



# Scout Expo Leader Guide

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## WELCOME

On behalf of the planning committee - Welcome to Scout Expo 2026. This isn't just another gathering; it's the ultimate celebration of scouting, and it's happening to mark Sequoyah Councils 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Are you ready to be a part of it?

We have been working very hard to create a truly unique and exciting event for the Scouts of the Sequoyah Council. This guide is packed with important information that will help both Scouts and Scouters in your unit have a successful and fun experience at this event.

The theme for this Scout Expo 2026 is a celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sequoyah Council. This means we will focus on looking back at the past 90 years, honoring our history, and looking ahead to what the next 90 years will bring. It's a great opportunity for everyone to learn about our country's journey and its future while enjoying the activities planned for the event.

It's important to keep in mind that this wonderful event was planned and organized by volunteers just like you. Planning something as large as this takes a lot of time and effort, often involving many hours of hard work. By keeping the spirit of Scouting alive, we can make this event truly special for everyone who attends. Volunteers play a crucial role in making sure everything runs smoothly, and their dedication helps create lasting memories for all Scouts and their families.

So, as you prepare for the Scout Expo, remember to embrace the excitement and the camaraderie that comes with being a part of this event. By working together and supporting each other, we can ensure that everyone has a fantastic time. Whether you're participating in activities, meeting new friends, or learning about our nation's history, this is a chance to celebrate and enjoy being a Scout. Let's make the most of this incredible opportunity and create an unforgettable experience for everyone involved!

Yours in Scouting,  
Scout Expo 2026 Committee

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## General Information

**Location:** Washington County Fairgrounds - 17046 Fairground Dr, Abingdon, VA 24210

### Dates and Times:

Arrival: Friday, May 1, 5 – 9pm.

Departure:

- Saturday, May 2, after the Campfire (approximately 8:30 PM) OR
- Sunday, May 3 by 10am

### Cost:

- Scouts BSA, Cub Scouts, Venturing, Posts, **Youth & Adult:** \$10, includes commemorative patch, and Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday events.
- Non-Scout **Siblings:** \$8, includes commemorative patch, and Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday events.
- Units that provide a booth: Youth & Adult: \$8.

**Leadership:** Camping & Leadership guidelines must follow the Guide to Safe Scouting.

**Important Note:** Everyone attending Expo is expected to act in a respectful, Scout-like manner toward everyone.

Registration—Online only - No on-site Registration

## Schedule for Scout Expo 2026

### Friday, May 1st, 2026

- 5:00 PM Camping area opens.
- 5:00-8:30 PM Fairgrounds open for set-up
- 9:30 PM Unit leader meeting at Admin building
- 10:30 PM Taps

### Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

- 6:00 AM Staff Reveille
- 7:00 AM Camp Reveille
- 7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast and clean up in camp areas
- 8:30 AM Gates open for booth and display setup.
- 11:00 AM Opening Ceremony- VIP recognition
- 11:30-4:00 PM Scout Expo
- 4:30 PM **Special Prize Drawing and closing announcements.**
- 5:30-7:00 PM Dinner with Unit/cleanup/free time
- 7:15-8:15 PM Campfire & Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony
- 8:30-10:00 PM Movie
- 10:30 PM Taps, lights out, quiet until Reveille.

### Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

- 8:00 AM Scout's Own service
- By 10:00 AM Checkout

## Forms to Complete before Event—and Collected at Check-in

**Booth Form** – Turned in by April 3rd.

**All units and families** - Roster of participants youth and adults

**All participants** - youth and adult, including staff, present a Current **A/B Medical Form**

## Campsite Information and Guidelines

1. Camping set-up will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Please see an Order of the Arrow representative before setting up.
2. Camping area can be accessed by Fairground Drive. Signs will be posted.
3. Areas are marked by district-check with Headquarters before setting up camp.
4. Water is available but bring your own firewood. **Small unit campfires are permitted above ground only. Unit to provide container to take ashes when leaving.**
5. Please fill out Unit Rosters when registering online.
6. Restrooms are available on site. Please take time to monitor restrooms throughout the day.
7. Taps at 10:30 p.m.
8. Scout's Own service on Sunday.
9. Campsites will be inspected upon check-out. **Patches will be distributed at that time.**

## Cub Scout Information

**Who can Attend:** All registered Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light Cub Scouts and their families, including non-Scout siblings, can attend.

**Family Camping:** Cub Scouts of all ranks can participate in family camping (including their non-Scout siblings) with their parent(s) or guardians. Parents do not have to be BSA registered adult leaders, and BALOO training is not required since this is a Council coordinated event. Each Cub Scout and each family member that will be attending must be registered for the Scout Expo event.

**Den Camping:** Only Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can camp as dens, which requires two-deep registered adult leadership. Each Cub Scout and leader must be registered with Scouting America.

## Fires

**Small fires permitted above ground only.**

## Food

**Each group is responsible for providing its own food for the event.** On Saturday, Food Trucks with burgers, hot dogs, snacks will be alongside the fenceline in gravel lot. Snack foods will also be available at the Trading Post.

**Food Truck and Vendors:** If you know of a Food Truck or Vendor that would like to participate, they can go to this link to fill out form- <https://scoutingevent.com/713-26EXPOVENDOR>

## On-line Trading Post

Scout Expo 2026 "Sequoyah Council 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" Stickers, water bottles, knives, and souvenirs will be available online. Online ordering will be open in late March until April 6th, Items can be picked up at the event or at the Council office after the event. **Ordering Link will follow at a later date.**

## Trading Post & Scout Shop

At Scout Expo there will be Trading Post stocked with Expo items, snacks, and drinks.

The Sequoyah Council will have a Scout Shop where you can purchase most of the same items you would be able to purchase in our Council store.

All Expo registrations include a "Sequoyah Council 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" Scout Expo patch.

## Items to Bring

**Paperwork**—outlined above for youth, adults, units and families.

**Water**—bottles, canteens, jugs, containers, already filled. Allow 1 gallon/person/day. Warm/hot weather is likely, and shade is scarce.

**Personal items**—Scout uniform, warm jacket, rain gear, hat, extra clothes, hygiene kit, sunscreen, hiking/walking shoes, sunglasses, flashlight/lantern (battery or propane only), camera, spending money for Trading Post and vendors.

**For camping**— U.S. and Unit flags on marching poles, food for all meals, patrol boxes, eating utensils, tent, sleeping bag, ground cloth, camp chairs, shade structure/dining fly and patrol flag.

## Items Not Allowed

Prohibited items: Electronic games, Weapons (i.e. firearms, mace, stun guns, and explosives). This includes firearms of persons in possession of a Carry Concealed Weapon License (CCWL), Alcohol or Drugs/Vapes (including marijuana even if its prescribed), Radios or walkie talkies, Pets (with the exception of service animals), Laser pointers and laser emitting devices, RC Aircraft or Drones, Bikes, Skateboards, Rollerblades and Scooters, Flammable items and Fireworks.

## Uniform

The Scout Expo staff encourage Scouts and Scouters to wear their field uniform to Scout's Own on Sunday morning.

## Check-out Procedures

- Individuals leaving Expo early must make prior arrangements with the unit leader, and parent/guardian, including arrangements to meet parents at one of the entry gates with a Scout leader present.
- When checking out, groups send a leader to the admin building. Staff will check their campsite to ensure that "Leave No Trace" conditions have been met.
- Once campsite conditions are approved, Staff will issue Scout Expo patches to the group leader.

## Activities during Expo

- **Range Sports:** Aim high with Inflatable archery range, and slingshots—safe, guided, and thrilling.
- **Community Connection:** Meet local heroes—military, police, and fire personnel—and see how Scouting makes a difference beyond the campsite.
- **Unit Booths:** Discover what other troops, packs, and crews are doing and maybe learn something new for your own adventures.
- **Summer Camp:** Health Wagon will be conducting summer camp physicals.
- **Walk in Their Boots:** Will have booth set up and some military vehicles.
- **Sequoyah Council:** Will have the History of the Council displayed in booth.
- **Community service project:** Can food drive. Each participant is asked to bring a can of non-perishable food items to be collected. After the Expo, collected food will be distributed to local food bank.

## Campfire

Scouts Got Talent: We are looking for singers, musicians, magicians, skits. Sign up when you register to be part of the Saturday night campfire featuring Scouts and Adults. Entries can be individuals, units or teams. Be part of the fun!

Opening Ceremonies: Bring your whole unit to the opening ceremonies on Saturday morning. Bring your unit flags, USA flags, patrol and den flags! This will be a spirited way to get the program started.

## Sunday Morning Services

Scouts Own worship service at campsite area.

**SEE YOU AT Scout Expo 2026!**

## Appendix

### Scout Expo Safety Guidelines

#### (Sequoyah Council Risk Management Committee)

All activities have potential for accidents. Those activities where an object is propelled or a participant is elevated several feet have significantly increased risk for participants and spectators:

Shooting Archery and Slingshot

Climbing wall

Other activities could cause burns or shock

Cooking

Use of electrical outlets or cuts.

Use of knife, axe, or saw Rope burn or cut.

To reduce the chance of an accident, please follow these guidelines:

**Have proper adult supervision at all times** - while setting up, during the Expo, and for dismantling. Use flagging or fencing, where appropriate, to designate safety circles around fire pits, safety zones for target areas, etc.

Use proper safety equipment: safety glasses, safety harness/rope, helmets, hot pot tongs or hot mitts, etc.

Be sure all equipment is in good working condition: ropes, harnesses, hand/foot holds on climbing wall; bows, slingshots, etc.

Give proper safety instructions to Scouts who will be conducting the Expo activity

Have a trained person present during the activity - Archery and climbing wall WILL have certified instructors per BSA policy

Have a "*Guide to Safe Scouting*" in the booth during the Expo (all booths).

After the Expo, be sure your area is thoroughly clean. This will increase the likelihood of being invited back, because it is expected of Scouts.

Submit your booth application early. The Risk Management Committee and Expo committee will approve all applications prior to setting up. This is a requirement and it will be strictly enforced. Those that are supervising activities, as mentioned above, will be signing off the application after reading.

Sequoyah Council Risk Management Committee





