

**Scouting America  
Transatlantic Council  
Charlemagne District**



**Fall Camporee  
La Ferme Pirlot  
25-27 September 2026  
Camporee Program and Guide**



Please review this document carefully as it contains important information.

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## **Camp Overview**

The Charlemagne District Fall Camporee will be held at the Ferme Pirlot, owned by the Monastery of Hurtebise, outside the village of Saint-Hubert in Belgium. This event is open to all registered scouts and scouters.

The theme for the Camporee is “Camp This Way”. During Saturday’s activities, we will be working on the Signs, Signals and Codes merit badge. This merit badge covers a number of the nonverbal ways we communicate: emergency signaling, Morse code, American Sign Language, braille, trail signs, sports officiating hand signals, traffic signs, secret codes and more. As this merit badge encompasses a large number of skills, scouts will need to prepare some requirements in advance or may need to complete them after the camporee to finish.

Camp opens Friday night for setting up and settling in. The official program starts early Saturday morning with an Opening Ceremony and concludes on Sunday morning between 10:00 - 10:30. Meals should be organized by troops or patrols. No food will be provided.

The Camporee runs concurrently with an Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) for scouters. Registration and attendance at IOLS are considered a separate event. Troops should be sure to plan two-deep leadership, male and female as required, without relying on any adults that are attending IOLS.

Note regarding weather: This location contains a hard-roof pavilion with a concrete floor. It also contains two buildings, each of which has rooms for conducting activities in case of rain. The larger building has toilets, showers and a kitchen (not for use by troops for cooking). If rain is forecast, the Camporee will still be held as planned. In case of severe storm forecast, a decision will be made on Friday morning as to whether the Camporee can be held.

## **1. General Information and Planning**

**Start Time & Date:** 5:00 – 9:00 pm, Friday 25 September 2026

**End Time & Date:** 10:00, Sunday, 27 September 2026

**Location:** La Ferme Pirlot

**Address:** Hurtebise 1 6870 Saint-Hubert

**Cost:** \$16 per person

Scouts and registered adults (scouters) are welcome. The cost includes camping fees, activity fees, water for refilling bottles and jugs, and a Camporee patch.

Campsites will be allocated after the registration deadline.

## **1.1 Registration**

Registration for the event is at the following link: [Transatlantic Council - CH- Fall Camporee](#)

**Registration Deadline: Sunday, 13 September 2026**

## **1.2 Parking**

Parking is available but limited. Troops should carpool as much as possible. If parking runs low, troops will be limited to five cars per troop to be kept onsite to allow each troop to safely and securely unload and load. Parking is not permitted on grassy areas.

When parking space runs out, cars will have to be parked in public parking in the village of St. Hubert (about 4 km from the camp). Troops should coordinate rides to/from the public parking in the village.

## **1.3 Sustainability and Waste Reduction**

As leaders in scouting, it is our responsibility to set an example for environmental stewardship. At the Charlemagne District Fall Camp-o-ree, we will focus on eliminating unnecessary waste, particularly single-use plastic bottles and disposable paper products. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring reusable water bottles, mess kits, and durable gear to reduce our environmental impact.

In line with our contract with the monastery, we are required to recycle. Participants are asked to separate plastics/metal, paper, and food waste. Before leaving the property on Sunday, all trash and waste must be properly disposed of. Recyclable products (plastic, metal, paper) should be taken home for disposal.

By embracing sustainable practices, we not only protect the outdoors we love, but also teach our scouts the value of conservation and personal responsibility, core principles of the scouting movement.

## **1.4 Cleaning Up**

In line with our contract with the monastery, we are required to clean showers and toilet facilities and any other indoor facilities that we use. Each troop should nominate two scouts and one scouter for cleaning duty on Sunday morning after the Closing Ceremony.

## **2. Camporee Organization and Safety**

### **2.1 Emergency Contact**

It is recommended that attendees have access to a cellular phone that can be used as a primary contact for course staff to contact in an emergency.

The emergency number for the Camp Director is Joseph Schram +32.479.17.8539.

The backup emergency number for the Camp Program Director is Kelly Hogan +32.473.911.310.

### **2.2 First Aid**

If assistance is needed, please contact a member of the Camp Staff at the Staff HQ. If the injury permits, and if it is practical to do so, bring the injured person to the First Aid station for medical attention.

#### **Nearest Hospital**

Hôpital de Libramont  
Avenue de Houffalize 35  
6800 Libramont-Chevigny

### **2.3 Health Forms**

A current Scouting America Medical Form must be completed for EVERY YOUTH AND ADULT in camp. Scouts or adults without medical forms cannot participate in any camp activities. We cannot accept forms from other agencies (youth services, schools, etc...). It must be the Scouting America Medical Form Parts A & B available at:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

Please bring copies of the completed medical forms to camp. Each troop is responsible for maintaining a roster and ensuring 100% of participants from their respective troop have the medical form. Each troop leadership will keep a copy of those forms on hand at the event.

### **2.4 Safeguarding Youth Training**

All parents and volunteers must complete Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT). Parents may be asked to help with two-deep leadership at any point during camp. Safeguarding Youth Protection training can be found at: <https://my.scouting.org/> (Create an account, complete the training and bring a copy of the SYT certificate to camp).

## **2.5 Fire and Ambulance**

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 Camp Director 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 Camp Director of the emergency and to arrange for the emergency equipment to be directed to the correct location.

The emergency number in Europe is 112.

## **3. Activities**

No formal activities are planned for Friday night but several small ad-hoc activities may be executed, and a small campfire may be lit.

Saturday will be a busy day. There will be an Opening Ceremony and merit badge activities all day (see detailed schedule). Meals will be at the troop level, though a dinner cookoff will be organized. The evening will conclude with a campfire program with each patrol/troop contributing songs and skits to the program. The campfire program will be run by the scouts participating in the concurrent IOLS training.

Sunday morning will wrap up with a Scouts' Own Service and a Closing Ceremony before campsite inspections and departures.

### **3.1 Food**

Meals will be organized at the troop or patrol level. No meals are provided as part of the program.

It is important that any food restrictions and allergies are brought to the attention of your troop leadership ASAP. This will allow for appropriate meal planning at the troop level.

A Dinner Cookoff will be organized Saturday night. The cookoff requires dinner to include LEEKS. Any patrol or troop can enter the cookoff, and they can use any recipe, but they must use LEEKS as part of the recipe.

A committee of parent leaders will be the judges. Ribbons and bragging rights will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### **Equipment**

Troops can bring their own stoves or barbeque or fire pits. No barbeque or fire pits are available onsite. See the list at the end of the Event Guide for suggested troop equipment.

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## **Detailed Itinerary**

### **Friday Evening, 25 September 2026**

- 17:00                      Arrival, registration & assignment of plots
- Note no food served. Please bring your own food for this evening or have dinner before arrival.
- 17:00 -- 22:00        Troop Camp Set-up and Activities
- 20:00                      Evening welcome and briefing of leaders
- 22:00                      Lights out. (Quiet)

### **Saturday, 26 September 2026**

- 06:30                      Reveille/wake up
- 07:00 – 07:45        Breakfast (Troop Level)
- 08:00 – 08:15        Opening Ceremony (and outline of the day's activities)
- 08:30 – 12:45        Merit Badge Program (see matrix)
- 12:45 – 13:45        Lunch (Troop Level).
- 13:50 – 17:30        Merit Badge Program continued (see matrix)
- 17:30 - 20:00        Relax, Dinner (Troop Level) including cookoff competition
- 20:00                      Campfire Program: Led by IOLS group. Each Patrol/Troop will perform a skit and/or song/stories.
- 21:30                      Campfire out.
- 22:00                      Lights out (Quiet)

### **Sunday, 15 March 2026**

- 06:30                      Reveille/wake up
- 07:00 – 07:45        Breakfast (Troop Level)
- 08:00 – 09:00        Pack up and get ready for departure
- 09:00 – 09:15        Scouts' Own Service
- 09:15 – 09:30        Closing Ceremony
- 09:30 – 10:30        Camp Clean up and Inspections (Departure starts after inspection)

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## Merit Badge Program

### Signs, Signals and Codes

Scouts will be put in groups (A, B, C), mixing up ages and troops. Throughout the day, groups move through various activity blocks to complete the merit badge requirements.

Scouts must prepare some requirements in advance to be able to finish the merit badge on Saturday. It is suggested that troops incorporate the pre-requisites into a troop meeting before the Camporee. Leaders and parents will be asked run an activity block on Saturday, preferably in pairs in case scout attendee numbers are large.

#### Pre-requisites

- Requirement 3b -- American Sign Language -- Come prepared to sign your first name and tell what are your two most favorite foods in ASL
- Requirement 8 -- Hand Signals -- Do this with your troop or patrol in advance -- come prepared to demonstrate
- Requirement 10 -- Cryptography -- watch linked videos in Scoutbook Plus and create own code and message 25+ words -- bring to camp

| Time                  | Activity Block A                                                        | Activity Block B | Activity Block C | Activity Block D  | Activity Block E  | Activity Block F | Activity Block G |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>MB Requirement</b> | <b>1, 2, 6</b>                                                          | <b>3</b>         | <b>4</b>         | <b>7 (part 1)</b> | <b>7 (part 2)</b> | <b>5</b>         | <b>9</b>         |
| <b>Est. Minutes</b>   | <b>60</b>                                                               | <b>60</b>        | <b>60</b>        | <b>60</b>         | <b>30</b>         | <b>30</b>        | <b>60</b>        |
| <b>08:30 – 09:30</b>  | Group A                                                                 | Group B          |                  |                   |                   |                  | Group C          |
| <b>09:35 – 10:35</b>  | Group C                                                                 |                  |                  | Group A           |                   |                  | Group B          |
| <b>10:40 – 11:40</b>  | Group B                                                                 | Group A          |                  |                   | Group C           |                  |                  |
| <b>11:45 – 12:45</b>  |                                                                         | Group C          | Group A          | Group B           |                   |                  |                  |
| <b>12:45 – 13:45</b>  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                            |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| <b>13:50 – 14:50</b>  |                                                                         |                  | Group B          | Group C           | Group A           |                  |                  |
| <b>14:55 – 15:55</b>  |                                                                         |                  | Group C          |                   | Group B           |                  | Group A          |
| <b>16:00 – 16:45</b>  | Review pre-requisites and sign-offs, practice for semaphore competition |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |
| <b>17:00 – 17:30</b>  | Semaphore competition                                                   |                  |                  |                   |                   |                  |                  |

|                                                 |            |                |            |                                                     |        |                                 |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Block A                                         | 1 hour     | Block B        | 1 hour     | Block C                                             | 1 hour | Block D                         | 1 hour |
| Overview, Emergencies, Sound and Silent Signals |            | Morse Code     |            | Semaphore and Nautical Flags                        |        | Tracking Signs + Laying a Trail |        |
| Requirements 1, 2, 6                            |            | Requirement 3a |            | Requirement 4                                       |        | Requirement 7 (part 1)          |        |
|                                                 |            |                |            |                                                     |        |                                 |        |
| Block E                                         | 30 minutes | Block F        | 30 minutes | Block G                                             | 1 hour |                                 |        |
| Following a Trail                               |            | Braille        |            | Traffic, Map Signs, Emojis + Design Your Own Symbol |        |                                 |        |
| Requirement 7 (part 2)                          |            | Requirement 5  |            | Requirement 9                                       |        |                                 |        |

## **Individual Scout Packing List (2 pages)**

### **Camping Items and Clothes**

- ☐ Tent or tarp, poles, and stakes (if not in troop gear)
- ☐ Waterproof ground cloth or plastic sheet (if not in troop gear)
- ☐ Sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress or pad
- ☐ Clothesline
- ☐ Clothes Bag (for dirty clothes)
- ☐ Scout uniform shirt, hat and neckerchief
- ☐ Troop t-shirt or sweatshirt or other shirts (at least 2)
- ☐ Scout pants or shorts (at least 2)
- ☐ Poncho or raincoat
- ☐ Warm jacket or coat
- ☐ Pajamas or sweatshirt, sweatpants
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Boots or durable shoes
- ☐ Hat or cap
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Extra socks, shoes, other extra clothing

### **Personal Items**

- ☐ Toiletries Kit (toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, soap, shampoo)
- ☐ Washcloth, towel
- ☐ Personal first aid kit
- ☐ Personal prescription medications, if required
- ☐ Personal mess kit -- cup, bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon, mesh bag
- ☐ Water bottle -- ESSENTIAL
- ☐ Flashlight, bulb, batteries
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunglasses

### **Scout Program Essentials**

- ☐ Scout handbook
- ☐ Daypack
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Pocket knife (only with Totin'Chip)
- ☐ Notebook and pen, pencil
- ☐ Completed pre-requisites for merit badge
- ☐ Whistle

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**Optional Items**

- ☐ Book
- ☐ Musical Instrument (if desired)
- ☐ Camp chair
- ☐ Extra plastic bag or container

**What NOT to Bring**

- No Electronics (anything that needs to be plugged in at some point)
- No Bikes
- No ATVs
- No Knives with a blade larger than 4 inches
- No Firearms nor Fireworks
- No personal Hatchets nor Axes
- No Bows nor Arrows
- No Alcohol nor illegal drugs
- No chewing tobacco products. Smoking is allowed only in the designated areas.

**Note:** *Remember things go missing or get wet/damaged/destroyed at camp, so please do not bring items of significant value and best to have items labeled with the name of the owner.*

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**Basic Troop Packing List – used by the entire troop**

- Dining Flies
- Tents
- Drop Cloths
- Stakes
- Cordage
- Poles
- Large Cooking Items
- Tools (bow saws, hand axes, shovels, etc.)
- First Aid Kit
- Water Containers
- Patrol-size Cooking and Cleaning Items (one for each patrol)
- Cooking stoves
- Gas for stoves
- Barbeque or fire pit, if desired
- Charcoal for BBQ, if desired
- Matches, firestarters
- Dish soap and tubs
- Toilet paper
- Trash bags – separate for compost from other garbage (must be separated)
- Recycle bags for paper and plastic – take home after camp
- Troop First Aid Kit