

Calvin Coolidge District Presents:



November 13-15, 2026
Guilford Fair
163 Fairground Road
Guilford, Vermont



Welcome!

The scouts and leaders of Troop 405 and the planning committee are excited to welcome you to Campsgiving 2026. Whether it's your first or fifth time joining us for Campsgiving, we hope this packet will help you to feel comfortable and prepared for the event.

Campsgiving started as a post-COVID opportunity for fellowship between Troop 405 and Pack 447. Over the next few years, we began inviting other troops to join us, and the event grew into a celebration of friendship, creativity, companionship, and outdoor cooking, culminating in a Thanksgiving-style feast. In 2025, we realized that our gathering had become large enough to become a district event. This is the second annual Calvin Coolidge District version of Campsgiving.

This event is almost entirely youth-led, and is purposefully as unstructured as possible. We sometimes describe it as "the un-Camporee." Like the best Thanksgiving gatherings, it works best when friends all gather in the kitchen to enjoy time together, relax, share stories, and perhaps play a game or two, without the pressure of rushing from one scheduled activity to another. As you will see in the following pages, troops are encouraged to bring activities to lead and share, and to rotate in and out of kitchen duty. Sometime in the late afternoon, we will gather at a long communal table and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal, family style.

We can't wait to see you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Registration and Check-in

Registration Fee: \$5 per person

Register by **Friday, November 6, 2026**: <https://scoutingevent.com/592-112656>

Female scouts must be accompanied by a registered female adult who has completed Safeguarding Youth Training. Female lone scouts must connect with a female troop that is attending.

Check-in is Friday, November 13 from **5:30pm – 7:30pm** and Saturday, November 14 from **8:30 am to 10 am**. At check in, we will:

- ◆ Check in troops and individuals according to the registration roster
- ◆ Direct the unit to available camping areas so that it can get set up

Information About the Site

The event is held at the Guilford, Vermont fairgrounds. Thanks to the generosity of the Guilford Fair Association, we have the use of the entire property. Out of respect for that generosity, we do our best to be good guests and to be mindful of the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles as we move over the grounds.

Camping: Troops may set up camp anywhere on the grounds, most of which are open, grassy fields. Some of the fair buildings offer sheltered porches.

Bathrooms: There is one bathroom facility, which contains pit toilets. **There will not be running water** at the time of our event. It will have been turned off for the season. We will bring a supply of bath tissue, hand soap, and paper towels, and would appreciate each troop bringing some to contribute as well.

Drinking water: See above, regarding running water. **You will need to bring your own cooking, drinking, and wash water.**

Fires and fire pits: All fires need to be contained in raised fire pits, and you will need to bring a supply of firewood for your troop's fire.

Meals and cooking: Troops are responsible for their own Saturday breakfast and lunch, and Sunday breakfast. Saturday dinner (the Campsgiving feast!) is communal. We will provide each troop with a turkey. Youth leadership from each participating troop will meet over Zoom in the weeks leading up to the event to decide which troops will prepare which side dishes and desserts.

Each troop will be given space in the larger of the two cattle barns to set up its kitchen. Food preparation will happen in that space throughout the day. The barn has a concrete floor, half-open sides, ample wooden picnic-style tables and electric overhead lighting,

although you will want to supplement with lanterns as evening falls. There are a handful of electrical outlets, but not enough to rely on for cooking tasks. Scouts will set up a long, communal table in the smaller cattle barn, and that is where we will eat the Campsgiving feast. After the meal, we will share in the work of cleaning up and putting food away, and then we can enjoy campfire time and games into the night.

Uniform/Clothing: The SBSA Field (Class A) uniform is expected for all Scouts and Scouters at the opening flag ceremony. The Activity (Class B) uniform may be worn during campsite set up, activities throughout the day, and meals. Please be attentive to the weather forecast for the weekend, and recognize that this is an entirely outdoor event. The barns offer some shelter, but they are not fully enclosed. It is the responsibility of the Troop and each Scout to have weather-appropriate clothing on hand, as well as a change of clothes.

Scouting America Requirements

Medical Forms: Each registered Scout and Scouter must have a completed Scouting America Annual Medical Form Part A and Part B. Part C, requiring a medical exam and doctor's signature, is NOT required for this weekend event.

You can find the current version of this form here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

It is the Troop leader's responsibility to maintain control of the medical forms for each of his or her Scouts participating, and to provide Campsgiving staff with quick access to the forms in case of an emergency. If a Troop leader must leave the grounds for any reason, he or she should transfer control of the medical forms to another Troop leader or registered adult. If any of your Scouts have medical conditions or special needs, please bring these to the Campsgiving staff's attention at check-in.

Emergency Medical Service: A Medical Officer will be on-site as part of the Campsgiving Staff to help with first-aid situations. Scout-specific medication and other medical issues should be handled within the Troop. Each Troop should also be outfitted with a campsite first-aid kit that is centrally located.

The Outdoor Code

As an American I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation minded.

Principles of Outdoor Ethics

- Plan ahead and be prepared
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors