



Path of the Patriot Camporee Leader's Guide

Gulf Coast Council – Spanish Trail Scout Reservation

March 6-8, 2026

Welcome

Welcome to the Path of the Patriot Camporee, hosted at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation. This camporee is designed to challenge Scouts through hands-on activities that explore patriotism, civic duty, leadership, outdoor skills, and American heritage. Units will rotate through themed stations that emphasize teamwork, problem-solving, and Scout spirit while enjoying the unique setting of Spanish Trail.

This guide provides unit leaders with all the essential information needed to prepare Scouts, plan logistics, and ensure a safe and successful weekend. Please review each section carefully to help your unit make the most of this unique Scouting experience.

Camporee Objectives

- Reinforce the values of citizenship, self-reliance, and stewardship through hands-on outdoor programming.
- Develop leadership and teamwork skills within Scout units.
- Foster an understanding of American heritage and patriotic service.
- Promote safe outdoor practices and respect for the environment.

Event Overview

The Path of the Patriot Camporee is a district-level Gulf Coast Council event designed for Scouts to live out the Scout Oath and Law through a variety of challenging activities. The theme of the event centers on patriotism, leadership, and outdoor skills, with each station crafted to provide practical learning and memorable experiences. Expected outcomes include improved self-reliance, enhanced teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for civic duty.

Preparation Checklist

- Complete all required registration forms for Scouts and adults.
- Review and distribute event schedules and station information to your unit.
- Ensure all medical forms and emergency contacts are up-to-date.
- Pack appropriate camping gear: tents, sleeping bags, weather-appropriate clothing, personal items, and Scout uniforms.
- Prepare patrol flags, notebooks, and activity supplies as indicated in the station descriptions.

- Bring unit first aid kits.
- Arrange transportation and confirm arrival/departure times with all participants.

Logistics

- **Arrival:** Units should arrive at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation between 5:00 and 8:00 PM on March 6th, 2026. Follow posted signs for parking and unloading.
- **Check-In:** Leaders will check in at the designated registration area, submit Patrol rosters, and receive campsite assignments.
- **Parking:** Vehicles must remain in designated parking areas for the duration of the event.
- **Departure:** Units may depart after the closing ceremonies or on March 8th by 10:30 AM. Campsites must be inspected and cleared before leaving.

Station Descriptions

- **Patriotism Challenge:** Scouts participate in flag ceremonies, learn flag etiquette, and discuss the meaning of patriotism.
- **Civic Duty Station:** Interactive activities focused on community service and citizenship responsibilities.
- **Outdoor Skills Station:** Scouts practice fire building, shelter construction, and basic survival techniques.
- **Leadership & Teamwork:** Problem-solving games and scenarios that develop leadership and cooperative skills.
- **American Heritage Trail:** Scouts explore historical displays and complete heritage-themed challenges.

Safety Guidelines

- Review the Guide to Safe Scouting and ensure all activities comply with BSA safety standards.

- Emergency procedures will be reviewed at the Scoutmaster meeting. Leaders should familiarize themselves with the nearest first aid station and emergency exits.
- All medications must be stored and administered according to BSA policy.
- Report any incidents, injuries, or safety concerns immediately to camp staff.
- Maintain two-deep leadership and adhere to Youth Protection policies at all times.

Leadership Tips

- Encourage Scouts to take initiative and participate actively in each station.
- Model positive behavior and reinforce the Scout Oath and Law throughout the event.
- Support patrol leaders in organizing tasks and promoting teamwork.
- Monitor Scouts' well-being and provide guidance as needed.
- Foster a supportive environment where every Scout feels included and valued.

Contact Information

- **Camporee Chair:** Jaime Johnson, Blueeyes1@yahoo.com, (850) 578-5413
- **Gulf Coast Council Office:** (850) 473-9945

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to Scouting. With your preparation and support, Scouts will have a rewarding experience on the Path of the Patriot. If you have any questions, please contact the camporee staff listed above.

“Prepared. Patriotic. Proven.”

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2. Camporee Objectives

The Path of the Patriot Camporee is a Gulf Coast Council (GCC) Scouting event designed to reinforce the values of citizenship, self-reliance, and stewardship through hands-on outdoor programming at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation (STSR).

This camporee supports the mission of Scouting America and the Gulf Coast Council by providing Scouts with opportunities to live the Scout Oath and Scout Law in action.

Scout Oath & Law Integration

Throughout the weekend, Scouts will be challenged to demonstrate:

Duty to Country – Patriotism, respect for the flag, and civic knowledge

Helpful & Loyal – Patrol teamwork and service-based challenges

Thrifty & Clean – Responsible use of resources and Leave No Trace

Brave & Prepared – Fire building, emergency skills, and self-reliance

Every station intentionally ties back to one or more points of the Scout Law.

3. Event Overview

Event Name: Path of the Patriot Camporee

Location: Spanish Trail Scout Reservation

Audience: Scouts BSA Troops and AOLs (for the day)

Program Format: Patrol-based competition with rotating stations

Uniform: Activity uniform during events; field uniform for flag ceremonies

4. Camporee Theme

The Path of the Patriot theme focuses on historical and modern expressions of patriotism, including service, leadership, preparedness, and respect for country and community. Stations and activities will reflect these ideals while maintaining strong outdoor and Scouting skill components.

5. Camporee Schedule

FRIDAY EVENING	4:00–5:00 PM
5:00–8:00 PM	Patrol time / Prepare for evening activities
SPL and Scoutmaster check-in at Henson Hall	4:30–5:30 PM
Units proceed to campsites and prepare camp	Camp gadget inspection (unit campsites)
9:00 PM	5:00–5:15 PM
SPL / Scoutmaster meeting – Dining Hall	All patrol score sheets turned in – Trading Post
11:00 PM	6:00 PM
Lights Out / Quiet Hours Begin	Scavenger hunt item turn-in – Trading Post
SATURDAY	Cooking contest turn-in – Trading Post Picnic Area
6:00–8:00 AM	7:30 PM
Break your fast and eat a good meal (unit campsites)	Campfire Program & Awards – Whipple
8:15 AM	SUNDAY
Opening Ceremony & Flags – Parade Grounds	6:30–8:00 AM
8:45–11:45 AM	Break your fast at unit campsites
Report to assigned activity sites (morning rotations)	8:00–8:15 AM
11:45 AM–12:45 PM	Interfaith Religious Services – Whipple
Adjourn for Rest & Relaxation / Lunch at campsites	9:00–11:00 AM
1:00–3:15 PM	Camp breakdown and checkout
Resume camporee activities (afternoon rotations)	

6. Program Stations & Challenges

All events are patrol-based unless otherwise noted. Patrols will rotate through stations according to the schedule provided at check-in.

us Patriot Foundations

Colors of Freedom

Location: Campsite

Description: Patrols construct a tall flagpole using lashings. Judges will evaluate height, stability, and proper flag etiquette. Discussion includes patriotism and respect for the flag.

Scoring (20 points):

Lashing technique & stability – 10 pts

Height achieved – 5 pts

Flag etiquette knowledge – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Loyal, Reverent, Obedient

Trail of Traditions

Location: Dining Hall

Description: Trivia challenge covering Spanish Trail Scout Reservation history, Scouting heritage, and council traditions.

Scoring (20 points):

Correct answers – 15 pts

Patrol teamwork & participation – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Trustworthy, Loyal

Heritage Watch

Location: Program Area

Description: Knowledge-based station aligned with American Heritage Merit Badge topics such as founding principles, symbols, and historic documents.

Scoring (20 points):

Knowledge accuracy – 15 pts

Patrol discussion & engagement – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Loyal, Helpful

Provisioning the Patriot

The Angler's Post

Location: Waterfront

Description: Fishing competition focused on skill and ethics. Patrols earn points for the most fish caught and largest fish (per camp rules).

Scoring (20 points):

Most fish – 10 pts

Biggest fish – 5 pts

Proper fishing ethics & safety – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Thrifty, Clean

Cast for the Cause

Location: Athletic Field

Description: Casting accuracy challenge using fishing and fly-fishing equipment. Includes practice and scored rounds.

Scoring (20 points):

Target accuracy – 15 pts

Safe equipment handling – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Careful, Obedient

Bounty of the Waters

Location: Ted Shed

Description: Identification of local fish species and discussion of which are edible, protected, or invasive.

Scoring (20 points):

Correct identification – 15 pts

Edibility & conservation knowledge – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Thrifty, Clean

Self-Reliance on the Trail

Spark of Independence

Location: Square Grounds

Description: Patrol tinder box inspection evaluating preparedness, organization, and appropriate materials.

Scoring (15 points):

Proper materials – 10 pts

Organization & explanation – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Prepared, Thrifty

Flame of Freedom

Location: Square Grounds

Description: Patrols build and light a fire using their tinder kits. Fire must be sustained long enough to complete a task.

Scoring (20 points):

Successful ignition – 10 pts

Fire structure & safety – 10 pts

Scout Law Focus: Brave, Careful

Frontier Feast

Location: Trading Post (Turn-in)

Description: Cooking challenge using a secret seafood ingredient. Patrols prepare and present a finished dish.

Scoring (25 points):

Taste & creativity – 10 pts

Proper food handling – 10 pts

Presentation – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Thrifty, Clean, Helpful

Know the Land

Sentinels of the Trail

Location: Across from Trading Post

Description: Identification of local snake species and discussion of safety, venomous vs. non-venomous, and proper response.

Scoring (20 points):

Correct identification – 15 pts

Safety knowledge – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Brave, Careful

Scout's Eye Recon

Location: Trading Post Area

Description: STSR-specific scavenger hunt emphasizing observation, navigation, and teamwork.

Scoring (20 points):

Items found – 15 pts

Patrol cooperation – 5 pts

Scout Law Focus: Helpful, Trustworthy

Strength & Skill

Liberty Timberworks

Location: Athletic Field

Description: Timed patrol event using a two-man crosscut saw to safely cut a log.

Scoring (20 points):

🔗 Final Challenge

The Redfish Run

Location: Camp-wide

Description: A large-scale clue hunt. Patrols solve challenges from previous stations to locate the hidden redfish.

Scout Law Focus: Brave, Obedient

Scoring (30 points):

Clues solved – 20 pts

Final discovery – 10 pts

Scout Law Focus: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful

7. Scoring & Awards

Patrols earn points at each station

Bonus points may be awarded for Scout spirit and uniforming

Awards presented for top patrols and special recognitions

Scoring details will be provided at check-in.

8. Campsites & Facilities

Campsites are assigned at check-in

Latrines and potable water are available throughout camp

Units are responsible for campsite cleanliness

Firewood policies will follow reservation guidelines

9. Equipment & Packing List

Unit Equipment

Patrol flags

Cooking gear and food

Water containers

First aid kit

Lanterns and camp lighting

Personal Gear

Tent and sleeping gear

Weather-appropriate clothing

Refillable water bottle

Field and activity uniforms

Notebook and pen

10. Health & Safety

All units must have current health forms for each Scout and Scouter per council policy. The leaders will retain forms in the campsite.

Two-deep leadership is required at all times

SYT guidelines will be strictly enforced

Emergency procedures will be reviewed at the leaders' meeting

Spanish Trail Scout Reservation emergency contacts will be provided at check-in.

11. Leadership Responsibilities

Unit Leaders

Ensure Scouts are prepared and informed

Maintain discipline and safety

Attend the leaders' meeting

Youth Leaders

Lead patrols through stations

Encourage teamwork and Scout spirit

Manage time and accountability

12. Registration & Fees

Registration details and deadlines will be announced separately

Fees cover program materials, awards, and facility use

Refund policies following council guidelines

13. Contact Information

For questions before the event, contact:

Camporee Director: Jaime Johnson 850-758-5414

Ranger and Medic James Odom 850- 357-2090

Reservation: Spanish Trail Scout Reservation

14. Final Notes

The Path of the Patriot Camporee is a district-level Gulf Coast Council event intended to challenge Scouts, strengthen leadership, and celebrate the values of Scouting and citizenship. Thank you to our volunteers, staff, and unit leaders for delivering a safe and meaningful program at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation.

Station Number Key

Station #	Station Name	Location
1	Colors of Freedom	Campsite
2	Trail of Traditions	Dining Hall
3	Heritage Watch	Program Area
4	The Angler's Post	Waterfront
5	Cast for the Cause	Athletic Field
6	Bounty of the Waters	Ted Shed
7	Spark of Independence	Square Grounds
8	Flame of Freedom	Square Grounds
9	Frontier Feast	Trading Post Picnic

Appendix A – Printable Patrol Scorecards

(One page per patrol – copy as needed)

Unit: _____ Patrol: _____

Station	Max Pts	Score	Judge Initials
Colors of Freedom	20		
Trail of Traditions	20		
Heritage Watch	20		
The Angler's Post	20		
Cast for the Cause	20		
Bounty of the Waters	20		
Spark of Independence	15		
Flame of Freedom	20		
Frontier Feast	25		
Sentinels of the Trail	20		
Scout's Eye Recon	20		
Liberty Timberworks	20		
Redfish Run	30		
Total Score:	_____		

Appendix B – Station Staff Guides

General Staff Expectations

Wear staff identification at all times

Emphasize safety first, then scoring

Coach and encourage youth leadership

Tie activities back to the Scout Law

Appendix C – Leader Appendix

Leader Checklist

- Health forms collected
- Patrols briefed on schedule
- Two-deep leadership maintained
- Scouts understand scoring & expectations

Quiet Hours

11:00 PM – 6:00 AM

Uniform Guidance

Field uniform: flags, ceremonies

Activity uniform: program stations

Appendix D – Emergency Information

Emergency Procedures

Report all emergencies to the Camp Ranger/ Medic

Follow Spanish Trail Scout Reservation emergency protocols

A full STSR map will be provided at check-in.

Appendix E – Webelos Adaptation Notes

Adaptations

AOLS operate as patrols

Hands-on demonstrations preferred over timed events

Approved Stations for AOLs

Trail of Traditions

Heritage Watch

Scout's Eye Recon

Bounty of the Waters

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FRIDAY EVENING

5:00–8:00 PM

SPL & Scoutmaster Check-In – Henson Hall

Units set up campsites

9:00 PM

SPL / Scoutmaster Meeting – Dining Hall

11:00 PM

Lights Out / Quiet Hours Begin

SATURDAY

6:00–8:00 AM

Breakfast at Campsites (“Break your fast”)

8:15 AM

Opening Ceremony & Flags – Parade Grounds

8:45–11:45 AM

Morning Activity Rotations

11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Lunch & Rest – Campsites

1:00–3:15 PM

Afternoon Activity Rotations

4:00–5:00 PM

Patrol Time / Prep for Evening Events

4:30–5:30 PM

Camp Gadget Inspection – Campsites

5:00–5:15 PM

Score Sheets Due – Trading Post

6:00 PM

Scavenger Hunt Items Due – Trading Post

Cooking Contest Turn-In – Trading Post Picnic Area

7:30 PM

Campfire & Awards – Whipple

SUNDAY

6:30–8:00 AM

Breakfast at Campsites

8:00–8:15 AM

Interfaith Religious Service – Whipple

9:00–11:00 AM

Break Camp & Checkout

ACTIVITY ROTATION BLOCKS – MASTER SCHEDULE

Stations are numbered 1–9. “Free Time” indicates patrol break/travel buffer.

Patrol 1

Time	Station
8:45–9:15	1
9:20–9:50	2
9:55–10:25	3
10:30–11:00	4
11:05–11:35	5
12:45–1:15	6
1:20–1:50	7
1:55–2:25	8
2:30–3:00	9
3:05–3:35	Free Time