



Normandy Camporee 2027

Event Guide

In April 1994, the Charlemagne and Mayflower Districts of Transatlantic Council, hosted a 50th Anniversary Commemoration Camporee near Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. This event was for their Scout Troops and was eventually opened to the rest of the Transatlantic Council (TAC). The Normandy Camporee proved to be such a great experience for the families who attended that a decision was made to hold this camporee every five years. The early Camporees included a service project involving a beach clean-up. The French authorities have dubbed the Transatlantic Council as the “Custodians of Omaha Beach.” Due to the ongoing requests from our Scouting families, this event is now planned for every two to three years.

Our aim since these early years has been to provide the opportunity for a memorable experience for all Scouting families. During the 2014 Normandy Camporee, a new Peace Bell was dedicated at the Bayeux Cathedral and was rung for the first time by an international delegation of Scouts. The 2019 Normandy Camporee marked the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the 25th Anniversary of the first TAC Normandy Camporee. In 2022, the Normandy Camporee transitioned to become a more international event and among other Scouting groups, hosted 750 French Scouts. In 2027 we will commemorate the 83rd anniversary of D-Day, offering Scouts and their families opportunities to create special memories. Join us and enjoy a unique adventure in Scouting!

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WELCOME

A warm welcome to all Scouts, Scouters and families! After a successful Normandy Camporee in 2024, we are now preparing for the 83rd anniversary of D-Day in 2027.

This will be the 12th such camporee to commemorate the landing of the Allied Forces on the beaches of Normandy, France in 1944. Operation Overlord is marked in history as D-Day and was the start of a joint offensive that ended World War II. During the Camporee we aim to learn more about, and to pay our respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

But we will also celebrate the peace and freedom in which we can live our lives today. The ending of World War II resulted in peace for all the nations involved. This is a peace that must be actively kept and maintained, as Lord Baden-Powell already pointed out in 1926:

“Peace cannot be secured entirely by commercial interests, military alliances, general disarmament or mutual treaties, unless the spirit for peace is there in the minds and will of the peoples. This is a matter of education.”

The Normandy Camporee grew from a District-level event in 1994 into a TAC showcase international camporee with participants from all over Europe, the US and the world! For those who plan to join us in 2027, our promise to you is that we will do everything we can to make your stay as fulfilling as possible.

Normandy 2027 will provide those who attend with ample opportunities to learn about the history of D-Day, right where it happened. The volunteer staff has worked hard to provide all the opportunities possible for the weekend of the 2nd to the 4th of April 2027 to make lifelong memories.

The meaningfulness of those memories will depend on the experiences you create along the way. So please come prepared! Not only for different kinds of weather, but also with the knowledge of what happened in Normandy, the magnitude of the event, the sacrifices made, and the lessons to be learned.

There is a lot to see and do, but how you spend this weekend is up to you. We invite you to make the most of it.

PROGRAM

Every group and family will form their own schedule of activities for the Normandy Camporee, which allows them to tailor their own quality and variety of personal experiences over the course of the weekend. With contingents of Scouts from all around the world attending and taking part in the activities on offer, everyone will be afforded the opportunity to mingle with others, forge new friendships (as messengers of peace), and strengthen the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting, as we celebrate the 120th anniversary of the World Scout Movement.

Master Schedule:

Date	Time	Activity
Thu 1 st April	13:00 to 22:00	Check-in Open
	13:00 to 21:45	Trading Post Open
	13:00 to 20:00	Café N' Chat Open
	22:00	Respect Noise Level at the Campground
	24:00 to 06:00	Campground Quiet Hours

Date	Time	Activity
Fri 2 nd April	08:00 to 22:00	Check-in Open
	08:00 to 21:45	Trading Post Open
	08:00 to 20:00	Café N' Chat Open
	09:00 to 21:00	Radio Scouting Station Open
	19:00 to 21:00	Changing Lives Reception – St. Mère Église
	22:00	Respect Noise Level at the Campground

24:00 to 06:00 Campsite Quiet Hours

Date	Time	Activity
Sat 3 rd April	07:30 to 09:00	TAC Executive Board Breakfast
	08:00 to 10:00	Check-in Open
	08:00 to 16:00	Trading Post Open
	08:00 to 16:00	Café N' Chat Open
	08:00 to 16:00	Unit Activities and Historical Site Visits
	09:00 to 19:00	Radio Scouting Station Open
	16:00 to 17:30	Campfire on Omaha Beach
	17:30 to 18:30	Omaha Beach Clean-Up
	18:30 to 21:00	Information Square
	18:30 to 21:45	Trading Post Open
	18:30 to 20:00	Food Truck Rally – Camping Omaha Beach
	19:00 to 19:30	A Scout is Reverent Service
	20:00 to 21:45	Patch Trading Events
	20:00 to 21:00	Top Achiever Scouts Gathering
	22:00	Respect Noise Level at the Campground
	24:00 to 06:00	Campground Quiet Hours

Date	Time	Activity
Sun 4 th April	07:00 to 09:00	Campsite/Bungalow Check-Out
	09:30 to 10:30	Memorial Service / Closing Ceremony
	11:00 to 13:00	Trading Post Open
	11:00 to 13:00	Campsite/Bungalow Check-Out
	13:00 to 14:00	Staff Recognition Lunch



Radio Scouting Station:

Friday, April 2nd and Saturday April 3rd, at the D-Day Omaha Museum (Route de Grandcamp, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer)

For anyone who wishes to share their own message of peace across the globe, an amateur radio “ham” station with a special callsign for the camporee (TM27OMAH) will be operating with live shortwave radio communications with other radio operators around the world. Everyone is welcome to visit the station and learn about Radio Scouting. You will be able to find them next to the D-Day Omaha Museum located at the crossroads to the entrance of Omaha Beach Campground. There is also a challenge for Scouts to write a short message of peace for people and/or circumstances where such a message can make a difference. Suggested messages can be left at the station during the day Friday or Saturday or can be submitted by e-mail to: TACNormandyCamporee-802@scouting.org. The deadline is 16:00 on Saturday.

Note: Museum entrance fee (discounted) may be required for entry to the Radio Station.



The five most moving and/or inspiring messages will be transmitted live on Saturday evening, with the Scouts who wrote those messages being invited to do the actual broadcast as part of a two-way contact with another station. They will receive a certificate to recognize and prove that their message was sent and received.

Trading Post:

Thursday, April 1st, 13:00-21:45
Friday, April 2nd, 08:00-21:45
Saturday, April 3rd, 08:00-16:00 or 18:30-21:45
Sunday, April 4th, 11:00-13:00

- Salle des Fêtes, 12 Bd de Cauvigny, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer



Every great Camporee needs commemorative items such as patches, T-shirts, pins, etc., and the Normandy Camporee is no exception. The Normandy Camporee Trading Post will offer a special place for Scouts and Scouting volunteers, as well as their guests and family, to physically touch, feel and review Scouting America, TAC and Normandy Camporee specific merchandise.

Many camporee-specific items will be available on a pre-order basis before the event, online store and catalogue scheduled to open 1st of November 2026. Some specific collector's items will be available in limited quantities, so if you want them, be sure to order them online. Pre-ordered items will be available for pick-up during check-in

at the Normandy Camporee in April or may be shipped to your home arriving in time to bring to the Camporee. Additional quantities of some Normandy Camporee 2027 items will be available at the onsite Trading Post.

Changing Lives Reception:

Friday, 1st April, 19:00-21:00, at the Airborne Museum (50480 St. Mère Église).

On the occasion of the Normandy Camporee, TAC will host a reception for donors who support the Unparalleled Scouting Adventure programs offered across the Council. This will be a stand-up reception featuring D-Day history and local Normandy hors d'oeuvres and beverages at the famous Airborne Museum located in the historic town of St. Mère Église. You are invited to consider becoming a donor for the Changing Lives Reception. Opportunities exist at \$250, \$500, \$1,000, and up - or you can explore sponsoring the event at different levels. For donors at higher levels, early activities are available. There are other exclusive sponsorship opportunities that support the programs and services of the Transatlantic Council—and this Normandy Camporee. Those programs are available for individuals, families as well as corporations. You can provide vital camporee support at different levels of giving.

Additional information about the Changing Lives Reception will be forthcoming. Watch the Normandy News and website for more information.

Information Square:

Saturday, April 3rd, 18:30-21:00, at Camping Omaha Beach, Rue de la Hérode, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer

Everyone is invited to stop by this open-house style event in the green space near the entrance to the Omaha Beach Campsite to learn more about Scouting programs with the Transatlantic Council and other International Scouting Organizations. This is your chance to network and see how to get more out of your Scouting experience! Representatives of the various groups and programs (Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Intercamp, Radio Scouting, Venturing and Sea Scouting, etc.) will be presenting information and be available to answer questions. Open to Scouts and their families, as well as Scouters.

Omaha Beach Campfire:

Saturday, April 3rd, 16:00-17:30, at Omaha Beach at 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer

The Campfire, together with the Memorial Ceremony, are the two events attended by almost everyone participating in the Camporee. The Campfire is held on the sands of Omaha Beach, where 34,000 American soldiers came ashore on D-Day and 2,500 lost their lives. A campfire on the beach, while memorable, presents

some challenges, such as wind, but its timing is always governed by the sea itself. The tide schedule for this Camporee has dictated that the campfire is held on Saturday afternoon – starting at 16:00 in the village of Vierville-sur-Mer.

The Normandy Camporee Campfire is different from a traditional Scout campfire – with hundreds of units and groups participating, there isn't time to ask individuals to provide a skit or a song, and with the size of the audience, and the location, there are limits to what is feasible. As in past Camporees, the Campfire will be an opportunity to recognize the historic events of 6th June 1944 and to recognize the accomplishments of our future leaders – recognizing Webelos Scouts crossing over to Scouts BSA; Scouts earning the Eagle Scout Award; Venturers earning the Summit Award; and Sea Scouts earning the Quartermaster Award. Top Achiever Scouts from other National Scout Organizations will also be recognized. Our campfire will also include additional interactive elements to appeal across our international audience and to support the role of all participants as Messengers of Peace.

The recognition elements of the campfire are planned as follows:

- Arrow of Light crossing over to Scouts BSA. This is a crossover recognition only and will not include awarding of the Arrow of Light, which needs to be done at a unit level (although this could be done by the unit at the beach or one of the other locations). Units will be asked to provide the number of expected Arrow of Light to be recognized as part of the registration process. This part of the ceremony is attached to the campfire program at an adjoining time and location.
- Eagle Scout Award, recognizing Eagle Scouts who have had their Board of Review in the 12 months. Troops will be asked to provide the names of Eagle Scouts to be recognized as part of the registration process.
- Summit Award, recognizing Venturers who have had their Board of Review in the 12 months. Crews will be asked to provide the names of Venturers to be recognized as part of the registration process.
- Quartermaster Award, recognizing Sea Scouts who have had their Board of Review in the 12 months. Ships will be asked to provide the names of Sea Scouts to be recognized as part of the registration process.

Also, as part of the registration process, units and groups will be asked for the estimated number of vehicles they will be using to get to the Camporee. This is to allow us to plan for parking at the Campfire and Campground. While on logistics please note...

- There will be a one-way system in operation along the road going from Saint Laurent-sur-Mer to Vierville-sur-Mer on Saturday afternoon – this is to allow us to park vehicles as quickly and safely as possible. Please follow the instructions of staff members directing you to parking.
- Please consider using the time before the campfire at Omaha Beach to visit local memorials and museums – several of which are within walking distance.

Beach Clean-Up:

Saturday, April 3rd, 17:30-18:30, at Camping Omaha Beach, Rue de la Hérode, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer

As custodians of Omaha Beach, TAC Scouts and Scouters have the opportunity to help tidy up the beach and surrounding area. Immediately after the Campfire, everyone is invited to pick up trash on the beach, between Vierville-sur-Mer and St. Laurent-sur-Mer. Specific trash collection points will be set up to deposit everything you collect.

Memorial Sites:

As Messengers of Peace, we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in 1944. We hope that everyone comes to understand how the sacrifices made by the “Greatest Generation” have influenced the world that we live in today and that our Scouts will lead into the future.

Although there are no planned formal ceremonies at these sites, all participants are encouraged to visit any of these cemeteries and memorials during their time in Normandy.

[British Bayeux War Cemetery](#)

1945 Bd Fabian Ware, 14400 Bayeux

[British Normandy Memorial](#)

13 Av. Paul Poret, 14114 Ver-sur-Mer

[Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery](#)

D35, 14470 Revers

[French Kieffer Commandos Monument of the Flame](#)

23 Bd Aristide Briand, 14150 Ouistreham

[German La Cambe German War Cemetery](#)

Les Noires Terres, 14230 La Cambe

[Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial](#)

Rte du Cimetiere Americain, 14710 Colleville-sur-Mer

Café N' Chat:

Thursday, April 1st, 13:00-20:00

Friday, April 2nd, 08:00-20:00

Saturday, April 3rd, 08:00-16:00, at Salle des Fêtes, 12 Bd de
Cauvigny, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer



The Café N' Chat area next to the trading post is the place to relax for a moment, to meet others, to enjoy a free hot drink, and to get your mug (available from the Trading Post) branded with the Normandy Camporee logo.

Food Truck Rally:

Saturday, April 3rd, 18:30-20:00, at Camping Omaha Beach, Rue de la Hérode, 14710
Vierville-sur-Mer

With a Saturday schedule filled with activities and events, there may not be time for a traditional patrol-cooked meal. Our Campground hosts stepped up to fill this need by coordinating a Food Truck Rally, with a wide variety of meals on offer. Food can be purchased on site in Euro.

A Scout is Reverent Service:

Saturday, April 3rd, 19:00-19:30, at Camping Omaha Beach, Rue de la Hérode, 14710
Vierville-sur-Mer

This interfaith service is an opportunity to be reverent, be faithful in your religious duties and respect the beliefs of others in a non-denominational forum. The service is held on the side of the campsite, overlooking Omaha Beach.

Patch Trading Event:

Saturday, April 3rd, 20:00-21:45, at Camping Omaha Beach, Rue de la Hérode, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer

There will be an opportunity for Scouts and Scouters to meet up, discuss, and potentially swap patches, neckerchiefs, and other collectible items with fellow Scouts or Scouters. Rules and guidance for the swapping event for each group will be posted at the event and provided to all participants at check-in.

Association of Top Achiever Scouts Gathering:

Saturday, April 3rd, 20:00-21:00, at Camping Omaha Beach, Rue de la Hérode, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer

Recipients of the highest awards in their respective country's Scouting program (Eagle Scouts, Summit Award, Quartermaster Award, Gold Award, King's Scout, Crown Scout, etc.) are invited to attend this after-dinner gathering which celebrates their achievements. This is a great opportunity for socializing and networking. To allow for appropriate catering, please be sure to indicate your intention to attend this event on the registration form.

Memorial Service / Closing Ceremony:

Sunday, April 4th, 09:30-10:30, in front of the Signal Monument, facing Les Braves Omaha Beach Memorial, Rue Bernard Anquetil, 14710 Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer

On Sunday all participants in the Camporee are invited to attend the Memorial Service and Closing Ceremony in Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, across from Les Braves Omaha Beach Memorial. Arrivals are welcome from 09:15. The ceremony starts promptly at 09:30 with everyone already in place and will conclude at 10:30. We ask everyone to be in their full Scout Field Uniform. Please keep in mind that everyone will be going to the ceremony at relatively close to the same time so travel from the campsite may take a bit longer. Please plan accordingly.

We have extended invitations to several dignitaries to join us on Sunday. Their participation may result in additional security measures to be enacted. Allow plenty of travel time from the campground to the activities. The ceremony will consist of opening remarks, Guest of Honor recognition, VIP speeches, as well as individual and ceremonial wreath laying.

Every unit (not just TAC units) should have a flag bearer. The flag bearers will be lined up together. Unit flag bearers should report to the site no later than 09:15 near the Signal Monument.

After the formal ceremonies are concluded, you are free to continue exploring the area or prepare to travel home safely.

In previous years, the ceremony has been held at the Normandy American Cemetery, but changes to the policies of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) have made this impossible for the 2027 event. Please consider visiting the cemetery at another time during the weekend.

TRAVEL ADVICE

By Car:

If your travel plans take you in or around Paris, please be sensitive to the timing of rush hour traffic. For those traveling on the motorways (autoroute, autobahn), some roads in France are toll roads. You should have euro cash or payment cards to pay for the tolls. You need a Crit'Air sticker to drive in permanent Low Emission Zones (Zones à Faibles Émissions or ZFE-m) and temporary pollution-peak emergency zones across France, as detailed by the Official French Government Certificate Service.

Van or bus drivers may want to consider booking a hotel for Saturday night to get a better night's sleep. It is a long drive on a busy weekend for all of us so the more rest that you get, hopefully the safer the journey home will be. For your travel day as well, in some cases it cannot be avoided but working all day and then driving Scouts to Normandy can be just too much. Drive safely and use common sense. Please be reminded of [Scouting America's Guide to Safe Scouting](#), which states that driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period, regardless of drivers available. Frequent breaks are required, including rest, food, and recreation. Do not drive when distracted or drowsy.

By Public Transportation:

The closest train station to our Camporee location is Bayeux. There are no local buses that will take you directly to the campground. [NOMAD Calvados](#) (+33 02 22 55 00 10) provides a scheduled (but infrequent) service (Bus #120) from the Bayeux train station to Grandcamp-Maisy via Saint Laurent-sur-Mer and Vierville-sur-Mer.

By Plane:

The closest international airport is the Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris (CDG). There is a regional airport in Caen, but it only services other parts of France, not including Paris. If arriving in Paris, we recommend either renting a vehicle in Paris or taking the train to Bayeux.

Arriving to and Departing from the Campsite and Bungalows:

Camping Omaha Beach <http://www.camping-omaha-beach.fr/en/>
Rue de la Hérode
14710 Vierville-sur-Mer
Coordinates: 49.379831, -0.909674
+33 (0)2 31 22 41 73

- Camporee Staff will be welcoming participants and directing vehicle parking at the campground during high movement periods to ensure a focused flow of traffic for all participants' vehicles and buses. This is also to ensure that local traffic is not burdened with our larger contingents.
- Please ensure that you place your Vehicle Information Form (available for [download](#) and on the registration page) in the front window of all vehicles to ensure that we can contact you in case of an emergency.
- A limited number of parking passes will be issued to those staying at Camping Omaha. Only one vehicle per bungalow will be allowed inside the campground. Temporary parking passes may be given to campsite participants to facilitate gear drop-off and pick-up, but we encourage units to hike their gear in.
- No buses are allowed to enter the campground. All buses will off-load in designated areas and gear can be transported by TAC van to the campsite. This is a limited service provided by the Camping and Logistics Team.
- Parking will be determined by security and parking lot conditions established at the time of the event. Camporee Staff will direct everyone to their parking locations.
- The campground roads are narrow and there will be lots of youth near the roads; we plan to do all we can to keep everyone safe - even if it is inconvenient.

Check-out is possible during the following periods:

Sunday, April 4th, 0700-0830, 1100-1330

- If you plan to leave directly from the Closing Ceremony on Sunday morning, please respect campground quiet hours (until 06:00) while packing. Consider packing your equipment in the morning but loading it after you return from the Closing Ceremony.
- If you are staying in a bungalow you will be provided a checklist of what needs to be completed before and during your check-out.
- Once your campsite/bungalow is packed up, please go to the Check-in/Check-out area and the Camporee Staff will make sure that your site is ready for check-out. Only then are you permitted to leave and will you receive your farewell packet, including event patches.
- Only then should vehicles (no buses) be brought onto the site to load up. Once loaded up, you may depart the campground immediately (or proceed to the line waiting to leave).

- Thanks for your patience!

Accessibility

Many roads and buildings in France were built over a hundred years ago, not having modern disability equipment in mind. The French authorities have made many adjustments to local infrastructure to accommodate those in need, though these are not guaranteed. Many of the sights to see in the area involve a lot of walking over uneven terrain.

Some key points are accessible-friendly: some bungalows are handicap accessible, the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial is evenly paved with ramps where necessary, and many museums are accessible-friendly. Our signature Omaha Beach Campfire will take place in the sand, however we will be near the promenade and will use a sound system.

Electricity

Electricity in France is 220V and accessed with a two-prong plug. Please bring the necessary adapters and check your electronics for 220V capabilities.

At Camping Omaha Beach, electricity is available at each of the permanent campsites, but the following adapter is required.



Bals 8614 - Bals adapter contact
CEE for Belgian/French grounding system type F - 6h 16A
3P 230V IP44, screw clamp

Participants should bring adapters with them. Only a limited number are available on site. The adapter can be purchased from various European online distributors.

Groceries

The nearest grocery store to Camping Omaha Beach is the CocciMarket located off the rue Pavée (D514) in Vierville-sur-Mer. It may be possible to have preordered items delivered to the campground (only on Wednesdays and Fridays). If this is your desire, please contact them directly to coordinate.

More information is available at:

<https://www.coccinelle.fr/Trouver-Un-Magasin/Details/coccimarket/vierville-surmer/rue-pavee%20%20>

In Bayeux, there are many stores but the largest are Carrefour and E.Leclerc. These are both excellent for camping and cooking items as well.

Sustainability

Transatlantic Council has a strong Sustainability Mission:

We will set the gold standard in Scouting for efforts to improve human impacts upon the planet. We will achieve that by incorporating sustainability practices and training throughout our program, focused on impacts upon the natural world. We will be thousands of advocates for the planet in the Anthropocene Age. Our youth will change their own futures.

Protecting our planet has always been at the core of Scouting:

- Leave No Trace
- The Outdoor Code
- Sustainability & Environmental Science Merit badges (Eagle required)
- Conservation related service projects

We support sustainability in Scouting because we care about the world we inherited. We want future generations to enjoy the same joys and privileges of the outdoors.

Our mission involves everyone in TAC – and every Normandy Camporee participant. Please minimize your own impact on the planet while travelling to and from, and enjoying, the event of a lifetime.

While you prepare for Normandy, take the [TAC Sustainability Challenge](#) and learn about our impacts on the planet, what we can do to lessen them, and how we can get others to join us. Earn and purchase the cool “TAC Sustainability Action” patch shown below!



How Can You Help Make the Normandy Camporee Sustainable?

By following the Leave No Trace principles, even if you're not in the backcountry!

Our emissions of “greenhouse gases” – mainly carbon dioxide and methane – trap part of the sun’s heat in the atmosphere, warming the Earth. This is already causing extreme heat, droughts, rain, and floods, intensifying hurricanes, melting ice, raising sea levels, and harming the oceans – with worse to come. We all need to minimize our direct and indirect emissions, to help halt and reverse the warming.

When planning for Normandy, you can reduce your impacts in 3 key-ways while still having a great time:

Transport:

This is the biggest cause of emissions from camping. If you are arriving from outside western Europe, air travel will be unavoidable; consider offsetting your emissions, in programs available through the air carrier or elsewhere. While in western Europe:

- ☐ First choice, if possible, take advantage of Europe’s extensive public transport network.
- ☐ Second choice organize a bus/coach.
- ☐ If you must drive, share rides to fill your car, and use the most efficient cars available.

Menu Design:

This is the second-biggest cause of emissions from camping. Help to dramatically reduce the impact of your meals through smarter choices and more efficient planning. For example, beef has a much larger impact than any other food and can represent 1/2 – 2/3 of the emissions of your food consumption and preparation.

- ☐ Increase focus on vegetables: full plant-based meals or as the main part of a meal that also includes meat.
- ☐ Eat meats further down the emissions spectrum: beef > lamb > pork > chicken > fish.
- ☐ Be creative: create great low/no meat menus, with appropriate cooking methods.

Waste:

Normandy Main Impacts

- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Menu Design
- ☐ Waste

Resources

[TAC Sustainability Mission](#)

[Camping Sustainably](#)

[What is the Sustainability Challenge?](#)

[Outdoor Ethics Guide Handbook](#)

[Scouts for SDGs](#)

[Further Resources](#)

Waste has an indirect impact on emissions, and a direct impact on animal life. A Scout is Thrifty.

- ☐ Calculate and supply food portions properly to minimize waste.
- ☐ Buy food in bulk, repack individually wrapped food in reusable containers, and recycle packaging.
- ☐ Avoid single-use gear.

Recycling in France

Sorting and recycling household waste - including packaging and organic biowaste - is compulsory in France. As Scouts and participants, we need to ensure that we follow the French communities' guidelines for recycling and waste disposal. Waste disposal in France consists of several different bins for different types of recycling.

- **Yellow** (Recyclables): Paper, Cardboard, Cartons, Plastic bottles, Containers, Film, Metal cans, Tins, Lids, Foil



- **Green** (Glass): White or colored glass of any shape



- **Black** (Waste): Hygienic items: Face masks, Diapers, Sanitary items, Non-recyclables: Food waste, Cigarettes, Bones, Mixed-medium items



These rules must be followed when depositing waste at Camping Omaha Beach and elsewhere. Camporee Staff will be on hand to help with any questions about the use of the recycling bins at the campsite. Thank you for your compliance.

Local Tourism

Information related to local D-Day related sites can be found on the Normandy tourism website: <https://en.normandie-tourisme.fr/discover/d-day-and-the-battle-of-normandy/must-see-sites-and-museums-of-d-day/>

- Airborne Museum: <https://www.airborne-museum.org/en/> (14 rue Eisenhower, 50480 Sainte-Mère-Eglise)
- America and Gold Beach Museums: <https://www.america1927gold1944musees.fr/> (2 place Amiral Byrd, 14114 Ver-sur-Mer)
- Arromanches 360° Circular Cinema: <https://www.arromanches360.com/> (Rue du Calvaire, 14117 Arromanches-les-Bains)
- Bayeux Memorial: <https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/2060300/bayeux-memorial/> (1945 Bd Fabian Ware, 14400 Bayeux)
- British Normandy Memorial: <https://www.britishnormandymemorial.org/> (13 Av. Paul Poret, 14114 Ver-sur-Mer)
- Caen Memorial: <https://www.memorial-caen.com/> (Esplanade General Eisenhower, 14050 Caen)
- Castle of Falaise (William the Conqueror): <https://www.chateau-guillaume-leconquerant.fr/> (Place Guillaume le Conquerant, 14700 Falaise)
- Coudehard-Montormel Memorial: <https://www.memorial-montormel.fr/> (Les Hayettes, 61160 Mont-Ormel)
- D-Day Experience: <https://dday-experience.com/en/> (2 Vge de l'Amont, 50500 Carentan-les-Marais)
- D-Day Museum: <https://musee-arromanches.fr/en/> (Place du 6 Juin, 14 Pl. du Six Juin 1944, 14117 Arromanches-les-Bains)
- D-Day Omaha Museum: <https://www.dday-omaha.fr/> (Route de Grandcamp, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer)
- Juno Beach Centre: <https://www.junobeach.org/> (Voie des Français Libres, 14470 Courseulles-sur-Mer)
- Kieffer Commandos Memorial (Rue du Commandant Kieffer, 14150 Ouistreham)
- La Cambe German War Cemetery:

<https://kriegsgraeberstaetten.volksbund.de/en/military-cemetery/la-cambe> (Les Noires Terres, 14230 La Cambe)

- Le Grand Bunker - Museum of the Atlantic Wall: <http://museegrandbunker.com/en/> (6 Av. du 6 Juin, 14150 Ouistreham)
- Les Braves Omaha Beach Memorial: <https://www.normandybunkers.com/memorials/les-braves-monument> (14710 Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer)
- Longues-sur-Mer Battery: <https://www.longues-mer.fr/page/la-batterie-de-longues-sur-mer-1> (39 Rue de la Mer, 14400 Longues-sur-Mer)
- Maisy Battery: <https://www.maisybattery.com/> (7 Route des Perruques, 14450 Calvados)
- Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy: <https://www.bayeuxmuseum.com/en/memorial-museum-battle-of-normandy/> (Bd Fabian Ware, 14400 Bayeux)
- Merville Battery Museum: <https://www.batterie-merville.com/en/the-museum/> (2 Place du 9ème Bataillon, 14810 Merville-Franceville-Plage)
- No.4 Commando Museum: <https://www.musee-4commando.fr/> (Pl. Alfred Thomas, 14150 Ouistreham)
- Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial: <https://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials/about-normandy-american-cemetery/> (Rte du Cimetiere Americain, 14710 Colleville-sur-Mer) *While we will not be holding our closing ceremony here this year, the site is an essential part of your Normandy Camporee itinerary, so don't miss it!*
- Normandy Victory Museum: <https://normandy-victory-museum.fr/en/> (Parc d'Activités La Fourchette Catz Sortie, 50500 Carentan-les-Marais,)
- Omaha Beach Memorial Museum: <https://www.musee-memorial-omaha.fr/en/home/> (Avenue de la Libération, 14710 Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer)
- Overlord Museum: www.overlordmuseum.com/en/ (Lotissement Omaha Center, 14710 Colleville-sur-Mer)
- Pegasus Bridge and Memorial Museum: *Expected to be closed until May 2027 for renovation work.*

- Pointe du Hoc: <https://www.abmc.gov/plan/plan-your-visit-to-pointe-du-hoc-ranger-monument/> (14450 Cricqueville-en-Bessin) *The site is in the middle of a major renovation to restore it to historical authenticity and improve public access. In April of 2027, this effort will be in full swing, and most of the site will be closed to the public.*
- The Falaise Memorial: <https://www.memorial-falaise.fr/> (12 Pl. Guillaume le Conquérant, 14700 Falaise)
- Utah Beach Landing Museum: <https://utah-beach.com/en/> (La Madeleine, 50480 Sainte-Marie-du-Mont)

We expect that some special offers and discounts will be negotiated for Normandy Camporee participants. These will be highlighted in the Normandy Camporee e-mail newsletter.

Omaha Beach-Normandy Historic Trail

Details: <https://www.tac-bsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Omaha-Beach.pdf>

The TAC Omaha Beach - Normandy Historic Trail is a popular activity choice for the Camporee. The trail stretches from the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer to the beginning of the cliffs in Vierville-sur-Mer, along the beach. One may no longer hike on the bluffs overlooking the beach due to the dangerous conditions there. The hike, other than tide conditions, is basically flat and can be completed in 2 to 3 hours depending on the age and experience of the people on the hike. It could take all day too. Please take the time to visit and read the inscriptions on the many monuments in the area.

Please pay attention to the tide schedule. At high tide the water comes up to the road and there is no beach. The tide also comes in very fast and not in a straight line. One should not hike either 90 minutes before or after the published high tide schedule.

There will be Omaha Beach - Normandy Historic Trail Patches, available for purchase at the Trading Post, which can be presented to those who complete the trail (this is done by the unit and not at the Camporee campfire).

Note about the Omaha Beach Normandy Historic Trail:

When one reads the word "trail" one of course thinks of hiking. For long periods the trail from Vierville-sur-Mer to Colleville-sur-Mer is covered by the tide. There is a sidewalk from Vierville-sur-Mer to St. Laurent-sur-Mer (not far), and towards Colleville-sur-Mer (American Cemetery), that one can walk. The trail was originally designed when one could walk the cliffs overlooking the beaches. Those have been closed since 2001 due to erosion. The Omaha Beach - Normandy Historic Trail is completed by visiting Omaha Beach, the Normandy American Cemetery & Memorial, and Pointe du Hoc. This can be done on foot where possible and by vehicle when necessary.



ACCOMMODATION

Campground

Camping Omaha Beach is a 3-star campground which has extensive tent camping areas and a number of bungalows. The campground has a short trail leading down to Omaha Beach, the site of our Campfire and of the Trading Post. There are numerous facilities and amenities on site.

(Note: while there is a pool on site, this will be closed for the entirety of the Camporee.)

The Camping Omaha Beach facilities are reserved for Normandy Camporee participants during the dates of this event. All reservations/bookings must be made via the [TAC Normandy Camporee Registration](#) and any special requests must be coordinated through the Normandy Camporee Staff.

Campsites

For those choosing to camp you will be assigned campsites by the Camporee Staff. Families are not obligated to camp together with their unit, though many families may wish to stay near their unit. The amount of space allocated to each unit will be proportional to the number of campers registered. We will not have a waitlist for campsites.

Bungalows

A certain number of bungalows have been made available for use during the Normandy Camporee at Camping Omaha Beach. Information about the various options, including size, pricing, photos, location, and amenities can be found in the [Bungalow Catalogue](#) on the registration site.

Off-Site Options

Hotels

- Mercure Omaha Beach: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/1215/index.en.shtml>
- Ibis Bayeux Port-en-Bessin: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/6865/index.en.shtml>

There are of course several Airbnb and other types of accommodation available in the area. Participants choosing these options should register as Guest Participant/Guest Youth Participant for the Camporee.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

Check-In Process

For those staying at Camping Omaha Beach, check-in will be at a designated location on the campground. Please check-in with your unit or group to receive your registration packet.

If you are attending the Normandy Camporee and are staying in a location other than Camping Omaha Beach and are not part of a unit that is attending, please check-in for the event in the lobby of the Hotel du Casino, Rue de la Percée, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer, which is located just across the street from the Trading Post, to receive your registration packet.

Everyone needs to register to attend this event and the activities. Your participant lanyard, received at check-in, will act as the visual indication that you are a paid participant of this event and authorized to attend certain events. Please remember to always wear your lanyard, as you may at any time during the Camporee be asked by a Staff member to produce it as verification of registration. **This is essential to the security of the event.**

Check-In Times:

Thursday April 1st 13:00-22:00
Friday April 2nd 08:00-22:00
Saturday April 3rd 08:00-10:00

Check-Out Process

When checking out from the campground, please come to the Check-in/Check-out area of Camping Omaha Beach and a Staff member will assist you with the check-out of either your campsite or bungalow. We will provide checklists at registration to ensure that all areas are maintained to the standards of Scouting America and the campground. Only once the departure checklist is completed and you are cleared by the Camporee Staff will you receive your event patches and be free to leave the site.

Those staying in alternate accommodations will be free to leave after appropriate check-out with their hotel, B&B, Gite, etc. They will have received their event patches at check-in.

Check-Out times:

Sunday April 4th 07:00-09:00 & 11:00-13:00

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health Forms

Scouting America guidelines require that all Scouting America participants and staff at the Camporee have [Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A, B1 and B2](#) completed for the weekend. Please complete this form in case of an emergency so that Camporee Staff and First Responders can assist you accordingly. Since much of the participation in activities is with individual families or traveling together as a unit, the leader(s) in charge must keep the forms with them. Please provide all emergency information necessary on the required health form and during online registration.

Everyone **must** indicate an on-site emergency contact on their lanyard attachment for quick reference.

Medications

All medications brought to the Camporee must be safely secured and stored in their original containers. A limited amount of medication may be carried by participants or Staff for life-threatening conditions, including epinephrine injectors, heart medication, and inhalers, or a limited amount of medication approved for use in a first aid kit. The group leader must be aware of all medications taken by their members.

First Aid & Emergencies

- All injuries, regardless of where they occur during the weekend, are to be reported to the First Aid Staff at Camping Omaha Beach.
- First Aid Staff will be located at a designated location in the campground and near the beach during the Campfire and Closing Ceremony.
- For minor cuts and bruises, treatment can be provided on site at one of the medical stations or may be handled by Scout Leaders or someone with First Aid training. As you travel through Normandy, please make sure you have a First Aid Kit with you.
- If the situation is more serious or you are touring the area, do not delay in calling for help. The local French Emergency Management Teams have been notified of our presence and are prepared to respond appropriately.
- The general emergency telephone number in France is **112**
- **112** is also the EU-wide emergency number that will contact emergency services, including police and medical, in any EU country or language.
- The closest hospital with an emergency room to most of the camping and event locations is in Bayeux: Centre Hospitalier Aunay-Bayeux; 13 Rue de Nesmond, 14400 Bayeux
- Another alternative is in Caen: Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Caen Normandie; Avenue de la Côte de Nacre, 14000 Caen

Youth Protection:

The safety of all youth and adult participants at the Camporee is paramount. For this reason and to comply with current Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Protection policies and intent, the following guidelines **must** be followed for the Camporee:

Participants:

- Scouting America-Registered Adult Leaders – Current [Safeguarding Youth Training](#) (SYT) is required. This applies to all Scouting America programs – Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, etc.
- Scouting America-Affiliated Adults (i.e. Families/Guests of Scouting America Youth and Adults) – Must review “[How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide](#).” Completion of SYT is required for those staying at the campground (in bungalows and camping), and highly recommended for all adult participants. Those without current SYT must be escorted by Trained Adults when in the vicinity of Youth. This is especially important in the campground areas. No adults without SYT (or international equivalency will be permitted on the Camping Omaha Grounds after lights out.
- Other National Scouting Organization (NSO) Adults – Completion of either SYT or WOSM-offered “[Safe From Harm for Volunteers or Staff](#)” training is required.

Two-Deep Leadership will be enforced at all times. As always, Scouts will follow the buddy system.

Staff:

- Current Scouting America SYT and Hazardous Weather Training is required.

Non-Scouting America adults and staff volunteers can create a free [My.Scouting.Org](#) account and find the required course(s) under “My Training”.

Training References

- Scouting America: <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>
- WOSM: <https://www.scout.org/what-we-do/member-organizations/child-andyouth-safety>

Security:

Professional security guards will be onsite at Camping Omaha Beach. Volunteers from the Normandy Camporee Staff will roam the campground watching for people who should not be in our camping area. Units are free also to leave adults behind to watch their property, but in no case should a Scout be left unsupervised. Camporee Staff are not responsible for youth supervision.

At Camping Omaha Beach, there is a bunker that attracts youth, a cliff, and a steep path to the sea, all which contain hazards, so please be aware and be careful.

For security reasons, please do not bring large backpacks and other nonessential items to the Campfire or the Closing Ceremony. All items brought to these locations are subject to screening.

We live in a world where we must continually be vigilant against terrorist threats. Your safety is our top priority. A large part of the Camporee fees is devoted to providing private security. We also work closely with the local police and security forces. To identify Camporee participants, lanyards are required for access to all events – please display yours at all times.

Traffic Safety:

Given the expected number of participants, everyone should keep safety in mind with vehicles in the campground and on roads.

To ensure the safety of all participants, vehicle movements will be limited inside the campground, mainly during arrival and departure. When it is necessary to drive in the campground, please drive slowly and follow all Camporee Staff directions as well as any directional signs.

For travel to some of the program activities, please bear in mind that many participants will be traveling at the same time to similar destinations. Allow plenty of travel time from the campground to all the activities and on your return.

For those staying at Camping Omaha Beach, to minimize risk to all participants please do not use a vehicle to access the Campfire, Trading Post or Closing Ceremony. Please use the footpath from the campground to Omaha Beach for travel to and from these events and areas.

Roads in Normandy are narrow and with many blind corners. Two cars can barely pass on the road. Locally, there have been several pedestrian and vehicle accidents with buses and cars driving too fast.

Walking on local roads can be dangerous. In particular, it is prohibited to walk on the road from Vierville-sur-Mer to Pointe de Hoc.

Staff and local officials will do all they can to prepare for a worst-case traffic scenario. Be aware that local road closures or one-way systems will be in effect and barriers in place ahead of our Saturday afternoon Campfire and Sunday morning Closing Ceremony. Please follow all instructions from Staff and local authorities.

Parking:

All vehicles must display a [Vehicle Information Form](#) (also available on the registration site) while parked at Camping Omaha Beach, the Campfire and Sunday Closing Ceremony.

Parking must not impede fire trucks or other emergency vehicles from reaching a campsite or activity area in the event of an emergency. All roads must be kept clear.

Follow the directions of the Camporee Staff and any posted signs. Please adhere to the rules that are given. These are designed to make it as easy and safe as possible for everyone to get to where they want to go.

Weather:

Normandy weather in April can bring sun, rain, lots of wind and cold. Please pack and dress for the forecasted weather and be prepared for it all to change quickly!

Pets:

Please be reminded that there are no pets permitted at Scouting America activities or events, including the Normandy Camporee. Likewise, there are no pets permitted on the campgrounds or in the bungalows (per our agreements with the campground owners). Anyone found with a pet will be asked to leave immediately. If you require a service animal, please liaise with the Normandy Camporee Staff during registration, to ensure that appropriate accommodation is provided. Only certified service animals will be considered.

Alcoholic Beverages:

Please be reminded that there is no alcohol permitted at Scouting America events where youth are present or while in Scouting America uniform, including the Normandy Camporee. Any adult or youth consuming alcohol during the Camporee may be asked to leave immediately.

Please note that alcohol may be served to adults age 21+ years at designated events (e.g., Changing Lives Reception). Any adult partaking of alcohol under no circumstances may be responsible for youth while consuming alcohol. Dismissal from the Camporee for alcohol usage, by either adults or youth shall be at the discretion of the Scout Executive.

Knives:

Sheath knives and knives with blades longer than 3½ inches are not allowed at the Camporee. If any are found, they will be confiscated and held for the remainder of the Camporee by a member of the Camporee Staff.

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.

Fireworks:

Absolutely no fireworks are permitted in or around the campground.

Drones:

The use of drones in the campground or at any of the Camporee activities is forbidden by the French authorities, for safety and security reasons.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2027 Normandy Camporee should be carried out at the following site: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/802-NormandyCamporee2027>

Units should only register once to ensure that all unit members are accounted for properly and streamline the process. Bungalow reservations may be done separate from unit registration.

Fees & Costs:

2027 Normandy Camporee fees:

- Camping Participant - \$75 per person including two nights of camping
- Bungalow Participant - \$60 per person, not including the bungalow cost(s)
- Guest Participant not staying at the campground - \$75 per person
- Out-of-Council Surcharges Apply: +\$25 for Camping and Guest Participants. +\$15 for Bungalow Participants
- Per person means Scouts, siblings, parents, guests – anyone that will be a part of our program. Participants ages 4 and under are free of charge but still need to be registered to receive a lanyard and collect the necessary information for security.
- These fees cover an event patch, event reservations, security, parking, traffic control, emergency medical service, sanitation, trash removal, administrative costs, and program fees. This fee does not include food or admission to any museums.
- Arrangements may be made to arrive early and remain late on the campground. Please indicate any extra nights in the registration process.
 - Camping - If you wish to stay extra nights at Camping Omaha Beach, then the cost is \$20 per person per night (Thursday and/or Sunday available in registration. Please contact TAC-NormandyCamporee-802@Scouting.org if you have request beyond those days).
 - Bungalows – If you wish to stay extra nights, prices vary as determined by the bungalow chosen. Please book your bungalow for the two nights, then contact TAC-NormandyCamporee-802@Scouting.org with your extension request.
- All fees must be paid through the registration site. Forms of payment include all major payment cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover). TAC units with a Unit Deposit Account (UDA) may also pay with UDA funds.
- Some fees may be paid in installments:
 - Registration fees: 50% must be paid upon booking, with payment in full due by December 31th 2026.
 - Bungalow fees: 25% must be paid upon booking, 50% must be paid by December 31st, 75% must be paid by January 31st, and 100% must be paid by February 1st 2027.
 - Extra fees (Trading Post pre-orders, etc.) must be paid in full ordering.

Refunds & Cancellations:

- All participation cancellation notices, and refund requests must be submitted in writing. Verbal agreements are not final.
- 85% of the total amount paid can be refunded until December 15th 2026; 50% can be refunded until March 1st 2027. From March 2nd 2027, no refunds will be considered.
- Reservations can be transferred between individuals within the same unit or group, but payments must be handled between the parties, not by the Council.
- Cancellations due to medical emergencies or other such unforeseen circumstances will be given the utmost consideration in favor of the registrant for any exceptions to this refund policy.
- Refunds will be processed within 30 days after the close of the event, with funds being returned to the original form of payment.

NOTE: If the Normandy Camporee is cancelled by the Council, the above will not apply and full refunds will be issued.

Registration Deadline: 19th March 2027

Thanks to everyone for respecting this important deadline.

ASSISTANCE

Normandy Camporee Staff will be present throughout the campgrounds and the Camporee-scheduled events. They can be identified by their colored Staff Jackets. Please do not hesitate to ask them for assistance or guidance.

Any questions prior to the event should be directed to the Camporee Staff at:

TAC-NormandyCamporee-802@Scouting.org

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