

Bay-Lakes Council SPRING CAMPOREE 2025

(Sponsored by GW, VY, & TL Districts)



**BEAR
PAW**

**SPRING
CAMPOREE
2025**

**BAY-LAKES COUNCIL,
SCOUTING AMERICA**

Scouting America

Bay-Lakes Council

May the Fourth be with you!

Dear Scoutmasters:

The 2025 Bear Paw Scout Camp Spring Camporee is intended for Scouts BSA youth. We hope it will be among the many fun-filled and rewarding events of the Scouting year. Please join us for a weekend of advancement opportunity, fellowship, and sharing as Scouts from 3 districts and many Troops gather to get to know one another, share ideas, program successes, and their experiences.

The spring camporee is scheduled for May 2nd - 4th, 2025, at the Bear Paw Scout Camp, located just east of Mountain, Wisconsin. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes 2 nights' stay at the camp, a Star Wars themed patch (featured on the front cover), Saturday lunch, merit badge supplies, and instruction. If you haven't registered already, please visit the Bay Lakes Council web page and search for the event on the calendar or click the link below.

<https://scoutingevent.com/635-BearPawSpringCamporee>

This 3-day, 2-night camporee is intended to bring multiple districts together for a camporee like no other. With the theme of Star Wars, we wanted to bring the fun and excitement to the merit badges that we elected to offer. With more than 18 scheduled activities, including merit badges, scout and leader training, and high adventure ATVs. That doesn't even cover all the fun events in between, there is something for everyone! Please thank our counselors for their time and expertise in these fields of interest.

We look forward to seeing your troops' excitement and encourage you to bring your Star Wars extras! We hope this becomes one of the highlights of your scouting year. Thank you for your continuing support for scouts and scouting. Let's make this a camporee to remember!

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Rasmussen

2025 Spring Camporee Event Chair

Cell #: (920) 205-1401

PaulRas23@gmail.com



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Force is Strong with Our Camporee Staff- Our Camporee staff is a dedicated and highly skilled group of Jedi counselors and Rebel volunteers, trained in the ways of the Force. Should you have any questions during your adventure throughout the weekend, seek out one of our staff members, and they will assist you in your mission.

A Jedi's Focus on Excellence- We've designed the merit badge sessions to be of a manageable size, allowing for more personal attention and the chance to answer any questions that arise. Should you find yourself with extra time and the desire to lend a hand, simply reach out to the Check-In team or head straight to a merit badge session. There, you can ask the counselor how you can assist in completing the mission at hand. Together, we can ensure the success of the galaxy's future leaders.

Check-In at the Rebel Base- Check-in will begin on Friday at 4:30 till 9:00 pm and again Saturday morning from 7:30 till 9:00 am at the Bear Den Registration station, located just off the parking lot, near the entrance to the base. Upon arrival, you will be assigned to your designated campsite. Troop trailers and one vehicle per unit will be allowed to park in the campsites, while all other vehicles should be parked in the designated landing zone (the large parking area). Scouts are encouraged to hand-carry their gear from the check-in area to their campsites. Trailers may transport supplies, but remember, troops must check in with the registration team first before embarking on this mission.

Stay in the Camp, Young Padawan- Scouts are expected to remain within the camp's boundaries throughout the weekend, until the conclusion of the Camporee. Should any Scout or adult need to leave early for special reasons, they must check out with the Camporee Chair or Health Officer. This is a vital safety measure, ensuring we can account for all members of the camp in case of an emergency. Remember, the safety of the entire Rebel Alliance is our top priority.

The Final Mission: Check-Out- Troops are scheduled to check out between 8:30 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, May 4th inside the Trading Post. Before you depart and head back into hyperspace, ensure your campsite is in top condition: clean and secure the area, including the pit toilets. Return all tools and materials to their designated locations, make sure all fires are fully extinguished, and pack up all your gear like a true member of the Rebel Alliance.

Dispose of any trash in the dumpsters behind the Dining Hall, and remember to bring any recycling you've collected over the weekend to properly dispose of it in off-site recycling centers. Leave no trace, just like a skilled Jedi, by leaving no evidence behind, ensuring the galaxy remains clean and free of debris.

Vehicle traffic should proceed with caution—be mindful of pedestrians navigating the camp roads. Should early check-out be necessary, please coordinate with the Camporee Chair. Before leaving, troops must check out with the Check-Out team stationed inside the Trading Post, where your Camporee-themed patch and any other troop items will be distributed.

May your final mission be as smooth as the Millennium Falcon's jump to lightspeed!

BSA Health Forms: The Force of Safety- The BSA Health Forms A & B are required for every member of the Rebel Alliance attending the Camporee. These forms must be submitted upon arrival at check-in. Be aware, the Medical Forms will not be returned to the troops upon departure.

In accordance with a new Wisconsin Law, you must submit a copy of everyone's Medical Form (Parts A & B) at check-in. These copies will be stored by the Council—keeping the safety of the galaxy secure for all.

Vehicle Parking: The Path of the Jedi- All motorized vehicles must remain in designated parking areas only. There is ample parking available in the main lot, where vehicles may be safely stored. Note that battery-powered scooters and bikes are not permitted within the camp—only your trusted feet or reliable transport ships may be used to navigate the campgrounds.

Campsite Assignments: A New Hope- Campsites will be assigned upon your arrival based on the number of participants in your troop. Troops may be asked to share their campsite, so be ready to work together like a true team of Rebels. If you have any special needs or concerns, please notify the Camporee staff immediately.

Bear Paw does not provide batteries for CPAP machines, and most campsites lack power outlets or direct access to them. Be sure to bring your own batteries or make alternate arrangements to ensure your personal comfort throughout the weekend—just like a seasoned Jedi, always be prepared.

The Fires of the Force- All fires must be built within established fire rings or designated locations in the campsites. The forests surrounding the camp provide ample firewood, but remember—any wood brought into the camp must be locally sourced within a 20-mile radius, as required by the laws of the galaxy. The Force of the environment must be respected, and we must protect the balance.

The Force of Meal Planning- Each Troop is responsible for their own meal planning and food for the weekend, with the exception of Saturday's lunch, which will be served in the Dining Hall, much like a gathering at the Rebel Alliance's headquarters. All cooking will take place in your designated campsites, where you'll harness the power of your cooking skills to fuel your mission.

Water: The Lifeblood of the Galaxy- Water is available at all campsites and buildings, ensuring that the flow of hydration is as constant as the Force itself. Stay fueled, stay strong, and may the water be with you throughout your journey.

Trash and Recycling: A Clean Galaxy- Each Troop should bring their own plastic garbage and recycling bags or containers. Dispose of any trash in the dumpsters behind the Dining Hall, and remember to bring any recycling you've collected over the weekend to properly dispose of it in off-site recycling centers. Each Troop will be asked to sign up for a Good Turn cleanup at Check-in—just like a true member of the Rebel Alliance, we keep the galaxy clean and free of clutter. Leave no trace of your presence in this camp, and may your efforts help protect the environment for future generations.

The Rest Stops of the Galaxy- Toilets are available within the campsite area, but each Troop should be prepared with extra toilet paper—just in case your journey takes you to the far reaches of the camp. Shower houses and flush toilets may be available depending on the weather, but flush toilets are located in the main buildings across the camp property. Stay prepared, and may the Force be with you, even in the most unexpected places!

The Medical Bay of the Camp- The Health Officer will be stationed in the Torinus building and is available throughout the weekend, ready to assist with any medical needs. All injuries should be reported to the Health Officer for proper care. Minor scrapes and cuts can be treated by your Troop's medics and need not be reported unless further attention is required. Remember, even the smallest injury can become a larger challenge if left unattended—may the Force guide you to a quick recovery!

The Gathering of the Rebel Alliance- A grand campfire will be held on Saturday evening, where Troops are encouraged to prepare a skit, song, or any other form of entertainment to share with the gathered heroes of the galaxy. Sign-up sheets will be available at check-in and during Saturday's lunch, so make sure your Troop is ready to showcase their talents for the entire camp.

Scouts needing to MC a program for the Communication Merit Badge are welcome to assist with the event. Please inform the Camporee Chair if any Scouts wish to contribute to the program.

At the end of the campfire, a *Call Out Ceremony* will take place, facilitated by the Kon Wapos OA Lodge, honoring those who have proven themselves worthy. Scoutmasters with Scout youth who should be called out, should bring a list of their names to turn in upon arrival. Scout youth from outside the Kon Wapos Lodge must have authorization from their own Lodge to participate in the Call Out ceremony.

May this evening of celebration bring the Force closer to all of you!

*MERIT BADGES:	Badge	Location
•	Archery	Shooting Sports
•	ATV	High Adventure
•	Auto Maintenance	Rangers Complex
•	Aviation	Field of Dreams
•	Chess	Dining Hall
•	Climbing	High Adventure
•	Collections	Dining Hall
•	Electricity	Commissioners Building
•	Energy	STEM Center
•	First Aid	Torinus Building Outside Area
•	ILST Training	Chapel
•	Insect Study	Nature Lodge
•	IOLS Training	Van Sistine Ed Center
•	Public Health	Dining Hall
•	Radio	STEM Center
•	Rifle Shooting	Shooting Sports
•	Shotgun Shooting	Shooting Sports
•	Wilderness Survival	Oneida Campsite
•	Scholarship	**On Your Own

Uniforms: The Mark of the Jedi- Youth and registered adult leaders are required to wear their official field uniforms during the Camporee campfire, flag-lowering ceremonies, and the Saturday evening Campfire. Class B t-shirts or casual clothing are perfect for the rest of the weekend's adventures, as you prepare for all that the galaxy throws your way. Scouts should come prepared for the ever-changing conditions of the galaxy, and may the Force guide you in staying comfortable no matter the weather.

The Rebel Command Center- Headquarters for the Camporee is located in the Torinus building, just adjacent to the Trading Post—your base of operations for all missions and supplies. It's where you can find the information you need to complete your tasks, just like the Rebel Alliance's command center in times of need.

The Cost of Your Galactic Adventure- The cost for your journey through the stars is 25\$ per person, which covers 2 nights' stay, a Star Wars-themed patch to commemorate your mission, Saturday's lunch at the Rebel Dining Hall, merit badge supplies, and expert instruction from our seasoned mentors. Prepare for a weekend of adventure, learning, and fun—may the Force be with you every step of the way.

A Time for Reflection in the Galaxy- There will be no official non-denominational worship service, but all Troops are encouraged to take a moment for personal, non-denominational reflection and worship in their camps during Saturday's dinner. Whether you're a Jedi, a Rebel, or a wanderer in the galaxy, this is a time to connect with the Force in your own way.

*Please note, the locations of badges and trainings are subject to change, as the galaxy's plans are always in motion. A final schedule will be provided at check-in if changes are encountered, ensuring you have the most up-to-date information for your mission.

**Show that you have completed all the requirements to your Counselor by Saturday evening, to complete this mission...



SPRING CAMPOREE 2025

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY

4:30-9:00pm: Arrive, check in at the Registration Booth, hand in Health Forms A&B, and set up camp

-**NOTE:** Have your troops eat before coming to camp, or be prepared to cook a quick meal in camp upon setting up camp.

7:00-10:00pm: DJ and scout fun at and around the Dining Hall, come request your favorite tunes!

-Trading Post will be open; a cracker barrel will be planned in the dining hall, more details to come.

9:15pm: Senior Patrol and Adult Leader Meeting. Location: Commissioner's building

11:00pm: Lights Out & Quiet Time (feel free to turn in earlier if desired)

SATURDAY

7:00-8:20am: Breakfast and Clean-up in campsites

8:30-8:50am: Opening Ceremony and Flag Ceremony. Location: Flagpole at Parade Field

9:00-Noon (Morning Session):

-AM Merit Badge Session Block

-Trading Post will be open during this time

11:00-11:30am: Golden Fork Judging at the Commissioners Building

Noon-1:15pm: Lunch in the Dining Hall

1:30-4:30pm (Afternoon Session):

-PM Merit Badge Session Block

-Trading Post will be open during this time

4:30-7:00pm: Dinner and Clean-up at campsites

-On your own Non-Denominational Worship Service with your Troop

7:00-7:30pm: Final "Camporee Wide Event" judging. Location: Flagpole at Parade Field

7:40pm: Closing Flag Ceremony (wear Class A's) Location: Flagpole at Parade Field

8:00pm: Campfire and Call Out Program. Location: Council Firebowl

-Submit in your Troop Skits and/or Song choices into this link or scan the below QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/EVTeNbbF0y>

*Please submit Skits and Songs that your Troop would like to do at the campfire, by Friday, 5/2/25, by Noon. Any additions after that time will need to be given to the Camporee Chair, Paul Rasmussen, before 7pm on Saturday.



11:00pm: Lights Out & Quiet Time (feel free to turn in earlier if desired)

SUNDAY

7:00-8:30am: Breakfast and Clean-up in campsites

8:30-10:30am: Break Camp and Check Out – check out at Trading Post, Good Turn Cleanup Complete?

Saturday Camporee-Wide Events

The Golden Fork: A Galactic Cooking Challenge: Star Wars (World of **Coruscant**)

Have you been told that your Dutch oven recipe is the best in the galaxy? Was it passed down to you by the wise ones of ancient times? Is there a campout that your Troop marks on the calendar just for the legendary meal you prepare? Then the *Golden Fork* competition is calling your name!

- Bring your supplies—your trusty Dutch oven, charcoal, secret ingredients, that special serving spoon, and whatever else you need - and get ready to create a culinary masterpiece. You may start whenever you wish, but your dish must be completed and delivered to the judging station by 11:00 am sharp.
- We'll provide forks, plates, and bowls for the judges to sample your creations. The winner will be crowned and awarded a special prize during the Saturday campfire, where the Force will surely favor the most talented chef in the galaxy.
- **Location:** Commissioners Building Front Deck
- **Time:** 11:00-11:30 am

The Galactic Fishing Challenge: Catch of the Day: Star Wars (World of **Naboo**)

Is fishing in your blood? Were you raised on the twin suns of Tatooine? Do you dream of reeling in that legendary fish like a true Jedi of the waters? Or perhaps you have some time to kill because that merit badge was already full? Then this is the competition for you!

- Bring your own fishing gear—Bear Paw won't be providing any supplies, so make sure you're equipped like a true adventurer. As you cast your line into the waters of the galaxy, remember to snap a picture of each fish you catch. Points will be awarded based on both the quantity and the size of your catches.
- **Location:** Flagpole at the Parade Field
- **Time:** 7:00 - 7:30 pm
 - Make sure to bring your photos—may the Force help you catch the biggest one!

The Rebel Gadget Challenge: Crafting the Future: Star Wars (**Watto's junk shop**)

Are you skilled with twine and a master of improvisation? Do you want to camp in the wilds of the galaxy but still enjoy a few comforts of home? Do you have the ingenuity to craft something truly remarkable with just sticks and twine? Then we want to see what you can create!

- Bring your own twine and seek out the perfect sticks to bring your ideas to life, whether it's a tool, shelter, or creative invention worthy of a Rebel engineer. Snap a picture of your gadget(s) to earn points for your ingenuity.
- **Location:** Flagpole at the Parade Field
- **Time:** 7:00 - 7:30 pm
 - Make sure to bring your photos—may the Force be with you as you craft your masterpiece!

The Rebel Awareness Challenge: The Hidden Forces: Star Wars (**Akkadese Maelstrom**)

Are you aware of your surroundings like a seasoned Jedi on a covert mission? Do you notice the hidden details that others might miss, just like spotting a hidden Imperial spy? Do you want to prove your sharp senses and eagle-eyed awareness? Now's your chance to check off those secret finds and get the recognition you deserve!

- Grab a *Kessel Run* card at check-in and start your mission. This challenge can be tackled by your Troop, Patrol, or as an individual. Search high and low, for you may not be able to find everything—like navigating through the asteroid field, some things might be harder to spot than others.
- **Location:** Flagpole at the Parade Field
- **Time:** 7:00 - 7:30 pm
 - May the Force guide your eyes and lead you to victory!

