

2025 Spring Camporee
The Great Gaga
Showdown!
Leader's Guide

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Hosted by Western Horizon District

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Event Resources

CHECK-IN: One unit leader will check each unit in at the camp headquarters. They will need to provide the following:

- Official roster downloaded from my.scouting.org (highlight the names of attendees). This is the only roster that can be accepted.
- [Medical Form Parts A & B](#)

All forms must be completed and turned in at check in. Please advise staff at check-in if any scouts or adults in your unit have serious medical issues, such as diabetes, severe allergies, or seizures. Your medical forms will be returned to you after your camp site is inspected and the Camp Director has cleared your troop to leave. The roster is retained by the camp.

PREPAREDNESS: Each participant should be prepared for all types of camping and weather conditions. Therefore, bring all necessary gear to enjoy the Camporee no matter what the condition is.

CAMPSITES: Campsites will be assigned by STAFF on a first registered basis as well as the size of the unit and best use of the campsites. There is limited space so some units may have to share sites.

VEHICLES: ALL vehicles will observe all posted camp signs. Posted Speed Limit is 5 MPH. Please make arrangements to minimize the number of vehicles taken to campsites – for example, by transporting camping gear in a unit trailer instead of multiple vehicles. All vehicles will be parked in designated areas and WILL NOT be driven in the camp area, except for handicapped use. Remember, no one may ride in the back of a truck or trailer.

Each unit will be issued limited vehicle passes at check-in and at check-out. All vehicles must be returned to parking lot as soon as they are unloaded. Please follow directions of Camporee staff.

CHECK IN: The Camporee check-in will take place at the camp headquarters starting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night. If arriving on Saturday, please note on the registration site (under Camping). We want to be completed with registration by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

All youth and adults staying overnight must be currently registered members of Scouting America.

All other Scouts and Scouters should remain in their vehicles until check-in has been completed. Once check-in has been completed go directly to your campsite and setup camp.

CHECK OUT: The Camporee will conclude around 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Any units that will be leaving the Camporee on Saturday, or prior to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, must notify the camp registrar upon check-in on Friday night.

Schedule

FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Check-in at Headquarters
- 9:30 PM SPL and SM meeting
- 10:30 PM Lights Out and Quiet in Camp Site

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Flag Ceremony / Announcements
- 8:45 AM Gaga Team Registration Ends
- 9:00 AM Morning Events Begin
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM Afternoon Events Begin
- 4:00 PM Events End
- 4:30 PM Dinner
- 6:45 PM Flags
- 7:00 PM Campfire Ceremony, Awards, and OA Call Out
- 10:30 PM Lights Out and Quiet in Camp Site

SUNDAY

- 7:00 AM Breakfast / Clean-up / Inspection At Camp Sites
- 9:30 AM Home Bound

SATURDAY MORNING EVENTS

- 9:00AM – 12:00PM – Gaga Ball Patrol Tournament Preliminaries
- 9:00AM – 12:00PM – Shooting Sports

SATURDAY AFTERNOON EVENTS

- 1:30PM – 4:00PM – Gaga Ball Patrol Tournament Finals
- 1:30PM – 4:00PM – Shooting Sports
- 1:30PM – 4:00PM – Scavenger/Geocache Hunt

A few important procedures.

At check-in, each scout will receive a ticket redeemable for five rounds of ammunition. Additional rounds may be purchased during check-in. Target and range sports will operate on an open-round basis throughout the event.

The first clue for the Scavenger Hunt will be distributed at lunchtime. Please visit the camp headquarters to receive your clue. To win the Scavenger Hunt, participants must return all collected treasures to camp headquarters and successfully answer the final riddle derived from the clues.

Registration for the Gaga Ball tournament will close at 8:00 AM on Saturday. No late registrations will be accepted.

Gaga Ball Patrol Tournament Rules

- Each troop can have up to 4 patrols, 5 scouts per patrol. You can use other scouts from other troops to form your patrols.
- Best patrol out of 3 rounds moves to the next bracket.
- A scout cannot be in more than one patrol.
- Patrols start with one hand on the wall of the pit.
- The referee throws the ball into the pit to start the game.
- Scouts yell "Ga" on the first two bounces and "Go" on the third.
- Scouts can only hit the ball with an open hand.
- Scouts cannot hold or pick up the ball.
- Scouts are out if they are hit below the knee.
- Scouts can use the wall to help jump but cannot sit on the wall.
- If a Scout catches a ball on the fly, the Scout who hit the ball is out.
- If a ball leaves the pit, the last Scout who hit it is out.

Camporee EMS/Fire Plan

Location: Camp Constantin

Contact Numbers: EMS/Fire/Police 911 Poison Control Center 800-222-1222

Medical Emergency

Prevention: All day events will be supervised and facilitated by competent and able-bodied staff. All camporee staff will have been trained in basic safety principles relating to weather and their individual events. If anything prevents the safe administration of events, said events will be postponed or canceled.

Reaction: Multiple staff members will be certified with the American Red Cross to administer basic first aid and CPR. We have a dedicated staff member who is a Registered Nurse who is designated as the event's medical officer and will be posted at a designated location. All roads in camp will be monitored throughout the weekend by staff to ensure accessibility by ambulance. If a medical emergency occurs, emergency medical services and the event's medical officer should be notified immediately. Staff will be dispatched to the gate to ensure the park is ready to receive an ambulance. Another staff member will retrieve the medical documentation for the injured person received at check-in. The subject of the emergency will be cared for by trained able bodied persons until EMS arrives.

Fire Emergency

Prevention: All fires will be made in proper containers (such as fire ring that is provided) and will comply with any policy or ordinance currently in effect, such as burn bans. Stoves and their fuel will be placed in stable and safe locations that are not subjected to extreme heat or sparks. Means to extinguish fires shall be present wherever a fire lay is created.

Reaction: In the event of a fire emergency, the local fire department will be notified, and evacuation procedures will be initiated. All able staff not helping to direct the evacuation will use available firefighting tools to help retard the spread of fire prior to evacuating. The park gate will be left open by staff on their exit to ensure that the fire department has access to the camp. Unit leaders (Scoutmasters, SPLs, Coaches, Captains, Advisors, Presidents, Skippers, and Boatswains) will be responsible for moving their units to the rally point and counting heads to ensure their entire unit is present. Leaders will notify the camporee staff of the status of their unit as soon as they are able to ascertain it.

Check-In Procedure

Summary

1. Drive to the pre-designated parking area.
2. Go to the check-in table.
3. Turn in paperwork (Unit roster, YPT report, and Scouting America medical forms verification)
4. Saturday check-outs must be arranged at Check-In.
5. Set up tents in assigned campground and get ready for a great weekend!

Details:

1. Drive to the designated parking area. Have your Unit roster and Scouting America medical forms ready to turn in. Staff will help direct you to the parking area.
2. Check-In will be located at the Headquarters building. Please meet the registrars at the Check-In table.
3. At Check-In, you will turn in your unit roster for members who are attending camporee (unit will not be able to check in without this at the time of checking, and medical forms will be verified. Pay any additional fees if required.
4. If your unit plans to leave the campground on Saturday, you must inform the registrars upon arrival at the Check-In table. Failure to inform the registrars may result in the unit's forfeiture of their camporee patches.
5. After Check-In, please go to (your designated campground) and set up your campsite for the night. Campsite will be inspected during the morning and afternoon events. Note: Scouts are responsible for stowing personal equipment properly. Staff are NOT responsible for any loss of personal equipment.

Camporee Information

- 1. Campsites will be assigned according to the headcount submitted.** Each unit is responsible for providing their own tents, cooking equipment, food, and while the camporee will have some first-aid supplies, each unit is expected to have their own first-aid supplies.
- 2. Participants are expected to obey the Scout Oath and Law.** Scouts will be allowed to demonstrate their leadership skills. Misconduct and/or un-sportsman-like conduct may be cause for asking a Scout and/or unit to leave the camporee.
- 3. A Scout is Trustworthy.** A Scout's honor is to be trusted. Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts attending the camporee are encouraged to have a good time. At all times, all attendees are expected to set a good example and to put their best foot forward.
- 4. Two-Deep Leadership** is required by National directive. Please ensure that you have a minimum of two leaders (one adult must be over 21) with your unit. Leaders must camp with their units.
- 5. First Aid** needs for minor injuries are the responsibility of the unit. Any serious injuries must be brought to the attention of the camporee staff. Ensure your unit has a Medical Release Form and Parental/Legal Guardian Permission release for each participant in your unit.
- 6. Check Out:** Any unit not officially signing out with a staff member, and having their campsite inspected, will forfeit their camporee patches. Prior to each unit's departure from camp, a staff member will inspect campsites to approve site condition. **Remember to leave it better than you found it!**
- 7. Saturday Check Out:** Any unit checking out Saturday must make prior arrangements with the camporee admin at check-in. This will ensure that a proper campsite inspection takes place before that unit's departure from this year's event. Failure to follow this procedure may result in that unit's forfeiture of their camporee patches.
- 8. Leadership:** Unit SPLs, Captains, Boatswains, and Presidents are in charge of and responsible for the conduct of the units at all times during the camporee. Units are expected and required to ensure that they comply with National policy regarding Youth Protection, Two-Deep Leadership, etc.
- 9. Help:** If help is needed, the camporee committee and staff will help as much as we are able. Ask for help at any time to help solve any misunderstandings or conflict.
- 10. Guests:** If you encounter someone who is not affiliated with the camporee, please treat them with respect and courtesy. Also, please notify camporee staff of any suspicious or dangerous behavior.

11. Restrooms: Restroom facilities are available. Please be as respectful with them as if you are in your own home.

12. Lost and Found: The Camporee lost and found will be at the camporee HQ. Be sure to mark your equipment and clothing, and please turn in any stray items that you may find.

14. Unit / Patrol flags are encouraged during assemblies and competition.

15. Unit Yell: All units will be encouraged to have a spirited yell.

16. Questions that are not answered within this guide, please contact: **Camporee Lead Sarah Simpson:** ana82_03@yahoo.com.

17. Notice to all scouters!

An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any Scouting activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

In addition, the Code of Conduct specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put Scouts at risk, including driving or operating equipment.

Reference: Scouter Code of Conduct

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/gss04.aspx>

UNIT CHECK-OUT SHEET

This form must be signed by a camporee staff member and turned in at the check-out table prior to your unit's departure from the camporee site. Failure to follow this procedure could result in forfeiture of your unit's patches. In your preparations to leave, please be mindful of Leave No Trace policies and leave the site better than you found it!

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Please fill in the following information:

Unit # _____

Unit Leader Signature: _____

Contact Information (in case of lost items): _____

Youth Leader Signature: _____

Camporee Staff Signature:

Comments:

CAMPOREE SURVEY

Please consider filling out this short survey to tell us how we did and what we can improve.

Rate the following on a scale of (Very Poor) 1-5 (Excellent):

Advertisement and Communication Prior to Camporee	1 2 3 4 5
Registration	1 2 3 4 5
Check-in Process	1 2 3 4 5
Location/Facilities	1 2 3 4 5
Staff Attitude and Appearance	1 2 3 4 5
Camporee Events	1 2 3 4 5
Campfire Program	1 2 3 4 5
Checkout Process	1 2 3 4 5

What would you like to see us Start doing?

What would you like to see us Stop doing?

What would you like to see us Continue doing?

If you run out of space, please use the back of this form.

Would you be open to help with next year's Camporee?

If so, best contact email _____