

Supplemental Information for the 2023 Council Camporee

I hope you are excited about the Heart of Virginia Council Camporee. Here are a few important notes to make this a great weekend for you and your scouts. **(very important, please read all):**

Check in on Friday Night

Your campsite will be pre-assigned and communicated to the unit's leader before the event.

Units should arrive and check in as a group. If you are assigned to be on the T Brady Saunders side, vehicles will go to TBS Admin for check in. If you are assigned to be on the Cub Adventure Camp side, vehicles will go to the CAC Welcome Center.

One or two leaders may go to the check in tables – everyone else in the unit stays outside:

- Turn in the unit's complete roster of all who will be on site at any time during the weekend.
- Follow the instructions of the parking team. Units will receive a pass for one vehicle to drop equipment at the assigned campsite, then return promptly to the parking lot. No cars may remain in the campsite areas. This is a county fire and safety regulation and is not negotiable. A unit trailer may remain if parked out of the roadway.
- Receive information packet containing colored wrist bands for each person on site, one passport and patch for each Scout, and a patch for each adult.
- Scouts will walk to the camp site and carry any personal gear not taken with the parking pass. (Cubs may use one of the wagons but must bring back promptly to the Welcome Center for others to use.)
- A commissioner will be stationed at the camping area to greet your unit and help locate your pre-assigned camping area. Know that most units will share campsites with others.

Medical and Consent Forms

Every youth shall have a completed "Activity Consent Form" and "Health and Medical Record (A+B)". Each adult will have a completed "Health and Medical Record (A+B)". They will not be collected at check in. The Health and Medical Record will stay on site with the unit's leadership and quickly accessible if requested by a Health Officer. If there is anything about an individual's health that the Health Team should be aware of, please communicate that information during check in.

Medicines should be managed as they normally are on your outings. Simple first aid should be handled by leaders; for more major injuries we will have staff at camp health lodges.

Safety

As with any outing, safety should be everyone's focus. All youth protection guidelines must be followed. Be sure all non-registered parents are aware of the guidelines.

Fires are banned before 4 PM per Virginia State Law. Plan your breakfast and lunch meals to be cooked on stoves if heat is required. Open fires after 4 PM are permitted only in established pits or rings scattered about the property. There may or may not be a fire ring in your camping location. A Scout is courteous and kind; please invite your neighbors to share a fire ring.

It can be cold or hot or rainy or all three in late April so have your scouts and parents plan for all weather conditions. The events will proceed rain or shine!

Restrictions on Vehicle Traffic

Follow the directions of the Parking Team – they are working to create a safe environment for everyone. Vehicle traffic inside the program and campsite areas will be prohibited except for emergency vehicles, shuttles, health officers, and camp ranger. For safety reasons, any car parked at the TBS Admin lot will remain there until the unit departs on Sunday morning. Anyone who may need to leave the premises at any time on Saturday should park at the Cub Camp lot.

Facilities

Water will be available on both sides of the reservation.

Toilets will be commonly shared. Please leave these rooms as good or better than you found them. It is likely that some portable toilets may be placed in heavily used areas of camp.

Please pack out your non-food trash. With 1300 campers, the dumpsters can be overwhelmed.

A trading post will be open during the day on Saturday on each side of camp. This will be the place where tickets for ammunition for rifle and shotgun shooting for 11+ Scouts can be purchased. Prices for rifle ammo are 10 shots for \$1; shotgun ammo is 10 shots for \$5 or 5 shots for \$3.

To help feed day visitors, a camp food truck will be handy during the middle of the day on Saturday. Anyone can purchase food from the truck, but units are expected to provide their Scouts with meals and not depend on the food truck.

Program Update

See the following list of 36 activities available on Saturday. Some are Cub-specific, some are for older Scouts (11+), and some are available for any-aged Scout. After completing each activity, the Scout's passport will be stamped. At the end of the day, Scouts will hopefully have collected lots of stamps.

1	Cub BBs	Cub	14	Baked Apples	Any
2	Cub Archery	Cub	15	Field Games	Any
3	Cub Handrockets	Cub			
4	Cub Fishing	Cub		(Sidewalk Games: (cornhole, ladderball, Kubb,	
5	Cub BMX	Cub	16	Giant Checkers)	Any
6	Make a Lamb	Cub	17	Waterfront boating*	Any
7	Aboriginal Art	Cub	18	Archeology	Any
8	Hamsas	Cub	19	Paracord knot tying	Any
9	Masai Talking Stick	Cub	20	HOVC Tables	Any
10	Paper Airplane making	Cub	21	Tent Pitch (timed race)	Any
11	Cub Gaga Pit	Cub	22	Golf Chipping Challenge	Any
12	Scavenger Hunt	Cub	23	QR Scavenger Hunt	Any
13	Tag Around the World	Cub	24	Obstacle Course	Any
			25	OA Indian Lore/Beads	Any

26	OA Dance	Any	32	Tomahawk Throwing	11+
27	OA Museum	Any	33	Climbing Tower	11+
28	Short wave radio	Any	34	Lashing Challenge	11+
29	Scouts BSA Archery	11+	35	Orienteering	11+
30	Scouts BSA Shotgun	11+	36	STEM	Any
31	Scouts BSA Rifle	11+			

A downloadable camp app for your smart phone is in development. It will include the schedule, key contact information, and a map where activities are located. That link will be sent to unit leaders prior to the event.

Campfire skits are very welcome as long as they are funny, clean, and respectful. The sign up is found here along with the guidelines for appropriateness. <https://bit.ly/HOVCSkitsSongs>

We're looking forward to a great weekend. Have fun and learn new things!

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