

# **SUSTAINABILITY CAMPOREE**

## **DOHA, QATAR**



## **2026 HORIZON DISTRICT CAMPOREE**

### **LEADERS' GUIDE**

**February 5 - 8, 2026**

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**REGISTER YOUR UNIT ONLINE AT**

[Transatlantic Council - Horizon District Camporee 2026](https://www.transatlanticcouncil.org/horizon-district-camporee-2026)

**QUESTIONS?**

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## **CAMPOREE THEME – Sustainability**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Horizon District Camporee will be held February 5th – 8th at Fai Aldaha Resort, Ummsalal Farm in Doha, Qatar.

Camporee is an outstanding opportunity for Pack, Troops, Ships and Venturing Crews to showcase Excellence in Teamwork, Scout Skills, and Spirit. Camporee is also a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie with Scouts from other Troops in the District.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The fee is \$50 per Scout and \$50 per adult. All registrants will receive a Camporee Patch.

**ALL UNITS SHOULD BE REGISTERED ON-LINE BEFORE FEBRUARY 1**, to allow us to identify campsites, have sufficient staffing, etc. Additional Scouts and leaders can be added after that date, up to and including registration at the camp.

Please register your Unit online by going to: [Transatlantic Council - Horizon District Camporee 2026](https://transatlanticcouncil.org/horizon-district-camporee-2026)

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Only registered Scouters, ScoutsBSA youth, Venturing Participants, AOL's and AOL Parents are eligible to attend Camporee. A separate camping site will be established for non-registered adults. Current SYT is required for all adults staying in the family site. Non-registered adults are not permitted within the camporee site after lights out.

### **EVENT OVERVIEW**

We need Unit participation in sponsoring or managing a station, so please look over our events section and sign up for a hosting leadership role. You will be responsible for staffing and supplying these stations. Let the Camporee Chair know which event your Unit would like to host by emailing your choice to [Joshua.hordish@horizondistrict802.org](mailto:Joshua.hordish@horizondistrict802.org).

#### **Unit Sustainability Honor Award**

As part of this year's theme our Units are encouraged to participate in the Sustainability Honor Award. Similar to a camp honor patrol, Units and their participants will have a list of tasks to accomplish before and during the camporee. Completion will earn the unit the distinction of Sustainability Honor and earn attending participants the coveted TAC Sustainability Action Award.

### World Conservation Award

Another Accomplishment we hope our scouts can earn at Camporee is the World Conservation Award. Scheduled in with the Merit Badge classes will be badges that are required for the award and a conservation project to participate in. **Leaders, please look at prerequisites!!!** Classes will also have size limitations and run concurrent with other Merit Badges, we encourage units to take the mantle and offer a selection of merit badges that fit the requirements for the award prior to camporee.

### Messengers of Peace Award

Sustainability is part of being a global citizen. With that in mind we aim to help our scouts earn The Messengers of Peace Advocate Award. Individuals and groups up to 3 people can participate in our international pot luck dinner learning about and experiencing different cultures and nations. Full requirements will be listed in Appendix MOP.

## **ARRIVAL AND CAMPING ARRANGEMENTS**

### **PARKING**

Driving in Camp will be forbidden except for drop off and pick up of Gear. Parking is outside the Camp. Please Obey Posted Speed Limits.

### **UPON ARRIVAL**

Send a single person to check-in upon Arrival between 6:00 and 9:30 PM (Registration Building). Late registration is also at the Registration Office, if you are delayed.

Please have the following prepared and ready before arriving:

- Updated attendance list
- Copy of BSA medical forms Parts A & B for all participants
- Payment for additional fees if you have additional attendees or other fees
- Copy of SYT Certificates for all adults attending the Camporee

## **CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENT**

Units will be camping within their designated boundaries, the size of which is set by the number of attendees that the unit registers. Campsite boundaries will be designated by stakes and marking tape, plus signs with Unit numbers. You will be assigned a campsite and given a map to locate it. Some Units may share campsites. In those cases, please be considerate in leaving space if you are the first to arrive.

## **GEAR DROP OFF FOR events**

If your Troop has equipment needed for events, you may leave it in the staging area close to the Registration Building, rather than taking it to your campsite. Do NOT drive off the gravel roads.

## **LATE ARRIVALS**

Late arrivals should report to the Registration Office, to be given directions to campsites and to make any remaining payments. Please note that individual Units are responsible for keeping track of which members are present at all times.

## **CAMP RULES**

**This is a Scouting event!** As such, proper Scout-like behavior is expected of all Scouts, Scouters and Attendees at all times. Individual Units are responsible for monitoring their youth and adults. In addition, camp Staff will be available, if needed, to address specific instances of unScout-like behavior. We are guests at Fai Aldaha Resort and have an obligation to leave it better than we found it!

### **Among the important 'Do's':**

- Have Fun!
- Obey the Scout Law!
- Maintain the Buddy System at all times!
- Leaders: Keep track of your Scouts.
- Scouts: Let your leaders know where you are.
- Keep a clean camp. All camps will be periodically inspected, and camps must be completely kitchen-clean prior to departure.

**Among the list of 'Don'ts':**

- No smoking—adults or youth
- No alcohol—adults or Scouts
- No damage to property, including the Camp, other patrols, other Units, etc.
- No trash left for others to clean up
  
- No personal firearms

**FOOD, WATER, AND UTILITIES**

Each Unit is responsible for providing food and drinks for their Scouts and adults for the weekend.

For those arriving in Qatar by car there are supermarkets located within 30 minutes of Campsite.

For those coming from outside Qatar and without Unit transportation please Email [Joshua.hordish@horizondistrict802.org](mailto:Joshua.hordish@horizondistrict802.org) we can make a shopping plan and help secure gear.

Potable water is available at Water Points. However, we strongly encourage Units to bring adequate water as needed for their purposes during the weekend. Plan on 1 gallon of water per person per day. **Each person should carry a water bottle or hydration pack with them throughout the day. Please make sure that everyone stays hydrated.**

No electricity is available at the tenting sites. There are outlets around the Camp. Cell phone service is available at the camp, and in some places it is better than others. WiFi is not available at the Camp.

**BATHROOMS**

There will be restroom facilities available for male adults, female adults, male youth, and female youth.

# SCHEDULE

		Cub Scouts	Scouts BSA, Ships and Crews	Leader Training	Order of the Arrow
Thursday	Evening	Check - in/ sign up OPENS at 5 PM			
	Evening event	Cracker Barrel / Games / Stargazing/Ordeal			
Friday		Raising Flag			
	Morning event	Adventures	First Aid MB Sustainability MB	IOLS/Baloo	Ordeal
	Afternoon event	Adventures	Archery MB Citizenship in the world MB	IOLS/Baloo	Ordeal
		Retiring the flag			
	Evening event	Astronomy Experience/Astronomy MB/CS BB Rangemaster			
Saturday		Raising the flag			
	Morning event	Adventures	Soil and Water Conservation MB	IOLS/Baloo	

			Conservation Project		
			Cooking MB	RSO	
	Lunch	Global Village	Global Village	Global Village	
	Afternoon event	STEM experience	Conservation Project	RSO	Brotherhood
		Retiring the flag			
	Evening event	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony	
		Check-Outs			
Sunday		Raising Flag			
	Morning event				
		Police lines			
		Retiring flag			
		Check-Outs Completed by 12 PM			

## ***The Camporee 2026 Theme is "Sustainability"***

### **EVENT SUPPLIES**

Patrol members should carry water and snacks to get through the morning. Patrols will be attending various stations and performing physical as well as mental challenges so be prepared. At some events, the Event Coordinators will have materials that you may need to complete the event. Remember that Scout skills are the basis for all events.

Event coordinators (Troops/Crew) will have the basic materials needed at each event. However, each individual/patrol should at least have the following basic gear:

- Patrol Flag
- Scout Handbook (for reference, if needed)
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sturdy walking/hiking shoes
- Snacks/drinking water
- Sun protection, if needed
- Paper/pen/pencil
- Bandana or scarf

### **MERIT BADGES**

#### **1) Soil and Water Management**

#### **2) Cooking**

**Prerequisites:** The following rules apply:

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#### **3) First Aid**

**Prerequisites:** The following rules apply:

- 1
- 2b1
- 5a
- 5b

#### **4) Citizenship in the World**

**Prerequisites:** The following rules apply:

- Do the research for requirement 3
- Optional: 4b
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### **5) Sustainability**

**Prerequisites:** The following rules apply:

- 1
- 2:
  - o Water A and Either B or C (be prepared to discuss with Counselor)
  - o Food: A
  - o Community: C
  - o Energy: B or C
  - o Stuff: A
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### **6) Astronomy**

**Prerequisites:** The following rules apply:

- 5b
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### **7) Archery**

## **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

### **EMERGENCY:**

Medical, Fire, Sheriff: **CALL 999**. The physical address of the camp is noted above. Notify District Executive Sareh Norman or Camp Director Josh Hordish immediately after calling 999.

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

Camporee Chair: Josh Hordish WhatsApp +1 561-558-3104

District Executive: Sarah Norman +1 630-608-7876

### **EMERGENCY SHELTER:**

In cases of dangerous weather, the pavilion will be used as an emergency shelter. If you cannot get to that building, the following standard safety procedures should be followed:

### **LIGHTNING:**

1. Adults should keep your car keys with you at all times
2. When lightning and thunder are less than 30 seconds apart, seek shelter in an enclosed vehicle or building.
3. Do NOT seek shelter under a lone tree.

# CAMPER SECURITY

Make sure all forms are filled out **prior** to arriving at camp. Please think of those waiting to be checked in after you. A Scout is courteous.

**No** youth camper can leave camp without the unit leader first bringing the camper to admin and meeting the person signing the camper out in the presence of an admin staffer. (Standard AO-804)

Any **unauthorized person** in camp who may pose a possible threat should be reported to District Executive Sarah Norman (+16306087876) or Camporee Director Joshua Hordish immediately. (Standard AO-804)

Per BSA requirements, at least two registered adult leaders who are 21 years of age or older are required to attend with each unit, and to be present during the entire Camporee. Units bringing female youth must bring at least one registered adult female who is 21 years of age or older. All leaders must have a current Safeguarding Youth Training certification.

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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

<b>Work gloves</b>	<b>Bring</b> work gloves for the service project.
<b>Fires</b>	Any fires at individual campsites must be off the ground so as not to burn / scorch the grass. Check the current burn bans in effect before having any fire.
<b>Trash</b>	All Unit trash should be disposed of by the unit when they depart.
<b>Cracker Barrel</b>	Please feel free to bring your own snack, food and drink to the Thursday night Cracker Barrel that we will have at the Pavilion.
<b>Water</b>	Check water points.
<b>Toilets</b>	Toilets will be provided at the Camporee.
<b>SYT Certificates</b>	All adults must present a copy of their SYT certificate upon unit check-in.

**Horizon District Camporee**  
**Unit “Sustainability Action” Award**

Complete and turn in all forms to the Program Director or Camp Director

Horizon District invites all units to participate in the Unit “Sustainability Action” Award.

Our goal for camp is to have a great time and leave the smallest footprint in the sands of Qatar.

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Before Camp</u>	<u>Done</u>
Leadership	Appoint a unit Sustainability Coordinator (One or more Scouts in a Troop, Crew or Ship; the position meets leadership rank requirements for Star and Life. One or more adults in a Pack)	
Program	Review as a unit the pre-camporee “Sustainability Goals” Form.	
Program	Create or maintain a unit Sustainable Camping plan. Include: transport; menu design; cooking methods; campfires; waste and trash minimization; and cleaning. Actively involve youth in its preparation.	
Energy	Plan unit transport to the camporee with sustainability in mind.	
Food	Educate unit youth about the greenhouse gas impacts of different foods, and discuss how event menus can reduce this impact.	
Food	Plan camporee menus with sustainability in mind. Consider including at least 1 fully plant-based meal.	
Waste	Pack food and other items to minimize waste, especially of food and plastics.	
Education	Before the camporee, have all unit members watch a documentary, read a book or report, or listen to a podcast about a sustainability topic.	
	<u><b>During Camp</b></u>	
Values	Have a Scout representative at flags to lead unit in Outdoor Code.	
Leadership	Send a unit Sustainability Coordinator and a leader to Camp Sustainability meeting/s to review programs, rules and timetables.	
Advancement	Have unit members work at camp towards achieving at least 1 of the following awards, each selecting individually: Sustainability Merit Badge—World Conservation Award—Paul Bunyan Award	

Service	Every attending Scout in unit <u>MUST</u> participate in or facilitate a service project or conservation project.	
Program	Track your unit's "Sustainability Goals"	
	1. How did attendees arrive – group or individual, and in what transport?	
	2. How clean are we keeping camp areas?	
	3. How much waste are we producing?	
	4. How much and what types of fuel are we consuming?	
	5. What percentage of our meals are from the highest greenhouse gas impact food products?	
	6. How are we facilitating the best non-consumption water usage?	
	7. Are we looking for areas in our program that we can improve?	

Senior Patrol Leader Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pre-Camporee Guide to Sustainable Camping

### 1. Plan with Purpose

- Reduce travel impact by carpooling. Use public transport where practicable.
- Bring reusable items: bottles, containers, mess kits, mugs, and cloth napkins.
- Choose durable long-lasting gear.
- Remove excess packaging at home. Buy food in bulk, and bring only what you need in reusable containers. Repack individually wrapped food at home in reusable containers.

### 2. Leave No Trace

- On camp hikes or trips, pack out everything you pack in.
- Separate trash, recycling and compost where possible.
- Stay on trails and camp areas.

### 3. Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

- Use energy efficient stoves; balance efficiency with renewables and reusables.
- Keep fires small and only where and when allowed.
- Bring LED or solar lights; avoid disposable batteries.
- Limit use of generators.

### 4. Use Water Efficiently

- Maximize use of water that is for cleaning; scrape and wipe dishes before washing.
- Gather multiple dishes, keep rinse water free of debris and sanitizer free of soap.
- Dispose of greywater properly in designated areas. Use biodegradable soap. Wash at least 200 feet from any water source. Never put soap (even biodegradable), food or human waste in any water source. If dumping greywater is allowed, spread it over a wide area away from your campsite, choosing a different place each time.

### 5. Be Smart With Food

- Opt for lower-impact foods to manage your carbon footprint
  - Avoid farting cows: Eat meats further down the carbon footprint spectrum: beef>>lamb>>pork>chicken>fish.
  - Eat less volume of meat: make it just one part of the meal, not the main part.
  - Increase focus on plant-based foods.
- Plan meals to reduce waste. Calculate and bring food portions properly (there is almost always too much food on a campout, not too little).
- A cold lunch is fast and reduces cooking fuel consumption.
- Store food securely to protect wildlife.

6. Respect Nature and Others

- Keep noise levels low and honor quiet hours.
- Maintain a clean and tidy campsite.
- Respect wildlife: observe, never touch.

7. End-of-Camp Sweep

- Check your site for “Micro-Trash” caps, ties, wrappers, paper and crumbs.
- Dispose of trash and recycling in designated areas.
- Share or donate unused supplies to minimize waste.

**Sustainability is a continuous improvement project. Camping Sustainably is not about perfection – it is about intention.**

**With thoughtful preparation and simple habits, you protect landscapes and ensure that they remain pristine for the next group of adventurers; and minimize your impacts upon the planet to help protect all people now and in the future.**

For more information see [tacscouting.org/sustainability](https://tacscouting.org/sustainability)

## Camp Sustainability Review Form

### General Information

Camp Name:

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Unit number:

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Date(s):

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### Daily Waste Tracking

General Waste (bags/bins):

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Main landfill items:

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Recycling (bags/bins):

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### Waste Behaviors

Food wasted today:

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Packaging waste observed:

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Water misuse (if any):

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### Site Cleanliness

Micro-trash found:

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Overall site condition:

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## Wildlife Protection

Any food left accessible to wildlife?

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Daily Sustainability Score (1–5)

Score:

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What worked well today?

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What needs improvement?

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## End-of-Camp Reflection

Total trash produced bags:

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Total recycling collected bags:

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Total non-drinking water consumption liters:

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Fuel Consumption (Propane/butane kg—Wood kg—Charcoal kg):

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Biggest sources of waste:

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Areas for improvement:

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### **Scouts BSA World Conservation Award**

The World Conservation Award provides an opportunity for individual Wolf Scouts, Bear Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturers to “think globally” and “act locally” to conserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources , and that we and our world environment are interdependent.

Requirements for this award must be completed in addition to any similar requirements completed for rank.

Scouts BSA members can earn this award by earning the following merit badges:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Environmental Science OR Sustainability merit badge
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Soil and Water Conservation OR Fish and Wildlife Management merit badge
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Citizenship in the World merit badge

AND participate in a conservation project as part of an approved Scouting program totaling at least three hours that addresses a conservation need common to more than one country.

### **The Award**

The Scouts BSA World Conservation Award, No. 140, is an embroidered emblem bearing the standard World Conservation panda on a purple fleur-de-lis. The emblem has a tan background with a tan border. It is available at your BSA local council service center. The emblem is worn centered on the right pocket of the Boy Scout uniform shirt as a temporary patch.



**MOP Advocate**  
**Culture and Heritage Learning Path**  
**International Pot Luck Exchange**

Listen – 1. Sustainability is an international concern, different countries and cultures need to find complimentary ways to work together to live in a sustainable world. The first step on our journey is to sign up and choose a country to represent. Coordinate with your unit leader and project manager.

Acknowledge – 2a. Learn about your country. What steps is your country taking to engage the environment? What resources is your country preserving? What are barriers to your country in areas of the environment?

2b. learn a dish that is from your country. Prepare to cook your dish and share knowledge you have learned about your country.

Respond – 3. Present your dish and knowledge in the global village. Taste a different food and listen to information from another country. Where is there cultural crossover? Where can two or more countries learn from one another? Where are there cultural barriers? How do different natural resources affect the way nations protect the environment? Take time to share ideas.

Collaborate – 4. Record your project in internet advancement.

5a. Wear your Messengers of Peace purple ring.

5b. Tell others about your project.

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