



**2024 Fall Camporee
Merit Badge Weekend**

**Participants Guide
October 18th thru 20th
Courthouse Ruritan Park**

[13905 Hanover Quarter Road Hanover, VA. 23069](https://www.scouting.org/camporee/)



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Welcome to the 2024 Fall Merit Badge Camporee

All Troops from the Dogwood District as well as those from around the Heart of Virginia Council, are invited to attend the 2024 Dogwood District / Order of the Arrow Fall Merit Badge Camporee.

Chapter 5 of Nawakwa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow has the pleasure of hosting this event for you this year, as we have in years past. This is done in accordance with the founding principles of the Order of the Arrow – to promote camping and to develop youth leadership. We look forward to a weekend full of Merit Badges, fun, and opportunities unique to this event.

The Merit Badges that will be offered range from “beginner” to Eagle required, and will include some badges not typically offered at Scout camps.

We are looking for Merit Badge counselors for this event. If you or another councilor you know would be willing to volunteer for our Camporee, please contact the event chair or the OA Chapter Adviser.

We are looking forward to what is sure to be an exciting weekend, and are looking forward to seeing each of you at the Hanover Courthouse Ruritan October 18 – 20, 2024.

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Event Information

- Who** This event is open to Scouts BSA Troops only. We cannot accommodate provisional scouts, Webelos or AOL's.
- What** Merit Badges, Leadership Development and Camping Nights
- When** Friday, October 18th thru Sunday, October 20th, 2024
- Where** Courthouse Ruritan Park, [13905 Hanover Quarter Road, Hanover, VA. 26069](https://www.google.com/maps/place/13905+Hanover+Quarter+Road,+Hanover,+VA+26069)
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- Register** Registration is [here](#) Please **do not** register and pay as an individual. Each unit must only have one registration. Contact Ben Ward at dogwoodscouting602@gmail.com for questions about registering your unit.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 14TH 2024.

There will be no on-site registration

- Cost** **\$15** per Scout, **\$10** per Adult. Payment is due when registering. There is an additional cost for certain merit badges to be paid at time of registration.
- Refunds** In the event of the death of an immediate family member, injury, or military transfer, we will refund all monies paid. Please email HOVC.CustomerService@Scouting.org to discuss your situation. The Heart of Virginia Council strives to provide the very best programs possible. We enter into obligations with our staff and vendors several months before the event. Cancellations during the week of the event undermine our ability to provide a quality program. Reasons such as vacation schedules, school events, and last minute changes of mind are not acceptable reasons for refunds. Participants who leave during the event will not receive a refund. Requests for refunds received after the event is over will not be honored.- Heart of Virginia Program Director

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 18th

4:30 PM-On Site Check in Begins – Required Paperwork
BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Forms – Adult in Charge must have one for each person attending.
BSA Medical Forms Part A&B with copy of insurance card (Front & back)
Unit Roster

8:00 PM-/SM/SPL meeting – Pavilion
9:00 PM – Staff/MC Counselor meeting - Pavilion
10:00 PM-All Scouts in Unit Campsites
10:30 PM-Lights Out

Saturday, October 19th

7:00 AM-Reveille
8:30 AM-Opening Ceremonies
9:00 AM-Merit Badge AM Session Begins
NOON-Scouts Break for Lunch
1:30 PM-Merit Badge PM Session Begins
4:00 PM-Merit Badge Session Ends
6:30 PM-Cook Off entries due
8:00 PM-Campfire/Awards/Closing Ceremonies
10:00 PM-All Scouts in Unit Campsites
10:30 PM-Lights Out

Sunday, October 20th

7:00 AM-Reveille
8:45 AM-Chapel Service
9:30 – 10:30 AM-Departure and Check-out

*Locations of events, instructions on where to park and campsite information will be available at the Main Entrance area upon check-in.

Remember your outdoor ethics – PLEASE LEAVE THE CAMPSITE IN BETTER CONDITION THAN YOU FOUND IT AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

Other Activities

Corn Hole Tournament - Friday, after your camp is set up, join us for corn hole at the pavilion.

Cook-off Competitions – Troops are highly encouraged to prepare a dish for the competition. There will be both a **Scoutmaster** and **Scout** cook-off. Bring enough of your entry to feed four people. Submit your dish on Saturday by 6:30pm at the Administration table in the pavilion.

JOTA/JOTI - We will have the 2024 Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet program going as well.

Clean Sweep Award – Campsites will be inspected by the Camporee Staff during the morning session of Merit Badges. Awards will be given for the highest scoring Troops.

Spirit Award- The troop with the most amount of spirit and is the most excited about this weekend and had the most amount of fun will receive the award.

Campfire – We will have a closing campfire Saturday night. Troops will have an opportunity to present a song and/or a skit. Scouts must pre-approved their skit with Administration before the campfire. Awards for the cook off and clean sweep will be presented at the campfire. OA members are encouraged to wear their sash.

Chapel – We will hold a camp-wide non-denominational Chapel Service on Sunday morning. A collection for the World Friendship Fund will be held.

Emergency Information

Please refer to the Dogwood District [Short Term Emergency Procedure Manual](#).

Fires – NO GROUND FIRES WILL BE PERMITTED. Above ground fire pits are allowed, provided they do not scorch the ground. The Ruritan is very gracious in allowing us to use their facilities, and we must leave their grounds in good shape. No firewood is available; you must bring your own. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS** or shelters of any type.

Water – Well water will be available (hose bib) at the campsite. Units are encouraged to bring their own water if possible. Please be sure to bring proper containers.

Trash – The Order of the Arrow will remove your trash on Sunday. Please place it at the designated location when you check out on Sunday.

Bathrooms – Female Scouts and Leaders will use the bathrooms inside the building as directed. Male Scouts and Leaders will use the Porta Johns located at the entrance.

Behavior – Scouts and Scouters are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law at all times. Troop leaders and camporee staff will have the final say on any behavior issues.

PLEASE KEEP SCOUTS IN THE CAMPOREE AREA AT ALL TIMES!

Merit Badges – Merit Badge classes will be held Saturday morning and afternoon on an AM/PM/all day schedule. This means that some classes will be offered as a half day course (morning or afternoon), while others will take both periods. Scouts should carefully examine any prerequisites for the Merit Badges they are interested in participating in. Failure to complete these prerequisites will result in a partial merit badge. Scouts should bring pen and paper, along with any other materials noted. A list of merit badges will be posted as we confirm counselors. As per national policy there is no expiration date of a partial other than the scouts 18th birthday. [List of merit badge offerings.](#)

We will be using the blue card system for merit badges. However all merit badges must be signed up during registration. Changes to the merit badge line up are subject to change without notice.

Uniforms – Field uniforms are required during transportation to and from the Camporee, during the campfire, and during Sunday Morning Chapel. Activity uniforms (shorts or pants and a Scout t-shirt) are permitted on Saturday during Merit Badges and free time. These requirements apply to both Scouts and adult leaders.