

Lakeshore District Spring Camporee Planes, Trains, & Automobiles

2024 Leader Guide

May 3-5th 2024

Aviation Heritage Center – Sheboygan Falls, WI

Welcome,

On behalf of the Lakeshore District, we welcome you to the 2024 Spring Camporee

As part of this Camporee, scouts will have the opportunity to earn several different merit badges. We are partnering with various organizations and partners throughout Wisconsin to help plan and execute this event. We will be offering the following merit badges: Aviation, Auto Maintenance, Collections, Railroading, Traffic Safety, & Truck Transportation.

Within the pages of this guide, you will find important information that will aide your troop in preparing for the event.

The camporee committee has worked diligently to bring your troop one of the best camporee events ever. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any one of the committee members.

*Bruce Wisnefske
Camporee Committee Chair*

Camporee Committee: Aviation Heritage Center, Jason Zipperer, Marly Meinnert, Brooks Hesselink, Dale Opgenorth and the rest of the Lakeshore District Committee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Camporees are Boy Scout events and like other BSA events, certain rules and regulations must be followed.

All scouts and adults attending the event must have a BSA Medical Form (Parts A & B) completed. The forms should be retained in the unit's campsite for easy access if needed.

All adults attending the event with a unit must be a registered adult within their unit with non-expired Youth Protection Training.

Camp Code: The Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan are the camp code and should be followed at all times.

Roster: A roster for each Troop must be provided at time of online registration and then confirmed at time of check-in. Please include the name of the Senior Patrol Leader for the weekend, the Scout names and rank, leader names with a phone number where they can be reached.

Fires: Ground fires are not allowed on property. Raised portable fire pits should be utilized for campfires in your camping areas. Firewood should not be brought from more than 15 miles away from the site.

Lanterns: Open flame lanterns of any kind are not permitted in tents. Battery powered lanterns are recommended for use inside tents.

Garbage: All trash generated by a unit must be disposed of properly off the Camporee site by troops packing out their own trash.

Alcohol & Tobacco: Alcohol and drugs are not allowed. Tobacco product usage is not permitted in the presence of Scouts. A designated smoking area will be identified at the time of registration.

Knives: Fixed blade knives are not permitted at BSA events. Folding blade knives with a blade that is 3.5" or less are permitted. Any scout with a knife should be able to provide evidence of his Totem Chip card if asked by any adult or staff member. Failure to produce a Totem Chip card may result in confiscation of knife with it being returned to the leader after the closing ceremony.

Transportation: Troops should plan to arrive as a group and utilize as few cars as possible. There will be limited parking and only 1 vehicle will be allowed to remain in the camping area through the Camporee. All additional cars will need to be moved to a remote parking area by 9:00 on Friday night.

Safe Scouting: The Guide to Safe Scouting will be the benchmark by which all Scouters will follow. Any questions regarding Scout rules will be directed to the Program Staff or the District Executive.

Registration:

Early Bird Registration is due online no later than April 1, 2024.

Early Bird Registration fee of \$15.00 per Scout includes admission to the event and, an event patch.

The regular registration is \$25.00 per Scout includes admission to the event and, an event patch.

All registrations must be turned in by Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

As part of registration, each unit will need to identify for each scout their merit badge preference. Due to resource constraints, we are limiting the event to only 120 scouts. Depending on availability, we may, or may not be able to make changes the day of the event so we encourage to work with your scouts early so they can register for their preferred merit badge. If we can acquire more resources to help with the event, the planning team will evaluate if more registration spots can be made available.

Online registration is available at:

Arrival and Parking:

No one will be allowed to check in before 4:30 PM. Entrance to the Camporee Area will be on N6191 Resource Dr, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. Upon Arrival, the Camporee Staff will be available to direct you to the appropriate location to set up the unit's camping area. [See Map at the end of the Leader Guidebook for direction to the Aviation Heritage Center.]

Each troop will be given one parking pass to park in the camping area. Troops will be allowed to bring additional vehicles to the camping site to drop off gear and equipment (15-minute time limit) and then move the vehicles to the designated parking area. We need everyone's patience and cooperation to move gear and Scouts around safely and efficiently. We ask that troops try to minimize the number of cars that they bring to the event as there is limited parking available.

Only one vehicle will be allowed in a unit's camping area after 9 PM on Friday.

Troops can park a trailer in their camp area provided that the ground is not muddy. Vehicles must park in the designated parking lot.

Leader Meeting:

Friday night 8:30.

This is a very important mandatory meeting. All Senior Patrol Leaders along with Scoutmasters must attend. Any other adult leaders within your Troop are welcome to attend also. We will be passing out more information at this meeting and will be answering any questions that you may have.

Schedule of Events

Friday:

5:00 – 8:00 PM Check-in and set up
8:30 PM Leader meeting
10:00 PM Taps and lights out. All scouts QUIET!!

Saturday:

6:30 AM Reveille
6:30 – 7:45 AM Breakfast at campsites
8:00 – 8:30 AM Opening Ceremony
8:30 – 12:00 PM Merit Badge Events
12:05 – 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 PM Merit Badge Events
5:00 – 5:30 PM Closing Flag Ceremony
5:30 – 7:30 PM Dinner at campsites
7:30 – 8:30 PM Campfire and Awards Ceremony / Flag Retirement
10:00 PM Taps and lights out. All scouts QUIET!!

Sunday:

6:30 AM Reveille
6:30 – 8:00 AM Breakfast at campsites
8:00 – 9:00 AM Clean up, campsite inspections and check out

All troops must leave the site by 9:00 AM Sunday morning.

INTRODUCTION:

Opening Ceremony

The Saturday Morning Opening Ceremony will be different than any opening ceremony your troop may have attended. At 8:00 AM your troop must report to the Opening Ceremony grounds.

Closing Ceremony

At the conclusion of the games, all units should report back to the Ceremony Grounds for a brief closing ceremony. After the closing, the units will be dismissed to their camping area to prepare and eat dinner.

Closing Campfire / Awards Ceremony

By 7:30, all units and leaders should report to the Camp fire area for the Closing campfire. During the campfire, we will review the activities of the day and celebrate the achievements of all of the scouts. Scouts and leaders should plan to bring camp chairs to the campfire. There are no chairs provided by the campfire area. At the conclusion of the campfire, we will turn the events over to the Order of the Arrow for the Callout ceremony.

Program:

The biggest portion of your weekend will be spent at the merit badge events. They will be divided into two segments; a morning and afternoon segment.

The intent is to keep groups so that there are no more than 20 scouts at a merit badge at a time. This should allow the appropriate amount of time for the Counselor to work with each Scout to assure that the merit badge requirement(s) for that station are met.

It is highly recommended that scouts research the requirements for the merit badge and complete any prerequisites.

Each Scout should have a blue card along with them throughout the event. The Merit Badge Counselors will be signing off at each station as scouts complete the requirement. Scouts must satisfactorily complete the requirement (as written) to have the counselor sign off on it. We will try to provide as much support as possible for the scouts to complete the merit badge at the event.

Prerequisites:



Aviation, no prerequisites



Auto Maintenance

Requirements 8,9,10,11,12

Read booklet and be able to have a conversation about the badge



Railroading no prerequisites

\$10 additional fee for model kit



Truck Transportation

Requirements 2c, 8, 9

Read booklet and be able to have a conversation about the badge.

As part of the merit badge, we will be transporting scouts to a local truck transportation depo.



Traffic Safety

Requirements 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d



Collections

Requirement #1

Requirement #5B – This includes 2 groupings of your collection

Requirement #8

How can we get more information?

Information can be obtained by contacting Bruce Wisnefske at 920-946-0795 or wisnefskeb@gmail.com

2024 SPRING CAMPOREE - EVENT EVALUATION

We hope that you and your Scouts had a great time this weekend. We are asking that each troop fill out one of these evaluations and turn it in at checkout. Filling out this form should be a troop wide affair and should not be based upon just one person's opinion.

Please use this grading scale: 1 = poor to 5 = excellent

Troop # _____

1. Did your troop enjoy the camporee? _____

2. Were the events well planned? _____

3. How would you rate the campfire? _____

4. How would you rate the overall camporee? _____

What would you change? Why?

What would you like to see done again? Why?

5. What type of themed Camporee would you like to see in the future?

6. Feel free to write additional comments and suggestions on the back.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Remember, feedback is a gift and by providing your feedback we can make improvements for future events.

