

2020 Shawnee District Winter Camporee



January 17-19, 2019

Whippoorwill Lake outside of Marble Hill, Mo

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Overview of the campout

- During the weekend, scouts will have the chance to complete most of the requirements for the fish and wildlife merit badge.
- Fees for the weekend are \$12 which covers the camping fees, an event patch, and porta-potties.
- There will be an SPL/Leaders meeting on Friday evening at 9:00pm to go over the encampment schedule. The location for the meeting will be given when your troop checks in.
- There are designated spots for tent camping at Whippoorwill Lake which troops will be directed to when they arrive Friday evening.
- Each troop is responsible for providing their own meals.
- Water is available at Whippoorwill Lake Campground.
- This is a winter campout, so campers should expect winter camping conditions and should be prepared for freezing temperatures.

Remember that the scout oath and law should be followed throughout the weekend. As troops depart on Sunday, please leave the campsite looking better than it was when you arrived.

Fish and Wildlife Merit Badge

- Scouts will go to various stations set up in the camp and cover the various requirements of the fish and wildlife merit badge.
- Following this is a list of the requirements for the Fish and Wildlife Merit Badge. There is one requirement that is a pre-req and must be done before the camporee if scouts wish to complete the merit badge during the camporee. That is requirement number 5 and the most common one that scouts in this area do is 5B which is to construct, erect, and check regularly bird feeders and keep written records of the kinds of birds visiting the feeders.

1. Describe the meaning and purposes of fish and wildlife conservation and management.
2. List and discuss at least three major problems that continue to threaten your state's fish and wildlife resources.
3. Describe some practical ways in which everyone can help with the fish and wildlife effort.
4. List and describe five major fish and wildlife management practices used by managers in your state.
5. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Construct, erect, and check regularly at least two artificial nest boxes (wood duck, bluebird, squirrel, etc.) and keep written records for one nesting season.
 - b. Construct, erect, and check regularly bird feeders and keep written records of the kinds of birds visiting the feeders.
 - c. Develop and implement a fishery improvement project or a backyard wildlife habitat improvement project. Share the results with your counselor.
 - d. Design and construct a wildlife blind near a game trail, water hole, salt lick, bird feeder, or birdbath and take good photographs or make sketches from the blind of any combination of 10 wild birds, mammals, reptiles, or amphibians.
6. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Observe and record 25 species of wildlife. Your list may include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Write down when and where each animal was seen.
 - b. List the wildlife species in your state that are classified as endangered, threatened, exotic, non-native, game species, furbearers, or migratory game birds. Discuss with your counselor management practices in place or being developed for at least three of these species.
 - c. Start a scrapbook of North American fish and wildlife. Insert markers to divide the book into separate parts for mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Collect articles on such subjects as life histories, habitat, behavior, and feeding habits on all of the five categories and place them in your notebook accordingly. Articles and pictures may be

taken from newspapers or science, nature and outdoor magazines; or from other sources including the Internet (with your parent's permission). Enter at least five articles on mammals, five on birds, five on reptiles, five on amphibians, and five on fish. Put each animal on a separate sheet in alphabetical order. Include pictures whenever possible.

7. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Determine the age of five species of fish from scale samples or identify various age classes of one species in a lake and report the results.
- b. Conduct a creel census on a small lake to estimate catch per unit effort.
- c. Examine the stomach contents of three fish and record the findings. It is not necessary to catch any fish for this option. You may (must) visit a cleaning station set up for fishermen or find another, similar alternative.
- d. Make a freshwater aquarium. Include at least four species of native plants and four species of animal life, such as whirligig beetles, freshwater shrimp, tadpoles, water snails, and golden shiners. After 60 days or observation, discuss with your counselor the life cycles, food chains, and management needs you have recognized. After completing requirement 7d to your counselor's satisfaction, with your counselor's assistance, check local laws to determine what you should do with the specimens you have collected.

8. Using resources found at the library and in periodicals, books, and the internet (with your parent's permission), learn about three different positions held by fisheries and/or wildlife professionals. Find out the education and training requirements for each position.

Schedule of Events

Friday Evening

- 5:00-9:00 Troops arrive and set up camping areas
9:00 SPL meeting
11:00 Lights Out

Saturday

- 7:00-8:30 Breakfast
9:00-12:00 Scouts go to various merit badge areas
12:00-1:50 Lunch
2:00-4:30 Finish the merit badge
5:00-7:30 Supper
8:00 Campfire (Each troop/patrol is encouraged to have a skit for a short campfire)
11:00 Lights Out

Sunday

- 7:00-8:30 Breakfast
10:00 Troops should have campsites cleaned/departed

Directions to the Lake

From Marble Hill: Coming from Country Mart, Mc Donalds Intersection, Go West through town past Jer's Restaurant on the Right, to the Flashing light. Take Left onto Hwy 51 S. One more 4 Way Stop, Keep Straight, It will have a few turns for about 5 miles. Pass Dry Creek and Slow down, C.R. 522 is on your Right. Turn Right at the Whippoorwill Lake Sign onto the C.R. 522. Follow the County Gravel Road and you will see our signs. Few curves and our entrance will be on the left.



Registration Form
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Register online or in person

Cost is \$12 per Scout/Scouter. Fee increases to \$14 after January 10.

Unit # _____

Adult Contact: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Adult Contact Email: _____

Troop SPL at Camporee: _____

Number of Competing Patrols: _____

Total # of Scouts: _____ Total # of Adults: _____

Make 1 check payable to GSLAC

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