the campsite 4 fire ring.

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 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.

Order of the Arrow Brotherhood

The OA will be doing a Brotherhood ceremony Saturday night, details will be provided at the Friday night SPL meeting. The cost for your Brotherhood ceremony will be \$20 cash. Alternate payment can be paid online for \$21 (includes online processing fee), bring proof of payment to camp. Payment should be turned in to Heather Spencer.

Chapel

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

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 1-4 and the bathhouses.

Water Stations

Units must supply water dispensers for their participants. No ice will be available, but potable water is available from spigots available on the front of the stable, on the exterior of the administration building, and in campsites 1-4.

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.

Administration Building

The staff will maintain a presence on the field or in the administration building at all times from morning until lights out. The camp health officer will be stationed directly outside or inside the administration building. 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 the area marked on the map.

Facilities

There are bathhouses with individual stalls. All participants will use these stalls for all restroom needs.

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

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EMERGENCY: Medical, Fire, Sheriff: CALL 911.

Address of camp is 250 County Road 286 Spur, Smilin V Scout Ranch.

Notify camp headquarters immediately after calling 911.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Camporee Coordinator: Heather Spencer 512-627-0139

Camp Health Officer: JT Devenport

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

In case of dangerous weather, proceed to the nearest pavilion at campsites 1-4. If the main pavilion is closer the main pavilion may be used as an emergency shelter. If you cannot get any of these buildings, the following standard safety procedures should be followed:

LIGHTNING:

1. Adults keep your car keys with you at all times
2. When lightning and thunder are less than 30 sec apart, seek shelter in an enclosed vehicle or building.
3. Do NOT seek shelter under a lone tree.

TORNADO:

1. All campers will seek shelter in a ravine or other low area.
2. Lie flat with hands/arms shielding head and face.

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 on.

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.

Judging Criteria:

Overall Campsite	Points Possible
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
Kitchen Area	Points Possible
Mess gear properly washed and stored	10
Visible provisions made for trash/recycling	5
Menu and duty roster posted	5
Fire pits meet Smilin V requirements (if used)	10
Hand washing station	5
First Aid Kit readily available	5
Stoves safe and operating properly	5
Subtotal	45
Grand Total	100

EXAMPLE PACKING LIST FOR ARROW OF LIGHT

Personal Gear

- ☐ Filled bottle (translucent or transparent) with water
- ☐ Wear Uniform with activity shirt underneath OR just your Pack T-shirt
- ☐ Day pack to carry essentials
- ☐ Backpack/Duffle bag
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Bug repellent
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Rain Gear/poncho
- ☐ Closed-toed shoes - no sandals, slides, clogs, Crocs, flip-flops, etc.
- ☐ Mess Kit (plate/bowl, spork, mug)
- ☐ Sleeping Bag
- ☐ Sleeping pad (optional)
- ☐ Camp Pillow
- ☐ Change of Clothes appropriate for weather (socks, underwear, shirt, pants/shorts)
- ☐ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, comb/brush...)
- ☐ Jackets and outerwear appropriate for the weather
- ☐ Flashlight/headlamp
- ☐ Tent
- ☐ Camp chair
- ☐ Optional: ball, card games

Kitchen Gear

- ☐ Camp Stove with propane
- ☐ Pots and Pans
- ☐ Cooking utensils
- ☐ Cooler with ice
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Food for weekend
- ☐ Dishwashing (3 bucket method: <https://tinyurl.com/CampWashing>)

Wagon to transport gear