

Northern Vermont Bogoree “Back to Basics” Event Guide

Come to the Bog!!!

390 Granby Road

Victory, VT

October 10-12, 2025

**This is a Pre-Registration Only
WILDERNESS Camping Opportunity**

Questions? Scott at s_j_herring@yahoo.com

- **This event is for Registered Scouts BSA and Leaders.**

- **Arrow of Light Scouts**

... may participate at a Scouts BSA "camporee" during the day and/or overnight in one of two ways:

- I. With their Arrow of Light Den/Patrol. Arrow of Light Scouts can attend as an Arrow of Light den/patrol under the supervision of two deep leadership from their Arrow of Light den/patrol or pack. The Arrow of Light Scout's parent or legal guardian(s) may attend with the Arrow of Light den/patrol and their child, either alongside the two-deep leadership or as part of it if they are registered with the pack. Or
- II. As an Individual Scout. Arrow of Light Scouts can attend with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the local council coordinates two deep leadership.

- **WEBELOS**

... may NOT participate during the day and/or overnight, even as visitors.

[Guide to Safe Scouting]

Register your unit at <https://scoutingevent.com/592-Bog2025>

Roster and payment due to Council by October 3, 2025.

Bog Beaver Day – October 4, 2025

The week before the big event, we go to the Bog and make sure sites are cleared and the grounds will be ready to accommodate everyone. All units are invited to come and work on their own site.

Camp Behavior: Unit leaders are expected to maintain control over the behavior of their Scouts. Unsafe behavior, i.e., stick fighting, etc., will not be permitted for the safety of all those in camp.

Boundaries: We are camping on private property. It is important that all units camp within their designated Campsite.

Fires: Monitor current weather conditions and fire danger ratings. If safe, you will be permitted to use an in-ground fire ring. Troops are responsible for their own water to fill fire buckets. You must have a fire bucket at your site if you have a fire. **ALL open fires MUST be attended at all times.**

Firewood: Sourcing on-site firewood from downed and dead trees is allowed. However, you may need to bring your own firewood, which must be harvested within the state. Firewood can carry pests from one region of the state to another. Get wood from the closest source possible. Vermont Agency of Natural Resources considers anything over 50 miles to be risky. Within 25 miles is better. To help slow the spread of emerald ash borer within Vermont, ash firewood that has not been heat treated should not be moved outside of the [Emerald Ash Borer Infested Area in Vermont](https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/map/vermont). (<https://www.dontmovefirewood.org/map/vermont>)

Water: Troops are responsible for their own Water.

First Aid: All incidents MUST be reported to the Medical Officer(s).

Garbage: Carry in, Carry out. Be sure to police your area before leaving.



Port-o-lets will be on site. Please make every effort to keep them clean.

Uniforms: All Scouts are required to be in the Field Uniform for Opening Ceremony and Scouts' Own. Uniform for Activities may be determined by each Troop.

Keep in mind

1. Medical form parts A & B are required and will be reviewed by the Medical Officer.
2. All medications will be the responsibility of the Unit Leader.
3. Scouts & leaders **MUST** ensure that everyone has the proper equipment for camping.
4. Absolutely **NO** alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana. Smoking allowed in locations out of sight of the Scouts.
5. **NO** firearms, fireworks, or explosives.
6. Don't dig unnecessary holes, trenches, etc.
7. **NO** individual fixed blade knives, axes, hatchets, etc.; Totin' Chip required for Scouts using these.
8. Scouts are expected to adhere to the Outdoor Code.

Remember these policies are for your safety and will be enforced.

SCOUT COURTESY

All are expected to remember, communicate, and enforce the fifth point of the Scout Law during the Camporee: A Scout is Courteous. We expect each Scout and Scouter to be courteous to neighboring Troop camping areas, as well as to each other, in the true Spirit of Scouting.

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to —

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will take care of it for myself and others. I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire.

I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fires only when and where they are permitted and appropriate. When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out. I will leave a clean fire ring or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

I will treat the land and other land users with respect. I will follow the principles of outdoor ethics for all outdoor activities.

Be conservation-minded.

I will learn about and practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife and energy. I will urge others to do the same.

Welcome to Victory Bog, the home of the Bogoree!!!

October 10th

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| 5:00 – 8:00 pm | Check in on the porch of Main Cabin |
| 8:30 – 9:00 pm | Cracker barrel (SPL & 1 Leader) Main Cabin |



October 11th

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| 8:00 – 8:30 am | Opening Ceremony |
| 9:00 am – 6:30 pm | Scout Basics program as determined by units |
| 6:30 pm | Evening Program: Skits* |



October 12th

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| 8:30 – 9:00 am | Scouts' Own & Closing |
| 9:00 – 10:00 am | Breakdown and Clean Campsites |
| 10:00 am | Homeward Bound |



* Skits should be pre-approved by a unit leader to assure they fall within current guidelines.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

(Teaming up with other units is encouraged)

Scout Basics. Take advantage of the Bog to help your Scouts with the basic Scout skills, and to rank up. Totin' Chip, Plant Identification, Animal Identification, Outdoor Code, Camping Merit Badge Requirements, Cooking Merit Badge requirements, to name a few.

5-Mile Hike along the road. Markers will be placed at the halfway mark in both directions. Reminder that Scouts must be accompanied by two registered leaders.

Explore the Bog. You are camping adjacent to Victory Bog Wildlife Management Area, a spectacular lowland natural area with a large diversity of plant and animal species covering some 28,000 acres of land, with a network of 27.5 miles of trails. A few miles back, you passed the Damon's Crossing parking area. A universal access trail at Damon's Crossing leads to an accessible wildlife viewing platform with views of wetlands as well as the surrounding landscape. The trail is .15 miles each way, 4+ feet wide and the surface is compacted stone with some sections of boardwalk. (<https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/victory-state-forest-trails>)