

2025 Green Mountain Council Rock & Roll Spring Camporee

Plus the first ever ...

Bicycle Gymkhana

Barre Town Forest - May 16-18, 2025



Welcome to a very fun and unique Camporee experience! **It is with great appreciation to the Town of Barre for sharing their beautiful forest with the Scouts to experience this one of a kind event.**

There are multiple options for activities and they include:

- Bicycle Gymkhana
- Frisbee Disc Golf instruction and game
- Vernal Pool walks
- Scavenger Hunt trail (you really don't want to skip this!!)
- Natural Rock Climbing
- Miles of bike and hike trails
- Invasives
- Camping (for the first time ever allowed by the town) in the Barre Town Forest
- Saturday Night Air Band Campfire Program

This Camporee will involve A LOT of walking - please be sure to wear appropriate, comfortable footwear.

PRE CAMPOREE LEADER MEETING: May 7 at 8:00 PM via [zoom](#)

So ... what is that you ask?

Bicycle Gymkhana

noun: gym·kha·na

: a meet featuring sports contests or athletic skills: such as competitive games on horseback

: a timed contest for automobiles featuring a series of events designed to test driving skill

This aspect of the Camporee will introduce scouts to the world of bicycle riding. Scouts will explore the area of the [Barre Town Forest / Millstone Trails System](#), and event space at the Barre Town Recreation fields next to Barre Town Elementary School.

Each troop / patrol will have a designated time on Saturday to compete in the Gymkhana arena (lasting approximately 90 minutes). Troops will be competing for prizes including a top prize of a day of guided downhill mountain biking at Bolton Valley Resort.

During non-competition times, troops/ patrols are encouraged to explore the Millstone Trails network, play a round of disc golf, or participate in naturalist programs offered by the Agency of Natural Resources.

PLEASE NOTE: This area of Graniteville is an old granite quarry site. As a result, there are various mining apparatus in the woods all around, including by the camping area. Care should be taken to avoid unnecessary risks around the old equipment. Cuts from rusty metal should be taken especially good care of because of the threat of tetanus. Please ask the Medical Officer if you are worried about a cut.

In addition to riding bikes, we hope that each participant learns a bit about the area we will be camping in. There are local history plaques in the area, and lots of cool mining things to check out, but remember that working quarries are hazardous. Stay on designated trails and you will be fine. Watch for vehicle traffic at all road crossings.

Helmets will be required while on bicycles at all times.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT THE SPRING CAMPOREE:

Disc Golf: The Town of Barre has graciously offered not only the discs but the expertise to run an introductory session and game of disc golf on their course adjacent to the camping area. This is a fun game that can bring a lifetime of enjoyment - youth and adults are encouraged to take a try at it!

Scavenger Hunt: This is an area new to almost everyone in attendance and what better way to explore and experience it than with a fun and challenging scavenger hunt! Think you can find all of the items? We will see it won't be easy!

Area Trails: Barre Town Forest and adjacent Millstone Trails offer more than 20 miles of well maintained multipurpose trails. Even if you don't have your bike with you we hope you will explore some of the area with your patrol or other designated group.

[Trail Map and Info](#)

Invasives: The Town Forest has, like most forests, some plants growing that are not native or welcome. The Town has offered to provide the education and training needed to help remove some of the unwanted guests. Scouts are helpful - let's all pitch in and assist with this effort! They have been beyond generous in allowing our program to run in their forest. Let's show them our Scout Spirit and give back.

Arrow of Light Scouts: They are welcome and encouraged to come for the day on Saturday. The only event not open to those not yet members of a Troop is rock climbing (bouldering is allowed).

CAMPING:

A designated camping area can be found off of Violette St in Graniteville, VT. Troops Will need to place tents in a tight formation. Space is limited. Troops trailers are allowed to be dropped off at the camping area. Troops can park one vehicle at the camping area "upper lot". Other vehicles should be parked at the Elementary School lot. Participants should bicycle back to the camping area to be with their troop.

Maps of the area will be available (see attachments to this document) as well, we are making an interactive online map to be used with mobile devices for navigation between event spaces while on bicycles.

Check In:

Check in Friday May 16 between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the Violette St camping area

Check Out:

Troops can check out Sunday morning May 19 after the closing ceremony.

PLEASE NOTE: This is the very first time that the Town of Barre has allowed any camping in their beautiful forest - our Scout Spirit and skills must be above and beyond, and WE MUST LEAVE THIS SPACE BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT. Please be extra vigilant before departing to check for litter or anything that wasn't

Scout Spirit:

Scout Spirit is at the core of everything we do as Scouts and Scouters. It is the embodiment of the Scout Oath and Law, and a very good way to spread the message of Scouting to the general public. Because this is a public recreation area, non scout individuals and families will be in the vicinity. Please show your scout spirit and treat these folks well. Many will have questions. Please try and answer as best you can in a cheerful, helpful manner. We will, as always, set the example for being Trustworthy, Loyal, Kind,

Uniform:

Opening and closing flags, and the campfire ceremony should be Class A (Field Uniform).

While on bikes or exploring the area, please use the Class B (Activity Uniform). For this event please dress similarly as a patrol (all same color shirts, for instance). Try to wear bright clothes so as to be seen while biking along roads and in public areas.

Helmets will be required while on bicycles at all times.

Emergency Medical Services:

While at camp, there will be a sign in front of the medical officer's tent overnight. During the event day, there will be two Medical Officers available:

1. At the rec fields under the pavilion by the rest rooms
2. At the Camporee Headquarters at the end of Violette St.

Troops will be expected to manage Scout specific medications and other medical issues as appropriate. Each troop must have a first aid kit centrally located and easily accessed in their campsite.

Campfires:

Elevated fires are allowed at the camping area. (No burn scars on the grass please). Saturday night's Campfire program is the exception. It will be held near the Headquarters just off of the access road.

Saturday Evening Campfire Program:

Get your Air Bands polished up!! This is a Rock & Roll Camporee after all so Saturday night after dinner we will hold a campfire program in the camping area. Patrols are welcome to bring their best rendition of a song (appropriate of course!), perform a skit, or tell a story. All performances must follow the BSA's campfire regulations and pre-approved by the camporee staff.

Cooking / Meals

Each troop must provide for the cleanliness of their campsite, and for packing away their own trash after the event. Troops will be expected to feed themselves at the campsite Dinner Friday, Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Saturday, Breakfast Sunday. Scouts should always carry their 10 essentials with them. If patrols plan to be on the trails, bring snacks and full water bottles.

Extra water may be found at the rec pavilion.

******There will be a Saturday lunch option at the pavilion by the rec fields and event space. We will be grilling some burgers if you want to get over there and bring a side to share. Please let us know ahead of time if your unit wishes to participate in this meal.

Medical Forms:

Each troop must maintain current BSA Med Forms parts A and B. C is NOT Required for this event.

Camporee Schedule

Friday, May 16

4- 8:30 pm. Registration, check in and campsite setup.

A trailer and tow vehicle may be left at the campsite. All other vehicles must be parked at the elementary school or other designated space.

8:00 pm. Scoutmaster / SPL Cracker Barrel at Headquarters - this is a MUST due to the nature of the event and need for sharing final information.

10:00 pm quiet hours

Saturday May 17

6:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast and cleanup

9:00 am Flags

A more updated schedule will be available at the event. But in general refer to the schedule at the end of this guide.

Bicycle Gymkhana

9:00- Noon. Event competition at the Rec Fields (about a 15 min ride from campsites)

Noon- 1:00 pm. Lunch will be available at the Rec Fields Pavilion

1-3:30 pm Event competition continues

Camporee Activities

9:30-11:30, 1 - 3:30pm

Vernal Pools Naturalist Hike Reserve a time via sign up board.

Disc Golf refer to online map to find first hole. Course goes right by the campsite.

Millstone Trails trail riding Trails are rated like a ski area. Green, Blue, Black. Beginner riders should master greens before trying blues etc... Arrows show direction of travel.

Event Competition: Bicycle Gymkhana

Description

A bicycle gymkhana is a bicycle skills competition testing balance and riding ability among other skills (like good listening). The competition will consist of five scored events.

- Barrel Racing
- Slow race
- Bicycle Polo
- Pole weaving
- balance beam
- hopscotch
- mailman
- challenge

Rules

Competitors will be given a sheet describing the event sequence and goal. Competitors will be scored as to how close they follow instructions. Some games will be fast, some will be slow. Some are team events, some are individual. Each event will be scored on a 1-10 by each judge. Top five events will be scored. Every patrol member must participate.

Schedule

Competitors will arrive early to be ready to begin at the designated time. All scored events will take place within 50 minutes. Out of time will result in a DNF and not scored.

- Group 1: 9:30 am - 10:20 am
- Group 2: 10:20 am - 11:10 am
- Group 3: 11:10am - 12:00 pm
- Group 4: 1 pm - 1:50 pm
- Group 5: 1:50 pm - 2:40 pm
- Group 6: 2:40 pm - 3:30pm

Awards / scoring for Gymkhana

Competitors will receive a score for each successfully completed event. Patrol Leaders will record scores in different events and report them to the scorekeeper for cloud update. High core wins. In the event of a tie, competitor patrols may enact a tie breaker bicycle challenge at the camporee.

Top award is donated by Bolton Valley Resort: Guided downhill group ride for the entire troop including rental bikes.

Camporee Awards:

Again, a BIG THANK YOU for being with us AND the Town of Barre for their incredible support and energy for this event. We are hopeful that it can become a fun option in the future for other Camporees.

Keeping in mind that this is our first time running an event like this, we always welcome constructive feedback (which is of course a GIFT). Please fill out a survey before leaving.

Yours in Scouting,
The Camporee Planning Team

Brian Carpenter, Troop 23 Richmond, Bike Gymkhana

Viki Delmas, Troop 1709 Montpelier, Scavenger Hunt

Kevin O'Hara, Northern VT District Executive, Climbing and got us this venue!

The rest of us who just did a lot of different things to make it happen:

Lynn Novak, Troop 709 Montpelier

Dan Currier, Troop 709 Montpelier

Amelia Currier, Troop 1709 Montpelier

Izik Currier, Troop 709 Montpelier

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Keith VanDerstine, Troop 709 Montpelier

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