

Inland Northwest Council

Spring Camporee - April 21st-23rd

“Scouting 911”

Leaders Guide



Camp Cowles – 4161 N Shore Diamond Lake Road, Newport WA 99156

Introduction to the Camporee:

The 2023 Scouting 911 Camporee focuses on basic scout skills and the patrol method, with camporee events that emphasize teamwork, as well as individual skills. Troops should prepare for the camporee by practicing scouting fundamentals – techniques, skills that a scout learns on the path to First Class. There are a series of events planned to test your patrol as a team.

Introduction to Leave No Trace

Leave-No-Trace is a comprehensive approach to living and behaving in the outdoors, which encompasses not just camping, but also hiking, backpacking, and even just going to the park for a walk. The 2023 Scouting 911 Camporee will follow the seven principles of the Leave No Trace code. These principles are:

- * Plan Ahead and Be Prepared
- * Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- * Dispose of Waste Properly
- * Leave What You Find
- * Minimize Campfire Impacts
- * Respect Wildlife
- * Be Considerate of Other Visitors (Scouts, Scouters, and guests)

Apply these principles as you enjoy your weekend at Camp Cowles, and pack out what you bring in, stay on trails and roads, use the established fire pits, bring your own fire pit (Camp Cowles has very few established campfire rings), and respect others around you.

Further information on Leave No Trace can be found in the Scout Handbook, at the BSA web site (www.scouting.org), and at the Leave No Trace website (www.Int.org).

The Outdoor Code

As an American I will do my best to-
Be clean in my outdoor manners
Be careful with fire
Be considerate in the outdoors and
Be conservation-minded.

Oath of the Scouting 911 Camporee

I promise to do my duty to God and my country,
To obey the scout law,
To help other people at all times,
And keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENTION: SCOUTMASTER & SR. PATROL LEADER

This manual explains troop and patrol participation, the registration procedure, the schedule of activities, the patrol events, and the expectations for patrol evaluations.

At Check-In on Friday night:

Check-in will start in the Parking lot and move down to carbon lodge later in the evening.

Troop Records – A roster of those Scouts and Leaders in attendance at the Camporee should be turned into the Camporee Headquarters on Friday Evening.

Med Forms – Part A and B required for all scouts and leaders. Turn in at registration. We will check to make sure all your scouts have a form on file, and then return them to you for safe keeping. We must make sure you have them, but in **no way** want to keep them as they belong in your troop's hands.

Patrol Honors – Score sheets and the scoring system will be discussed during the Friday night SM and SPL meeting. Any questions should be brought up in front of the whole group, so we all have accurate understanding of the answers.

PREPARATION:

Your Troop and Patrols will derive the greatest benefit from the Camporee by preparing for it. The requirements for each event are clearly described in this manual. At your next Patrol Leaders Council meeting, review the manual with your Leadership. Each Patrol Leader should have a copy.

Your Leadership Corps should conduct demonstrations and provide instruction at troop meetings. The Patrols should practice the skills they have learned in the meetings.

BEFORE THE CAMPOREE:

Prior to the Camporee, your troop should prepare for the camporee at meeting and on camping trips. Your Patrol should practice the Patrol Method and prepare for the events described in this manual.

REGISTRATION:

Troops and Crews can begin to arrive at 4pm Friday April 21st. Please send your troop adult representative to the Camporee HQ to register. Make sure to bring your roster of attendees and their Med Forms with you (A&B). HQ will tell you which campsite your troop is assigned to. We will allow no more than TWO trucks and trailers on each troop campsite. All other vehicles need to park in the assigned parking area south of the camping area and scouts and scouters need to pack their gear into their campsites. It's the same idea as summer camp, but not nearly as big of a camp.

Webelos Leaders and Webelos Scouts can begin to arrive at 8AM on Saturday April 22nd. Webelos leaders need to register at Camporee HQ and bring Med Forms for all attending Webelos scouts.

PATROLS:

Scouting works best when the Troop's members are divided into Patrols. The optimum number of Scouts in a Patrol is 6-8. We realize there are few patrols large than that.

Each troop's Patrol structure should be formed before the Camporee and each Patrol should practice for the events as a unit. Some activities are designed for Patrols and the most successful Patrols will be the ones who have practiced together. Try to avoid mixing scouts from different Patrols at the Camporee, as that reduces the time to develop the teamwork used in the Patrol Method. Patrols are encouraged to show their patrol spirit by carrying their patrol flag to events and sharing their patrol yells.

UNIFORMS:

Scout uniforms will not be required during the camporee events, but part of the scout spirit is the uniform, and scouts are encouraged to wear scouting-related shirts during the day. Uniforms are required at camp-wide assemblies (such as the flag ceremonies and the Scouting 911 Campfire). Please wear your full uniform for these gatherings.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC:

Camp Cowles only has one road in, and that road connects all campsites to the rest of the camporee areas. For this reason, we are enforcing a parking and traffic policy. This will help to keep traffic low. Each site is asked to remove all vehicles from camp once unloaded. Troop trailers can remain on site if they are in a campsite and not on the road. Keep in mind you may be sharing a campsite with another unit. All vehicles will be parked in the Carbon Lodge parking area. Each vehicle will need to back in to help with exiting in a time of need. All trailers not in a campsite will need to be parked on the Upper West side in the parking lot.

Arrivals and Departures

4pm – 10pm Friday Scout Trucks and Trailers ONLY. All others in assigned parking area,

8am Saturday Webelos can drive in only if setting up to camp that night. Drop gear off and park in assigned area.

9am - noon Sunday Troops and Webelos for Sunday dismissal.

What to Bring

Units are asked to “Be Prepared” for Spring Camping. Temperatures in late April may vary during the time of day significantly different than at night. Units will be responsible for providing and cooking their own meals. Carts may be used to assist scouts in transporting equipment from the parking area to the Camporee camping area and Parade Field.

Camporee Policies:

To have a successful Camporee, rules concerning the following topics must be followed. It is the responsibility of each troop's scoutmaster and assistant scoutmasters to ensure that rules are followed. It is the responsibility of each scout to monitor their troop's behavior in and out of camp. Adult leaders and SPL's are encouraged to review the "Guide to Safe Scouting" guidelines.

ATTENTION: SENIOR PATROL LEADERS & PATROL LEADERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BASIC POLICIES

Adhering to these policies sets the correct example to the Scouts and gives the Scouting program a wholesome effect for its scout members.

Fire Fuel – Fires should be built in designated campfire locations only. DO NOT CUT DOWN TREES, LIVE OR DEAD. You will need to bring your own firewood.

Use of Water – Water spigots are not operational during this time of year. You will need to bring your own troop/patrol water. Dispose of wastewater in accordance with Leave No Trace practices.

Equipment – Besides your patrol gear, other equipment will be needed for cooking, as described in this manual, make sure you are equipped to feed extra Scouts and guest staff for lunch on Saturday. Please note and fulfill these needs.

Camping Code – The Scout Oath and Law shall be the law of the camp. Scouts should also practice 'Leave No Trace Camping' whenever possible and follow the Outdoor Code.

Parking – Parking will be directed by the Camporee Staff (Ranger Leo) to a designated area. Select parking or driving is not permitted in the camping areas. Refer to PARKING AND TRAFFIC.

Lanterns – No type of open flame is allowed in any tent (candles, kerosene lamps, etc.)

Fireworks – Absolutely no fireworks are permitted at the camporee.

Alcohol/Drugs – Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the premises at any time. The presence of illegal drugs or alcohol may necessitate a call to local law enforcement. Standard rules from the Guide to Safe Scouting apply with respect to prescription medications.

Smoking – Smoking is discouraged on scout events. This is a non-smoking camp.

NOTES TO PARTICIPANTS

Troop Expectations:

Med Forms Part A and B are expected for all Webelos, Scouts BSA, Crew and registered Leaders. Troops are expected to cook their own meals while at the Scouting 911 Camporee. Troops should police their campsites and handle troop discipline. Troops should allow for no more than 10 Webelos scouts to visit during mealtimes, *one adult leader from each troop is asked to donate his/her time as a camporee staffer at some point during Saturday.* Please remember, this event is about the Scouts. When Scouts run events, they miss out on the fun.

Troop Campsite Locations

Check in with the Camporee Headquarters when arriving at the Scouting 911 Camporee. Please set up camp in your assigned camp spot. Please leave the remainder of the areas for the campfire and camporee events. Ranger Leo will assign campsites. Some campsites will be shared with another unit.

Water Points

There are water faucets located in the lower campsites. If you are in the OA camp sites across the road you will need to bring potable water. NOTE: A hose or water line cannot / repeat shall not be run from the nearby shower house to the Camporee camping area. Water jugs should be brought by your troop and filled in the kitchen of the Carbon Lodge if necessary.

Patrol and Scout Participation

The Camporee Staff will work to ensure that every scout in a patrol participates in events. One emphasis of the Camporee Events is to encourage patrol participation, cooperation, and teamwork.

Organization

Scorecards: Each Patrol will be issued a scorecard on Friday evening. The scorecard will be the Patrol's Official Scorecard for the entire Camporee. At each patrol event the staff member will write the patrol's score on the card, then they and the patrol Leader will initial it. The scorecard must be taken to each patrol event for the patrol to receive an official score. Staff members will also keep scorecards, but only as a reference. Bring a clipboard for carrying and protecting the Patrol's scorecard. Scorecards will be collected as Patrols/Troops leave the Parade Grounds.

Patrol Counselor: A Camporee staff member will be assigned as a Staff Counselor for each Troop. They will conduct the personal evaluations of the patrols to which they have been assigned and check their campsites during lunch on Saturday and patrol appearance at Flag Closing on Saturday night.

Timekeeping

To keep the Camporee moving on schedule there will be a cannon or horn kept at Camporee Headquarters. It will be sounded at key times during the Camporee to announce the beginning and/or end of the major events.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 21st

Friday evening Troops arrive at Camporee. Check-in at Camporee Headquarters when you arrive.

9:30 – 10:00 PM There will be a leader's Cracker-Barrel and SPL meeting Friday night at Carbon Lodge. Each Troop is asked to have ONE adult leader and their SPL (or his designee) at the leaders Cracker-Barrel. Schedule changes and rules for Camporee events will be covered. Pick up score sheets for each patrol.

11:00 PM Campsites quiet. All lights out.

Saturday, April 23rd

6:30 – 8:55 AM Wake-up, breakfast, clean-up

9:00 AM Morning Flag Raising on Parade grounds (Finch parade grounds) performed by the program troop.

9:15 – 12:00 AM Morning Program Events (Teambuilding events)

12:00 – 2:00 PM Lunch break at troop campsite. This is also a scored event (See below).

2:00 – 4:30 PM Afternoon Program Events

4:30 – 6:00 PM Free time.

5:00 – 6:00 PM Auditions for Scouting 911 Campfire to Program Troop (meet at Head Quarters)

6:00 – 6:30 PM Closing Flags - The entire camp should attend. Patrol evaluations will occur now at this time.

6:30 – 7:00 PM Scouting 911 cooking entry due.

8:00 - 9:15 PM Scouting 911 Show: Entertainment by Patrols, Awards, and OA Call outs.

10:00 - PM Check out for Webelos scouts not staying overnight. Go to Camporee HQ.

11:00 - PM Campsites quiet, all lights out.

Sunday, April 24th

7:00 - AM Teardown of campsites begins.

8:00 - AM Camporee HQ open for troop check out.

9:00 - AM Scout Own Service Fire Bowl behind the Carbon Lodge

11:00 - AM Break Camp

Morning Program Events: (Team building)

First Aid Baseball (Patrol vs Patrol competition)

Answer a list of questions based on Tenderfoot, Second and First Class first aid requirements.

Method: A miniature baseball diamond is marked out on the ground. The first patrol lines up behind home plate. In turn, each Scout in that patrol tries to answer a question given to them by the umpire. If the Scout gives the correct answer, they draw a card. They score whatever base hit is indicated on a card and become a base runner as in regular baseball. If they do not answer the question correctly, they're out. After three outs, the next patrol comes to bat. Only 3 innings then the game is over.

Jousting (Patrol against Patrol)

This is a favorite game of the Boy Scouts of America, and was invented by Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton, Chief Scout of America. Two Scouts are mounted on upturned tubs, about six feet apart, and armed with long wooden poles. Each pole has padding on both ends, and the Scouts must knock one another off the tubs with the poles. The padding, of course, prevents any damage being done. If tubs cannot be obtained, milk crates can be used instead.

Bandage Relay

Scout neckerchief or triangular bandage for each patrol - Method: Each Scout selects a buddy from their own patrol and the pair lines up double file, facing an assigned judge who is standing 25 feet away with a neckerchief or triangular bandage. The name of a bandage, either "ankle," "head," or "sling," is called out. When the name of the bandage is announced, each pair of Scouts run over to their judge and correctly apply the bandage to their buddy. The judge checks bandages as they are finished. As soon as a bandage is approved by the judge, it is removed, and the Scout on which the bandage was tied now ties the same bandage on their buddy. When the judge approves both bandages, the buddies run back to their patrol and tag off the next pair of Scouts.

Memory First Aid

How good is your memory? Working as a patrol is the key to scoring well on this activity!

Stretcher Relay

The patrols line up in relay formation with the blanket and two poles. One patrol member is designated as an "injured Scout" and lies on the ground twenty-five feet away at the rescue point. On signal, two Scouts serving as stretcher carriers run up from the starting line with the blanket and two poles. When they reach the rescue point, they make a stretcher and put their "injured Scout" on it. When ready, they lift the stretcher, and a junior leader (or judge) places the inflated balloon on the "injured Scout." The carriers transport the "injured Scout" to the starting line.

Minefield (patrol)

Patrols must help their PL navigate a minefield full of obstacles. PL will be blindfolded and will enter the minefield only with directions from his patrol. PL must make it through the minefield and back out without setting off any traps.

First Aid Scenarios

One, two or three scenarios are assigned to each patrol. After two minutes of deliberation on each scenario, each patrol narrates a course of action detailing the correct approach to administering appropriate first aid.

Primitive Water Purification – OA sponsored event.

Learn primitive ways to purify water.

Lunch Time

Lunch time is in your Campsite.

Afternoon Program Events:

During Saturday afternoon's program, patrols will participate in a simulated training provided by local fire fighters from South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue, Spokane County sheriff department, Washington State Patrol, emergency services personnel, the American Red Cross as well as various medical centers from across the region. The first line of response in this program is the BSA. Therefore, success of this program relies on your patrols being prepared and having a properly stocked first aid kit. Except for blankets, please plan on materials from this first aid kit being used and will not be able returned at the completion of the exercise.

Demonstrations are being planned and will be shared at the leader's Cracker Barrel Friday night. Based on community organizations, the schedule is fluid and can change from the above timeline of activities.

Campsite Inspection (Patrol)

Saturday lunch will be a scored event. Patrols should start at NOON and use their established patrol menu in preparing a lunch that includes a proper balanced meal, with at least one cooked item. A staff member will evaluate the patrol as it completes the meal, from start to finish. Scoring will be based on teamwork, success at following the patrol method, balanced menu, and quality & Quantity of food. Have enough food planned for your staff inspector.

At the same time, the staff member will perform a campsite evaluation, using the checklist presented below as a guide. Camping is more than just setting up some tents. The site will be evaluated for layout, cleanliness and organization, arrangement in preparing and cooking their meals.

Scoring: Saturday Campsite Evaluation 90 points maximum with a bonus option of 5 points

OA Snap Elections

Any unit wishing to take part in snap elections during the lunch period please notify us at the time of check-in. A representative from the OA will do double duty of campsite inspection plus a snap election. 5 Bonus points will be given for every member elected the OA that day.

Campsite and Equipment Evaluation

Campsite Area 40 points total

Campsite Layout: 5 Points (Overall relationship of fire pits, tents, fly, etc....)

Adequate Protection: 5 Points (Drainage, circulation, and wind)

Tents and Dining Fly: 5 Points (Properly raised; no ropes in pathways)

Campsite and Equipment Evaluation (Continued)

Patrol Areas: 5 Points (Well organized, clean, and free of clutter)

Ax Yard: 5 Points (Safe, properly set-up, tools stored safely)

Duty Rosters: 5 Points (Filled out and posted)

Campsite Entrance: 5 Points (Gateway or entrance constructed with lashings)

Troop/patrol Identification: 5 Points (Troop sign or flag; patrol sign or flag)

Equipment 15 points total

Personal Gear: 5 Points (Stored properly in tents or out of way)

Troop/Patrol Gear: 5 Points (Properly stored; enough for trip)

Bonus: 5 Points for a Troops fully stocked first aid kit. Only one scout will be asked where it is at random. They will need to show camp staff upon ask during the inspection.

Cooking Area 25 points total

Properly located: 5 Points (Away from tents, not in pathways)

Food supplies: 5 Points (Food properly stored)

Menu: 5 Points (Posted, well-balanced and complete)

Cooking Equipment: 5 Points (Clean, stored/used properly and neatly)

Cleaning: 5 Points (Proper supplies for clean-up)

Safety and Sanitation 15 Points

First Aid Kit: 5 Points (Easy access, complete and enough)

Garbage Disposal: 5 Points (Away from Food Prep. Area, contained, clean)

Firewood: 5 Points (Adequate supply, properly placed, ready for weather)

Webelos Scouts Welcome: 5 points for every Webelo scout your troop hosts.

Webelos scouts are welcome to attend the camporee on Saturday, April 22nd starting at 8 A.M. Please check in at the Camporee HQ with Med Forms A and B. Webelos scouts will be asked to meet with their host troops for lunch. EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: Please reach out to local units and ask if they are attending the Scouting 911 Camporee. Webelos scouts are also asked to reach out to troops for meal reservations. Webelos scouts are welcome to camp overnight with their host troop. If not staying overnight, check out will be with their host troop. Please check them out so we can keep an accurate head count in camp.

Scouts Own Service

A Scouts Own is a non-denominational, interfaith, reverently focused service for scouts and scouters that would normally attend a religious service during the weekend. Service is at the Fire bowl behind the Carbon Lodge on Sunday morning, 9AM. Scouts that wish to do a reading, please arrive 15 minutes early and organize that with the Program Patrol in advance.

Check Out

If you are leaving early, please check out with HQ before you leave. All patches and ribbons will be given out at that time to each troop.

A final word to Scoutmasters. Please use this camporee as a recruitment tool. Nothing shows a young scout what your troop is all about better than a campout. We appreciate your interest and help with spreading the word about the Scouting 911 Camporee and the Camporee staff will do its part to help your troop make a good first impression. See you in April.

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Campfire Show Auditions

Scouts can audition to do a song, skit, or story. Auditions will be done camporee Headquarters (Carbon Lodge), April 22nd at 5 PM-6 PM. All awards will be handed out during the Campfire Show with other entertainment provided by the camporee staff.

Afternoon Program:

Evening Program:

Dutch Oven Campfire Show

Use the sheet below for auditions. Auditions will be done by the flagpole on Saturday at 5pm.

Troop _____ Patrol Name _____

Skit Description: