



OCT 9TH-11TH 2026 CAMP SHENANDOAH

CAMPOREE INFORMATION AND LEADER GUIDE

THE VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL PRESENTS THE APPLE HARVEST CAMPOREE, HELD AT CAMP SHENANDOAH ON FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH-11TH, 2026. 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.

THE THEME FOR THIS CAMPOREE IS **GLADIATOR GAMES!**

DRESS TO IMPRESS, BUT IT IS OPTIONAL!—YOUR THEMED COSTUME IS YOUR CLASS A FOR THIS EVENT!

GET CREATIVE, GET ADVENTUROUS, MAKE A TOGA, MAKE A SHIELD—BUT LEAVE THE WEAPONS BEHIND. THAT MEANS NO PROJECTILES, NO TOYS OR REAL GUNS, AND NO METAL BLADES OF ANY KIND (PLASTIC SWORDS ARE ALLOWED)

REMEMBER, THIS IS A SCOUT EVENT, AND CAMPOREE STAFF HAVE THE FINAL SAY. IF IT'S NOT SCOUT-APPROPRIATE, IT'S NOT STAYING.

CAMPOREE HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2026:

- *FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME CAMPFIRE
- *CAMP-WIDE TROOP COMPETITION
- *GLADIATOR LITTER COMPETITION
- *GLADIATOR'S GROC
- *TARGET SPORTS
- *HAM RADIO CLUB ACTIVITY
- *PATROL EVENTS COMPETITION
- *TRADING POST
- *OA-HOSTED SATURDAY CAMPFIRE
- *SERVICE PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

ELIGIBILITY

THIS CAMPOREE IS OPEN TO SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS. ALL ADULTS STAYING OVERNIGHT MUST BE A REGISTERED VOLUNTEER AND UP TO DATE ON THEIR SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING.

ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS

ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND APPLE HARVEST AS GUESTS OF A TROOP ATTENDING THE CAMPOREE. THE AOL'S NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE TROOP FOR THE CAMPOREE, NOT INDIVIDUALLY. THE TROOP HOSTING THE AOL SCOUTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING APPROPRIATE ADULT SUPERVISION AND FOLLOW ALL THE RULES OF SAFEGUARDING YOUTH POLICIES.

VOLUNTEERS

THIS EVENT IS POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS! OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WILL BE AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT CRACKER BARREL. 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.

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CAMPOREE LOCATION:

CAMP SHENANDOAH
222 BOY SCOUT LANE, SWOOPE, VIRGINIA 24479

REGISTRATION FEE

\$15.00 PER SCOUT, NO FEE FOR REGISTERED ADULTS

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

COMPLETED BY OCT 2ND

CHANGES TO YOUR REGISTRATION CAN BE MADE UP TO OCTOBER 8TH

CANCELLATION - BACK-UP DATE

ANY DECISION TO MOVE TO THE BACK-UP DATE WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL FROM BLACK PUG
AH REGISTRATION.

CAMPOREE CHECK-IN AND PARKING PROCESS

CHECK-IN: FRIDAY, 09 OCTOBER 2026, 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.

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.

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!

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!! TROOP SKIT TRYOUTS WILL BE
SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT HANDICRAFT SHELTER.

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 INTERFAITH WORSHIP

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. BRING YOUR TRASH TO THE DUMPSTER UPON LEAVING CAMP. LEAVE YOUR CAMPSITE BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT!

THE CAMPOREE COMPETITION

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR

- *LITTER DESIGN COMPETITION

- *BEST SCOUTER TOGA

- *BEST OVERALL PATROL

- *TROOP COMPETITION

- *BEST SCOUT GLADIATOR COSTUME

- *BEST TROOP COORDINATED COSTUME

- *DUTCH OVEN BREAD COMPETITION

PATROL ACTIVITY STATIONS

SCOUT PATROLS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL 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. PATROLS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING A SCORE FROM EACH STATION AND TURN THEIR PASSPORTS IN AT THE DINING HALL PORCH BY 6PM ON SATURDAY EVENING.

SCOUTER TOGA DESIGN COMPETITION

ADULT LEADERS ARE INVITED TO CREATE AND WEAR THEIR BEST ROMAN-INSPIRED TOGA USING SHEETS, FABRIC, ROPE, AND OTHER SAFE ACCESSORIES. DESIGNS WILL BE JUDGED ON CREATIVITY, GLADIATOR OR ROMAN THEME, OVERALL APPEARANCE, AND SCOUT SPIRIT. ALL COSTUMES MUST REMAIN APPROPRIATE, ALLOW SAFE MOVEMENT, AND MAY NOT INCLUDE REAL WEAPONS. THE WINNING SCOUTER WILL RECEIVE CAMPOREE RECOGNITION AND ROMAN BRAGGING RIGHTS!

TROOP COMPETITIONS

CLASH OF THE FOUR LEGIONS

FOUR TROOPS COMPETE AT ONCE IN THIS FOUR-WAY TUG-OF-WAR CHALLENGE. UP TO SIX SCOUTS FROM EACH TROOP TAKE ONE ROPE END AND ATTEMPT TO PULL THE CENTER MARKER TOWARD ITS DESIGNATED BOUNDARY. ON THE SIGNAL, TEAMS PULL UNTIL ONE PATROL REACHES ITS WINNING LINE OR TIME EXPIRES. THE TROOP DEMONSTRATING THE GREATEST STRENGTH, TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, SPIRIT AND COORDINATION EARNS VICTORY FOR ITS LEGION.

DETAILS/RULES ANNOUNCED AT CRACKER BARREL FRIDAY NIGHT

THE GREAT ROMAN BAKE-OFF

EACH TROOP OR PATROL WILL PREPARE A LOAF OF BREAD, EITHER SAVORY OR SWEET, USING A DUTCH OVEN AND INGREDIENTS BROUGHT FROM HOME. ENTRIES SHOULD BE COOKED AT THE CAMPSITE AND PRESENTED AT THE DESIGNATED JUDGING TIME. BREADS WILL BE JUDGED ON TASTE, TEXTURE, APPEARANCE, CREATIVITY, AND ROMAN-THEMED PRESENTATION. ADULT LEADERS MAY SUPERVISE FOR SAFETY, BUT SCOUTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE PREPARATION AND COOKING. ALL ENTRIES MUST FOLLOW PROPER FOOD-HANDLING AND FIRE-SAFETY PRACTICES.

LEGION LITTER DESIGN COMPETITION

EACH PATROL WILL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A STURDY LITTER. SCOUTS MUST DEMONSTRATE TEAMWORK, CREATIVITY, AND PROPER PIONEERING SKILLS WHILE BUILDING A LITTER CAPABLE OF SAFELY LIFTING A SCOUT WEARING A HELMET. THE SCOUT MAY NOT BE LIFTED ABOVE SHOULDER HEIGHT. ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED ON STRENGTH, STABILITY, CONSTRUCTION QUALITY, SCOUT SKILLS, AND OVERALL ROMAN-THEMED DESIGN. ADULT LEADERS MAY SUPERVISE FOR SAFETY, BUT SCOUTS MUST COMPLETE THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION. TROOPS WILL DISPLAY THEIR LITTER ON SATURDAY AT A DESIGNATED AREA.

REQUIREMENTS:

- EACH TROOP SHOULD HAVE A DETAILED WRITTEN PLAN (INCLUDING A SKETCH) OF WHAT THEY BUILT. THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SHOW THE PLAN TO THE JUDGES.
- TROOPS MAY CONSTRUCT THE LITTER OFFSITE
- MUST BE CONSTRUCTED BY SCOUTS

