# Albemarle District 2024 Spring Camporee

# FISH On!!!

Leader's Guide

April 12th-14th

**American Legion Fairgrounds 1317 West Queen St. Edenton NC** 



Tidewater Council Boy Scouts of America

#### **WELCOME!**

It's no surprise that fishing remains a favorite pastime on most scout outings and can be witnessed at many scout camps. It attracts interest for the excitement of the first cast, the first bite, the excitement of a new personal record size or for a new species catch.

Baden-Powell claimed fishing as one of his favorite pastimes. He said "Every Scout ought to be able to fish in order to get food for himself".

This year Albemarle District will hold its Spring Camporee **April 12-14 2024** at the American Legion Fairgrounds, 1317 W. Queen St, Edenton NC.

Scouts with any fishing skill level are welcome from beginners with the basic equipment to the experienced fishermen with honed fishing skills.

Camping will be at the American Legion Fairgrounds, 1317 W Queen St, Edenton, N.C. Scout units will need transportation for their scouts as fishing will be at Chowan River Fishing Pier, 248 Wharf Landing Road, Edenton N.C.

Scouts and scouters are to supply their own fishing gear and bait for fishing. If a scout has no access to a fishing pole. There will be a small amount of loaner fishing poles.

We hope that your Scouts are challenged to catch the first one or the biggest one while having fun. Please have them come ready for an active and exciting day.

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, Daniel McCloud, at danielamccloud@gmail.com

Thank you!

Daniel McCloud 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-AlbemarleSpringoree2024. Early registration deadline is March 30, 2024. The early registration cost for Scouts is \$18.00 and Adults is \$15.00 per person. A late fee of \$2.50 will be applied to all late registrants after March 31, 2024. Registration will close on April 10, 2024 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 5:00 PM at registration. No one is to enter camp before 5:00 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 the vehicle with the unit trailer. Once the trailer has been placed, the towing unit must be moved to the 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**

Some additional safety gear for fishing is a full brim hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. The full brim on the hat can help deflect the fishing line and prevent a hook to the head. Sunglasses can prevent hooks to the eye along with keeping the sun's glare under control. And of course, Sunscreen to prevent sunburns, follow directions on sunscreen bottles.

Campsite handwashing stations will be the responsibility of each unit. Food coolers are to be properly iced and kept check on ice level.

#### **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, along with the district and volunteer staff. Each unit in attendance is asked to provide two deep adult leadership to ensure safety during the program on Saturday.

#### **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 unit class B t-shirts or 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 above ground 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 an 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. STAFF NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PET FISH SWIMMING AWAY.

#### **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.

The fish are already wet. They wouldn't know the difference if it did rain.

LIGHTNING IS ANOTHER STORY NO FISHING WILL HAPPEN IF LIGHTING IS PRESENT!

#### 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. Fish photos are best photographed with extended arms!

#### **EVENT DETAILS**

Freshwater/inland fishing from a pier that use to be a bridge crossing the Chowan River. Fish species range from Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Sunfish, Crappy, Perch, Striped Bass, Catfish and many others. Any level fisher persons welcome to improve their fishing skills. Scouts are to bring their personal fishing gear, rods, tackle, and bait!

Any individual 16 years or older fishing inland waters is required to have a NC Wildlife Resources Commission's Inland Fishing License. Albemarle District has applied for a waiver for the duration of our stay at the Chowan River Fish Pier for all BSA Youth. At this time, all adults are required to have a valid license to fish. Licenses can be purchased at local bait shops, retailers such as Walmart, or online at <a href="https://license.gooutdoorsnorthcarolina.com/Licensing/CustomerLookup.aspx">https://license.gooutdoorsnorthcarolina.com/Licensing/CustomerLookup.aspx</a>.

Saturday fishing times will be from 8 a.m. to 4:00 pm. We will break for lunch around 11:45 and resume fishing activities and programs after 1 p.m. Troops may choose to return to camp to prepare lunch or pack a "trail" lunch to enjoy while at the fishing location. Camp is not providing lunch.

#### **CAMPSITE INSPECTIONS**

Troop campsites will be inspected Saturday afternoon after lunch. The judges will be inspecting for Health and Safety, Patrol Organization, Campsite Entryway/Gateway, and Cooking/Kitchen Area.

Please note that Inspectors 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 Inspectors can knock points off for neatness and organization. The Troop that has the highest score will be recognized during the Camporee Awards.

#### SCOUTMASTER COOK-OFF

Nothing tastes better than a meal prepared outdoors. Get those Scout leaders to show off their cooking skills. The only requirement is that ALL cooking needs to be done on site of Camporee! The Winner gets the golden spatula. Entries will be judged on:

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### Friday, April 12, 2023

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Unit Check-in, Site Assignment, Unit Set-up
8:00 PM	Scoutmaster/SPL Meeting & Safety Briefing
8:30 PM	OA Meeting – all OA members please attend
9:00 PM	Cracker Barrel
10:00 PM	Lights Out/Quiet in Camp

#### Saturday, April 13, 2023

6:30-7:30 AM	Breakfast	
7:45 AM	Assembly; Opening Flags	
8:00 - 8:15 AM	Travel to Chowan River Fishing Pier	
8:15 - 12:00 AM	Fishing (until the fish stop biting)	
10:00 - 11:30 AM	Fish Habitat Service Project	
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Lunch Break - Return to Camp or Eat at Pier	
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Fishing and other activities TBD	
4:15 PM	Field Activity	
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Dinner and clean up - Troop Site	
7:15 PM -	Flag Lowering	
7:30 PM	Campfire Program	
8:30 PM	OA Presentation & Call Out	
9:30 PM	Cracker Barrel	
11:00 PM	Lights out/Quiet in Camp	

<sup>\*</sup>Nutrition \*taste \*creativity \*presentation \*skill.

## Sunday, April 14, 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
10:30 AM	Camp Closed

# **Unit Roster**

This form is to be turned in at check in.				
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Youth Leader:				
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