Overmountain District Camp-In
Theme: "Liberty in Action: Muster, Serve, Lead"

OVERVIEW

Location: Abingdon Muster Grounds
Date: November 7-8, 2026
Program goal: A historically immersive event in which Scouts learn about the Revolutionary era, practice Scout skills, participate in service, and complete the Liberty in Action Challenge.

Saturday Morning: "The Muster"

- Troop check-in.
- Campsite setup.
- Patrol flags displayed.
- Historical "muster roll" registration.

Saturday Afternoon: "Liberty in Action"

Challenge	Camporee Activity
1. Founding Ideals in Today's Life	Patrol discussion on liberty, equality, and pursuit of happiness
2. Civic Spirit & Scouting	"Scouting in Action" exhibit + create a 2026 Scout time capsule
3. Creative Expression	Learn colonial skills and games
4. Founding Era Site Visit	Guided exploration of the Muster Grounds and local Revolutionary history
5. Service Milestone	Scouts will participate in a service project

Saturday Evening: Time in Camp

- Finish setting camp
- Troop meal prep.
- Free time to explore the Muster Grounds
- Evening Campfire

Sunday Morning: "From History to Action"

- Reveille. Breakfast.
- Break down camp. Campsite inspection.
- Final Liberty in Action completion check.
- Interpretive Worship Service.

"What is one way I can put liberty into action in my community?"

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SCHEDULE DETAIL

Saturday November 7, 2026		
9:00-12:00	Camp Opens – Troops who are camping overnight may arrive and set up camp.	Please park in the gravel lot and send SPL to Headquarters for instructions.
12:00	Lunch in campsites	
12:30	Muster: Meet at HQ.	Day only participants should arrive by 12:30.
1:00-5:00	Liberty in Action: Scouts will rotate through various activity stations.	
5:00-7:00	Supper in campsites	
7:30	Campfire program	
8:30-9:30	Free time in camp	
10:00	Quiet hours begin.	
Sunday November 8, 2026		
7:30	Rise and shine. Breakfast in camp.	
9:00	Break camp and turn in Liberty in Action award cards at HQ.	
10:00	Interpretive worship service	
11:00	Check out, inspection, and departure.	
TBA	Liberty in Action Patches will be delivered to your unit after the event.	

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST FOR SCOUTS

☐ duffel bag or backpack	☐ tent (shared with your buddy)
☐ sleeping bag (rated to 32 or colder)	☐ scout uniform (class A)
☐ foam ground pad	☐ 1 change of clothes
☐ small flashlight with fresh batteries	☐ warm hat and gloves
☐ small bowl or mess kit, fork/spoon	☐ warm jacket
☐ plastic mug (good for cold or hot)	☐ rain gear
☐ reusable water bottle	☐ toothbrush, toiletries
☐ small personal first aid kit	☐ pocketknife or multi tool (optional)
☐ 1 scouting–related item of your choice to contribute to our Liberty in Action TIME CAPSULE	
☐ additional items recommended by your troop:	

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The **Muster Grounds** is a part of the Overmountain Victory Trail and an important part of our nation's history. We will encounter several period interpretive individuals during our event, and the museum tour and scavenger hunt will be part of earning the Liberty in Action Award. For more on the Muster Grounds, visit https://mustergrounds.com.

Cooking will be by patrol or troop in the troop's campsite. Fires are permitted, preferably in a vessel raised up off of the ground so as to protect the grass. Please be mindful of fire safety in camp. Plan on a quick no-cook lunch on Saturday. Supper and breakfast are at troop/patrol's discretion. There will not be a formal cooking contest as part of the overall event, but please feel free to brag to other participants about the quality of your meal.

First Aid will be available at Headquarters if needed. Contact Rob Rutherford at 423-335-7542.

Flag Retirement will be available. Bring any worn or damaged flags to be properly retired as time permits.

Parking for participants as well as troop buses and trailers is available at the gravel lot at the corner of Hagy and Hurt Streets. This lot is a short walk from the camping area. Unfortunately, the Muster Grounds cannot accommodate trucks and trailers in the camping area. Campers will be required to carry troop gear a short distance to their designated campsites. **Handicap accessible parking** only is available at the front entrance to the Muster Grounds off of Colonial Street.

Participating Scouts regardless of program or age are the responsibility of their respective unit leaders during this event. Units should take care to ensure adequate adult supervision including two-deep leadership and adhere to all rules and regulations described in Safeguarding Youth and the Guide to Safe Scouting. Day-only participants should have a parent or adult leader present during the event.

Patrol Flags and Troop Flags are encouraged as a way to demonstrate scout spirit.

Each participant will be contributing to a **2026 Overmountain District Scouting Time Capsule** as part of the requirements for the Liberty in Action recognition. Scouts are encouraged to think about what they would like to contribute. A scout may choose to bring a scouting momento from home – a patch or other piece of scouting memorabilia. Other items which might be considered would include: a drawing or piece of artwork, a written description of what scouting means to you, a short statement about service, a prediction about what scouting will be 25 or 50 years from now. Items will be available onsite for scouts to create a contribution during the event, but any scout wishing to bring an item from home may do so.

Service is also a component of the Liberty in Action program. Scouts should come prepared to participate in one or more service projects during the afternoon. These will be assigned to each troop or patrol during the event. No equipment is necessary, but if scouts want to bring work gloves, that might be advisable.

What else? We've probably left some detail out, so if you have a question, please reach out to Rob Rutherford at 423-335-7542.