

BATTLEFIELD DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE 2023
LEADER'S GUIDE



April 21 –23, 2023

Latimore Valley Fairgrounds

320 Latimore Valley RD

York Springs, PA. 17372

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Battlefield District Activities Committee presents the 2023 Spring Camporee:

This camporee is for Packs, Troops, and Crews. We would like to thank the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing for allowing our district to use its facilities for this event.

Theme: The theme for this event is based on Team Challenges. Saturday will consist of 8 team building challenges. Then after all 8 sessions, the Packs, Troops, Crews and other members of the units will participate in a camp-wide service project to thank Latimore Valley for letting us use their fairgrounds.

Contact Information: If you have general questions or concerns, contact: the Battlefield District Executive Jason Wede 717-827-0901; jason.wede@scouting.org or Activities Chair - Herb Snyder: 717-528-7496; herbasnyder@gmail.com.

Registration: The registration fee is \$10.00 per Scout and \$5 per Leader. Tiger or Lion Adult Partners will not be charged a registration fee. Registration opens on Tentaroo thru April 2, 2023. This fee includes program supplies, any awards or event recognition items. Early and on-time registration allows us to have sufficient staffing, patches, other recognition items, and supplies. On Monday, April 3, the fee will increase to \$16.00 per Scout or Leader who will attend. Late registrants on and after April 3 are not guaranteed to receive patches or other recognition items. Units that sign up by the on-time deadline date can add scouts and adults, but they will be charged the \$16.00 late fee if they are added on or after April 3. Also, if an adult would like to sign up for staff there is no fee for staff and Saturday lunch is included with no additional fee. **Staff volunteers are needed** to ensure a great experience for the scouts and are highly recommended and appreciated. After you complete your registration on Tentaroo, you will receive an email generated by Tentaroo (email subject to search: "2023 Camporee Tentaroo Confirmation") that will ask you to complete an email-me form to finish your registration and provide us with information we cannot collect via Tentaroo. Please make sure you also complete the email me form link in that email to finish your registration.

ZOOM Leader's Meeting: There will be a Leader's Meeting Webinar via ZOOM on Sunday April 16 at 2:00PM. Units should have at least one adult attending the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and posted on the district web page, and we ask that no youth attend this webinar.

Check-In: Check-in will be from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm on Friday evening for units spending the weekend. Please have one adult check-in to complete your unit's registration and turn in your Unit Roster on Friday evening by 7:30 pm. Upon check-in, your unit will be assigned a campsite to set up in. We will have check-in from 7:30 am – 8:30 am on Saturday morning for anyone coming just for the day. Please have one adult check-in to complete your unit's registration and turn in your Unit Roster on Saturday morning by 8:45 am. Please use ONLY the Unit Roster either in this leader's guide or from the Unit Camping Manual from New Birth of Freedom. Units who do not use that roster will be asked to complete that roster before participating in the event. Changes in registration will be corrected at that time. Please make sure you check in on time if you are arriving on Saturday morning. Our flag raising and opening will start at 8:50 AM.

Cub Pack Information: Cub Scout Packs may camp family-style for the weekend or attend for just the day on Saturday. All Lion and Tiger Scouts who are staying overnight must be accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the weekend. For those Packs attending only Saturday, we encourage you to plan to attend the whole day, including our campfire Saturday evening. Please remember you will need to plan for lunch and dinner on your own, or with your local Troop. Please do your best to arrive at camp as a group. If that is not possible, please designate a meeting location and a primary leader to look for and pass the information on to your Pack's parents. Please do not ask parents to check in their own scouts. Patrols: We recommend a patrol size of 4-8 scouts per patrol.

Camping: Campsites will be available and assigned the week leading up to the camporee. Campsites will be set up Jamboree style on the infield of the racetrack. Please be sure to indicate any special needs when you register on Tentaroo. Campsites must be left in better condition than they were found. Make sure you practice "**Leave No Trace**" ethics. A staff member will inspect your campsite before you leave on Sunday morning.

Vehicles and Parking: Only vehicles and trailers carrying unit gear will be allowed to go to the campsites to unload. Please unload vehicles immediately and remove the vehicle from the camping area. Vehicles carrying personal gear must go directly to the parking area and personal gear may be carried to the campsite. One trailer per unit may be unhooked and left in the campsite for the weekend. The trailer's wheels must be chocked, and you must use jack stands or blocks under the rear of trailers. All vehicles must be parked in the parking areas. There will be no vehicles permitted in the program area. This is to ensure the safety of our scouts. We will communicate the parking area during the Leader's Meeting.

Campfires: Units must bring their own firewood. All fires must be in a fire pit and blocked up to at least 6 inches above the ground. Units need to bring their own equipment and something to protect the ground/grass from being scorched (i.e. bricks, concrete board, etc.). The use of charcoal must follow the same guidelines. Please make sure your coals are cold and removed from the premises.

Trash: Units are responsible for removing all trash from their campsite. This also includes wood, ashes, or charcoal. Remember "Leave No Trace".

Water: Units are asked to bring their own water containers. There will be stations to refill water containers throughout the weekend.

Pets and Animals: Animals are not permitted except for service animals, per the New Birth of Freedom Council's policy.

Health & Safety: First aid will be available during the event. Units may take care of minor injuries but must report all injuries and first aid administered to the Health Officer. Contact information for the Health Officer will be distributed at our Leader's Meeting one week prior to the event. Unit leaders are responsible for having a current BSA Health and Medical Record parts A & B for each participant from their unit.

Leadership: Leaders and parents are responsible for the health, safety, and behavior of all scouts in their care. Please provide sufficient leadership so Scouts are supervised at all times. If a situation warrants, individuals will be asked to leave the premises. Please remember to follow Youth Protection Training by providing at least two 21-year or older registered leaders who have current YPT for each patrol. A combination of one or both of these two leaders should be of the appropriate gender for the unit or patrol they will be supervising. If a Webelos den will be attending with your Troop, you do not need to provide additional two deep leadership for the den if they will be participating in the Scouts BSA program with their Troop. We do encourage bringing the Webelos Den Leader along as they will probably know their Den best. Also note that scouts are not allowed to leave the racetrack camping area except for participation in Saturday's activities.

Latimore Creek – the creek area is not part of our program for this weekend. Please stay clear of the creek. This includes **NO FISHING** allowed by Camporee Participants.

Service Project: As we have done in the past two years, we will continue to paint the racetrack fence. We strongly advise all participants to bring old clothes for this project. It is the unit leaders/adult's responsibility to supervise their scouts during the service project.

Uniforms: The Official BSA Field uniform should be worn for flag retreat, worship services, and our camp-wide Awards campfire on Saturday evening. Activity uniforms are acceptable, and encouraged, for flag raising and program activities on Saturday.

Worship Services: Both a Catholic and non-denominational worship service will be offered on Saturday evening. Please encourage all youth and adults to attend the service of their choice: A Scout is Reverent. Please provide us with the number of Catholic attendees from your unit at check-in: particularly who is wanting communion.

Other Activities: We will also have an Order of the Arrow callout for our Sasquesahanough Lodge to recognize those youth and adults in attendance who have been chosen to serve. If you are attending from a different Lodge, please communicate with Dave Stark at networkfrog@gmail.com.

Recognition: Awards will be given for first place for each of the program stations. Scouts BSA, Cub Pack, or Venturing patrol that places first overall at specific stations will receive the award. Tiebreakers will be determined by their Scout Spirit during the day's events. As part of the registration fee, each participant who registers before April 3rd is guaranteed a patch for the event.

Check Out: Check out for anyone not spending the night will be immediately following our camp-wide service project and during dinner at the registration window. Check-out for units leaving Sunday morning between 9:00-11:00 AM should report to the registration window when your unit is ready to leave.

Program Information: Each Patrol is expected to participate in each activity or challenge throughout the day. Each Patrol will be issued a station card with a "station schedule" providing times and locations for each station at registration Friday or Saturday morning. If a Patrol finishes earlier than scheduled, they must stay at the station they are currently at until they are dismissed to the next station by the station leader. Patrols should NOT move through the stations at their own pace. Please follow the path outlined on your cards. Leaders will be responsible for making sure their patrols follow these instructions.

Port-A-Potties: There will be Port-A-Potties in the camping area as has been done in the past. At least one will be designated for use by the girls only. Flush toilets should be available for adults only. Please respect the Fairgrounds expectations of keeping them clean and depositing of all trash in the appropriate receptacles.

Program Stations: Each Patrol will rotate through 8 stations/challenges. (Stations are not listed necessarily in order).

1. A-Frame Pit Cross.
2. The Lava Pit.
3. Obstacle Course.
4. Mine Field
5. Police Your Area.
6. Bucket Brigade.
7. The Knot Trail.
8. Buddy Boards.

Unit Meals: All unit meals and preparations will take place in the unit's campsite. Units coming for the day are responsible for their own lunches and may use the pavilion for their lunch.

Unit Roster and Registration: Please provide the staff with a copy of your Unit's roster upon registration Friday evening/Saturday morning. Registration payment must be made on TENTAROO. You will be contacted after registration to collect supplemental information for the weekend. Please respond to those emails promptly so that we can prepare for your unit. Any additional scouts added on the day of the event will incur the \$16 late fee, regardless of when the unit signed up. Any scouts recruited on or after April 3, 2023, will incur the late fee.

Camper Security: For purposes of camper security, every unit MUST submit a roster that includes all youth and adults attending using the roster in this leader's guide. In the event a youth camper needs to be released early, they will need to provide an "Early Release Form" indicating the adult who will be removing them from camp, if that adult is not a legal parent or guardian. A "Transportation Permission Form" will also be required for that youth. Both forms are attached at the end of this leader's guide. In the event there is an intruder in camp, please ask the closest staff member to contact the Short-Term Camp Administrator. The Short-Term Camp Administrator will ask the intruder to leave. If they do not, the Short-Term Camp Administrator will take care of contacting the police.

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY

5:00 PM – 7:30 PMCheck-In & Campsite Assignments.

10:00 PM.....Lights Out (Quiet Time)

SATURDAY

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM.....Check-In.

8:50AM – 9:00AM.....Opening Ceremony & Flag Raising.

9:00AM – 12:00 noon.....Morning Station Rotation.

12:00 noon – 1:00PMLunch.

1:00 PM – 2:45 PMAfternoon Station Rotation.

3:00 PM – 4:30ish PMCamp-wide Service Projects.

Check-Out for Day Visitors will begin immediately following Camp-wide Service Projects and continue until Flag Retreat.

4:30 PM – 7:00 PMDinner

7:15 PM.....Flag Retreat

7:30 PM.....Religious Services

8:15 PM.....Awards Campfire and OA Call-Out

10:00 PM.....Lights Out (Quiet Time)

SUNDAY

9:00AM – 11:00 AM.....Check-Out.

Note *- schedule is subject to change. The schedule will be finalized by the Leader's Meeting. If your unit would like to volunteer for either flag raising or lowering, please contact Herb Snyder. We encourage units to stick around for the award presentations so your patrol(s) may accept any awards they earned that day, and leaders can collect all the recognition items they are due. Thank you very much!



UNIT ROSTER

UNIT #: _____ COUNCIL: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CAMP/EVENT ATTENDING: _____ DATE/WEEK #: _____

	FULL NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	✓ SCOUT	✓ ADULT	IF ADULT	
				CELL PHONE #	NBOFC CLEARANCE CODE (PA RESIDENTS ONLY)
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RELEASE OF CAMPERS WHO ARE MINORS

This form must be used to release any minor camper from camp. The camper must be released to a parent or legal guardian. Identification from the parent or legal guardian should be asked for prior to letting the Scout leave camp.

If the camper is being released to persons other than the legal parent or guardian, a completed copy of the transportation permission form from the parent or legal guardian must be attached to this release form. An example would be if an adult is taking two campers back home for a baseball game and one isn't related to the adult.

Remember that youth protection guidelines also have to be followed when campers are released to someone other than a parent or legal guardian.

NAME OF CAMPER: _____

UNIT TYPE & NUMBER: _____

CAMP: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ PARENTS WORK: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

REASON FOR LEAVING CAMP: _____ . RETURNING TO CAMP? _____

LEAVING WITH WHOM: PARENT: _____ LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____ OTHER: _____

HAVE A COMPLETED COPY OF THE TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION FORM

FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNED OUT OF CAMP: _____

* THIS FORM MUST BE KEPT ON FILE *

Transportation Permission Slip

I give my permission to; _____

(name of driver(s); _____

(name of driver(s): _____

(name of driver(s); _____

(name of driver(s); _____

To transport/sign in/sign out my child

(name of child or children) _____

to, from and during Battlefield Spring Camporee

During Battlefield Spring Camporee I may be reached at:

Home Phone # _____ Mobile Phone # _____

If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person is authorized to act on my behalf:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Relationship to participant _____

Other comments _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____

Date _____