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Mayflower District – Transatlantic Council

Fall Camporee 2024

27-29 September

at Tolmers Activity Centre, Hertfordshire

Rise of Modern Britain

Late-Victorian Era 1870 - 1901

Be sure to register your unit early to avoid disappointment.

Last date for unit registrations is 15th September.



1. Fall Camporee Overview

1.1 Camporee Program Events

The Victorian Era was during the reign of Queen Victoria, from 1837 to 1901, but the period can be stretched to include the years both before and after these dates, roughly from the Napoleonic Wars until the outbreak of World War I in 1914.

Prior to the Industrial Revolution (1760-1840), daily life had changed little for hundreds of years. The 19th century saw rapid technological development with a wide range of new inventions. This led Great Britain to become the foremost industrial and trading nation of the time.

Historians have characterised the mid-Victorian era (1850–1870) as Britain's 'Golden Years'. This was then followed by a Second Industrial Revolution which was a phase of rapid scientific discovery, standardisation, mass production and industrialisation.

Then came the Second Industrial Revolution which continued into the 20th century with early factory electrification and the production line; it ended at the beginning of World War I.

What we hope is that during the Mayflower District Fall Camporee 2024 you will learn more about how the Late-Victorian Era, through the Second Industrial Revolution, helped evolve the country and how life was like for those living then. A brief description of the program is included in section 3.

1.2 Where and When

The Fall Camporee will be held at the Tolmers Activity Centre. The address of the scout camp is:

Tolmers Activity Centre, Tolmers Road, Cuffley, Hertfordshire, EN6 4JS

Units should plan on arriving between 18h00 and 22h00 on Friday, 27th September 2024 and departing after the closing on Sunday, about 10h30. *Preferably do not arrive early Friday evening, as the Camporee Staff may not be ready.*

1.3 Other Districts

Mayflower District extends our warmest invitation to Scouts BSA Troops and Arrow of Light Dens in other Districts within Transatlantic Council to join us for our Fall Camporee 2024. We believe that the Tolmers Activity Centre is a convenient location if any units are coming from locations across mainland Europe as it is located near both London Luton Airport (<https://www.london-luton.co.uk/>) and London Stansted Airport (<https://www.stanstedairport.com/>) which have many flights from European cities. Furthermore, there are multiple local Tesco supermarkets within 5mins that will deliver food ordered online at <https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/>.

As far as equipment is concerned, the Camporee Staff are happy to assist with making arrangements for dining flues, tables, stoves, fuel, etc. All that remote units would likely need to bring is tents and your normal personal camping gear.

1.4 Arrow of Light Participation

According to the Guide to Safe Scouting - Guidelines for Arrow of Light Scouts Camping Overnight with Scouts BSA

- Arrow of Light Scouts may participate at a Scouts BSA “camporee” (council coordinated, short-term camp, see NCAP SA-001) during the day and/or overnight in one of two ways:
 - I. **With their Arrow of Light Den/Patrol.** Arrow of Light Scouts can attend as an Arrow of Light den/patrol under the supervision of two deep leadership from their Arrow of Light den/patrol or pack. The Arrow of Light Scout’s parent or legal guardian(s) may attend with the Arrow of Light

den/patrol and their child, either alongside the two-deep leadership or as part of it if they are registered with the pack. Or

- II. **As an Individual Scout.** Arrow of Light Scouts can attend with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the local council coordinates two deep leadership per NCAP Standard HS-502.

If there is interest in participating as an Arrow of Light den/patrol/individual please contact the Camporee Chair, Frank Sotrines.

1.5 Registration & Fees

Registration before 15th September is essential to assist us in planning and to ensure that your unit can participate. To register and make payment for the weekend this should be done using the registration page on <https://scoutingevent.com/802>

The cost for the weekend will be \$40 per scout and \$35 per adult. This might have additional cost depending on the part of the event each participant is taking part in. This will be covered in section 3 in this guide.

If you have questions regarding registration, please email Frank Sotrines. Please also advise us if you wish to change your registration numbers.

1.6 Adult Leadership

Following BSA rules, **ALL** adults staying overnight at our District Event must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant. If there is any questions regarding this don't hesitate to contact either the Camporee Chair, Frank Sotrines, or the professionals at Council.

1.7 Adults & Older Scout Volunteers

For this event we will look to both our older scouts, preferably those that are Star/Life rank, as well as scout leaders and parents to help with activity stations and running the program.

We intend to use a mixture of Order of the Arrow members, Venture Crew Scouts, and scout leaders/parents as these volunteers.

The activities the scouts will be participating in generally require two Activity Judges at each activity station. We will provide all the equipment and have the activity station set up to run for the Activity Judges.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the Camporee Chair, Frank Sotrines.

For more information see section 3.2 on Activity Judges.

1.7 Campsite Assignments

Campsites will be allocated based on the numbers given in the registration. When arriving at camp please send ONE adult to the Staff HQ to get a Commissioner who will show you to your site. The Commissioner will then escort the Unit Leader back to the Staff HQ for check in. If your unit is arriving in several groups, please ensure that everyone knows the unit number (for example Troop 184) and name of the leader in charge, so they can be directed to the Unit's campsite (see section 4.2).

1.8 Camporee Management

Principal Camporee Staff members are listed below. You can reach them during evening hours.

Camporee Chair – Frank Sotrines

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There will also be the Tolmers Campsite Staff on the premises. Please be aware that they will not know your unit number but can direct you to the Boy Scouts of America Staff HQ. If you have a question or problem with the site, please see a member of the Camporee Staff first. We will then liaise with the Tolmers Campsite Staff to rectify any problems that may arise.

2. General Camporee Information

2.1 Changes & Cancellations

The Camporee Chair is the only individual authorized to change or cancel a scheduled activity. Any necessary changes will be made at the earliest possible time and posted in writing at the Staff HQ. If you have a question on the program, please feel free to come to the Staff HQ at any time or ask a staff member around the site.

2.2 Parking & Access to Campsites

There will be no parking allowed on the campsites. All vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area at the main car park for Tolmers Activity Centre. Troops are encouraged to carpool and arrange to have as few cars as possible remain at the Camporee parking site.

Participants will have to walk to their camp site and are expected to carry their personal equipment. The campsites that you will be staying on are not far from the car park.

No cars are allowed onto the campsites without the Tolmers Campsite Staff's permission.

2.3 Camping

Campsites will be located in designated spots on a big field. You will be directed to allocated zone by commissioner staff at check-in.

2.4 Food Service

Units are responsible for bringing their own food and means of preparing it. You will need food for Friday (or eat before you arrive), three meals for Saturday and Sunday breakfast.

There will be coffee available for adults at the Staff HQ on Friday night and while activities are taking place on Saturday. This is intended for Activity Judges and Unit Leaders who are helping out with the activity stations or have helped out.

2.5 Emergency Contact

It is recommended that, if possible, Units should have access to a cellular phone that can be used as a primary contact for members of that Unit or Camporee Staff in an emergency. The emergency number for the Camporee is **+44 (0)7540 984358**. Please ensure callers know the Unit Number and, if possible, the Unit Leader's name.

2.6 First Aid

The First Aid station will be set up near the Staff HQ and will be marked with a prominent sign.

We will have at least one Camp Medic on site at all times. If assistance is needed, please contact a member of the Camporee Staff that has a radio or send a runner to the Staff HQ. If the injury permits, *and it is practical to do so*, bring the injured person to the First Aid station for medical attention.

2.7 Medical Forms

In case of serious injury or illness requiring emergency medical services or hospital treatment, a health history record and permission of a parent or guardian are required. This form, known as the Medical Form, must be accessible to the Unit Leader at all times. There is now a new medical form which parts A and B are required for all participants (youth and adult) for the Camporee.

2.8 Fire & Ambulance Service

In the unlikely event that fire or ambulance services are needed, send a runner to the Staff HQ immediately so that an emergency call can be placed and the Camporee Chair notified immediately. If the emergency call is placed from a cellular phone within your area, you must still send a runner to the Staff HQ to notify the Camporee Chair of the emergency and to arrange for the emergency equipment to be directed to the correct location.

2.9 Radios

The Camporee Staff use Personal Mobile Radios for communications. We therefore request that campers refrain from using the Camporee Staff designated channel and its sub-channels. These are PMR channel 3 and all the related sub-channels. This is for the safety of all campers.

3. Changes during Victorian England

The Victorian era spanned approximately from 1820 to 1914 in British history. It corresponds roughly to the period of Queen Victoria's reign (1837–1901). During this time, Britain experienced significant changes and developments. Here are some key characteristics of the Victorian era:

Class-Based Society: Victorian society was organized hierarchically, with class distinctions playing a central role in people's lives.

Growing State and Economy: Britain saw the growth of its state institutions and economy during this period. It became a powerful nation with a rich culture.

Expanding Franchise: The number of people eligible to vote increased, leading to greater political participation.

Imperial Power: Britain held the status of the most powerful empire globally, controlling vast territories across the world.

Cultural Advancements: The Victorian era witnessed rapid advancements in science, industry, and the arts.

Social Reform: There were significant political and social reforms during this time.

Despite the stereotype of prudishness, Victorians grappled with complex issues related to sex, gender, and societal norms. Overall, it was a period of both progress and challenges.

We hope to demonstrate to you during the camporee how those from this time period lived their lives.

3.1 Activities at the Event

We have endeavoured to make the activities appropriate for all Scouts from New Scouts/Webelos II guests to Eagle Scouts. With that in mind the activities that Scouts will be doing at the camporee will include taking part in a lot of Victorian era themed activities including:

- Tunnelling through mines, during designated timeslots.
- Driving early automobiles (pedal cars)
- Victorian era themed crafts/games
- And much, much more!

3.2 Activity Judges

It is not possible for the Mayflower District Camping Committee to provide all the adults needed to run an event on the scale of the Camporee. That is why on the Saturday we need help from the

‘spare’ adults or older scouts to be Activity Judges. For this year’s event we ask for all available Order of the Arrow members to show how the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service can be shown.

We do ask that every Unit leave one adult in the Unit’s campsite at all times to keep an eye on the site, though where some units are in joined location we would appreciate this be covered by just the one adult if possible. Most activity stations require at least two volunteers to run.

Activity Stations will be set up by the Camporee Staff on the Friday before the Troops arrive. Activity Judges will be given all the equipment to run the activity station by the Camporee Staff. They will also be given written instructions on how to run each activity. The Staff will be available at all times to assist Activity Judges in any way. During the lunch break or when the Activity is over, the Staff request that the Activity Judges, collect up the equipment and return it to the Staff HQ.

There will be a sign-up poster in the Staff HQ on Friday night as Troops arrive. The poster will also have a full description of every activity being run. We ask that adults or older scouts come by the Staff HQ on Friday night, have a quick cup of coffee and sign up to judge for an AM session, PM session or both.

3.3 Evening Program

The Saturday night campfire is a chance for the camp to sit back and enjoy some light-hearted entertainment from your fellow campers and end the day on a high note. The Staff are looking forward to seeing the wonderful and diverse talents of our Scouts. The Staff are preparing their contribution to the Campfire, so we hope you are as well.

We do hope that all units will participate, either by putting on a skit or song or leading a cheer, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Staff HQ. Please sign up early so that we can plan the order for the campfire. Please do come to camp prepared and practice your skits, songs, and cheers ahead of time. Of course, props or costumes can sometimes help a lot.

The Campfire will be hosted by the Order of the Arrow, Namassakett Chapter who will MC it, and will be holding a small fellowship for all Arrowmen to attend after the campfire is ended.

3.4 Order of the Arrow at the Camporee

During this camporee we want to emphasize what the Order of the Arrow is all about and rather than have a separate event where we complete a bit of service for the campsites, we want to show why it is a part of scouting that all should strive to be a part of.

In addition to Arrowmen assisting in running the activities and helping host the Campfire, we will also be holding other Order of the Arrow happenings throughout the weekend including opportunity for completion of Ordeals and Brotherhood walks for any that require one. This will need to be marked on the registration, so we know how many need to plan for.

We would appreciate all Arrowmen wear their Order of the Arrow sashes over their Scout Activity Uniform throughout the day on the Saturday, and there will be more information regarding Order of the Arrow participation at the camporee sent in the near future by the Namassakett Chapter itself.

3.5 Adult Leader Training

During the Camporee we will be holding the Adult Leader Training in parallel the main District event and the Order of the Fellowship, but these are all separate events. While ride sharing is of course encouraged, adults taking the course cannot also be responsible for their Troop at the camporee – additional two-deep leadership must be provided. If you have any questions about the training courses or have any questions the below is the main lead for the training team.

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3.5.1 Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills

This course is designed for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. This hands-on program gives adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Imagine having hands-on knowledge setting up a campsite, pitching a tent, hiking, outdoor cooking - all the skills necessary to see the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America come to life.

Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills is the **required** outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters. This training course is designed for new adult leaders to learn the outdoor skills they need to teach Scouts through the First-Class rank and will be required for all Scouters planning on attending the Wood Badge course. Instructors will help you learn how to set up camp, cook, work with woods tools and ropes, first aid, planning campfire programs, map reading and compass skills, hiking and packing techniques, nature identification, and "Leave No Trace". Each outdoor session will bring to life the pages of the Scouts BSA Handbook to help deliver the promise of Scouting to yourself and the youth you serve. It will increase your comfort level and give you confidence as a trained leader. The program will also give you the opportunity to work with other Scout leaders from the District, meet new friends, and reinforce skill techniques with fellow unit leaders. Successful completion of Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is a prerequisite for Wood Badge.

3.5.2 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

BALOO is a training designed for leaders and parents to learn more about the Cub Scout outdoor program. The sessions include the why and how of Cub Scout camping-planning, equipment, meal preparation, campfire programs, fire safety, stoves, and lanterns; first aid and sanitation; nature hikes and games; and cooking. Scattered throughout the day are plenty of the four S's: songs, stunts, stories, and showmanship. The key point of BALOO training is "Keep It Simple." Remember, the overnight is an entry-level outdoor experience for the first-time Cub Scout camper. All arrangements (sleeping, cooking, and program) should be geared to Cub Scoutage participants. ***Pack overnights and Webelos den campouts require a BALOO-trained Scouter.***

4. Registration, Check-in and Check-out Procedures

4.1 Before the Camporee

All units attending should have registered using the link as set out in section 1.5. Please advise the Camporee Chair, Frank Sottrines, of any significant changes to these numbers.

4.2 On Arrival

Upon reaching the site, please ask to be directed to the Staff HQ for the Boy Scouts of America. An adult should go inside to get a Camp Commissioner who will either lead you to your site or give you directions. All cars will need to remain in the designated parking area. Once the Unit Leader has arrived, he or she should come to the Staff HQ to check-in.

If your group is travelling in multiple vehicles, please make all drivers aware of this procedure. Any outstanding fees for the weekend will be collected at check-in.

4.3 Check-out Procedures

Each unit will receive a Check-out and Evaluation form at check-in. During the weekend, please fill out this form so we can gather your feedback. Camp Commissioners will have spare copies of this

form. After you have cleared your campsite, policed the area and cleaned up any fires, send someone to the Staff HQ to get a Commissioner. When the Commissioner arrives, he/she will inspect your camp and then sign off on the Checkout and Evaluation form. After the closing ceremony Sunday morning, bring your signed form to the Staff HQ. At that time, you will receive ribbons and patches for your unit. All units should plan to be out of camp by 10h30.

4.4 Late Arrival & Early Departure

If a unit is going to arrive or depart at any time other than those scheduled for the camporee, please make the Camporee Chair aware of these plans. If your unit intends to leave on Saturday evening, and you have notified the Camporee Chair, you may pick up your patches and ribbons after you have totally vacated your campsite and had a Commissioner sign the Check-out and Evaluation form.

5. Camping Guidelines

5.1 The Campgrounds

As members of the Boy Scouts of America, it is our obligation and responsibility to see that everyone respects and observes rules and regulations in this package and follow guidance provided by the Camporee Staff, Camp Commissioners and the Tolmers Campsite Staff.

5.2 Natural habitat

As per The Leave No Trace principles we would just like to emphasize that no trees, shrubs, or bushes should be cut within the campground or neighbouring areas. Do not interfere with the area's wildlife and do not play in any streams within the campground.

5.3 Tent Ditching

There will be no tent ditching or other changes made to the ground contours to improve campsites. Remember that proper pitching of tents does not require ditching. Protect your tents by bringing sturdy ground cloths and protect your body by bringing foam pads or air mattresses for a good night's rest. There are no picnic tables in the campground area.

5.4 Ground fires

Fires will only be allowed in designated spots or on altar fires. These are available on the site. It is recommended that units bring their own stoves, grills, and fuel for cooking. Charcoal and propane are recommended. Liquid charcoal lighters are not allowed.

5.5 Use of liquid fuel

The safety of our Scouts and Scouters must be the prime consideration in the use of liquid fuels. The use of liquid fuels in lanterns and stoves is acceptable only if:

- 1) a knowledgeable adult provides supervision over the storage, transportation and usage of the fuel; and
- 2) Scouts have been taught the safe and proper handling and usage of the fuel, stoves and lanterns.

5.6 Water

Water will be available at faucets throughout the campsite. Some carrying of water will be required. Canteens should be carried during the program on Saturday, as drinking water will not be readily available in all program areas. Washing of dishes at the water points or in the bathrooms is prohibited. These should be done in camp using the procedure set out in the Scout Handbook, Chapter 10.

5.7 Toilets

There is a toilet block near to the main camping field available to all for use. Though we will confirm the designation of who will have use of this toilet block, which will be determined on the Friday.

Please respect the facilities and keep them clean. Do not place trash or soft drinks cans in the toilets.

It is a good idea to bring a few spare rolls of toilet paper with your unit and have campers take one with them to the toilets, just in case.

5.8 Trash

Every unit should bring a supply of plastic trash bags to securely store their own trash. We do recommend also staying sustainable and have a recycling program for your unit. Though there is no recycling facilities at the campsite itself so this may be something that will have to be taken away by the unit. There are dumpsters available for general waste and units are expected to take their trash to these receptacles.

6. Camporee Rules

6.1 Law of the Camporee

As in all Scouting activities, the Scout Oath and Law will be the Law of the Camporee. Any individual who does not act as he should may be putting his unit's future Camporee privileges in jeopardy and putting the privilege of the Mayflower District to hold camporees on British Scout Camps at risk. Units that do not comply with these rules may be asked to leave immediately.

6.2 Flames in Tents.

Cooking or lighting with open flames of any kind is not allowed in any tent. Electric battery lanterns and flashlights are recommended.

6.3 Proper Uniform

BSA uniforms (Scout shirt and Scout Pants/Shorts with proper socks) should be worn for Saturday Night Campfire and for the Scouts' Own. Scouts are encouraged to wear scouting T-Shirts for the day's activities. In accordance with BSA National Policies, **NO military garb or fatigues, including camouflage, should be worn.** Rain gear which is camouflaged is allowed, although it is not recommended.

6.4 Discipline

Leaders will be responsible for the behaviour of their scouts at all times. Adult leaders who are not helping in the events or watching troop sites, should circulate through the events in which their scouts are participating. Radios, television, portable game devices, music players and other electronics should be left at home.

6.5 Quiet hours

All activities will be subject to quiet hours and lights out from 23h00 to 07h00. Leaders in each Unit are responsible for enforcing these hours.

We are surrounded by residential area, so we do not want to upset the neighbourhood to not be allowed back to campsite in the future.

6.6 Knives

Sheath knives and knives with blades longer than 3 ½ inches are not allowed at the Camporee. If any are found, they will be held for the remainder of the Camporee by a member of the Camporee Staff.

6.7 Alcoholic Beverages

No alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed at the Camporee, except those used for religious sacrament.

6.8 Firearms

For safety reasons, firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, bow and arrows or slingshots of any kind are not allowed at the Camporee without gaining specific permission from the Camporee Chair before the Camporee.

6.9 Fireworks

Absolutely no fireworks are permitted.

6.10 Dogs

No dogs are permitted on the Campsite except those used as guide dogs for the blind or other aid for disabled campers.

6.11 Respecting Other Unit's Sites

Everyone should respect other Unit's campsites. Please do not cross through another unit's site, go around. While we encourage Scouts and Scouters to visit other Units, please announce your arrival with a loud "hello" instead of just walking straight into a site. Show others the level of courtesy you would like shown to you.

6.12 Health and Safety

The rules in the preceding paragraphs are for your health and safety. Please follow them and be careful. The Camporee Staff will be alert to safety hazards during the weekend. Please assist in the elimination of hazards or reckless acts as they are observed or brought to your attention.

7. Acknowledgement

We would like to thank the Mayflower District's Camping Committee for sharing their Camporee materials, including a template of this information packet! Before redistributing outside of this event or using for other events, please contact the Mayflower District Camping Committee via www.tac-bsa.org for permission. Copyright in this information packet is asserted by Mayflower District Camping Committee. Licenses to amend and redistribute will be granted at the discretion of the copyright holder.

Hope To See You And Your Unit At The Fall Camporee, September 2024!

The Camporee Staff