

Princess Anne District 2026 Fall Camporee Leaders Guide



**State Military Reservation
203 Red Horse Dr.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451**

**November 13th – 15th, 2026
(Check-in will begin at 5:00 PM Friday)**

Dear Leaders:

On behalf of the District Staff, we would like to invite you to the Princess Anne 2026 Fall Orienteering Weekend. We would like to thank you in advance for the assistance and support that you have given us in making this event a success and hope you will find this event interesting and fun. The theme is "Orienteering," which includes the Orienteering & Communications merit badges. Since this event will be held in November, all troops are encouraged to decorate their campsites highlighting the Fall Harvest. Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear costumes to Saturday night's campfire (keeping it Scouting appropriate.) There will be an opportunity for each troop to participate in the Saturday Night Campfire with cheers, songs, and skits! We ask that all participants observe the Scout Oath and Law and wish you the very best this weekend.

Camporee Time/Location/Cost:

When: November 13th – 15th, 2025 (Check-in will begin at 5:00 PM Friday)

Where: Camp Pendleton, 203 Red Horse Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Cost: \$15.00/person (Adult)

\$20.00/person (Youth)

\$15.00/person (Staff)

Staff registration includes lunch (please indicate any food allergies at sign-up)

\$15.00/person (Day Pass)

The Day Pass includes:

- Lunch (please indicate any food allergies at sign-up)
- Merit Badge Programs
- Participation Patch

Registration: Online registration via Black Pug will open on October 1st, 2026.

Online registration via Black Pug will open on October 1, 2026, to all troops and crews. This event is not restricted to Tidewater Council only. Registration closes Sunday, November 8, 2026. No on-site registration will be accepted.

****Adult leaders MUST be registered with Scouting America and have current Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) upon date of registration. If they are not, the unit/adult will NOT be issued a refund.**

Registration Link: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/596-PAfallcamporee2026>

Participation: All troops, crews and ships

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Theme:

On behalf of the Camporee Staff, welcome to the Princess Anne District Fall Orienteering Weekend – where you can choose your own path! This exciting event is designed to teach Scouts basic Orienteering skills or enhance the skills they already have. The goal of this program is to complete requirements to earn the Orienteering Merit Badge.

With guidance from expert mentors and merit badge counselors, Scouts will tackle map and compass challenges that build confidence in orienteering. Explore the State Military Reservation, discover new directions, and set your sights on the ultimate destination: Eagle!

Preparation for Arrival/Check-in:

Please review the administrative procedures and 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 or registered adult leaders. Please ensure all attending adult leaders are up to date with their Safeguarding Youth Training. Please ensure that you have and bring all the necessary permission slips, medical forms, medications, and unit roster.

All drivers must either have a Real ID, passport, or a current Military ID for entrance to Camp Pendleton (State Military Reservation (SMR)).

Arrival/check-in at Camp Pendleton begins at 5:00 PM. All units must check-in at the entry to the camp to receive their campsite assignment, event paperwork, and turn in their unit rosters. All units are required to attend the leaders' meeting on Friday evening, during which time updated unit rosters will be turned in.

Parking:

Park ONLY in designated areas. Parking in or near the campsites is not permitted. Units will be allowed to drive to the campsite area to drop off gear. Driving inside the campsites is not permitted. Trailers may be parked at the entrance to the campsites for the duration of the Camporee. **NO** vehicles are allowed to remain in camp after unloading gear. The only vehicles permitted in camp are the medic, essential staff to transport needed items to their program area, and people with special needs (coordinated with Camporee Chairman).

Campsite Assignments:

The Camporee Team will assign campsites based on registration date and the size of the unit. More than one unit may be assigned to a campsite.

Campsite Gateway - Fall Harvest/Halloween Decoration:

Units are encouraged to build Gateways, using their Scout skills. Be innovative and resourceful. Troops are encouraged to decorate their campsites in their best Fall Harvest/Halloween gear. Camporee Staff will choose the three best decorated campsites that represent the spirit of Fall Harvest/Halloween.

Unit Leadership: All unit leaders are responsible for the conduct of their Scouts and visitors. Two-deep leadership is mandatory and in compliance with Youth Protection Guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting. All Scouts, Scouters, and visitors must adhere to the following:

- The Scout Oath and Law
- The Outdoor Code
- Guide to Safe Scouting

In addition, the following applies:

- **Open fires will not be permitted in campsites.**
- Unit leaders are responsible for their Scouts. The “Buddy Rule” will be in effect. Scouts are not permitted to roam individually through the campsites during the scheduled program activities.
- Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the Camporee site unless they move with their unit.
- Excessive noise or activities are not allowed.
- Units moving along roadways must walk in no more than two columns.
- A Scout is Clean – each unit should come prepared to provide hand washing/sanitizing capability within their campsites and, to minimize wastewater, each participant should also bring their own individual hand sanitizer.
- Gray water disposal procedures will be delineated at the leaders’ meeting on Friday evening.
- Units are prohibited from using generators.
- Quiet hours will be observed from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM each night.
- Sheath knives, fireworks, pets, firearms, electronic games, radios, TVs, and other electronic entertainment devices are NOT permitted.
- Scouts are NOT permitted to leave the perimeter of the Camporee field.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP/SCOUT CONDUCT: Units should post a schedule of events, attendance rosters, duty rosters, menus, and tent locations of SM and SPL. It is important that all youth and adults conduct themselves in a Scout-like manner throughout the camporee. Excessive loud noise will not be tolerated. It is the unit’s responsibility to ensure the proper conduct of their members and guests.

TAPS/LIGHTS OUT: A Scout is courteous. Taps is at 11:00 PM. Unit leaders must ensure that lanterns are out, and all youth are quiet in their tents. Quiet hours extend until 6:00 AM.

Uniforms: The field uniform (Class A) will be properly worn (shirts buttoned and tucked in) for the following events: check-in, check-out, and campfire. Scouts should wear their activity uniform (Class B) for Saturday’s programs. Class B’s include Scout shorts and/or pants (if the youth have them), along with either a unit t-shirt, or other Scouting t-shirt. Halloween costumes are permitted for Saturday’s campfire (ensure they are Scout appropriate.)

Footwear: Close-toed shoes or boots are to be worn at all times in order to prevent foot injuries. We insist that everyone wear shoes at all times. Flip-flops are not appropriate footwear at the camporee and are prohibited.

Medical:

It is the unit’s responsibility to have an annual health and medical record parts A, B1, and B2 for all participants. They may be kept at the campsite but must be made available to the medic on request. Individuals without medical forms will not be allowed to stay. Units must bring their unit first aid kits to treat injuries within their capabilities. Units must report ALL injuries and other medical situation to the Camporee Medical Tent, even injuries treated by the unit. All medications, including over the counter and prescription medications, brought to camp are the responsibility of the unit leader. The medical tent will be staffed by qualified medics throughout the event. CPAP users are advised to bring their own batteries as electricity is NOT available in the camporee area.

Visitors:

Due to Scouts BSA policy, there will be NO visitors allowed at this event. Only youth/leaders who are registered for the event are allowed on the premises. All leaders MUST be registered and have current SYT training. Registrations will be checked prior to the event and NO refunds will be given if not allowed to attend due to training not completed. Unit leaders, please make sure your leaders meet these Scouts BSA requirements.

During Camporee (Opening to Closing):

Leaders' Meeting:

A SPL and Scoutmaster Meeting will be held on Friday night. Each unit's senior youth leader and one adult leader are required to attend the meeting. The meeting will take place at the Large Shelter at 9:30 PM on Friday night.

Latrines/Bathrooms:

Porta potties will be provided for use during the Camporee.

Fires & Cooking:

Open fires will not be permitted in campsites. Lanterns may be used in the campsites, if elevated off the ground. All units should plan to cook using propane stoves or fully-contained charcoal grills, elevated off the ground. Dutch oven or charcoal cooking will be allowed only if the charcoal is raised off the ground. Do not dig into the ground to form fire pits.

Meals:

Meals are the responsibility of each unit, and no supplies will be provided by the camporee staff except on Saturday during lunch for participants with a day pass.

Water:

Water is available at Camp Pendleton. The water spigot is located near the shelter. Units must bring their own water containers **full of water, then refill them using the available water as needed.** Scouts should carry their own water bottles during all activities. Washing dishes, playing in the spigot water, or any other activity except filling water jugs is prohibited.

Trash Disposal:

All refuse and trash will be placed in plastic garbage bags (provided by the unit) and taken with you when you leave camp. All units are expected to practice Leave No Trace to the maximum extent.

Patches/Ribbons:

All registered attendees will receive the Camporee patch. Patches will be distributed to units following check out and once the unit has turned in at least one evaluation sheet from a unit leader and one from an SPL or youth leader.

- Awards will be given for the top three Fall Harvest/Halloween Decorated Campsites at the evening Campfire Program.

BAD WEATHER: Be Prepared. All units should arrive prepared for foul weather. See available training in e-learning at my.Scouting.org. In case of a very severe weather threat, the Camporee may be rescheduled.

Emergency Situations:

In the event of an emergency during the camporee (extreme weather, lost Scout, etc...), the camporee staff will utilize an air horn as the emergency signal. If the horn is heard, all campers should immediately report to their campsites for a headcount by their units. Units will notify the camporee staff if they are missing any youth and emergency measures will be taken from there. In the case of extreme weather, camporee staff will coordinate shelter actions.

Camporee Evaluation:

Units are encouraged to provide honest and constructive feedback to camporee staff at the conclusion of the camporee. Complete appendix F and turn it into the camporee staff headquarters before your campsite inspection on Sunday. In order to receive your participation patches, your evaluation form must be turned in during check out. Your feedback will help us to continue to approve future camporees.

Clean-up & Check-out:

All units are expected to clean their campsite area. Additionally, all units will be assigned a program area to help clean. Prior to departure, all units will check-out with camporee staff. Please do not leave camp before your site has been inspected.

Changes/Revisions to Leaders' Guide:

Any changes or revisions made to the camporee leaders' guide will be distributed to the units registered. Final event schedules will be distributed at the Friday night leaders' meeting.

Refund Policy:

****Refund requests must be made on Tidewater Council's Refund Application prior to the event and are subject to a 15% surcharge processing fee. Funds will be returned to the payee/unit via their store account or by check. Refunds will be granted only in the case of documented illness or family emergency. **No refunds can be given if notified within 14 days of the event**, as pre-paid expenses will already have been incurred. No refunds for partial attendance will be granted.**

****Adult leaders MUST be registered with Scouting America and have current Safeguarding Youth Training completed (SYT) upon date of registration. If they are not, the unit/adult will NOT be issued a refund.**

Registrants must pay for slots immediately upon registration. Reductions in registrations can **ONLY** be made up to 14 days before the event, unless the event sells out. Should the event sell out, the unit will be financially responsible for the full reservation. This is to limit over-booking on popular events. Those receiving "over-sold" slots from other units will be camped with the unit who initially purchased the slot. Requesting a reduction can **ONLY** be completed by submitting a Council Refund Application to the event contacts and is subject to a 15% processing fee.

Program Details

Merit Badge Pamphlet

Recommend taking the opportunity to read through the Merit Badge Pamphlets for Orienteering or Communication MB depending upon which you have signed up. These are authoritative sources of information pertaining to those MBs.

Merit Badge Workbook

Recommend downloading the Merit Badge workbook for the MBs you sign up to take. Use the MB workbook to complete any prerequisites (listed below) that are required to complete the MB. Ensure that you present the MB workbook to the MB Counselor as proof that you completed any required prerequisites.

Blue Cards:

All requirements completed during this event will be recorded in BlackPug and available for Scoutmasters to download after the event. Blue cards are optional; however they are an important record and may be the only record a Scout has of completing a merit badge. If a Troop issues a blue card to a Scout to participate in either the Orienteering Program or the Communications Merit Badge, the counselor(s) will sign them and return to the Scout. Care must be taken to make sure the card is properly completed. Scouts should take extra care when filling out their blue cards to make sure they are legible and complete. Blue cards **MUST** be signed by the Scoutmaster or designated unit leader. MBCs have the right to turn away Scouts with incomplete Blue Cards.

Partial Completion:

If a Scout is unable to complete their merit badge, the "PARTIAL" completion will be noted on their blue card. Please review the merit badge chart below for MB requirements. ***Partial efforts will result in partial completions*** Consult with your MBC for ways to earn a completed MB after the camping event is over.

Merit Badge Pre-Requisites / Homework

Communication

8. Plan a troop or crew court of honor, campfire program, or an interfaith worship service. Have the patrol leaders' council approve it, then write the script and prepare the program. Serve as master of ceremonies.

NOTE: Those Scouts taking the Communication MB will collaborate to plan and execute the Saturday Evening Campfire Program.

Campfire Program:

There will be a campfire program hosted by members of the Camporee Staff on Saturday night. Every unit is expected to attend and encouraged to participate - Scout Field uniform is required. Troops/crews/adults will submit skit/song request forms no later than 1:00 PM Saturday to the Campfire Program Staff for review of description, content, and approval. See Appendix C (Song/Skit Request Form) below in the guide.

There will be an award given for the best skit, one for each Scout and adult.

Camporee Schedule of Events

Friday, November 13, 2026

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Camp opens; Check-in commences
9:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Camporee Staff, SM, & SPL Meeting
10:30 PM	All participants in their campsites
11:00 PM	Taps

Saturday, November 14, 2026

6:00 AM	Reveille
6:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast in Campsites
8:30 AM	Morning Colors/Opening and Announcements
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning Program Sessions
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch in Campsites
1:00 PM	Song/Skit Request Form turn into Staff Campfire Lead
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Afternoon Program Sessions
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Colors, Dinner in Campsites
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Evening Gateway/Site Contest Judging
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Campfire – Skits/Songs/Gateway-Campsite Awards
9:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Cracker Barrel (Hot Cocoa and Hot Cider)
11:00 PM	Participants in their campsites; Taps – Lights Out

Sunday, November 15, 2026

6:00 AM	Reveille
6:00 AM – 7:30 AM	Breakfast in Campsites
7:30 – 7:45 AM	Scouts Own
8:00 AM	Morning Colors - Closing Announcements
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Break Camp/Clean-up Campsite/Clean-up Assigned Program Area/Final Campsite Inspection/Check-out
10:00 AM	Depart Camp – Event Closed

Appendixes:

- A – Unit Patrol Roster
- B – Campsite Inspection Form
- C – Campfire Song/Skit Request Form
- D – Camp Pendleton Map
- E – Camporee Evaluation

NOTES:

APPENDIX A

PRINCESS ANNE DISTRICT 2026 FALL CAMPOREE UNIT PATROL ROSTER

Unit: _____

Unit Leader (On site): _____

Contact Cell Number: _____

SPL/Youth Leader: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Members:

Members:

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Members:

Members:

Unit Adults:

Note. An Excel spreadsheet can be used with similar content. Use a second sheet if needed.

******Turn in this form in at Check-in******

APPENDIX B

Campsite Inspection Form

Campsite _____

Unit # _____

SPL Name _____

NOTE: 20 points will be deducted automatically for EACH vehicle parked in campsite!

1) Living Quarters

- Tents are properly pitched in patrol fashion 2pts ☐
- Tents are marked with occupants' names 2pts ☐
- Tent area is clean and organized 2pts ☐
- Tents are set up in a safe location 2pts ☐
- Patrol rosters posted 2 pts ☐

Living Quarters Total Pts. _____

2) Kitchen areas

- Menu plan posted 2pts ☐
- Dish washing station set 2pts ☐
- Food adequately protected from contamination and spoilage 2pts ☐
- Food and water properly stored off ground 2pts ☐
- Firefighting equipment in kitchen area (Sand, Fire Extinguisher) 2pts ☐

Health and Sanitation Inspection Total Pts. _____

3) Patrol and Troop Areas

- Patrol rosters posted 2pts ☐
- Common areas are clean & organized 2pts ☐
- Clear of equipment and trash 2pts ☐
- Large sticks, rocks, and debris removed 2pts ☐
- Troop takes care of assigned area 2pts ☐

Patrol/Troop Area Inspection Total Pts. _____

4) Health and Sanitation

- First Aid kit available 2pts ☐
- Trash is in cans/bags tied closed 2pts ☐
- All fuel sources properly stored off ground in fuel yard 2pts ☐
- Clean water is available 2pts ☐
- Hand washing stations are set up 2pts ☐

Health & Sanitation Total Pts. _____

5) Flag and Gateway

- American Flag is properly displayed 1pt ☐
- Troop identified (sign, banner, or troop flag) and properly displayed 1pt ☐
- Gateway is constructed 1pt ☐
- Campsite is decorated for Fall Harvest/Halloween 2pts ☐
- Participation in Campfire Program 5pts ☐

Flag & Gateway Total Pts. _____

Sub-Total for Campsite Inspection: _____

Deductions: _____

Total Points for Camp Inspection: _____

Camp Inspector's Name: _____

Camp Inspection Notes:

Bonus Points Awarded: _____

Reason for Bonus Points: _____

APPENDIX C
Skit/Song Request Form

Unit _____

Patrol Name _____

Name of Skit/Song _____

Brief Description _____

Forms must be completed in full and submitted to Camporee Staff by Saturday, November 14, 2026, no later than 1:00 PM.

APPENDIX D

Camp Pendelton State Military Reservation Virginia Beach

VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

STATE MILITARY RESERVATION

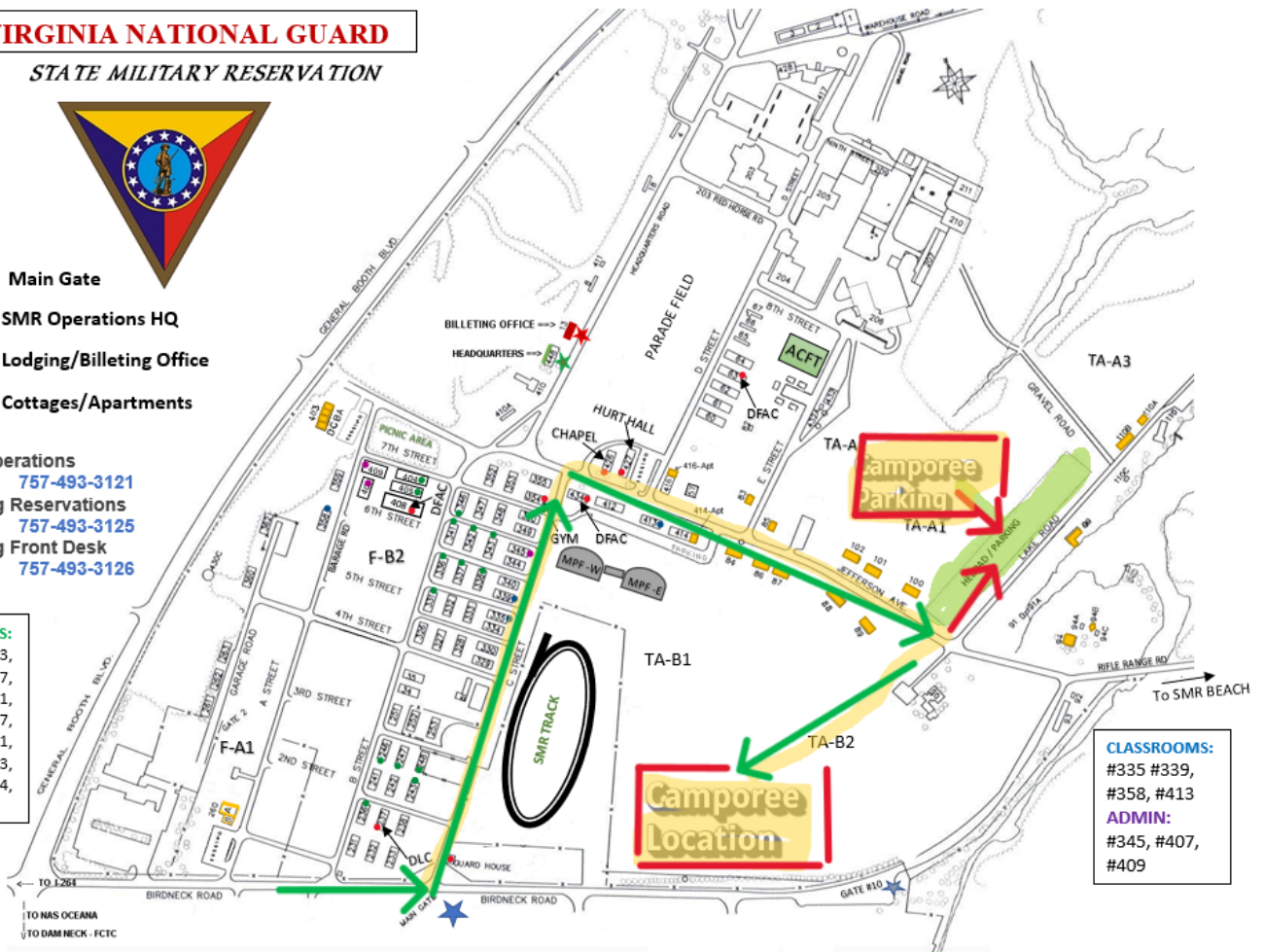


- ★ Main Gate
- ★ SMR Operations HQ
- ★ Lodging/Billeting Office
- Cottages/Apartments

- SMR Operations
- 757-493-3121
- Billeting Reservations
- 757-493-3125
- Billeting Front Desk
- 757-493-3126

BARRACKS:

#236, #243,
#246, #247,
#248, #331,
#336, #337,
#338, #341,
#342, #343,
#346, #404,
#405



APPENDIX E

PRINCESS ANNE DISTRICT 2026 FALL CAMPOREE EVALUATION

Please rate the below questions using a scale 1 to 5 (5 being the best).

Location (Site & Facilities):	1	2	3	4	5
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Leader Guide (Overall):	1	2	3	4	5
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| • Did it help prepare you for this weekend? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Was it available in time? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Was any information missing? Elaborate below. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Ease of registration. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Theme & MB Class Sessions (Overall):	1	2	3	4	5
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| • Fit with the theme? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Was the Camporee Staff knowledgeable? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Were MB sessions fun & interesting? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Would you like to see this theme used again? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Campfire (Overall):	1	2	3	4	5
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| • Was the length of the Campfire too long? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| • Did you find skits & songs were appropriate? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Would you like to help plan the next district Camporee?

_____ Yes, count me in!

_____ I don't know, call me when it's time.

_____ I might be able to help in a limited capacity.

_____ Are you crazy?

Contact Info:

Name _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Unit _____ Position _____

Suggestions/Comments: