



46TH APPLE HARVEST

WILD WEST CAMPOREE

OCTOBER 4-6th, 2024

CAMP SHENANDOAH, SWOOPE VA.

For updated information, check <https://www.scoutingevent.com/763-AppleHarvestCamporee>

CAMPOREE INFORMATION AND LEADER GUIDE

Summary: The Virginia Headwaters Council presents the Wild West Scout Camporee, held at Camp Shenandoah on Friday-Sunday, October 4-6th, 2024. This event will take place rain or shine and will only be canceled if severe weather is forecast for the area or for health concerns. A tentative schedule is included in this guide.

Wild West is an Old West-themed Scout Camporee. All attendees are encouraged (but not required) to come in a costume appropriate to the theme. Themed costumes are “Class-A” for this event. Projectiles, toy guns, real guns or edged weapons are prohibited.

Important Dates:

- 12 August 2024 – Registration and T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales Open on the AH Black Pug site
- 22 September 2024 – T-Shirt Sales Close
- 22 September 2024 – Deadline for Online Registration
- 25 September 2024 – Volunteer Signup form sent via email
- 2 October 2024 - Last day for changes to registrations (cannot add shirts/hoodies!)
- 04 October 2024 – Camporee begins

CAMPOREE HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2024

- Friday Night Welcome Campfire
- Pony Express Race
- Scouter Chili Cookoff
- Fresh Apple Cider
- Camp-Wide Troop Competition
- Troop Gateway Competition
- Patrol Events Competition
- Cooking Competition
- Trading Post
- Root Beer at the Saloon Social
- OA-Hosted Saturday Campfire
- Service Project in support of Camp Shenandoah, Virginia Headwaters Council

Eligibility: This Camporee is open to Scouts and Scouters. All Camporee participants, whether they are camping overnight or not, must register and pay the full Camporee Fee.

NOTE: In a change from previous Apple Harvest Camporees, **NO WEBELOS/AOL's OR FAMILIES** will be allowed to attend the Camporee, per the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Volunteers: This event is powered by volunteers! Troops need to supply volunteers to help design, construct, and/or run activity and support stations. Older youth may be able to help at many stations in addition to adult helpers. **Please sign-up to run a station before the event via a Google Form that will be sent out 25 September.** Your help ensures we can offer a full and exciting day program at the camporee!

Social Media/Updates:

Before the event, updates to this handout will be emailed via the Black Pug registration and posted on our Apple Harvest Facebook page. At the event, a final Activities List and a final Schedule will be supplied at Check-In.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee: \$12.00

Online T-shirt/Hoodie order Deadline: Completed by Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

Online Registration Deadline: Completed by Friday, September 27th, 2024

Changes can be made to registrations up to Oct 2nd, but no t-shirts or hoodies can be ordered past September 22nd!

CAMPOREE CHECK-IN and Parking PROCESS

Check-in: Friday, 04 October 2024, 4-9pm. As you arrive at camp, a staff member will meet you in front of the admin building with your registration packet and direct you to your campsite.

Parking: Vehicles with unit gear are allowed to drive up to the campsite, but only trailers are allowed to remain at the campsite. Park all cars in the overflow parking across from the Ranger's house. Those with disabilities who require assistance getting to campsites can request a special parking pass at the admin building.

PONY EXPRESS RELAY

Units will form a Pony Express Company (Team) of 5 Scouts and race along a route through Camp Shenandoah. Along the route will be five stations the teams have to complete to get a letter. Awards will given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams that deliver their five letters across the finish line.

THE CAMPOREE COMPETITION

Awards will be presented for Pony Express Relay, the best Gateway, Dessert Competition, Scouter Chili Cook off, Honor Patrol and the Troop Competition.

FIRST AID

First aid will be available at the camporee. Come to the First Aid Station if you have **ANY** injuries. Medics will be onsite for the duration of the camporee.

CAMPOREE LOCATION:

222 Boy Scout Lane, Swoope, Virginia 24479

GENERAL CAMPSITE INFORMATION

Troops will be responsible for maintaining a safe campsite. Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Potable water is available on-site. Any Scout, patrol or troop causing disciplinary problems will be sent home immediately. No animals will be allowed at the camporee.

SATURDAY CAMPFIRE CELEBRATION!!

The campfire program will be hosted by the OA. It will be filled with skits, stories, and songs. This is a special event you do not want to miss!! Patrol skit tryouts will be Saturday afternoon at Handicraft Shelter.

SALOON SOCIAL

After the OA campfire, join us for a root beer social at the Dining Hall. Root beer, pretzels, games and live music will be provided!

CANCELLATION - BACK-UP DATE

Any decision to move to the back-up date will be sent via email from Black Pug AH registration.

TRADING POST

The hours that the Camp Trading Post will be open on Saturday will be posted. Candy, chips, and soda will be available, plus other cool items!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Units are invited to participate in an on-site **Service Project**. More information will be given out at Friday Night Cracker Barrel.

SUNDAY MORNING VESPERS

After the flag ceremony on Sunday morning, there will be a non-denominational Vespers Service immediately followed by the Awards Ceremony.

CHECKOUT PROCESS

Troops should practice Leave No Trace Principles! Please pack-out all your gear, trash, pioneering timbers, and left-over firewood/debris. Be sure to properly clean your campfire area. ***Leave your campsite better than you found it!***

PATROL ACTIVITY STATIONS

The camporee events will mimic those skills performed at in the Wild West- with an infusion of Traditional Boy Scout skills and New Events. At this time, they **may** include: Roping, gold panning, fire building, hay bale and boot tossing, first aid, and knot racing. We are still refining the events, and the final list will be announced at the Friday Cracker Barrel.

Scout Patrols will have the opportunity to participate in **seven different stations** at this year's camporee. A Patrol Passport listing every station and a map with their locations will be provided to each patrol.

SALOON ROOT BEER SOCIAL

After the OA campfire on Sat evening, everyone is invited to the dining hall for Root Beer, pretzels, games and live music!

CHUCK WAGON COOKING COMPETITION

This competition promotes "Old West" culture through Western-inspired cooking.

Western Cooking Dessert Competition Rules

- 1. Entry Limit:**
 - Each troop or unit can submit only **one dessert**.
 - This ensures all entries are judged before the campfire program begins.
- 2. Dessert Requirements:**
 - The dessert must be "Old West" inspired.
 - All preparation and cooking must be done **onsite** by Scouts **without** adult assistance.
- 3. Submission:**
 - All entries must be delivered to the Dining Hall for judging by **7:00 PM sharp** on Saturday evening.
- 4. Judging Criteria:**
 - Desserts will be judged based on **presentation** and **taste**.
- 5. Awards:**
 - The overall winner will have their name added to the **Cast Iron Skillet Award**, which is displayed in the Dining Hall.

CHUCK WAGON RACE TROOP COMPETITION



Race Competition Rules

Objective: Teams will pull a chuck wagon across the parade field, construct a tripod, hang a 12" Dutch oven, and return to the starting line.

Time Bonuses/Penalties: Awarded based on:

- Quality of lashings (including starting and finishing clove hitches, frappings, and overall tidiness).
- Sturdiness of the tripod to hold the 12" Dutch oven.
- Overall appearance of the chuck wagon.

Wagon Requirements:

- The wagon can be newly built or modified from an existing one.
- It must be capable of carrying a 12" Dutch oven, three 5' poles, and lashing rope.
- The wagon will be pulled by a team of 4-6 Scouts. No Scouts are allowed to ride in the wagon.

Equipment:

- Each team must supply their own wagon, 12" Dutch oven, three 5' wood poles, and lashing rope.

Tripod Construction:

- Upon reaching the designated area, teams must lash a tripod and hang the Dutch oven.
- Judges will inspect the tripod for sturdiness and assess the quality of the lashings.

Completion: After returning to the starting line, teams must go and dismantle their tripod and remove the Dutch oven, so we can begin the next race.

TROOP GATEWAY COMPETITION

Troops should be prepared to construct a Troop Gateway at a spot designated for their unit around the parade field. **The Gateway should not be taller than 8 feet and should be anchored.** Judging will be based on creativity, design, and knot typing/lashing technique. Points from this competition will count toward the Best Troop Award.

Requirements:

- Each troop should have a detailed written plan (including a sketch) of what they intend to build. They should be prepared to show the plan to the judges
- Troops must bring their own pioneering poles and rope (no nails or screws)
- Must be constructed by Scouts (adults may help, but it must be scout led)
- Troops will have one hour after lunch, from 1:00 – 2:00, to construct the gateway
- No preconstruction allowed (any lashings completed prior to 1:00 must be unlashed)

Camporee staff members will be onsite to judge each troops as the gateways are constructed. Flags can be mounted on gateway but are not required.

Scoring is as follows:

Neatness/correctness of knots	10 pts	Detailed planning	10 pts
Stability of construction	10 pts	Completion of plan within the time allowed.	20 pts
Complexity	10 pts	Scout led, obvious leaders (SPL, PL, etc.)	20 pts
Overall impression on Judges.	10 pts	A cheerful attitude	10 pts
Total number of points possible: 100			

CONSERVATION PROJECT

We want to encourage every unit to help support the **Conservation Project** this year at Apple Harvest. Details will be sent out to unit leaders prior to the event as well as given out at the Friday Night Cracker Barrel

SCOUTER CHILI COOK OFF

Scouters, this one is for you! This event will be held at Eppard Shelter on Saturday. Two large fire rings are available as well as the picnic tables for prep work. Eppard is available from early morning. Chili entries need to be finished by 4pm. Judging will be from 4pm to 4:30pm at Eppard.

Two Rules; No Nuts and No store-bought canned chili!

Scoring will be based on **Presentation, Smell/Aroma, Flavor, Texture and Overall Impression.**

Awards given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

PONY EXPRESS RELAY RACE

Units will form a Pony Express Company (Team) of 5 Scouts to represent them in the race. Each team will need to have a letter bag, and a name and a flag for their company, that they will carry with them during the race. Scattered along the course will be five stations, each with a different Scout skill (learned from Tenderfoot to First Class Rank) that must be accomplished to be allowed to move on to the next station.

The Scouts will begin the race at Station 1. On the word "Go," one scout from each team will participate in the scout skill. Once they complete the task to the satisfaction of the judges, their hand will be marked with an "X", and they will receive a letter. At this time, the team can run to the next station. Once they arrive, a different Scout will complete the task, receive the letter and an X, and the team runs to the next station. The first team to cross the finish line and deliver all five letters will be the winner. First, Second, and Third place finishers will receive awards. There will be a bonus if the team has and is riding hobby horses.

CAMPOREE DAILY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 04 OCTOBER, 2024

- 4:00 PM Troop Check-in Starts**
- 9:00 PM Troop Check-in Ends**
- 9:30 PM CAMP-WIDE "WILD WEST" WELCOME CAMPFIRE PROGRAM**
- 10:30 PM Cracker Barrel- Dining Hall. SM and SPL Only- Bring your own cup!**

SATURDAY 05 OCTOBER, 2024

- 7:00 AM Reveille**
- 7:30 AM Staging for the Pony Express Relay (volunteers)**
- 7:50 AM Flag Ceremony at the Parade Field**
- 8:00 AM Pony Express Relay Start**
- 10:00 AM Scout Field Events begin**
- 11:00 AM Skit Tryouts at Handicraft Shelter *TRY TO HAVE WILD WEST THEME!**
- 12:00 PM Lunch**
- 1:00 PM Troops Can Begin Constructing Gateways**
- 1:30 PM Scout Events Resume**
- 2:00 PM Troop Gateway Competition Judging Begins**
- 4:00 PM Field Events End/ Chili Cook Off Judging Begins at Eppard**
- 4:30 PM Troop Competition**
- 6:00 PM Dinner**
- 7:00 PM Dessert Cooking Contest Entries due to Dining Hall**
- 8:30 PM OA-led CAMPFIRE PROGRAM**
- 9:30 PM Root Beer Saloon Social at the Dining Hall**
- 11:00 PM Taps**

SUNDAY 06 OCTOBER, 2024

- 7:00 AM Reveille**
- 8:00 AM Flags**
- 8:30 AM Vespers at Waterfront**
- 9:00 AM Awards on Parade Field**
- 11:00 AM Pack, Clean- LNT, DEPART!!**

UNIT REGISTRATION AND T SHIRT HOODIE ORDERS

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY September 22nd, 2024

**You can Register Online and Order T-Shirts Beginning 12 August at:
<https://www.scoutingevent.com/763-AppleHarvestCamporee>**

T-Shirts are \$15.00, Hoodies are \$30 each and MUST BE PRE-ORDERED. No shirts will be sold onsite. Stickers are FREE for all Scout Participants.

The shirts/hoodies will be available to order through the registration process on Black Pug. The deadline for shirt/hoodie orders will be Sept 22nd. Even though you can still make changes to registrations until Oct 2nd, you will not be able to add shirts to registrations after Sept 22nd. Unfortunately, Shirts and hoodies will not be available at the trading post this year. If you want one, make sure to order when you register!

2024 APPLE HARVEST TSHIRT AND HOODIE



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The following are some important reminders for the Camporee (in no particular order)

Trash	Place garbage bags at site entrance. DO NOT TIE OFF BAGS!!!
Troop Gear	Large, bulky and heavy unit gear should be consolidated into one vehicle or trailer that will be allowed to pull up next to the campsites. The walk from the main parking area to the camping sites is not far.
Gear for Patrol Events	Gear and supplies will be provided by Staff. Contact Reid Watts if you have any questions.
Medical Forms (A&B)	All Scouts and Scouters should have their BSA Medical Forms (A&B). Scouters will keep their unit's forms.
Cracker Barrel and Root Beer Social	Bring your own cup to cut down on trash.

