



**2021 Three Rivers District  
Spring Camporee  
Leaders' Guide  
Pipsico Scout Reservation  
Camp Lions**

April 10-11, 2021

### **Event Staff**

Chairman: Mike Zemienieuski  
Staff Advisor: Bill Lawrence  
Safety Officer: Eric Hoyt  
COVID-19 Safety Officer: Charlie Tate

### **Event Details**

Date: April 10-11, 2021  
Location: Pipsico Scout Reservation, Camp Lions  
57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, VA 23881  
Cost: Youth \$15.00 & Adult \$12.00  
Register by March 28, 2021  
**On-site registration will NOT be accepted**

### **General Activity Summary**

This event is open to all BSA Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts. The Scouts will be offered a variety of challenging stations which will put their Scouting skills to the test.

### **Event Details**

- 1) The Scouts will rotate through a series of stations that will challenge their physical, mental, and teamwork abilities.
- 2) Each unit will provide and prepare all meals in their assigned sites.
- 3) Arrival will be Saturday, April 10, 2021. Registration will open at 8:30 AM. Activities will end by 12:00 PM on Sunday, April 11, 2021.
- 4) All participants must register in groups of NO MORE than 10.

### **Registration**

Registration will be limited to the first 125 Scouts and Scouters registered.

You must register online through Black Pug at <https://scoutingevent.com/596>. Payment must be made when registering. Please be sure to complete the registration process and name all participants, both youth and adult. Day-of-event or on-site registrations will **NOT** be accepted. For registration questions, contact Mike Zemienieuski at [mzemeski@cox.net](mailto:mzemeski@cox.net) or 757-617-7440.

### **Refunds**

Units must notify Mike Zemienieuski (contact info above) before camp begins if a Scout or unit will not be attending. Reductions in registrations can be made up until March 15, 2021. No refunds can be given if the Council is notified after March 28, 2021, as pre-paid expenses will already have been incurred. No refunds for partial attendance will be granted.

### **Campsite Assignments**

The Event Registrar/Campsite Assignment team will assign campsites based on registration date and the size of the unit. More than one unit may be assigned to a campsite.

## **Preparation for Arrival**

COVID-19 Requirements for Health and Safety

### **Physical Contact and Face Coverings:**

Attendees and staff will be required to bring a supply of facemasks to wear when social distancing of six feet is not conducive to the activity (for example, shooting sports). Check-in/out and program activities will be modified in such a way to mitigate the need for physical contact.

### **Handwashing:**

All attendees and staff will receive an orientation on personal hygiene and will wash their hands before and after program areas. Event or activity staff will clearly indicate to attendees the locations of hygiene facilities. Program areas and facilities that do not have water sources will be furnished with adequate supplies of hand sanitizer. **Signage** will be posted throughout camp to provide public health reminders regarding hygiene. Handwashing stations will be located in all campsites, and it is important for handwashing to be a practice within each unit. Campsite handwashing stations will be the **responsibility** of each unit.

### **Physical Distancing Policies:**

- Six feet of space should always be observed when interacting with other guests outside of your family unit OR staff.
- No sharing of activity equipment with other guests without proper cleaning by event staff.
- A mask is required whenever interacting with staff or guests outside of your family unit.
- Do not enter any buildings!
- Shelters & picnic tables should not be used unless instructed to do so by event staff.
- Monitor and enforce **physical distancing** and **healthy hygiene** behaviors throughout the day and night.

### **Maintaining Healthy Environments**

**Clean and disinfect** frequently touched surfaces (e.g. Unit equipment, door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains) within the camp facility and in any shared transportation vehicles at least daily or between use as much as possible. Use of shared objects should be limited when possible, or cleaned between use.

Develop a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection.

**Clean and disinfect** bathrooms regularly (e.g., in the morning and evening, after times of heavy use) using EPA-registered disinfectants.

### **A Healthy Camp Begins and Ends at Home!**

A healthy camp really does start at home. Here are some things you can do to help your child have a great camp experience. If your Scout is showing signs of illness such as running a temperature, throwing up, has diarrhea, nasal drainage, and/or coughing/sneezing, keep the Scout home and contact the camp director. This greatly reduces the spread of illness at camp but also supports your Scout's recovery. Teach your youth to sneeze/cough in his/her sleeve and to wash his/her hands often while at camp, especially before eating and after toileting. If you really want to achieve impact, teach your youth to accompany hand washing with another behavior: keeping their hands away from their face. Send a reusable water bottle. Instruct your youth to use it and refill it frequently during their camp stay. Staying hydrated is important to a healthy camp experience, something your youth can assess by noting the color of their urine ("pee"); go for light yellow.

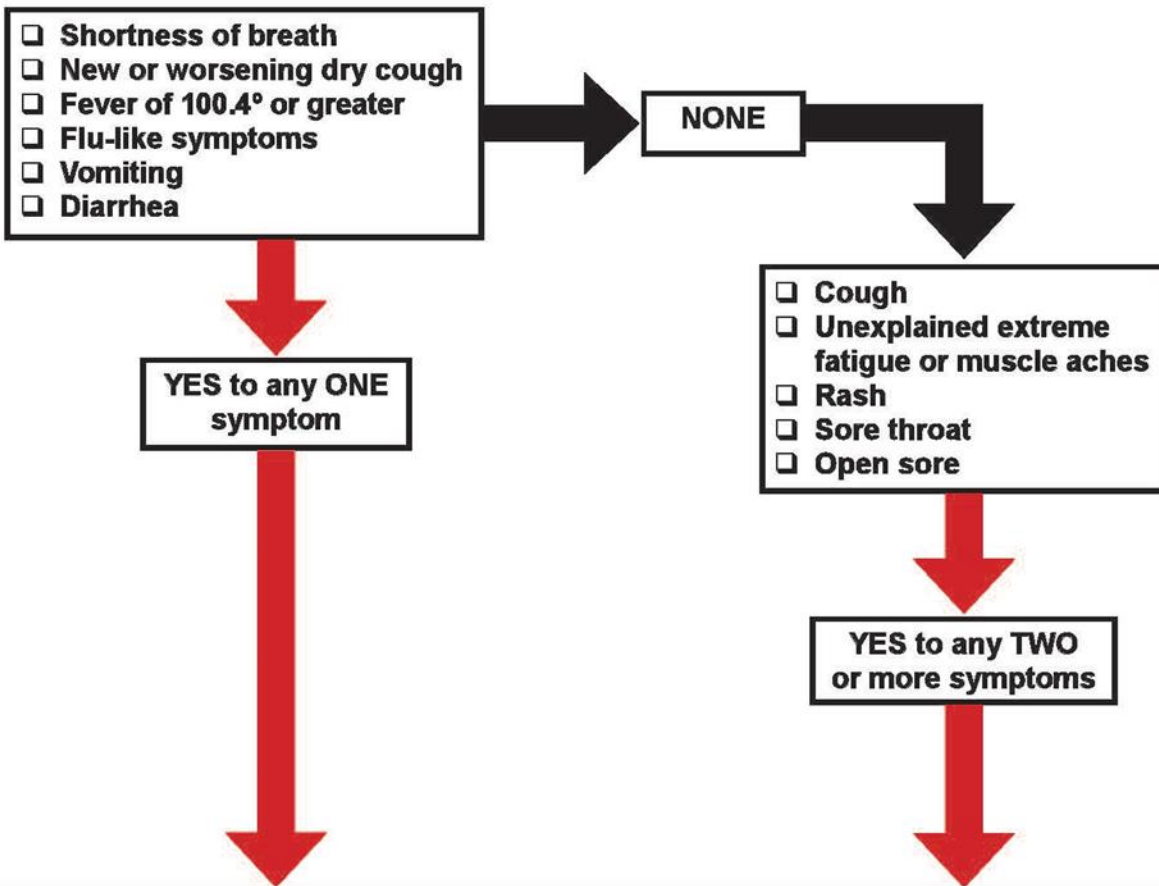
**Please use the below Medical Screening Checklist PRIOR to Event:**

- Yes  No Have you been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 or is otherwise sick?  
 Yes  No Have you or anyone you have been in close contact with traveled on a cruise ship, internationally, or to an area with a known communicable disease outbreak in the last 14 days?

*If the answer is "yes" to either of these questions, the participant must stay home.*

- Yes  No Are you in a higher-risk category as defined by the CDC guidelines?  
If the answer is "yes" to this question, we recommend that you stay home. Should you choose to participate, you must have approval from your healthcare provider and then proceed to the symptom decision tree below.

*If the above answers are "no," proceed to this symptom decision tree.*



### **Arrival Health Check:**

All persons arriving at camp will undergo a temperature check and will be asked the questions on the medical screening questionnaire. If anyone is found to have a temperature or is found to have symptoms of COVID as defined by the questionnaire, no one in the vehicle will be allowed to enter camp. The group will be required to leave immediately. This includes the drivers who are only transporting participants to camp.

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, registered adult leaders, or parents/guardians. Please ensure all attending adult leaders are up-to-date with their Youth Protection Training. Please ensure that you have and bring all the necessary permission slips, medical forms, medications, and unit roster.

### **Check-in**

Check-in will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 10 (**NO EARLY CHECK-IN**). All units must check-in at the Burton Center to receive their campsite assignment, event paperwork, and to turn in their unit rosters. A leader from each unit is required to attend the leaders' meeting at 12:00 PM on April 10; updated unit rosters will be turned in at that time.

### **Medical**

It is the unit's responsibility to have an Annual Health and Medical Record (Sections A & B only) and a unit-provided Activity Permission Slip for each participant. The event staff will only verify that these forms are in the possession of the unit leader. Individuals without medical forms will not be allowed to stay. All medications, including over-the-counter and prescription medications, brought to camp are the responsibility of the unit leader. The Health Lodge will be manned by our Health & Safety Advisor for duration of the event.

### **Parking**

Park **ONLY** in designated areas at the Burton Center parking lot or overflow lots. 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. **DO NOT REMOVE ANY BARRICADES** to access the camp site. **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 Event Advisor).

### **Leaders' Meeting**

A Leaders' Meeting will be held at noon on April 10. Each unit's senior youth leader and one adult leader are required to attend the meeting. The meeting will take place at the OA Shelter at 12:00 PM. Station rotation assignments will be given out at that time.

### **Visitors**

Visitors are not allowed at camp for the duration of the event. This is in accordance with Tidewater Council's COVID-19 policy.

### **Scouts' Own Service**

A Scouts' Own worship service will be held on the evening of the April 10. All Scouts and adults are encouraged to attend.

### **Clean-up & Check-out**

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

### **First Aid**

Units are expected to provide their own first aid for minor problems. For more serious problems or injuries, notify the Health & Safety Advisor. The Health Lodge will be staffed during the event.

### **Emergency Situations**

In the event of an emergency during the Camporee (extreme weather, lost Scout, etc...), the Event Staff will utilize the siren located at the Burton Center. If the siren is heard, all campers should immediately report to the field in front of the flagpole by the Burton Center for a headcount. Units will notify the Event Staff if they are missing any youth and emergency measures will be taken from there. In the case of extreme weather, the Burton Center and Dining Hall will be used as a shelter.

### **Inclement Weather**

Be Prepared. There is no rain date for the Camporee. All units should prepare for foul weather.

### **Guide to Safe Scouting**

The Guide to Safe Scouting guidelines will be followed at all times. Two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a parent of a participating Scout or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings. Appropriate adult leadership must be present for all overnight Scouting activities.

### **Off-Limit Areas**

The following areas are off-limits during the Camporee: waterfront areas (These are not program areas; units must provide leadership if walking the lake or James River), cliffs, Ranger's home and Gregson building, maintenance areas, and any other areas not being utilized for Camporee activities.

### **General Restrictions**

- Fireworks, pets, personal firearms, personal ammunition, personal bows/arrows, alcohol, and illegal drugs are **prohibited** in camp. Electronic games, cell phones, radios, walkie-talkies, I-Pods, I-Pads or other electronic devices, etc. are not permitted.
- Smoking: Anyone under 18 years old is **prohibited** from using tobacco in any form while at camp. 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 field stripped and placed in a trash receptacle. This includes E-cigarettes and vaping products.
- Scouts are not permitted to roam through campsites during scheduled activities. Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the Camporee site. No riding in the back of pick-up trucks. All other policies regarding camping at Pipsico Scout Reservation are in effect.

### **Uniforms**

The Field Uniform (Class A) should be properly worn for check-in, check-out, Scouts' Own Service, and campfire. Scouts should wear their Activity Uniform (Class B) for Saturday's events. The Activity Uniform includes Scout shorts and/or pants (if the youth have them), along with either a unit T-shirt or other Scouting T-shirt.

### **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. Sandals that cover the toes and have heel straps are allowed. Flip-flops are not appropriate footwear at the Camporee and are prohibited. This applies to all youth and all adults.

### **Garbage Disposal**

All refuse and trash will be placed in plastic garbage bags (provided by the unit) and taken with you when you leave camp. Dumpsters are at the entrance to camp.

### **Latrines/Bathrooms**

Each campsite is equipped with a latrine for Scout use. Bathrooms in the Burton Center are off-limits to youth and are for adults and staff 18+ only.

### **Fires & Cooking**

All fires must be in either above-the-ground fire barrels or contained in an established fire-ring. All fires must be kept in moderation. Lanterns can be used in the campsites if elevated off of the ground. All units should plan to cook using propane stoves or fully-contained charcoal grills elevated off of the ground or in established fire-rings. Dutch oven or charcoal cooking will be allowed if the charcoal is raised off the ground or contained in an established fire-ring or fire barrel. Do not dig into the ground to form fire pits. Do not cut any standing trees or saplings, dead or alive. The Camporee Staff will update units on the current fire policy (restrictions) at check-in.

### **Meals**

Meals are the responsibility of each unit. No supplies will be provided for these meals. Units are expected to pack and depart camp following completion of Closing Ceremonies on April 11.

### **Leave No Trace**

We practice all seven principles of Leave No Trace during the Camporee. Trash receptacles will be provided for campers to discard waste appropriately in the program areas. Campsite trash/garbage will be disposed of by the unit.

### **Water**

Water is available at all campsite latrines and at certain program areas throughout the day. Units must bring their own water containers to transport water to their site for use. Scouts are recommended to carry their own water bottle during daily activities.

### **Taps**

Scouts and adults are asked to observe quiet time after taps. Taps is at 10:00 PM.

### **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 Leaders' Meeting.

## Appendix A

### **2021 Spring Camporee Schedule of Events**

#### **Saturday, April 10, 2021**

8:00 AM	COVID Screening at Gregson Center Gate (Everyone Entering Camp will be Screened) Camp Opens; Check-In at Burton Center in Camp Lions
8:30 AM	Registration Opens
12:00 PM	Leaders' Meeting – OA Shelter
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Activity Station Rotation Begins
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner in Campsites
7:15 PM - 7:30 PM	Evening Colors
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Evening Activities (Scouts' Own)* (OA Call Out)*
10:00 PM	TAPS – Lights Out

#### **Sunday, April 11, 2021**

6:30 AM	Reveille and Breakfast in Campsites
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Morning Colors/Opening Ceremony – Awesome Field
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Activity Station Rotation Begins
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Closing Ceremonies
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Break Camp/Clean-Up Campsite/Clean-Up Assigned Program Area/Final Campsite Inspection/Check-Out at Burton Center
3:00 PM	Camp Closed (Depart Camp)

\*At the time of Camporee organization, it is unknown if specific evening activities will be conducted based on COVID-19 restrictions.



**Appendix B**

**Unit Roster**

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader (In Camp): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Appendix C**

**Skit/Song Request Form**

Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Skit/Song \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

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Unit Leader's Approval \_\_\_\_\_

\*At the time of Camporee organization, it is unknown if a Camporee Campfire will be conducted based on COVID-19 restrictions.