

# Normandy Camporee 2022 EVENT GUIDE

In April 1994, the Charlemagne and Mayflower Districts 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, BSA as the Custodians of Omaha Beach. Due to the requests from our Scouting families, this event is now planned for every three years.

Our aim since these early years has been to provide the opportunity for a memorable experience for all Scouting families. During the Normandy Camporee 2014, a new Peace Bell was dedicated at the Bayeux Cathedral and was rung for the first time by an International delegation of Scouts. The Normandy Camporee 2019 marked the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and 25th Anniversary of the first TAC Normandy Camporee.

In 2022, the Normandy Camporee will take on new experiences and create for special memories! Enjoy your continued Adventure in Scouting!

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# **WELCOME TO NORMANDY CAMPOREE 2022**

#### Welcome!

Welcome to all Scouts, Scouting volunteers and families planning to join us at the Normandy Camporee 2022.

This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> camporee to commemorate the landing of the allied forces, on the beaches of Normandy, France in 1944. This landing is marked in history as D-Day and was the start of a joint offensive that ended World War II. During the camporee we pay our respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

But we will also celebrate peace and the freedom in which we can live our lives today. The ending of World War II resulted in peace for all nations involved. Peace that must be kept and maintained, as 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."

Normandy 2022 will provide those who attend with ample opportunities to get educated. The staff of 150 volunteers has worked hard to supply all "ingredients" necessary for a weekend in April 2022 that can be a lifelong memory.

The meaningfulness of your memory is dependent on the experience you create along the way. So come prepared! Not only for different kinds of weather, but also with knowledge about what happened in Normandy, the magnitude of the event, the sacrifices made and the lessons to be learned.

There will be a campfire on Omaha Beach and memorial services at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial as well as at other sites. We will organize an Information Square with lots of presentations on all that Scouting has to offer.

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.

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# **PROGRAM**

What constitutes success at the Normandy Camporee is not the event but rather the quality and variety of personal experiences that the participants have over the course of the weekend. With contingents of Scouts from all over the world attending and taking part in the activities we are offering, everyone will be afforded the opportunity to mingle with others, forge new friendships, and strengthen the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting.

# **MASTER SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Activity
Thurs 7 April 2022	1300 to 2200	Registration Open
	1300 to 2200	Main Trading Post Open
	1400 to 2200	Unit Equipment Rental Centers Open
	2200	Respect Noise Level at Campgrounds
	2400 to 0600	Campgrounds Quiet
Fri 8 April 2022	0800 to 2200	Registration Open
	0800 to 2200	Unit Equipment Rental Centers Open
	0800 to 2200	Main Trading Post Open
	1500 to 1700	Fly Flags over Normandy
	1600	Meeting with Local Officials
	1700 to 2200	Remote Trading Post Open
	1900 to 2100	VIP Donor Reception
	1930 to 2100	Information Square
	2200	Respect noise level in the Campsites
	2400	Campsite Quiet

Date	Time	Activity
Sat 9 April 2022	0730 to 0900	TAC Executive Board Breakfast (not a board meeting)
	0800 to 0930	Main Trading Post Open
	0800 to 0900	Registration Open
	0800 to 0900	Unit Equipment Rental Centers Open
	0930 to 1100	Campfire
	1100 to 2200	Main Trading Post Open
	1100 to 2200	Unit Activities and Historical Site Visits
	1700 to 1800	Memorial Service – Honoring British Soldiers
	1700 to 1800	Memorial Service – Honoring French Soldiers
	1700 to 1800	Respectful Visit – German Cemetery – Invitation Only
	1800 to 2000	Food Truck Rally
	1800 to 2000	Dinner is Served
	1900 to 1930	A Scout is Reverent Service
	2000 to 2130	Top Achiever Scouts Reception
	2000 to 2130	Collectable Swap Event - Youth Only
	2200	Respect noise level in the Campgrounds
	2400 to 0600	Campgrounds Quiet
Sun 10 April 2022	0630 to 0900	Unit Equipment Rental Centers Open
	0700 to 0830	Campsite and Bungalow Check-out with Commissioners
	0930 to 1030	Memorial Service / Closing Ceremony
	1100 to 1300	Main Trading Post Open
	1130 to 1400	Unit Equipment Rental Centers Open
	1130 to 1600	Campsite and Bungalow Check-out with Commissioners
Mon 11 April 2022	1130 to 1600	Campsite and Bungalow Check-out with Commissioners

# **DIGITAL PASSPORT APP**



#### Download the Digital Passport for Normandy 2022 soon!

- Available on Apple and Android stores in the near future under "TAC Normandy Passport"
- Your one-stop shop for all things Normandy 2022
- Take your Scouts and units around Normandy and visit well known points of interest and get your digital "stamp" in each location.
- Play our interactive Messengers of Peace game that will keep your Scouts busy on a special activity hunt!
- Stay up to date with the latest announcements and updates for Normandy 2022
- Get information on local points of interest and places to visit, as well as information for restaurants, gas stations, and other logistical needs
- Communicate with the Normandy Staff with our secure messaging service that is Youth Protection Safe

# **MESSENGERS OF PEACE ACTIVITIES**

Friday, April 8 through Sunday, April 10

Activities and games that convey the Messengers of Peace theme will be accessible on the Normandy App. Some will be made available in advance of the Camporee in order to help units and families prepare, while others are intended for completion during the actual Camporee weekend. They are primarily group activities, although some are intended to be done individually. These activities and games help us to examine our attitudes, behavior and norms and encourage learning of respect and mutual understanding.

#### **RADIO STATION**

Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9, from 0800-2000, D-Day Omaha Museum, Route de Grandcamp, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer

For any who wish to share their own Message of Peace across the globe, a radio station will be operating a live radio connection around the world during the whole Camporee. Find them at the crossroads to the entrance of Omaha Beach Campground.

# TRADING POST

Every great Camporee needs commemorative items such as patches, shirts, hats, pins, etc., and the Normandy Camporee 2022 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 BSA and Normandy Camporee specific merchandise.

Event specific items will be available on a pre-order basis during registration. Some collector items will be available in limited quantities, so if you want them, be sure to order during the on-line registration process. Pre-ordered items will be available for pick-up when you check in at Normandy in April. Additional quantities of many Normandy Camporee 2022 items will be available in the onsite Trading Post. Check the website for more information:

https://www.tac-bsa.org/normandycamporee/trading-post

#### Main Trading Post at Salle des Fêtes, 12 Bd de Cauvigny, 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer

Thursday 7 April Open 1300 to 2200 Friday 8 April Open 0800 to 2200

Saturday 9 April Open 0800 to 0930 and 1100 to 2200

Sunday 10 April Open 1100 to 1300

Remote Trading Post at Camping Port'land Friday 8 April Open 1700 to 2200

# TWINNING INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

Would your Unit be interested in "Twinning" with a Unit from the SGdF (Scouts and Guides of France)? Twinning means being matched with a Unit of similar aged Scouts to undertake excursions and do the Messenger of Peace activities together during the Camporee weekend (and maybe maintaining contact and staying friends afterwards!). Please note that it is not guaranteed that your Unit will be twinned since it depends on the demand, but you will be contacted by email for further details.

Requests for Twinning should be sent to the dedicated email address: TAC-TwinningBSA&SGdF-802@scouting.org

#### VIP DONOR RECEPTION

Friday, 8 April, from 1900 to 2100, Airborne Museum, 50480 St. Mère Eglise

As part of the Normandy Camporee, Transatlantic Council will host a **VIP Donor Reception** for invited donors and sponsors who support the "Unparalleled Scouting" programs offered by the council. This will be a stand-up reception featuring D-Day history and local Normandy food and beverages at the famous Airborne Museum located in the historic town of St. Mère Eglise.

You are invited to consider becoming a sponsor for the VIP Donor Reception. Opportunities exist at \$250, \$500, \$1,000—or you can explore sponsoring the event at \$5,000. For donors at higher levels, early activities are available.

There are other **exclusive sponsorship opportunities** that support the programs and services of Transatlantic Council—and this Normandy Camporee. You can provide vital camporee support at \$5,000 or \$10,000 levels of giving.

For more information visit: <a href="https://www.tac-bsa.org/normandycamporee/sponsorship/">https://www.tac-bsa.org/normandycamporee/sponsorship/</a>

# **INFORMATION SQUARE**

Friday, April 8, from 1930-2100, Omaha Beach Memorial, 14710 Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer

Everyone is invited to stop by this open-house style event in the green space near the Omaha Beach Memorial 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 (Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Intercamp, Jambville Activity Centre, BSA Venturing and Sea Scouting, etc.) will be presenting information and be available to answer questions. Open to Scouts and their families as well as leaders.

# **OMAHA BEACH CAMPFIRE**

Saturday, April 9, from 0930 to 1100 Omaha Beach at 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer

The campfire, together with the memorial service at the Normandy American Cemetery, are the two camporee events attended by almost everyone participating in the camporee. The campfire is held on the sands of Omaha Beach, where 34,000 US 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 morning – starting at 09:30 in the village of Vierville-sur-Mer. An advantage of a morning campfire is that it gives units and groups a greater opportunity to plan more of their day as there is not a need to get to an event in the late afternoon.

Our Normandy Camporee campfires are different to a normal 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 events of 6 June 1944 and also to recognize the accomplishments of our leaders of tomorrow – recognizing Webelos crossing into Scouts, BSA; and Scouts earning the Eagle Scout Award. Top Achiever Scouts from other National Scout Organizations will also be recognized. Our campfire will also include additional

interactive elements to appeal across the international audience and to support the role of all participants as Messengers of Peace.

The recognition elements of the campfire will be as follows:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos crossing over to Scouts, BSA in Spring 2022
  This is a cross-over recognition only and will not include 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 Webelos (or former Webelos) to be recognized as part of the registration process.
- Eagle Scout Award, recognizing Eagle Scouts who have had their Board of Review in the last year. Troops and Crews will be asked to provide the names of Eagle Scouts to be recognized as part of the registration process.
- Recognizing Scouts from other National Scout Organizations who have achieved the highest rank in their respective organizations within the last year.

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. **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 the Saturday morning – this is to allow us to park hundreds of vehicles as quickly and safely as possible. Please follow the instructions of staff members directing parking.
- Facilities in Vierville-sur-Mer are limited. The camporee staff is arranging for portable toilets to be available near the campfire. Participants should have eaten breakfast before arrival.
- Please consider using the time after the campfire at Omaha Beach to visit local memorials and museums – several of which are within walking distance.

# **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Saturday, April 9, from 1700 to 1800

As Messengers of Peace and Custodians of Omaha Beach, we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifices for their country in 1944. We hope that everyone understands how the sacrifices made by the "Greatest Generation" have influenced the world we live in today and that our Scouts will lead tomorrow. During the camporee weekend, we will hold several special remembrance ceremonies at various locations in the Normandy area on Saturday and Sunday. For memorials on Saturday, these events are respectful remembrances and may be limited.

# These Services will be at the following Allied and German cemeteries and monuments:

#### British Bayeux War Cemetery Bayeux

British Bayeux War Cemetery, 50240 Bayeux, GPS Coordinates N 49° 16.434 W 0° 42.806

#### French Kieffer Commandos Monument, 14150 Ouistreham

This Monument is on Bd Aristide Briand. GPS Coordinates Latitude: 49.29056, Longitude: -0.26248

#### German La Cambe German War Cemetery La Cambe

German - La Cambe German War Cemetery, Les Noires Terres, 14230 La Cambe, GPS Coordinates N 49° 20.589 W 1° 01.526

NOTE: Participation in the memorial at the German War Cemetery is limited by invitation only. Those who are interested in attending should fill out the form found below, and they will be contacted with further information. https://247scouting.com/forms/802-GermanCemeteryInvitation

All the ceremonies will be held from 1700-1800. Be aware that some of these locations have limited parking available. Be sure to allow ample time for travel, parking and walking to the site.

Please ensure to indicate your choice of which cemetery you plan to visit on Saturday when you complete the Normandy Camporee registration. Doing so will help to ensure we have an accurate count of participants we can expect at each venue in order to organize the events properly.

# <u>SATURDAY DINNER OPTION</u>

Dinner options will be available at both Camping Omaha Beach and Camping Port'land on Saturday, 9 April, from 1800 to 2000.

With a program schedule jammed packed with activities and events, there may not be time for a traditional patrol cooked meal. Our two campgrounds have stepped up to fill this need with the following options:

- <u>Camping Omaha Beach</u> will offer not only their now-traditional Kabob and Fries, but will also coordinate a <u>Food Truck Rally</u> (paid in cash on site).
- <u>Camping Port'land</u> will offer a meal at \$23 which **must be pre-ordered** within the registration system.
- Details of the food offerings will be coming in the months ahead. Stay up to date with the NORMANDY Digital App!

# A SCOUT IS REVERENT SERVICE

A Scout is Reverent Service will take place at both Camping Omaha Beach and Camping Port'land on Saturday, 9 April, from 1900 to 1930.

This interfaith service is an opportunity to be reverent to God, be faithful in your religious duties and respect the beliefs of others in a non-denominational forum. Here are the locations for these Scout is Reverent Services:

Camping Omaha Beach: Outdoor field next to bungalow 108 Camping Port'land: Outdoor field next to campsites 99, 100, 101

### **COLLECTABLE SWAPPING EVENT**

An event for youth to swap patches (and other collectables) with fellow youth will take place at both Camping Omaha Beach and Camping Port'land on Saturday, April 9, from 2000-2130

This is an opportunity for youth members to meet up, discuss, and potentially swap patches, neckerchiefs, and other collectable items with fellow Scouts.

Camping Port'land: At the picnic tables on the lake side of the restaurant Camping Omaha Beach: In the Ping Pong area

### TOP ACHIEVER SCOUT RECEPTION

Saturday, April 9, from 2000 to 2130+, La Crémaillère in St. Laurent-sur-Mer

Recipients of the highest awards in their respective countries' Scouting programs (Eagle Scouts, Queen's Award, etc) are invited to attend this after-dinner reception which celebrates their achievements. This is a great opportunity for socializing and networking. Please be sure to indicate your intention to attend this event on the registration form.

# <u>CLOSING CEREMONY - NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY AND</u> MEMORIAL

Normandy American Cemetery, 14710, Colleville-sur-Mer, GPS Coordinates: 49° 20′ 55″ N, 0° 51′ 17″ W

On Sunday, April 10, 2022, all participants in the Camporee are invited to attend the Closing Ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. Arrival is welcome from 0900. The ceremony starts promptly at 0930 with everyone already in place and will conclude at 1030. We ask everyone to be in their full Scout uniform. Please keep in mind that everyone will be going to the ceremony at relatively close to the same time so what might be a normal 15-minute trip from Camping Port'land or Camping Omaha Beach to the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial may take a bit longer. Please plan accordingly.

We have extended invitations to several special dignitaries to join us on Sunday. Their participation may result in additional security measures to be enacted and may affect the time of entrance to the cemetery. 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 unit wreath laying.

When you arrive at the Cemetery, please go immediately to the walkways around the tidal basin. Every unit (not just TAC units) should have a flag bearer. The flag bearers will line the area around the Memorial Statue. **NOTE: Unit flag bearers should report to the cemetery no later than 0910 near the Memorial Statue.** 

Participants who have requested to present flowers will meet at the reflecting pool of the cemetery by 0910. They will be coached by staff when to move forward and what to do. Yes, you can have an adult take pictures, and if you really need two people to carry the wreath you can do that too.

The ceremony will close with each individual or small group having an opportunity to place a tulip at a grave of their choice. These will be available at the front of the reflecting pool near the memorial. After the formal ceremonies are concluded, you may walk the site on your own or prepare to travel home safely. Cemetery staff may be available for private tours around the grounds over the course of the day.

Wreaths are available to purchase through the Normandy Camporee registration page.

The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial is hallowed ground. We ask that all Scouts and guests act respectfully during their visits. We are all Custodians of Omaha Beach.

# TRAVEL ADVICE

# By Car

If your travel plans take you in or around Paris, please be sensitive to the timing of rush hour traffic. We recommend that you try to be at Paris before 1600 - and the earlier the better. For those traveling on the motorways (autoroute, autobahn), some roads in France are toll roads. You should have euro cash or credit cards to pay for the tolls.

Van drivers or military 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 <u>BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting</u>, 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 Train

The closest train station to our Camporee locations is Bayeux. There are no local buses that will take you directly to either campground, though there is limited local public transportation. <a href="NOMAD CARS Calvados">NOMAD CARS Calvados</a> (+33 02 22 55 00 10) provides scheduled service from the Bayeux train station to Saint Laurent-sur-Mer.

### By Plane

The closest airport is Charles de Gaulle, Paris (CDG). We recommend either renting a vehicle in Paris or taking a train to Bayeux.

# **Arriving at Campsites and Bungalows**

#### **Camping Omaha Beach**

Rue de Herod 14710 Vierville-sur-Mer Coordinates: 49.379831, -0.909674 +33 (0)2 31 22 41 73

#### Camping Port'land

4 Chemin du Castel F 14520 Port en Bessin-Huppain Coordinates: 49.346553, -0.771542 +33 (0)2 31 51 07 06

- Camporee Staff will be welcoming participants and directing parking at both campgrounds 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 InformationForm (available for download from the registration page) in the front window of all vehicles to ensure we can contact you in case of an emergency.
- No buses are allowed to enter the campgrounds. All buses will off-load in designated areas and gear can be transported by van to the campsite. We encourage Scouts to hike their gear in.
- Parking will be determined by security conditions established at the time. 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.
- Please be patient!
- Check-out is possible during the following periods:

- o Sunday, 10 April: 0700-0830, 1130-1600
- o Monday, 11 April: 0800-1000
- If you plan to leave directly from the Closing Ceremony at Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, please respect campground quiet hours (0630) during packing. Perhaps consider packing your equipment in the morning, but loading it once 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 for your check out.
- Once your site/bungalow is packed up, please go to the registration area and 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 event patches.
- Only then should vehicles (<u>no buses</u>) 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).
- Please be patient!

# **Accessibility**

Many roads and buildings in France were built hundreds of years ago and did not have 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 American Cemetery and Memorial is evenly paved with ramps where necessary, and many museums are accessible-friendly. Our signature beach campfire will take place in the sand, however we will be near the promenade and will use a sound system.

# Campground Electricity

Camping Omaha Beach was very kind to remind us that:

- 1. They have continued to upgrade their electrical infrastructure since we were last there in 2019.
- 2. Electricity in each of the camping plots is accessible, but an adaptor is needed.

Bals 8614 - Bals adapter contact CEE for Belgian/French grounding system type

F - 6h 16A 3P 230V IP44, screw clamp

Participants should bring adaptors with them as only a limited quantity is available on site.

The adaptor can be purchased from various online distributors such as <a href="https://www.dhz-proshop.be/">https://www.dhz-proshop.be/</a>

# French Electricity

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



#### **Local Groceries**

**CocciMarket** is near **Camping Omaha Beach** and will deliver pre-ordered items to the campground (only on Wednesday and Friday).

https://www.coccinelle.fr/Trouver\_Un\_Magasin/Details/coccimarket/vierville-surmer/rue-des-paves

**Super U** is near **Camping Port'land** in Port-en-Bessin-Huppain. Also in the town are several small stores which sell a variety of items. https://www.magasins-u.com/magasin/uexpress-portenbessin

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

# **Sustainability**

Scouts throughout the world are committed to supporting sustainability efforts. We must all care for the world we inherited, to ensure that future generations enjoy the same joys and privileges of the outdoors that we do. We encourage all Normandy participants to consider their own impact while traveling to/from and enjoying the event of a lifetime.

Consider the principles of Leave No Trace even if you won't be in the back country. Some of the ways you might reduce your impact on the environment while still having the time of your life include:

**Travel:** Car pool, organize a bus/coach, or take advantage of Europe's extensive public transport network, visit <a href="https://www.sncf.com/en">https://www.sncf.com/en</a> to help plan your travel. Cheap coach travel may be found with Flixbus.

**At the event:** Avoid single use items. Bring a reusable water bottle, mess kit, Tupperware, etc.

For more ideas on how to camp sustainably, visit our resource page at <a href="https://www.tac-bsa.org/sustainability/camping/">https://www.tac-bsa.org/sustainability/camping/</a>

# Recycling in France

Waste disposal in France consists of several different bins for different types of recycling. As Scouts and participants, we need to ensure that we follow the French communities' guidelines for recycling and waste disposal.

- Yellow (Recyclables)
  - o Paper, cardboard, cartons
  - o 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



Thank you for conforming to these guidelines.

# **Local Tourism**

Information related to local museums and heritage sites can be found on the Normandy tourism website: https://en.normandie-tourisme.fr/museums-and-heritage-sites

Several museums have generously offered to provide Camporee participants with discounts for the weekend. Most places will apply the discount on site, upon presentation of your lanyard, shirt, neckerchief... really anything that says Normandy Camporee 2022. Additional offers will be shared in the Normandy App.

- Omaha Beach Memorial Museum : <a href="http://www.musee-memorial-omaha.com/en/">http://www.musee-memorial-omaha.com/en/</a>
  - o Children (7-15 years old): -30%
  - Student: (16-25 years old): -30%

- o Adult: -35%
- o Avenue de la libération, 14710 Saint Laurent sur Mer
- D-Day Omaha Museum: <a href="https://www.dday-omaha.fr/en/">https://www.dday-omaha.fr/en/</a>
  - o **-50%**
  - o Route de Grandcamp, 14710 Vierville sur Mer
- Maisy Battery: www.maisybattery.com
  - o **-45**%
  - o 7 Route des Perruques, 14450 Calvados
- Overlord Museum: www.overlordmuseum.com
  - o Children: -40%
  - Adult: -35%
  - o Lotissement Omaha Center, 14710 Colleville sur Mer
- Caen Memorial: https://normandy.memorial-caen.com/
  - o Discount code to purchase tickets online: "CAMPOREE"
  - o For the Caen Memorial museum:
    - **-**25%
  - o For the Arromanches circular cinema
    - **-40%**
  - o For the Falaise Memorial museum:
    - **-40%**
  - Esplanade General Eisenhower, 14050 Caen
- Airborne Museum: https://www.airborne-museum.org/en/
  - o -15%
  - o 14 rue Eisenhower, 50480 Sainte-Mere-Eglise
- America and Gold Beach Museum: <a href="http://www.goldbeachmusee.org.uk/">http://www.goldbeachmusee.org.uk/</a>
  - o **-45**%
  - o 2 place Amiral Byrd, 14114 Ver-sur-Mer
- Castle of Falaise (William the Conqueror): <a href="https://www.chateau-guillaume-leconquerant.fr/">https://www.chateau-guillaume-leconquerant.fr/</a>
  - o Children: -20%
  - o Adults: -25%
  - Place Guillaume le Conquerant, 14700 Falaise

Thank you to the Bayeux Intercom Office of Tourism for coordinating these offers for us! https://bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com/en/

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

# **CAMPGROUND LOCATIONS & FACILITIES**

**Camping Omaha Beach and Camping Port'land** are the primary locations for camping and are located about 20 kilometers apart. These have now been booked with all registrations and reservations only to be accepted through the Transatlantic Council BSA.

You can choose your campground but in the case one campground is filled, we will inform you that we have changed your assigned site. Families are not obligated to camp together with your unit though many families may wish to stay near their unit. If Packs and Troops wish to be at the same campground, you will have to communicate your intent with each other and make your reservations accordingly. The amount of space allocated to each unit will be proportionate to the number of people who register. We will not have a wait list for campgrounds.

#### Camping Omaha Beach http://www.camping-omaha-beach.fr/en/

This campground is a 3-star campground which has extensive camping areas and bungalows. This campground has walking access to Omaha Beach, the site of our campfire and Trading Post. There are numerous facilities and amenities on site. (Note: while there is a pool on site, this will be closed for the duration of the Camporee.)

#### Camping Port'land <a href="https://www.camping-portland.fr/">https://www.camping-portland.fr/</a>

Our other camping location is Camping Port'land on a bluff not far from the sea in the town of Port en Bessin-Huppain. It is located across the street from the Omaha Beach Golf Course and Mercure Hotel. This is a 4-star campground located about 10 km from the American Cemetery and 12 km from Bayeux. There are numerous facilities and amenities on site. (Note: while there is a pool on site, this will be closed to Camporee participants.)

# **BUNGALOWS**

A certain number of bungalows have been made available for use during the Normandy Camporee 2022 at both Camping Omaha Beach and Camping Port'land. Information about the various options, including pricing, photos, location, and amenities can be found in the Bungalow Catalogue found on the registration site.

# LOCAL HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mercure Omaha Beach : <a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/1215/index.en.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hotel/1215/index.en.shtml</a>
  - o 10% discount with code: SCOUTS
- Ibis Bayeux Port en Bessin : https://all.accor.com/hotel/6865/index.en.shtml
  - o 10% discount with code: SCOUTS

- Abbaye de Longues: <a href="https://www.bayeux-gite.com/">https://www.bayeux-gite.com/</a>
  - Self-catering cottage
  - o 10% discount
  - o 17 rue de l'Abbaye, 14400 Longues-sur-mer

### **CAMPOREE CHECK-IN PROCESS**

For those staying in Camping Omaha Beach or Camping Port'land, check-in will be at those campgrounds. Please check-in with your unit or group.

If you are attending the Normandy Camporee and are staying in a location other than one of the campgrounds and are not part of a unit that is attending, please check in for the event at the Salles des Fetes, Vierville-sur-Mer (the Trading Post location) to receive your registration packet.

Everyone needs to register to attend this event and the activities. Your participant lanyard, received at check-in, will designate that you are a paid participant of this event.

# CHECK-IN SCHEDULE

Thursday 7 April 2022 1300 to 2200

Friday 8 April 2022 0800 to 2200

Saturday 9 April 2022 0800 to 0900

### **EQUIPMENT RENTAL PROGRAM**

We have frequently heard of the challenges units and individuals face when trying to participate in the Normandy Camporee, including struggling to bring camping equipment with them. Packing a camping stove and gas on an airplane is not very realistic.

- We have found a primary vendor for the event in Jambville Activity Center, operated by the Scouts en Guides de France.
- All rental agreements will be between the unit leadership and Jambville with no responsibility on behalf of TAC.
- The online ordering system accepts payments from major payment cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover)
- Representatives from Jambville will be onsite in Camping Omaha Beach and Camping Port'land to provide the items that are pre-ordered.
- Rental items will be provided from:
  - o 1400-2200 Thursday April 7
  - o 0800-2200 Friday April 8
  - o 0800-0900 Saturday April 9
  - o 0630-0900, 1130-1400 Sunday April 10

 Limited quantities of items are available and must be ordered in advance at this link: <a href="https://councilstuff.com/802-NormandyRental">https://councilstuff.com/802-NormandyRental</a>

### **CHECK-OUT PROCESS**

For checking-out from one of the campgrounds, please come to the registration area of your campground and a staff member will assist you with check-out of either your camping area or onsite bungalow. We will provide checklists at registration to ensure that all areas are to the campgrounds' standards. Only then 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, BNB, etc. They will have received their event patches upon check-in.

Sunday 10 April 2022 0700 to 0830, 1130 to 1600

Monday 11 April 2022 0800 to 1000

# **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

# **COVID-19 Statement**

The Transatlantic Council, Boy Scouts of America (TAC) is committed to providing a safe and healthy event for all our Scouts, volunteer leaders, Scout families, and invited guests and partners.

The Normandy Camporee Committee will continue to plan for the event following current CDC guidelines along with the rules and regulations set forth by the French Government, which includes policies and procedures to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19. We will be ever flexible as guidelines change and will adapt to the most recent updates in policies and procedure as they evolve.

Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread primarily from person-toperson contact, the Normandy Camporee, an in-person event will be planned and operated with preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These measures may include prescreening/monitoring prior to travel and arrival, health checks at check in, and other procedures as necessary. However, TAC and the Normandy Camporee Committee cannot guarantee that its members, participants, partners, sponsors, exhibitors, or others in attendance at the event will not become exposed or infected with COVID-19.

It is important to know that we are fully committed to the safety and health of all

participants and staff and strive to mitigate all risks and follow all regulations and precautions set by governing authorities.

More information on the council's commitment to responsible activity planning can be found at <a href="http://www.tac-bsa.org/about/covid-19updates/">http://www.tac-bsa.org/about/covid-19updates/</a>

We have received permission from local authorities to have the camporee and we will follow their established health guidelines. Campers and Staff need to follow the preevent COVID checklist. We ask that if you or someone in your family shows Covid symptoms or has been in close proximity to someone else who has in the two weeks prior to the camporee, we respectfully ask you to stay home.

Covid updates will be posted concerning the Normandy Camporee on social media pages and through the Normandy App. Please monitor your local circumstances and read the TAC Covid-19 Guidelines <a href="https://www.tac-bsa.org/about/covid-19updates/">https://www.tac-bsa.org/about/covid-19updates/</a>

This webpage gives Covid information for French Travel Guidelines: <a href="https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/">https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/</a>

As the COVID situation remains fluid at the present time across the countries within TAC and those participants living in other BSA Councils around the world, it is important that each participating Unit, family, and individual remain aware of the restrictions and requirements in traveling to Normandy Camporee 2022. Participants from the various Scouting organizations are asked to continue to review the rules and procedures in their local areas. The Normandy Camporee 2022 plans to bring the world together safely!

A Scout is Clean. Wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer and keep your area clean!

# **HEALTH FORMS**

BSA guidelines state that all participants and staff at the camporee must have Health Forms Part A and B1& B2 completed for the weekend. Please complete these forms in case of an emergency so that Camporee staff and first responders can assist you safely. Since much of the participation in activities is with individual families or traveling together as a unit, the leader(s) in charge should keep the forms with them. Please provide any emergency information necessary on the required health form.

Please indicate an **on-site emergency contact** on your lanyard attachment for quick reference.

# FIRST AID & EMERGENCIES

- All injuries, regardless of where they occur during the weekend, are to be reported to the First Aid Staff.
- First Aid Staff will be located in each campground

- 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 your group travels through Normandy, please make sure you have a first aid kit with you.
- If the situation is more pressing 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 <u>112</u>.
- 112 is also 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

<u>Medications</u> 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 injector, heart medication, and inhalers, or a limited amount of medication approved for use in a first-aid kit. The group leader should be aware of the medications taken by their members.

# **SECURITY**

Security will be onsite in Camping Omaha Beach and Camping Port'land. Commissioners will roam the campgrounds 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. Staff is 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. At Camping Port'land, hazards include a pond in the center and little ponds throughout the site, as well as a back gate that leads into the town. Of course, as much as we want to limit cars and driving through the campgrounds, everyone needs to be vigilant.

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

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

As always, Scouts should follow the buddy system. <u>All Scout leaders must have current Youth Protection Certifications as required by your respective National Scout Organization.</u>

# **PARKING**

All vehicles will be issued a parking pass that can be used throughout the event.

Parking cannot 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 staff. Please adhere to the rules that are given. These are designed to make it as easy as possible for everyone to get to where they want to go.

# ROAD SAFETY

With the expected large number of participants, everyone should keep safety in mind with the vehicles in camp and on roads. <u>Walking on local roads is a very bad idea.</u> <u>It is prohibited to walk on the road from Vierville-sur-Mer to Pointe de Hoc.</u>

For travel to some of the program activities, please keep in mind that everyone will be going at relatively close to the same time. What might usually be a 15-minute trip from the campground to the American Cemetery may take a bit longer on Sunday morning. Allow plenty of travel time from the campground to all the activities. For those staying at Camping Omaha Beach, please do not use a vehicle to access the campfire or Trading Post.

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

Staff and local officials will do all they can to prepare for a worst-case traffic scenario. Be aware that local road closures will be in effect and barriers in place ahead of our Saturday morning campfire. Please follow all instructions.

# **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!

# <u>PETS</u>

Please be reminded that there are <u>no pets permitted at Boy Scouts of America</u> <u>activities or events</u>. Likewise, there are no pets permitted on the campgrounds or in the bungalows (per our agreements with the campground owners).

# NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED

Please be reminded that there is <u>no alcohol permitted at Boy Scouts of America</u> <u>events</u>. Any adult or youth consuming alcohol during the Camporee will be asked to leave immediately.

### **HELP POINTS**

Camporee Staff will be wearing **YELLOW STAFF JACKETS** and will assist you with your questions.



# REGISTRATION PROCESS

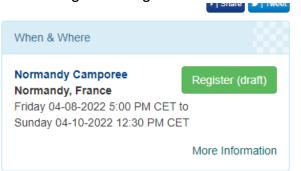
### **WALKTHROUGH – How to Register**

To make the registration and check-in process as smooth as possible, we ask you to submit one (1) registration per Scouting unit or group. If you are not attending the Camporee with a unit, please submit one (1) registration for your family or other group.

If you are a veteran of our Normandy Camporees, you will be excited to see that our registration process has been greatly simplified – you can now register for the event, rent bungalows, and pre-order Trading Post items all at once!

Navigate to the registration page at <a href="https://scoutingevent.com/802-NormandyCamporee2022">https://scoutingevent.com/802-NormandyCamporee2022</a>



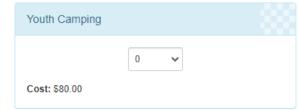


- You will be asked to sign into your account or to continue your registration as a guest. If you sign into your account, the system will remember your information from past events and help you by auto filling several fields. This is not a requirement.
- On the following page, you will have the option to choose what kind of registrant type(s) you would like to make. You can add as many different

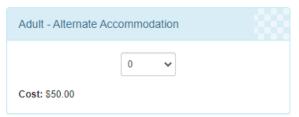
types as necessary to your registration to accommodate your entire unit or group. You can add or remove registrant types at any time.

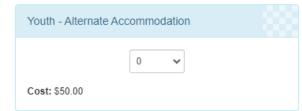
 Adult/Youth Camping – Choose these options if you would like to pitch tents. Select the quantity based on the number of people that will be attending AND pitching tents.



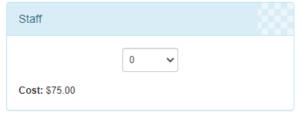


 Adult/Youth Alternate Accommodation – Choose these options if you would like to attend the Camporee but are not planning on pitching a tent or staying in our bungalows. You will be asked to provide the address of your alternate accommodation. Select the quantity based on the number of people that will be attending the Camporee in this manner.





Staff – This option is only available to those who have registered to work the event as staff. The password to access this option has been provided to staff members via a separate channel. Select the quantity based on the number of people already signed up as Camporee staff.



• Bungalows – The rest of the options available on this screen pertain to bungalows available for rent. Please refer to the BUNGALOWS CATALOGUE for more information on available amenities. Pay special attention to the bungalow capacity (2p, 4p, etc.) and to the location of the Bungalow (OB = Omaha Beach, CP = Camping Portland). Select the quantity based on how many bungalows you would like. The following page will allow you to add Camporee participants as residents

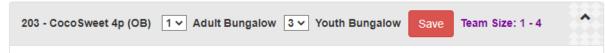
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• Click on the green "Register" button at the bottom of the page to proceed.

On the next page, you will be asked to submit several pieces of personal information. All required fields must be filled in before your slots will be reserved. All submitted information will be stored in a secure server and will only be used to ensure a safe and engaging event. Personal data is being collected as a requirement of the French officials for safety and security purposes and will not be used beyond the operations of the Normandy Camporee 2022. Below you find an overview of the information that is requested.

- Registration Contact This information pertains to the unit or group. Please
  fill in the contact information for the Primary and Alternate point of contact
  (POC) for your unit or group. These POCs will be contacted in case of an
  emergency during the Camporee and will be expected to respond in person.
- Youth/Adult Camping Participant This information pertains to each of the individual participants who will be camping. Besides basic personal information, you will also be asked to indicate your attendance in a variety of activities pertinent to your choice as a camper.
- Youth/Adult Alternate Accommodation Participant This information
  pertains to each of the individual participants who will be staying offsite.
  Besides basic personal information, you will also be asked for the name and
  address of your lodging site, as well as to indicate your attendance in a variety
  of activities.
- Bungalows (Team Participants) For each bungalow that you have selected, you will be asked to indicate how many participants will be sleeping in your bungalow. There is a minimum requirement of 1 adult participant per bungalow. Make your selections in the dropdown menus and click save.



Your choices will populate in the fields below. Please update the personal

information of each of these participants.

Team Participants					
(a) Adult Bungalow Checkout Required Update Information	Regular Price: \$50.00 Balance Due: \$50.00	(y) Youth Bungalow Checkout Required  Update Information	Regular Price: \$50.00 Balance Due: \$50.00		
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Update Information	2.	Update Information	3.		

Trading Post – Regardless of what type of registrant you choose, you will
have the option inside of each registration to pre-order your Trading Post
items. Check out the Catalogue to see what items are on offer, and don't
delay placing your orders – several items have limited quantities and will
ONLY be available through pre-orders!

Once all required information is updated, you may Check Out. Some categories allow for partial payment of fees upon initial registration.

Registration will close on March 11, 2022. Any registrations not paid in full at that time will be cancelled without refunds.

# FEES AND COSTS

#### The Normandy Camporee fees:

Camping Participant, including two nights of camping, is \$80 per person. Those individuals attending the event staying off-site or in a bungalow, is \$50 per person.

- 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.
- These fees cover an event patch, camping reservations, security, sanitation, trash removal, administrative costs, and program fees. This fee does not include food or admission to any museums.
- Because of the higher costs of the facilities at Camping Port'land, there is a \$15 surcharge for those participants who choose to stay in a bungalow or camp at Camping Port'land.
- Arrangements may be made to arrive early and remain late on the campgrounds. 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. If you wish to stay extra nights at Camping Port'Land, then the cost is \$25 per person per night.

- Bungalows If you wish to stay extra nights at either Campground, prices vary as determined by the bungalow chosen. Please go ahead and book your bungalow for the two nights, then contact <u>TAC-NormandyCamporee-802@Scouting.org</u> 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). Units with a Unit Deposit Account may also pay with Account funds.
- Some fees may be paid in installments:
  - Registration fees: 50% must be paid upon booking, with payment in full due by December 18, 2021.
  - Bungalow fees: 25% must be paid upon booking, 50% must be paid by November 20, 75% must be paid by December 18, and 100% must be paid by January 22.
  - Extra fees (Trading Post pre-orders, purchasing wreaths, etc) must be paid in full upon booking.

# **REFUNDS AND 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 18 December 2021; 50% can be refunded until 11 March 2022. From 12 March 2022, 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: 11 MARCH 2022

Thanks to our participants for respecting this important deadline.

# ALL THE BEST FOR AN INSPIRATIONAL AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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# **NORMANDY CAMPOREE 2022**

# **SAFE JOURNEYS TO ALL**

From Your Normandy Camporee Team 2022

