

Olympic District 2025 Great scouting hike off November 21-23

Camp thunderbird

Olympia, WA



Camporee Leader Guide

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Introduction

Get ready for an adventure, Scouts! The 2025 Olympic great scouting hike off weekend is here and it's going to be EPIC! This year we are adding additional program, camping and fellowship to the night hike program. We will also be having the cub scout day hike on Saturday morning. Join us at camp thunderbird from Friday, November 21st to Sunday, November 23rd, 2025 for a weekend packed with thrilling games, shooting sports, scout spirit, service, hiking, trainings and unforgettable fun memories.

During the great scouting hike off weekend you will be able to participate in various activities and acts of service. You'll gain points through showing scout spirit, helping others and performance during night hike and day hike competition. Hike with your patrol flag, and share your patrol yell. There will also be additional Activities during the day time open program.

This Leader Guide has the latest information about all night hike weekend activities, schedules, and requirements. Minor updates may be made in the days and weeks leading up to the event as we fine-tune the contests and program. **Please share this guide with adult and youth leaders.**

This year the great scouting hike off is turning into a camping event. It will feature an open program activity during the day on Saturday, cub scout day hike on Saturday morning, and night hike program Saturday night. There will be scheduled launch times for your hiking experience but all day program will be open program through out the day. We will need your units help to make this event a success. For this reason each unit attending the night hike will be asked to provide some form of service to the camp. This can include helping to run stations for the cub scout day hike, assisting with staffing a night hike station, helping run a daytime program station. This service can be provided by adult unit volunteers or youth.

Following the day hike lunch will be provided to cub scouts and scouting America scouts. Following night hike a cracker barrel will be offered. **Sunday morning units will be responsible for their own breakfast.** At 10 am on Sunday we will have a scouts' own and following this an award ceremony to recognize the amazing work from the weekend.

This event is designed for Scouting America Troops, venturing crews, and cub scouts, so rally your patrol and get ready to conquer the great outdoors! See you at Camp!

Registration

Prior Registration is required from all Units and cub scouts prior to arrival. The process is consolidated on this website:

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- 1) **All participants must register and pay the registration Fee online thur the website. .**

Fees

Scouting america Early bird through September 30th at midnight \$35.

Scouting america rate after September 30Th through November 7Th \$45

Cub scout day hike youth \$10

Youth staff \$25

Any unit or participants attempting to register after November 7th is contingent to space and availability. Please call the council office to inquire. Late fees may apply.

This fee includes all campsite and facility support costs. Provided meals for this campout include optional hot dog lunch on Saturday, Dinner prior to hike, and creaker barrel after the hike. UNITS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS, AND BREAKFAST ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

Camporee Administrative Details

- Check-In runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, November 21st and opens again from 7:00 to 10 am on Saturday, November 22 nd. Please arrive early!
- Units may bring trailers. You will check in with camp commissioner and you will be directed to your camping location. You will not be allowed to dive in camp. You may drop off your gear near staging area in main thunderbird parking lot and then you will be directed by parking attendant. Most vehicles will be parked at camp akala.
- **One adult leader must go to the Olympic district office to check in and turn in medical forms upon arrival.**
- **Cub scout day hikers. When you register you will select a time slot. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled start time for registration.**

What to Bring and Not Bring

Scouting America participates ensure to bring your ten essentials as there will be a pack check.

Cub scout day hikers. Make sure to bring your 6 essentials for your day hike, Scouts BSA must have your 10 essentials.

Tents: Each unit will Bring there own tents and equipment. Each unit will be assigned a location to camp based on unit size. Please pair up and have a tent buddy to help optimize space. Leave No Trace principles apply (no trenches, digging, etc.).

Firewood: fires will be permitted in established fire pits. There are only limited number of fire pits per campsite. Please share this space with other units and create time for fellowship.

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Unit Gear: See the Scouts BSA Handbook if you need guidance on Unit Gear. Bring your Unit and patrol flags. Be sure to bring cooking gear to cook breakfast on Saturday and dinner Friday night.

Personal Gear: The Scouts BSA Handbook also contains a checklist for personal camping gear.

Camporee Safety Requirements

- Wood or charcoal fires are permitted in designated fire rings and elevated cooking surfaces.
- Potable water is available but must be hauled to your campsite area.
- Participants should always carry their 10-Essentials. Water is a must.
- The Buddy System is in effect for safety at all times. It is encouraged that patrols stick together.
- All participants must remain in designated program activity areas.
- Weather: November temperatures will be chilly and can have a chance of rain or snow, Participants must have appropriate layered clothing and a winter sleeping bag. Check the weather forecast before departing from home. We will cancel the event in the case of thunderstorms.
- Please stay on the established trail and follow the map provided.
- Please keep food outside of tents due to wildlife.

Check-In Procedures

Regular Check-In is between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Friday and 7:00 to 10 am on Saturday morning. There will be a staff member in the parking lot to direct you to offload gear, drop off scouts, and direct you to parking location. Once you arrive to the camp have your Unit adult leader and Unit Youth Leader Check-In at the Olympic district office with your medical forms. You will receive Registration packets will include score cards and a schedule for the day. You will also receive emergency numbers to contact the camp director or camp medic if needed. Check-In will include verifying the following information:

☐ All Payments are Paid in Full. Please make all your Unit's fees are made online prior to the deadline of November 7th, 2025. On-site registration is not available. ☐ Complete and current BSA Health and Medical Records (Form 680-001_AB) must be on hand for ALL Camporee participants at Check-In. All medical forms will be collected and reviewed by the camp health officer. These will be returned to you at check out.

Camporee Leaders Briefing

Senior Patrol Leaders/Crew Leaders and Unit Adult Advisors are invited to a night hike weekend Leader Briefing on **Friday night, November 21st at 21:00 in the dale o**. We will provide updates program, review where unit volunteers will be stationed, weather and

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scheduling. Last-minute changes and information may be handed out. Your top leaders should attend, NOT your entire Unit.

Night hike weekend Daily Schedule

Note: Schedule is subject to change. Updates will be provided as necessary.

FRIDAY – November, 21, 2025

Time	Events	Notes
16:00 – 20:00	Check-In	Olympic district office
20:00- 21:00	Set up camp	campsite
21:00 – 22:00	Scoutmaster/spl meeting	Dale o
23:00	Taps /lights out	All Campsites

SATURDAY – November, 22, 2025

Time	Events	Notes
7:00 – 10am	Saturday check in and cub scout check in	District office
11:00 AM	Reveille for Encamped Units,	
7:00 – 11:00	Breakfast and Clean-up for encamped units. Those helping with cub scout day hike will need to be up at 7 am.	Campsites
9am-12:00	Council calendar planning, summit by invitation only	Dale o
8 Am- 1PM	Cub scout day hike	Camp thunderbird
11:00am -6PM	Open Program	
11:00 – 13:00	Lunch in dinning hall for all participates	
4:00 PM-3:am	Night hike program staggered start. Arrive at dinning hall 30 mins prior to scheduled start time.	Dining hall- logging road.

SUNDAY – April 27, 2025

Time	Events	Notes
7am- 9:30 am	Breakfast Units will cook in camp	
9:30 am to 10:25	Scoutmaster SPL meeting	SSC
10:30 -11:00	Scouts own service	chaple

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11:10- 11:30	Closing ceremonies.	Dinning hall.
11:30 -1 pm	Break camp and check out	Olympic district office.

Scheduled optional events- TBD. Classes in development

Patrol spirit award

Organizing Your Patrols

Night hike competition- Each troop/patrol will be scored based on your performance of each of the 10 night hike stations.

Cub scout day hike - each scout that completes the day hike will complete cub scout adventures and receive a patch as well as a scout skills book they will construct

Scout spirit tokens spirit tokens will be given out to those scouts or patrols that are showing scout spirit through completing good deeds, helping others,, singing songs or yells, following the scout oath and law. Turn these coins in at the end of the night and the winning patrol will earn the patrol spirit award.

Patrol spirit award- Create a campsite gateway, share your scout spirit, teach other scouts skills, volunteer, complete at least 4 of 5 day time activities, and complete the night hike. If your patrol earns at least 40 points you will earn honor patrol. If you earn the most points then your patrol will earn a grand prize.

Special Program Features

Night hike – the night hike is a 10 mile hike that starts and stops at the camp thunderbird dinning hall. There will be staggered start times. Each unit will have the opportunity to sign up for their desired start time on the online registration. 15 people can be assigned to each time slot. If a unit/patrol has less than 15 scouts attend you may be paired with another unit to equal 15 scouts, but each unit will need to provide 2 deep adult leadership with their scouts. Scouts can earn points at each station based on their performance. If your troop/patrol has less than 15 people you may be asked to hike with another unit to equal 15 people.

Cub scout day hike- cub scouts day hike will be a 2.5 mile hike around camp thunderbird with stations and fun activities that will go toward required adventures. There will be a staggered start time with the first group starting the hike at 8:30 AM. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled start time. Each scout and parent will be required to bring there part A and B medical forms. After completing the hike please join us for a hot dog lunch.

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Activities/ skills/ and range activities- from 11 am to 6 pm we will be having open program with various scout skills, games, and range activities. This is open for both cub scout and scouting America age scouts. Come out and practice your skills to prepare for the night hike competition and have fun with your scouting family from around the council.

Shooting Sports - come and practice your marksmanship and shoot BB guns at the thunderbird range.

Outdoor Ethics - learn and practice your leave no trace and out door code skills while having fun.

Navigation- Learn and practice your orienteering and map and compass skill set.

Fire Building - Practice fire starting and learn some cool tricks.

Knots/ Lashings – come and put your knots and lashing skills to the test. Wither you need to learn your skills or you are coming to practice and build a camp gadget we challenge you to come join us.

Flag Retirement (possible) show your civic duty and learn the respect due to the american flag and practice and serve as we conduct a flag retirement ceremony.

Camporee service- this event has many moving parts to be able to run a successful program. For this reason we are requesting each unit to provide some level of cheerful service to the event. This can be in the form of youth volunteers or adult volunteers. The different areas that are available include running a night hike station, assisting with running an activity, game, teaching a skill, during day program, assisting with running a station for the cub scout day hike, or providing youth 16 years old or older to help in the dish pit. You will be able to submit your area of interest to volunteer on the online registration.

Scout's Own Service - We will have one large non-denominational chapel service Sunday morning at the chape. All Units are invited to the service. In respect for our Duty to God, please avoid interruptions or loud noises in the vicinity during this time.

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Camporee Rules

The following rules are to help us have a fun and safe camping experience. It is the responsibility of the Unit Adult Advisor in Charge and the Unit Youth Leader to see that all Scouts know and understand these rules. Please don't put us in a no-win disciplinary situation.

1. Participant Behavior: All participants, both Scouts and Adults, will use the scouting america Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan to guide their actions. Everyone here is for a fun and safe outdoor adventure. Your actions impact the fun of others. Be a positive impact.
2. Two-Deep Leadership: All Units attending must comply with the scouting america policy requiring "two registered Adult Advisors or Adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, for all trips and outings." Advisors must have current Youth Protection Training.
3. Buddy System - All Scouts are expected to be in the presence of a buddy at all times. At no time should a Scout be more than 30 feet from another Scout. This goes for Adults as well.
4. Vehicles: Vehicles are limited to the main road or parking areas only. No parking in campsites.
5. Fires: Open fires (wood/charcoal) are permitted, but only in established fire pits. There is limited availability please share this space with other units in your site. All fires and active (lit) stoves must be attended at all times. Units can bring your own raised fire pits for there campsite.
6. Firearms: Personal firearms, explosives, and fireworks are prohibited.
7. Tobacco: The entire Camporee is tobacco free per BSA policies on tobacco use.
8. Conservation: Please conserve our natural resources. No digging, trenching, or raking is allowed. Use Leave No Trace principles. Adhere to the Outdoor Code.
9. Lights out: Scouts are not allowed out of their campsite after lights out except to use the portable toilets. ALL QUIET PLEASE from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.
10. Electronic devices: Can be used per unit discretion. It may be advised to stay off electronic devices by camporee staff if they are being a distraction during program activities.
11. Other vehicles: No personal ATV's, etc., are allowed at the Camporee.
12. Pets: Pets (except for trained service dogs) are not allowed at the Camporee.
13. Portable Toilets: Portable toilets will be on site. Please keep them clean and useable for others. If you see a mess, please take a moment to clean it up. There is no cleaning crew.
14. Campsite Etiquette: Advisors should remind (and enforce) that Scouts DO NOT cut through other Units' campsites enroute to their own campsite. "A Scout is Courteous."
15. Off limits area: All participants must stay within the Camporee camping and activity areas only.

Check-Out Procedures

- Regular Check-Out is Sunday morning after the awards ceremony..
- Final Campsite Inspection: Ensure that all your gear is packed and taken with you and the campsite is patrolled for trash. Please police trash and take it with you. We will not have a dumpster on site.
- Camporee Evaluation. Please help the Olympic District volunteers by providing feedback using the online Survey Monkey evaluation. Details coming soon!

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Additional Information

Uniforms

The minimum uniform for all Scouts throughout the Camporee will be the Activity Uniform (a.k.a. "Class B") with Scout pants and a Unit t-shirt or a Scout-themed shirt. Please dress appropriately for weather.

The Scout Field Uniform (a.k.a. "Class A") is the official dress uniform and is to be worn at the Scouts Own Service and awards ceremony.

Meals

Units are responsible for meal on Friday night Saturday morning and Sunday morning.

Each Scout and Advisor provides their own eating utensils/kit; units bring their own cooking and cleaning supplies. **We will be providing a optional hot dog lunch on Saturday, dinner prior to your night hike, and cracker barrel once you complete your night hike**

Each Unit must furnish its own food, ice, stove, fuel, or charcoal. **ABSOLUTELY NO UNATTENDED LIT COOK STOVES!** Check stoves and fuel lines for leaks before using.

First Aid

Minor first aid injuries should be handled at the Unit level. The Camporee Health Officer and the Camp staff are trained to help with medical emergencies or basic first aid. Each unit will be provided with emergency numbers if first aid assistance is needed on the trail and the medic will come to you if needed. Report major injuries to the Camporee Health Officer and Camp Staff immediately. If you are unsure of the level of injury, consider it major and notify these trained personnel. If able go to the medical room in the dale-O with body and adult leader.

Medications

Units shall maintain all their Scouts medications and supervise their use. Protect medications from loss by locking them in a container.

Toilets

There are portable toilets and bathrooms at camp thunderbird. Please keep them clean. There are not bathrooms or portal toilets on the night hike trail. Please plan accordingly and bring hygiene kits.

Trash/Sanitation

Please keep your campsite clean and use your own trash bags. Remember the principles of leave no trace. Please pack out garbage with you. **NO FOOD IN TENTS** (unless you want raccoons and other critters making holes in it).

Flags

Each patrol should have a patrol flag displayed during each of the night hike stations.

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Emergencies

If severe weather, Lost Scout, or another emergency situation occurs at the night hike, an emergency broad cast will go out to our radio operators with instructions; If an emergency happens in camp then the camp siren will go off and we will congrate by unit in the parade field. All participants will be accounted for and await further instructions from Camporee staff. An emergency recall signal procedure will be announced during the SPL and leadings meeting Friday night.

Camporee Staff

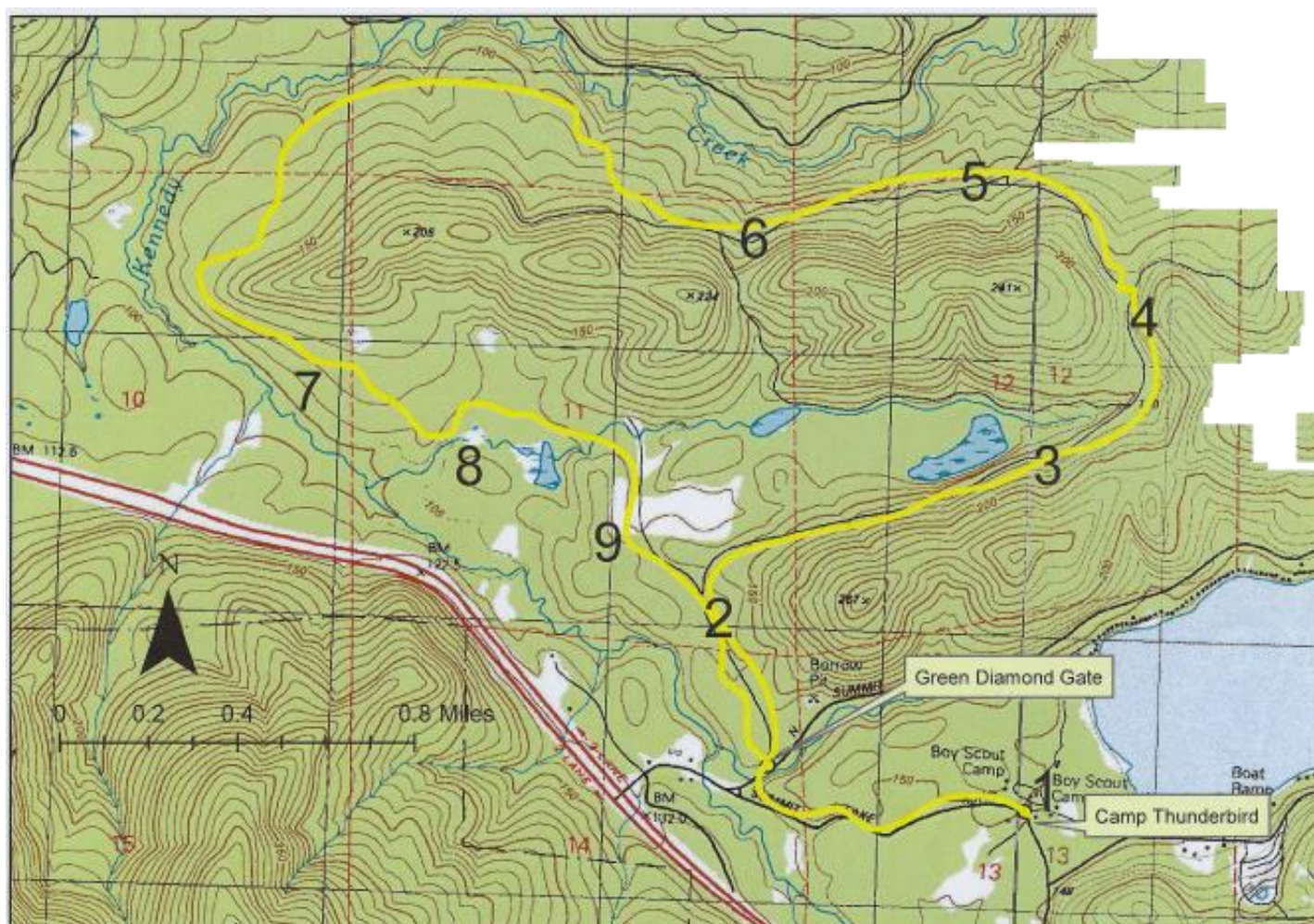
Here are names for the principal Camporee staff for this event:

Jeff kasnick	Camporee Director and STC administrator	Jeffkasnick@gmail.com
Matt Beauregard	Day activites, range activites, and games director	
Micheal chase	Cub scout day hike program director	
Katherine Harshman John spiegelberg	Camporee Health Officer	
John Vano	Chef	
Tyler fine	Staff advisor	
Tony vetter	Camporee master, youth staff lead	
Tim Helman	Night hike program director	

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Camporee Site Map

Night hike map.



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Night hike stations

Station 1 Disc Toss

Station 2 Don't Fall Off

Station 3 Jeopardy Questions

Station 4 Fire Building

Station 5 Pioneering/Tripod

Station 6- spirit point

STATION 7 KNOT RELAY

Station 8 Ski Challenge

STATION 9 FRICTION BRIDGE

Station 10 Safety Counts

Day hike stations.

Table 1: Geocache (Save Current Point-Enter Table Locations), Unit Flag (Fabric, Markers, Dowel Rods)

Table 2: Paracord Buddy

Table 3: Spot the 6 Essentials Game, Appropriate Clothing Game, 6 Essentials card

Table 4: Outdoor Code/LNT learn

Table 5: SAW/Buddy System

Table 6: Draw 5 things you remembered from the hike..