

Albemarle District 2023 Spring Camporee

April 28th-30th
Maple Commerce Park, Barco NC

Leader's Guide

Carpe Diem...Carpe Vexillum!



Tidewater *Council*
Boy Scouts of America

WELCOME!

A camporee is many things—camping fun for youth, the thumping of hundreds of feet on the way to an evening campfire, and the blue smoke from fires cooking stew or ham and eggs. It's the ripple of wind-blown flags in the morning sun. It's catching the idea of teamwork in a patrol.

This year Albemarle District will hold it's Spring Camporee **April 28 – 30, 2023** at the Maple Commerce Park in Barco NC. This year's theme is **CAPTURE THE FLAG!**

A camporee can be a perfect showplace for the Scouting program and, therefore, go far beyond just being a gathering of youth. A camporee starts with the recognition that a patrol is the basic camping unit. The patrol demonstrates its very best camping techniques and shares its experiences with other patrols. **PREPARATION IS KEY** for Patrols to succeed at the three contests at this camporee (Cooking, Campsite and Patrol Spirit).

Scouts will compete by patrols and groups of patrols in a variety of Capture the Flag games. Youth Leadership will finalize the formats of the competitions on Friday with competitions all day on Saturday. Each patrol/crew should be around 5 to 8 youth participating.

We hope that your Scouts are challenged while having fun. Please have them come ready for an active and exciting day. Teamwork, physical fitness, sportsmanship and other skills will be tested by the day's events.

Please register as early as possible so that we can plan accordingly. Registration is online only. If you have any questions please contact camporee chair, Gray Berryman, at Gray@GrayBerryman.com

Thank you!

Gray Berryman
Albemarle District Spring Camporee Chair

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Participation of all Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts are encouraged to attend. Registration must be completed online through Black Pug at <https://scoutingevent.com/596-AlbemarleSpringCamporee2023>. Early registration deadline is April 15, 2023. The early registration cost for Scouts and Adults is \$15.00 per person. A late fee of \$2.50 will be applied to all late registrants after April 16, 2023. Registration will close on April 19, 2023 at 11 PM. If you have Scouts or Adults who wish to attend for Saturday only, they can sign-up with a visitor fee of \$10.00. All attendees must be registered in order to be on property.

ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN

Check-in starts at 4:00 PM at registration. No one is to enter camp before 4:00 PM.

Please review the program health/safety/security needs of both the Camporee and your unit, well in advance, to ensure participant understanding. Please ensure that all participants are registered Scouts, registered adult leaders and they are up to date with their Youth Protection Training. Bring all the necessary permission slips, medical forms, medications, and unit roster. The unit roster must be presented at check-in; updated unit rosters will be turned in at the Scoutmaster/SPL meeting Friday night. Units will be guided by camp staff on parking of cars and unit's trailers. Vehicles will not be permitted to enter campsites, except vehicle for unit trailer. Once trailer has been placed, towing unit must be moved to parking area.

GENERAL RULES/GUIDELINES

1. All Scouts, Scouters and visitors must adhere to the Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor Code.
2. Sheath knives, fireworks, pets, firearms, electronic games, radios, TV's and other electronic entertainment ARE NOT permitted.
3. Personal firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows are not permitted in camp.
4. Alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.
5. Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the campground.
6. The buddy system shall be used, always, during the Camporee.
7. Unit leaders are responsible for their Scouts and visitors.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Campsite handwashing stations will be the responsibility of each unit.

MEDICAL SERVICES

According to BSA policy, all Scouts and leaders should complete an Annual Health and Medical Record form (*parts A&B only*) for all scouting activities. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIT** to obtain and maintain copies of these forms for members of their unit for all activities they conduct. Medical forms will NOT be collected at check in. All prescription drugs are kept and administered by the unit. It is to be kept in a

secure location out of the reach of scouts. By law, medications must be in a container with a typed label from the pharmacy. Medications should be given only in accordance with the label. Handwritten changes cannot be accepted.

All units should bring a unit first aid kit and treat injuries within their capabilities. Units must report all injuries and other medical situations to the *Camp medic*, even those they treat themselves. The unit is responsible for completing an incident report.

STAFF

Weekend events are staffed by volunteers. The Boy Scouts of America is a volunteer run program. **Each unit in attendance is asked to provide at least one adult to assist during the program on Saturday.** Every unit that participates in an event is expected to provide adult leaders to help facilitate their troop programming, cracker barrels, etc. as needed.

LEADERSHIP

All unit leaders are responsible for the conduct of scouts and any visitors. Two-deep leadership in compliance with Youth Protection Guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting is required. You know your scouts. If they need chaperones to go to the bathroom, then provide them.

LEAVING THE CAMP

Anyone leaving the camp **at any time** during the event must sign out with a member of the Camporee Committee and sign in upon their return. We strongly discourage Scouts from leaving camp during the event. Scouts may only leave with a parent, guardian or other individual designated in writing by a parent. Photo IDs are required. Adults leaving camp must ensure that the unit still has two-deep leadership.

ATTIRE

Scouts and Scouters are expected to travel in their Class A uniforms. Uniforms are to be worn properly for morning and evening flag ceremonies, the Saturday night campfire, Scout's Own on Sunday and at other appropriate times as announced. Scouts may dress in their activity uniform during activities. Scouts are expected to wear scout appropriate tee shirts and shorts (when weather permits). When standing, a scout's fingertips should touch the hem of the shorts.

FIRES & COOKING

Ground fires are prohibited. Units are allowed to have aboveground fires only. *LEAVE NO TRACE* guidelines shall always be followed. Fire extinguishers are required in cooking areas.

WATER

Potable water is **NOT** available on-site. Be prepared and bring appropriate amount of water for the weekend to include cooking and cleaning.

TRASH DISPOSAL

All participants shall practice Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent possible. If you packed it in, you pack it out! Clean up all trash – even if it is not yours.

LATRINES

Porta-potties will be provided for all. These facilities are to be kept as clean or cleaner than your bathrooms at home. **A SCOUT IS CLEAN.**

MONEY & VALUABLES

Radios, CD players, video games, and other personal electronic devices distract from the camping experience and provide an inviting target for theft. **Do not bring them into camp.** Each scout and adult is responsible for the safeguarding of his or her money and personal property. It is recommended that expensive cameras, watches, etc. be left at home. Regardless, all items should be clearly marked with name and unit number.

PETS

No pets are allowed in camp. Please ensure that anyone planning to attend with your unit during the weekend is also aware of this rule.

SMOKING

Anyone under 21 years old is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at camp, this includes e-cigarettes and vaping. Adults who smoke must do so out of sight of any youth members. Smoking is prohibited in any tent or building. Cigarette butts must be disposed of properly.

INITIATIONS and HAZING

Corporal punishment, hazing, and initiation of any sort are not permitted in the Boy Scouts of America.

BAD WEATHER

Be Prepared. There is no rain date. All units should be prepared for foul weather.

PHOTO RELEASE INFORMATION

During the weekend, photographs or video footage may be taken for promotional purposes. If a parent does not wish for their child to be photographed, the unit leader must notify the camporee staff at the time of check-in on Friday night. Unit leaders should have a signed letter or form from a parent stating that permission is not given for the scout to be photographed or filmed. **PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH PARENTS**

EVENT DETAILS

The **2023 CAPTURE THE FLAG CAMPOREE** is all about building patrol spirit and teamwork through leadership, strategy, and physical activity!

Capture the Flag is a traditional field game in which each team has a territory and flag to defend. To win the game, a team must cross into the opposing team's territory (without being tagged and sent to jail), grab their flag and return to their own territory.

We will play a variety of capture the flag games with different variations on the rules. We will use a variety of courses including open fields, woods and courses with water obstacles.

After each game, or series of games, one team wins and one does not. Because games will vary in size and teams will change, we are not keeping score and this is not a tournament. It's fun to win. Sportsmanship is the criteria which will be judged as detailed in the contest's description below.

If your troop or patrol is "all in" and wants to have the most fun, then they should do the following in preparation:

Build stamina: Walk, run, swim, hike, bike, and sprint so that they are in shape to compete.

Practice: Play the game before you come

Be prepared. Binoculars, walkie talkies, camouflage, face paint, hydration systems and foul weather gear may be helpful.

CAMPOREE CONTESTS (3)

1. CAMPSITE CONTEST

Patrol and Troop campsites will be judged Saturday afternoon after lunch. The judges will use the following to grade unit campsites:

- Thoughtful incorporation of Feng Shui Design (is it safe?, does it flow?, how does it feel?)
- Balanced incorporation of Feng Shui Elements (Water, Metal, Wood, Earth, Fire)
- Campsite Entryway/Gateway
- Cooking Area

Please note that Judges will not open tents to inspect inside them unless the tent is open and a free line-of-sight into the tent is available. Remember, messy tents visible to the judges can

knock points off for neatness and organization. Gateways will not be judged until the afternoon activities session to allow adequate time for set-up before judging but will be included in the final score for each campsite. The Patrol and the Troop that has the highest score will be recognized during the Camporee Awards.

2. PATROL COOK-OFF

Nothing tastes better than a meal prepared outdoors. Have your patrols whip up their tastiest vittles and win the coveted Golden Spatula. Participants are asked to prepare their healthiest dessert or snack for our lucky judges to taste. Ingredients and dish are up to the patrols. The only requirement is that ALL cooking needs to be done at Camporee! Entries will be judged on : *Nutrition * taste * creativity * presentation * skill*

3. PATROL SPIRIT

Each Patrol will be judged on the following: Patrol flag, sportsmanship, yell, stamina, and Preparation.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 28, 2023

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Unit Check-in, Site Assignment, Unit Set-up
6:00 PM	SPL/Youth Leader CAPTURE THE FLAG Meeting
8:00 PM	OA Meeting – all OA members please attend
8:15 PM	SPL Final Camporee Logistics Details Meeting
8:30 PM	Patrol Cookoff
9:00 PM	Cracker Barrel
10:00 PM	Lights Out/Quiet in Camp

Saturday, April 29, 2023

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Assembly; Opening Flags
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Game 1 Patrols
10:00_10:45	Game 2 Patrols
11:00-11:45	Game 3 Patrols
Noon-1:00	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Larger Games by Troop (with Adults)
3:15 to 4:00	All Camp Game
5:00 PM	Dinner
7:15 PM	Flag Lowering
7:30 PM	Campfire Program and OA Callout
9:00 PM	Optional Capture the Flag with Headlights
11:00 PM	Lights out/Quiet in Camp

Sunday, April 30, 2023

7:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Flag Raising/Church Service/Awards
9:30 AM	Flag Lowering
10:00 AM	Pack Up/Camp Inspection/Safe trip home
10:15 AM	Camp Closed

