

GNYC CAMPOREE

MAY 1-3 | CAMP POUCH

250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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Join us weekend of May 1st thru 3rd: Scout-friendly activities, historic reenactments, and campfire friendship.

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Please join Greater New York Scouting in celebrating the 250th anniversary of America and Scouting at the GNYC Camporee. May 1st thru 3rd @ Camp William H Pouch Scout Camp. Most activities will center around the Camporee field. However, we have a special WEBELOREE planned for Saturday at the Cub Field. Also, a special Adults Only Pinewood Derby Competition will be held Saturday (\$10 per entry @ the race. Bring your fastest car, Standard Derby rules apply... No Nitro please!)

The 250th Anniversary presents a unique opportunity to connect the spirit of Scouting with the ideals, service, and leadership that have shaped our nation over two and a half centuries. Hopefully, this Camporee will blend commemorative activities with the values of Scouting—citizenship, community service, outdoor adventure, and character development. Blending the 250th Anniversary with Scouting is more than a celebration—it is an opportunity to reinforce the timeless principles of preparedness, service, and patriotism. Together, these programs will help Scouts honor history, serve today, and lead tomorrow.

Overview

Theme: 250th anniversary of America and Scouting

Date: May 1st thru 3rd, 2026

Location: Pouch Scout Camp, 1465 Manor Road Staten Island 10314

Participants: All registered Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews, and Webelos.

Registration:

- Online at scoutingevent.com/640-aqcamporee
- Fee: \$35 per Participant / \$50 for campsite @ Camporee field
- Registration is open and closes April 30, 2026

You must pre-register each patrol in your unit online by April 30, 2026, without exception.

During onsite check-in at Pouch Camp you may register/drop participants. At the time of registration, names and classifications (Webelos, New, Experienced) are required.

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Safety

Safety of scouts and all attendees at Camporee is of the utmost importance. However, even a safe camporee will have risks.

This Scout Camporee will follow the rules of the Guide to Safe Scouting. At least one unit leader should be ITOLS & Hazardous Weather Trained. Additionally, all adults should know and follow the guidelines in “Guide to Safe Scouting” (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>) and all Scouts must follow the buddy system.

All campsite local regulations must be adhered to. No OPEN FIRES on the camporee field. Respect other camper’s boundaries and individual campsite boundaries

In order to maximize the safety of all attendees:

All units are responsible:

- for all participants from their unit following the Camporee rules and regulation as well as any
- additional regulations imposed by local authorities
- Units shall have the following available during camporee:
 - Unit Roster of all present, youth and adults and Medical parts A/B for all attending
- Units shall supply the following for each participating patrol:
 - Patrol First Aid Kit

Per BSA requirements, at least two registered adult leaders who are 21 years of age or older are required to attend with each unit, and to be present during the entire Camporee. Units bringing female youth must bring at least one registered adult female who is 21 years of age or older. All leaders must have a current Youth Protection Training certification. One must have ITOLS and hazardous weather training,

Schedule

Friday, May 1st, 2026

Check-in Camp set up after 6pm / Check-in Closes 8pm

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

7am Check-in

8am Gather for Flag Raising ceremony

8:30 am Flag Raising Ceremony (Assisted with the Sons of the American Revolution and last years winning patrol)

9am Official Camporee begins, Patrols go to their first Stations.....

12 Noon Break for Lunch

1pm visit demonstration stations on Camporee Field front of Pavillion / Trees area

1pm Registration for the Adult / Leader's Pinewood Derby Competition @ the Pavillion

2pm Race Time! Good luck to all leaders / adults

4pm all activities wind down in preparations for Religious Services

5pm Religious services begin. Please respect all religions and keep areas quiet until services are complete.

6pm Afternoon camp-site activities / Dinner

7pm Campfire activity / Skits @ Amphitheater

9pm Ice-cream social @ Pavillion

10pm dismissed to sites / wind down for quiet time

11pm quiet time

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

7am Reville

7am Breakfast / Site preparation / clean-up

8:30am Closing ceremony

9am Clean-up campsites; report to administration for site inspections before patrol dismissal.

All trash must be properly bagged and stored in designated location prior to dismissal. Any improper campsite treatment may result in disqualification of unit eligibility to win competitions or future restrictions from participation in events. Please leave the place better than you found it, as this is expected of all scouts at all events they participate in. Thanks in advance for understanding.

Stations

(subject to change depending on support staff availability) We will need volunteers!

Station 1 **Coded Messages**

Dr Joseph Warren (June 11, 1741 – June 17, 1775) was an American physician who played a leading role in Patriot organizations in Boston during the early days of the American Revolution, eventually serving as President of the revolutionary Massachusetts Provincial Congress. It was Joseph Warren, who would direct Paul Revere and William Dawes to warn the two leaders that British soldiers were heading toward their sanctuary in Lexington, MA to arrest them on 18 April 1775. The British forces, upon taking the field, placed Warren's body in a common mass grave. His remains were later identified by Paul Revere, who identified him by the set of false teeth he had fashioned for him

Station 2 - **Light the Lantern (Flint / Steel Fire starting Competition)**

Despite its historical significance, the "One if by Land Two if by Sea " signal was just a backup plan. It was meant to warn patriots in Charlestown, a borough across the river from Boston in case the messenger himself could not make it there from Boston to start his ride. Why did the deacon in Boston hang two lanterns from his church? It was a signal because the British were using the Charles River to cross into Cambridge. Where did the British soldiers move on to after Lexington? A battle of the Revolutionary War that occurred in Massachusetts after the Battle of Lexington in 1775.

Station 3 **Lassoing** Lasso Brown Beauty,

The horse that made the Midnight Ride The Midnight Ride - Paul Revere's Horse

Samuel Larkin was a local stable owner who kept horses for use by others. When Paul Revere got the word that the British were Coming, he rushed to the stable and hired Brown Beauty for the ride.

Station 4 **Dr. Joseph Fiske takes Charge - First Aid Challenge**

Eight Lexington men were killed, and ten were wounded. The only British casualty was a soldier who was wounded in the thigh.

Make a Blanket & Pole Litter (using your shirt/ Jacket)

Make litter and move wounded patriot to Stop the Bleed demonstration activity

Station 5 - **Map Making Challenge**

Minutemen were a small hand-picked elite force which were required to be highly mobile and able to assemble quickly. Minutemen were selected from militia muster rolls by their commanding officers. Typically 25 years of age or younger, they were chosen for their enthusiasm, reliability, and physical strength. They were known for being ready at a minute's notice, hence the name. Minutemen provided a highly mobile, rapidly deployed force that enabled the colonies to respond immediately to war threats. They were an evolution from the prior colonial rapid-response units.

Create an accurate Map of Camp Pouch 5 min to create Points for accuracy and completeness of information

Station 6- **Bridge building** over the Concord River

Concord's North Bridge where the "shot heard round the world" was fired, April 19, 1775.

Significance: Concord's North Bridge is where colonial minutemen and militia were first ordered to fire upon British soldiers. The first British soldiers of the American Revolution died here. Three British soldiers were killed and nine wounded. On the provincial side two were killed and four wounded. This first instance of Americans fighting in military order and firing to deadly effect on British troops was a key turning point in the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

Assemble a bridge that three patriots can cross with poles / **no lashing (also known as DaVinci bridge)**

Station 7- **Knots and Lashings Build a ladder**

James Barrett Farm. The Col. James Barrett Farm (Barrett's Farm) is a historic American Revolutionary War site in Concord, Massachusetts, associated with the revolution's first battle, the 1775 battles of Lexington and Concord. On April 19, 1775, British Regulars searched this home looking for stores of artillery and ammunition. Though they found nothing there, Colonel Barrett and members of his family played significant roles in the first battle of the American Revolutionary War. James Barrett (July 31, 1710 – April 11, 1779) was an American colonel in the Concord, Massachusetts militia during the Battles of Lexington and Concord that began the American Revolutionary War.

Assemble a ladder to climb to the top of Colonel Barrett's barn with poles and twine

Station 8 - **Fire brigade**

Relay bucket of water from point to point by Patriots with max points to the bucket with the most water. By weight

Gateway Competition

Gateways will be judged on how well they incorporate celebrating 250 years of America, with special considerations made to gateways which blend the history of America and Scouting. Minimal restrictions to Gateway materials, limited to those things which are not allowed on the field (Mass fires, large batteries, etc...) Use your common sense, we would hate to ask you to take it down because it's not allowed. That being said, use your imagination.... Benjamin Franklin's kite represented somehow with a solar panel sure, why not.... But a diesel generator or car battery on the field... Get real!

Campsite Inspection

Campsites will be inspected throughout the event. Bonus points granted to the campsite who promote scouting values and history. Don't forget your gadgets. Proper site organization and planning.

Patrol Flag Competition

Use your imagination here as well. Blend history of America with Scouting.... We belong together... Represent! Leave your flags by Pedro's Porch by 3pm for judging. Please...

Remember to Submit Campfire Skit, Song or Stunt form by lunchtime to administration for review and scheduling

Saturday Night Campfire

All Scouts and Scouters should assemble at the Amphitheater.

The Camporee Campfire will start with skits, songs, and other fun stuff. Each unit should be ready to do their favorite skit, song, or cheer. Units must have their skit or presentation approved (i.e. vetted) by Camporee staff. Vetting of skits needs to be completed on each submission, so please submit ASAP to the Administration Staff. Please, no last-minute changes or entries after skits have been vetted and approved.

Once the Camporee Talent portion of the Campfire is over, the Campfire ends with the song Scout Vespers

100 Bonus point for Service Project @ Camp Pouch Saturday, May 9th Ranger Mike would like assistance with several projects @ Camp Pouch. Please contact him and register through him.

Ranger Mike's cell phone (646) 430-4471 Make sure he has Troop / Patrol information so that you get credit for the extra points. Thanks in advance for any assistance you provide. You make Camp Pouch everything it is.

Troop Check in and Registration Procedure:

- Check-in will be by patrol; each troop should have two leaders present at camporee when patrols are competing.
- At registration, fees must be paid in full for all attending.
- The Patrol leader will present his patrol's paperwork for check-in:
 - o GNYC Camping Unit Roster, available online at: <https://www.camppouch.org/checkin> .All personnel in camp must be accounted for on your roster with no exceptions please.
- o Attendee BSA Medical forms (parts A and B) in a sealed envelope. Troop leaders will be responsible to carry medical forms.
- Registration staff will review forms to ensure accuracy and hand the Patrol Leader back their unit check-in packet, explaining each form which includes:
 - o Program information
 - o A map of Camp indicating the location of program items

Registration staff will return BSA medical forms and pre-screening forms to the troop leaders.

- Each patrol member will show they are carrying a personal water bottle.
- Patrols will receive bonus points for check-in based on promptness, preparedness, patrol equipment, patience, personal equipment and proper filling out of forms.

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Patrol Information

Patrol size should be between five and nine scouts; patrols with fewer than five members may be at a disadvantage during some of the events. Since patrol size is important, small patrols may combine together with other patrols to form a larger patrol for Camporee. In this case, the patrol should have only one Patrol Leader, patrol spirit including name, yell and flag should be coordinated for this new patrol.

Classifications

Webelos Patrols - should be at the WEBELOREE experience at the Cub Field.

New Scout Patrol - should be primarily composed and lead by scouts that have just crossed over or never have attended Camporee. This classification allows new boys to compete against each other. Scoring and contribution to troop score are unchanged.

Experienced – all scouts who have been a member of their troop for over a year, and/or have attended Camporee previously should be part of an experienced patrol.

Patrol Equipment

As patrols proceed from Station to Station, there are several items that they should have with them, many are part of the **ten essentials**, which are always good to carry around. The following checklist can be used by Patrol Leaders to help their patrol Be Prepared.

- Patrol Flag
- Water for Each Scout
- Work gloves
- Rain Gear
- Pen and Paper
- Map and Compass
- First Aid Kit and supplies for 1st Aid Station
- Scout Handbook
- List of stations and map – use as a checklist to make sure you get to each one
- Trash Bag – leave no trace
- American Flag
- Four 6-foot lengths of rope

Camporee Policy and Procedures

Behavior: All adults and youth are to follow the Scout Law, the Scout Oath and the Outdoor Code during the Camporee. Inappropriate conduct will NOT be tolerated and will result in asking the participant(s) to immediately depart from Camporee and Pouch Camp.

Buddy System: Use the buddy system at all times; if a scout must leave a patrol, that scout should take a buddy with them and inform their leaders where they are going.

Security: Youth are to remain within the perimeter of the camp property at all times. Please report security issues to the Camporee HQ. The Buddy System must be utilized at all times.

Medicals: All units are responsible for having an up to date BSA Medical Form with parts A and B filled out, for each attendee at Camp. Medicals will be verified during check-in and must be in a sealed envelope. Medicals will be returned during check-out.

Uniforms: Scouts and leaders are requested to wear their Troop Activity uniforms for all activities. Class A Field Uniforms are recommended for initial check-in and final dismissal.

First Aid: A first aid station will be available to deal with first aid problems. Minor first aid issues may be handled within the unit.

Local Emergencies: If there is a weather emergency, Patrols will be directed by camp staff on where to assemble. The Ranger staff will direct all local emergencies.

Trash: Each patrol must provide their own trash containers/bags. Please bring your trash to the designated collection area (TBD).

Tobacco and Alcohol: This, like every Scout event, is tobacco, alcohol and vape free.

Toilet Facilities: Camporee field facilities will be available. It is expected that patrols will assist with maintaining a clean toilet facility. Please assist all with upkeep. And honor privacy policies and BSA YPT policies to ensure proper separations and supervision.

In accordance with BSA regulations and guidelines, Camporee has various toilet facilities available. On the north edge of the field, a toilet trailer has separate stalls for male use and for female use. All stalls have full-height doors and are intended to be used by all attendees regardless of age. Please promptly report any concerns with youth protection, toilet cleanliness or other facility issues to Camporee staff.

PATROL ROSTER

Patrol Name _____ Troop # _____

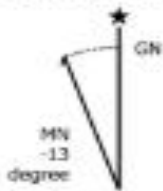
New Scout Patrol? _____ or Experienced Patrol? _____

Scout Names

Patrol Leader _____

Assistant Patrol Leader _____

Scale and Declination Info



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Scale 1:8000 1 Grid Square = 50x50 Meters

Points of Interest GPS Coordinates

Ranger Office / Camp Store Main Parking Lot

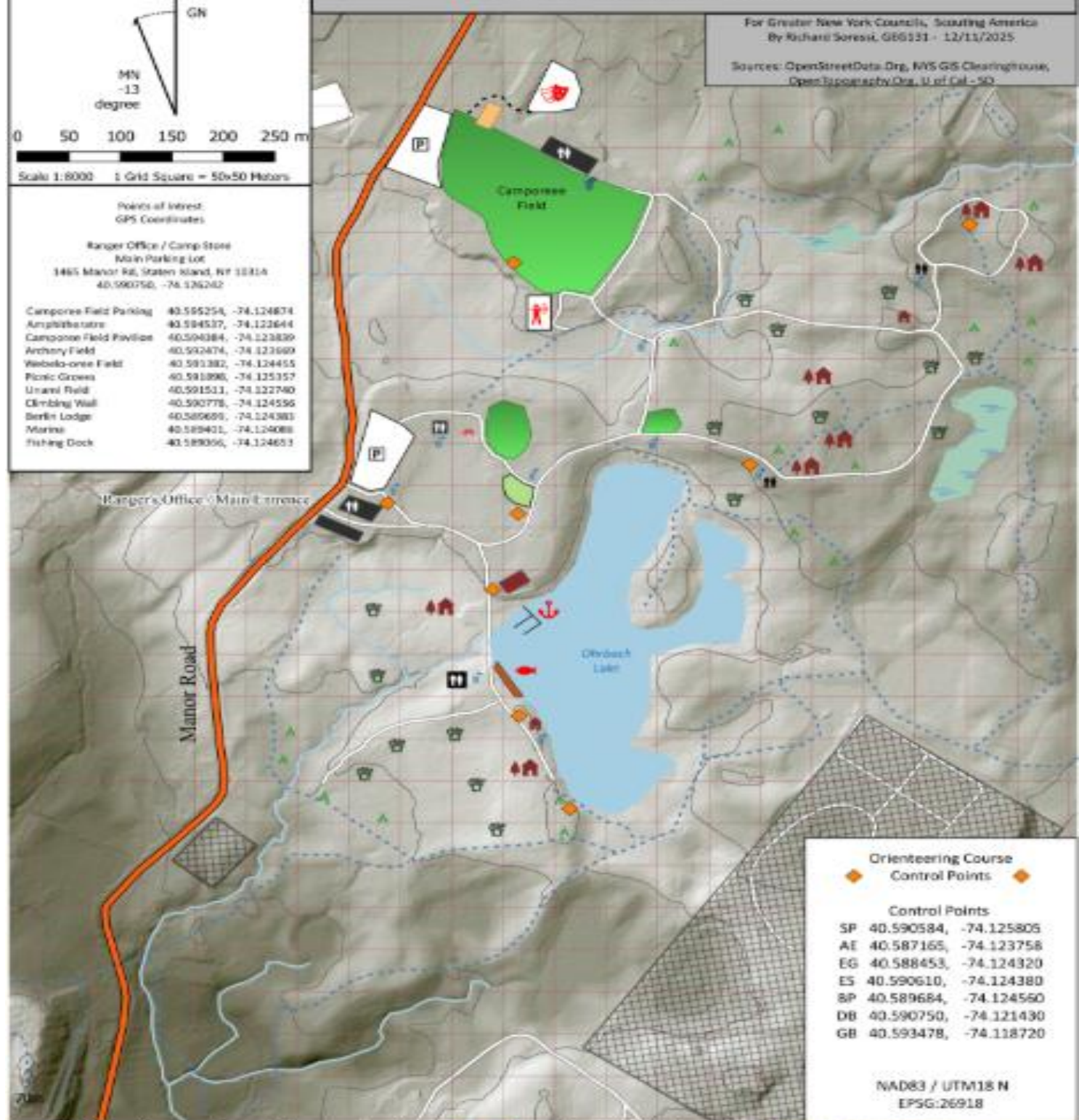
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Amphitheatre	40.594537, -74.122644
Camporee Field Pavilion	40.594384, -74.123839
Anthony Field	40.592474, -74.123669
Webelo-one Field	40.593382, -74.124455
Picnic Groves	40.593996, -74.125357
Unami Field	40.591511, -74.122740
Climbing Wall	40.590778, -74.124596
Berlin Lodge	40.589699, -74.124383
Marina	40.589421, -74.124088
Fishing Dock	40.589356, -74.124653

Orienteering and Land Navigation Map William H. Pouch Scout Camp

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Sources: OpenStreetData.Org, NYS GIS Clearinghouse,
OpenToposcopy.Org, U of Cal - SD



Orienteering Course Control Points

SP	40.590584, -74.125805
AE	40.587165, -74.123758
EG	40.588453, -74.124320
ES	40.590610, -74.124380
8P	40.589684, -74.124560
DB	40.590750, -74.121430
GB	40.593478, -74.118720

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Ranger's Office & Maintenance Buildings		Programing & Sports Fields		Climbing Wall Area	
Parking		Picnic Area		Out of Bounds Areas	
RestRoom		Marina		Pavilion	
Latrine		Fishing Area		Camp Lodge	
Amphitheater		Drinking Water		Cabin	
Archery		Tent Campsite		Staff Cabin	
Orienteering Marker		Lean-To Campsite			