

Wilderness Survival Merit Badge

Bay Lakes Council Spring Camporee
JCC Rainbow Camp
Saukville, WI



Dear Unit Leader:

Thank you for signing up for the Bay Lakes Council Spring Camporee. We are here to help you deliver a quality program to the scouts of your unit. (The terms Troop, Unit, Crew and Group are used interchangeably.) The Camporee staff are a highly motivated group of leaders, adults and scouts who have all made sacrifices to be at camp and we have been working hard to continually upgrade our program to better serve you and your scouts. Your scout's safety and positive experience is our number one priority; working together with the staff, adult leaders and district to ensure an awesome experience. We are looking forward to a great weekend!

We have an action-packed weekend planned for the scouts and to complete the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge, **each scout IS REQUIRED to complete the PRE-WORK PACKET and bring a day bag with the 10 Scout Essentials** as during the camporee move quickly and efficiently between the stations. Appropriate planning for meals is a must. Please familiarize yourself with the event agenda.

If you have any questions about the weekend's camp program, please email me at rsnickerson@gmail.com. Thank you for choosing Bay Lakes Council Spring Camporee!

Sincerely,

Russell Nickerson
Spring Camporee Chair
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ADDITIONAL CAMPOREE DETAILS

WHO:

- All Troops-BSA and Venturing Crews

WHEN:

- May 5, 2023 thru May 7, 2023
- Check-in begins at 5:00 pm

WHERE:

- JCC Rainbow Camp
- W3985 Trails End Rd, Fredonia, WI 53021

HOW MUCH:

- \$15.00 per Scout
- No Charge for Leaders, Adults and Staff

REGISTRATION:

Must register on-line at:

- 8 scouts per patrol maximum – large groups, please break unit into smaller patrols.
- **15 Patrols maximum – 125 scouts max.**
- Registration deadline: May 3, 2023, at midnight
- There will be NO on-site registration.

EVENT SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

Wilderness Survival Merit Badge	
May 5, 6 and 7, 2023	
Friday Night Activities	
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Check- In and Troop Site Setup
07:15 PM - 07:45 PM	Crackerbarrel
08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Survival Fued
10:00 PM	Lights Out
Saturday Activities	
07:00 AM - 08:20 AM	Breakfast
08:30 AM - 08:45 AM	Flag ceremony / Program Kickoff
08:55 AM - 09:35 AM	Rotation 1
09:45 AM - 10:25 AM	Rotation 2
10:35 AM - 11:15 AM	Rotation 3
11:25 AM - 12:05 PM	Rotation 4
12:10 PM - 01:25 PM	LUNCH Campfire MC - visit Troops during lunch for Skit submission
01:35 PM - 02:15 PM	Rotation 5
02:25 PM - 03:05 PM	Rotation 6
03:15 PM - 05:15 PM	Natural Shelter Building - ALL SCOUTS
05:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Dinner
08:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Campfire Program
10:00 PM	Lights Out & Sleeping in Widerness Shelter
Sunday Activities	
6:45 AM	Wake Up
7:00 AM	BREAKFAST
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Flag ceremony / Interfaith Service for All
8:30 AM	Break down Shelters, Pack up, Site inspection, Handout of Patches, etc.

CAMPOREE WILDERNESS SURVIVAL MERIT BADGE:

Join Bay Lakes Council Spring Camporee (hosted by Kettle Country District) and learn how to SURVIVE and earn your Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

During the Camporee you will:

- Learn wilderness survival techniques by playing Survival Feud pitting Troops against Troops to see who has the most survival knowledge.
- Learn the essential items that make up a survival kit that every scout should have.
- Become skilled at starting fires without matches,
- how to attract attention when lost,
- understand the proper ways to treat water to make it drinkable and
- Finally build a natural shelter and spend the night in it to complete your training!!

The Camporee is designed so that if each Scout completes the pre-work and all the activities during the weekend – they will have earned the Wilderness Survival merit badge.

Wilderness Survival Pre-work Packet:

Each Scout wanting to earn the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge at the completion of the Camporee must have the pre-work completed prior to the camporee and **TURNED IN** at registration.

Each Scout must complete the following:

- 1) Fill in the attached Pre-work Packet for:
 - a. Requirements 1,3,5,9,11,12
 - i. Please note special instructions on requirement #5.
- 2) Fill in Scout Name and Troop # on each page (please staple pages together)
- 3) Filled out Blue Card with Scoutmaster Signature
- 4) **As part of this merit badge – all scouts are required to have a day pack and must contain at a minimum, the 10 Scout Essentials. This is a requirement that will be check-off for each Scout attending.**

Packets and Blue Cards (one for each Scout) needs to be turned in at registration. They will be returned (along with answer key) during check out with signed Blue Cards.

[A great website as a resource for this merit badge can be found at the link below – please share with all Scouts attending the Camporee.](https://scoutermom.com/25135/wilderness-survival-merit-badge/)

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Please Note:

The below requirements will be completed at the camporee – it is highly recommended that Scouts take the initiative to review and read through these requirements and have some basic understand of each requirement topic.

Requirements that are covered at the camporee:

- #2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10

UPON ARRIVAL TO CAMP:

Units should arrive between 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Friday and follow the signs for check in. The first person arriving from your unit should check in the entire unit at the check-in station.

“CRACKER-BARREL” FRIDAY EVENING from 7:15 to 7:45 pm.

We need the SPL (or acting SPL) and one adult leader. We will use this time to discuss the Friday night activity as well as the next day’s event.

“STATION ROTATION” LOGISTICS:

All Stations are to be done as patrols. Each patrol should be no larger than 8 scouts. Upon check in, we will be asking for patrol names and rotation schedules will be distributed at that time.

CLASS A FIELD UNIFORM:

Class A Field Uniform is required for Saturday & Sunday Opening and Closing Flag Ceremonies only. Scouts should consider putting their uniform in their day bag during sessions if they choose.

CAMPOREE STAFF:

Our camporee staff are a motivated and well-trained group of volunteers who are devoting their personal time to make this a memorable experience for your scouts.

Please help us further the Aims of Scouting with all scouts at camp, including camporee staff. If you have any questions throughout the weekend, please seek out a committee staff member for assistance.

MEAL PROCEDURES:

All meals and food are the responsibility of each Troop / Unit.

Cooking by coals or gas is allowed. Each Unit is responsible for bringing an above-ground fire pit if planning to cook by coal or fire as they will not be provided by the camp or the district, nor are any campfires permitted on the ground.

ELECTRONICS POLICY:

With the ever-changing advancement of technology, Merit Badge books are now available in electronic form and Spring Camporee staff supports the BSA in this advancement. Therefore, E-Readers will be allowed at camp. Gaming, internet, phone calls, and text messaging should be reserved for when you get back home. Youth Protection policies must be adhered to at all times and are especially important in relation to photography use. Failure to comply with Youth Protection policies may result in scouts or adults being asked to leave the camp without refund. Your agreement to this is recognized by registration to this event.

SATURDAY EVENING CAMPFIRE:

The Spring Camporee staff will be providing a Saturday evening campfire program (weather permitting.) Each patrol is **REQUIRED** to come up with a scout approved / appropriate skit or song to be performed during the campfire. Patrols will need to obtain approval of their skit prior to the campfire.

DUTY TO GOD SERVICES:

A Scout is reverent! Scouts of all faiths observe the twelfth part of the Scout Law by worshipping in the manner of their choice. An interfaith opportunity to fulfill your Duty to God will be held on Sunday morning.

LEADERSHIP:

Each unit must have always at least two registered adult leaders in camp (on site).

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Every scout and adult attending camp must have with them a current BSA Health Form with Parts A and B completed. Unit leaders should collect and review all medical forms prior to camp and keep in their possession for review.

Each unit should bring their own unit first aid kit. Each unit leader should conduct all minor treatment to youth and adults. All medications are to be kept in their original container, locked up and dispensed by the unit leader. Unit leaders should keep track of when, how much, the type, and by whom the medication was dispensed.

The camp will have a "health officer" on staff for the duration of camp for more serious situations. However, if a medical emergency occurs, dial 911 immediately. An adult unit leader must accompany a scout to the camp infirmary located at the Staff Building.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

Many accidents that happen at camp can be avoided. Always wear closed-toe shoes, drink plenty of water - no matter the temperature outside and use good-scout common sense.

DISCIPLINE:

The Unit Leader and their assistants are responsible for the discipline and order of their unit. The Camp Staff will not assume responsibility for, or interfere with, unit discipline unless it directly involves the health and safety of scouts or unit leaders are not present at the time of the issue. The Camporee Chair will be notified of any problem by the staff member. No arrangements can be made to send a scout home before informing the Camporee Chair of the situation.

CAMPSITES:

Unit sites will be pre-assigned with location provided at check-in. We reserve the right to place more than one unit in a campsite.

LEAVING CAMP (DURING SESSIONS):

Scouts are expected to stay on-site from the opening to the conclusion of camp.

Adults needing to leave need to formally check out with the Camporee Chair or Medical Director in the Staff Office. This is a safety policy, so all people are accounted for at camp.

CHECKING OUT (END OF CAMP):

Units can check out Sunday morning with the help of a staff member. Each unit is to practice Leave No Trace principles and keep the grounds in better shape than when we found them. We are guests at the JJC Rainbow Camp and would appreciate the ability to come back again. Spring Camporee patches will be handed out following approved site inspection.

END OF LEADER GUIDE