



**New Market Battlefield
May 15 - 17, 2026**

Program Guide

Welcome to New Market!

The New Market Camporee is an interactive, immersive living history event held in conjunction with the Virginia Museum of the Civil War in New Market, VA. This event commemorates the 162nd anniversary of the Battle of New Market May 15-17, 2026.

Flags

Scouts will assemble in the mornings and on Saturday evening to recognize the raising and lowering of the colors of the United States of America. The flagpole will be located near the Scout HQ tent.

Passport Activities

Troops/patrols will be assigned to Groups (A-H) that will dictate their schedules for Saturday and Sunday. Each Troop's schedule will be included in their packet (pick up at check-in). Groups will rotate through various experiences of the living history event, guided tours of the battlefield, and visits to the museum and gift shop. This is not a round robin event. A blank passport will be issued to each scout, to be stamped at each activity area (Film, Confederate Camp, Surgeons, Drill, Music, Baseball, Tour, Farm, Museum). Full passport books earn a pair of pins to be worn on the New Market Patch; partial books earn a single pin. On each passport, there is a removable sticker for each participant. Free time is built into the schedule to allow scouts to explore other programming available through the weekend.

Competition

Virginia or “snake” fences were quickly erected by soldiers during the Civil War to create paddocks at camps, to define areas, and to provide cover on the battlefield. Troops will compete in building fences. The score will be determined both by the speed of construction and the structural integrity of the fence. The top scoring troop will be awarded the coveted Golden Shoe trophy.

Camp Fire

Saturday evening will feature a campfire near the camping area. The Order of the Arrow will be doing a “Call Out” ceremony during the campfire; out of Council troops are welcome to participate in this ceremony; please contact us if you would like to participate. We encourage all OA members to wear their sashes for the campfire and ceremony. There may also be some Civil War ghost stories to round out the evening.

Commemorations

Commemorative ceremonies will be held honoring Federal and Confederate soldiers who served and fell at the battle of New Market.

Awards

The Golden Shoe award will be presented to the unit with the highest combined score in the Snake Fence building contest during Saturday’s campfire.

A pair of tickets to *Luray Caverns*, the largest and most popular caverns in Eastern America, will be presented to the Cub

Scout who best exemplifies Scout Spirit during Saturday's activities. These will also be presented at Saturday's campfire.

Schedule of Events

Friday – May 15

- 4:00 – 9:00 PM – Check-in at Gate to North Field
 - 10:30 PM – Lights Out (if you will arrive after 10:30, please text Mr. Kent Baisley and we will have registration folks to greet you)
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Saturday – May 16

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. – Check-in (late arrivals and Cub units)
 - 8:00 a.m. – Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster Meeting at Scout HQ
 - 8:30 a.m. Flags
 - 9:00 a.m.-6:00 – Scout passport program and Cub (public) program
 - 6:15 p.m. – Flags
 - 7:00 p.m. – Cub Crossover Ceremony (Overlook area of Field of Lost Shoes)
 - 8:30 p.m. - Campfire/OA ceremony
 - Awards
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Sunday – May 17

- 8:45 a.m. Flags
- 9:00-9:45 a.m. – Scout passport program
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Commemorative ceremonies (Woodson's Monument, 54th PA Monument)
- 2:00 p.m. – Check out (Personnel will be available for Units to check out early Sunday starting after Flags)
 - Pins for completed passport will be distributed at check out.

