

Service Unit 72 will be holding their annual Camporee weekend at Camp Canadensis.

- Dates:** Friday, May 2, 2025 - check in after 5:30 pm
through Sunday, May 4, 2025, checkout no later than 11:00 am.
- Location:** Camp Canadensis - 2350 Lake Road, Canadensis, PA 18325
- Cost:** **\$100.00** per person (girls and adults). Includes 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner and an activity patch
- Deposit- \$30 per person is due on March 7th
- Final Balance- \$70 per person is due on April 4th

The Program is open to Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors.

Please complete the following documents in order to register for the event:

1. Troop Registration Form & Camporee Troop Roster
2. Adult Information Sheet (one section for each adult attending)
3. Copy of First & CPR certifications (if you still need to take CPR and/or first aid, please include copy of registration confirmation.
4. Copy of Outdoor and Overnight Training record (only Step 1 (online) required for Camporee - Step 2 required if you are planning to have a separate campfire

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE. No refunds for cancellations including deposit.

All girls and adults attending must be registered for the 2024-2025 calendar year. All Adults must have a current background check. See the council webpage (GSHNJ.org) for any adult that needs to be background checked.

(PLEASE NOTE: All Troop Leaders are responsible to verify registration and background checks, prior to submitting Camporee paperwork).

Registration is due no later than **March 7, 2025**. If you choose to not pay electronically, you can mail troop check to:

Natasha DeLaCruz
Attn: Camporee 2025
614 Cornwall Court
Hillsborough, NJ 08844

The final payment will be due **April 4, 2025**.

Service Unit 72 - Hillsborough Camporee 2025 Weekend FAQs

How big are the cabins?

The Cabins sleep between 12 and 14 people. Each has cots with mattresses, 2 showers, toilets, and sinks. The cabins also have hot and cold running water and electricity. Due to the capacity, please note, your troop may need to be split although we will make every effort not to do so.

Can our trip pick the cabin we want to be in?

No. Cabins will be assigned based on group numbers and the age of the girls by the Camporee Committee. Cabin assignments cannot be swapped once assigned.

Where is the Camp Located?

It is located in Canadensis, PA in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, about 1.5 hours from Hillsborough.

How big is the camp?

The camp covers ~1000 acres, it has its own lake and can accommodate ~600-700 campers.

What type of certification do I need to bring my troop?

The following certification is required

- At least 1 adult must be a trained Leader for the troop.
- At least 1 adult must be first aid certified
- At least 1 adult must be CPR certified
- At least 1 adult must have Outdoor Step 1 (this is online)
- At least 1 adult must have Outdoor Step 2 (optional and only required if you plan to have your own campfire)
- All adults attending must be Registered Girl Scouts
- All adults attending must have a current background check.

If neither of the Troop Leaders wants to go, can just parents take the girls that want to go?

No. At least 1 of the adults attending must be a trained Leader. In addition, at least 1 Adult must have Outdoor Skills Certification, and have First Aid and CPR certification.

Is there a limit to the number of adults that can attend?

There is no limit to the number of adults that can attend Camporee. The largest cabins hold 15 people, so you will want to keep your total number below that or your troop will be split between 2 cabins (in this case you will need at least 4 adults - 2 in each cabin). Any adult attending must be a registered Girl Scout and have a background check.

Can Dads attend?

Yes, Dads can attend as an adult with the troop. They will not be able to be in the same cabin with their daughter's troop. A separate cabin will be designated for any dads

attending Camporee. Dads will need to be registered Girl Scouts and have a current background check.

What should I have my girls bring with them?

Everyone attending will need something to sleep in - sleeping bag, a pillow (optional) and fitted sheet to cover the mattress (optional). Attached is a list that I have used in the past for my girls plus a generic list that someone else provided. Either is a good start. Feel free to customize for your troop (e.g. I allow electronics, you may not want them). If this is the first time your girls are doing an overnight (and even if it is not) leave time prior to departure to do a quick bag check to make sure everyone has the essentials.

Can non-Girl Scout Siblings attend?

No.

What if the number of people for my troop changes after March 8th when the deposit is due?

The number of attendees that you submit with your application is binding. We have a minimum of 100 attendees that we must meet for our contract with Camp Canadensis. This number is binding upon submittal of your application. That said, every effort will be made to accommodate additional girls and to balance changes in individual troop number up until March 8th. The counts by troop that we have on March 8th will be binding for the troop and the troop will be responsible for the full cost for that count. If you need to add additional attendees or reduce your numbers, please inform the Camporee Organizer - Natasha DeLaCruz - camporee@borogirlscouts.com) as soon as you know of the change for Natasha to approve the change. New forms, payment, and rosters will need to be provided to account for any changes by April 4, 2025.

****FINAL PAYMENT and paperwork are due by April 4, 2025.**

What if I have changes to the information originally provided on the Registration Form?

If you have any changes to the information originally provided on the Registration Form submitted on March 7, 2025, (e.g. a girl originally on the roster is no longer attending, additional girl, change in adult that is certified, etc) new forms will need to be submitted by April 4, 2025 that account for any changes.

Is there a camp store?

Yes, there is a camp store that will be open on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. The store carries T-shirts and patches along with some snacks. An adult must accompany the girls to the store.

Can I come for just the day or stay for only 1 night?

Yes, you can. For example, you have the option to arrive Saturday morning instead of Friday and depart Saturday instead of Sunday. We are not offering a reduced rate for people staying less than the full time, since we need to meet a minimum.

What activities will be available?

Hiking, Rock Wall, Low Ropes, Boating (Funyaks & row boats), Fishing, Gymnastics, Swimming (Heated pool) Beach Volleyball, Gaga Courts, Crafts, & Tennis.

Troops will select which activities they would like to participate in on the Camporee Troop Activity Selection Form. The Camporee Troop Activity Form will be provided to each troop in early March. The submitted preferences will be used to schedule your troop for activities on Saturday and Sunday. You may not get to participate in all the activities that you selected, but we will try our best.

What is the difference between the Lake Hike and the Waterfall Hike?

The waterfall hike goes to the waterfall, occasionally there is swimming in the waterfall, then a hike back. This hike takes about 45 minutes to go each direction. In terms of hardness, it's not a very hard hike but it is further. Swimming in the waterfall helps to break up the distance. This hike in total takes about an hour and a half.

The Lake Hike goes directly around the lake. It takes about 45 minutes in total. This hike doesn't involve swimming but there is a dam that the kids can look at.

Will we make S'mores?

There will be a campfire on Saturday night (weather permitting). Each troop should bring their own S'more supplies (graham crackers/marshmallows/chocolate/roasting sticks) for use at this campfire. If you plan to have a separate campfire, you will need to have Outdoor 2 certification.

What happens if the weather is bad?

Camp Canadensis offers several indoor and covered areas to allow for back-up plans/activities in the event of rain. The Camporee Committee will provide 2-3 back up activities to replace closed activities in the event of rain. It is also a good idea to bring a few extra things with you - craft supplies, multi-player games, badge work, Journey work, etc. to keep your girls entertained in the event of bad weather.

Will our group be the only group in camp?

Probably not. Since the camp is so large there will most likely be at least 1 other group in camp.

What are the meals like?

The meals are actually pretty good for camp food. Meals are served cafeteria style with a cereal bar for breakfast and salad bar at lunch and dinner. In prior years breakfast has been a choice of pancakes/toast/sausage/cereal bar and eggs/ bacon/toast hash browns/cereal bar. Lunch on Saturday was Hamburgers, Hot dogs, veggie burgers, fries, salad, and dessert. Dinner was spaghetti with plain sauce or meat sauce, garlic bread, green beans, salad, and dessert. The actual menu will be provided once it is available. If any of your girls have dietary restrictions or allergies you will probably want to supplement the camp provided food with items from home.

If someone has a food allergy, can they bring their own food for the weekend? (and possibly store in a safe space in the kitchen (e.g. needs refrigeration))?

Yes, it can be accessed at mealtimes. We ask all our troop leaders let us know of any dietary restrictions so we can try to accommodate. If we know ahead of time, there will always be a vegetarian and gluten free option.

Should we make SWAPS?

Yes, if your troop wants to make SWAPS there will be time for a SWAP exchange on Saturday evening. Final registration numbers will be sent in March.

Flag Ceremony

The Camporee Committee will be looking for troops to do the Opening Flag Ceremony and Closing Flag Ceremony. Please contact Natasha DeLaCruz - camporee@borogirlscouts.com if your troop is interested.

Will there be an opportunity for older troops to run activities or do service to prep for Camporee?

Yes. If your troop wants to run an activity, supervise a craft station, or do craft prep (make up individual craft packages and prep supplies prior to Camporee) we would welcome that assistance. Please contact Natasha DeLaCruz - camporee@borogirlscouts.com with how your troop would like to contribute.

What are Wish Sticks?

Wish Sticks are sticks with a wish attached to them. Each Troop will be provided with the supplies for each girl to make a wish stick. The girls will write a wish on the paper provided, wrap the paper around the stick provided and then tie a piece of string provided around the paper and stick. The girls will take turns putting their sticks into the fire as part of closing Campfire

What will the weekend schedule be like?

Tentatively the schedule looks like this

Day	Time	Description
Friday, 5/2	5:30	Troops can arrive any time after 5:30 pm No Dinner will be served.
	7:30	Possible Evening activity (Depends on average arrival times of those attending)
	10:00	Return to Cabins
	11:00 pm - 7:00 am on Saturday	Quiet and in Cabin
Saturday, 5/3		
	7:50	Opening Flag Ceremony
	8:00	Breakfast
	9:00 - 9:45	Session 1 Activity
	10:00 - 10:45	Session 2 Activity
	11:00 - 11:45	Session 3 Activity
	12:00	Lunch
	1:00 - 3:00	Camp Store Open
	1:00 - 1:45	Session 4 Activity
	2:00 - 2:45	Session 5 Activity
	3:00 - 3:45	Session 6 Activity
	4:00 - 4:45	Session 7 Activity
	5:15	Flag Ceremony
	5:30	Dinner
	7:30	Evening Activity (Flag Ceremony / SWAPS / Skits & Songs / Closing Campfire / Wish Sticks / S'mores)
10:00	Return to Cabins	
11:00 pm - 7:00 am on Sunday	Quiet and in Cabins	
Sunday, 5/4	8:00	Breakfast
	9:00 - 11:00	Camp store open
	9:00 - 10:30	Pool Open
	9:00 - 9:45	Session 8 Activity
	10:00 - 10:45	Session 9 Activity
	11:00	Departure All Troops must clean and straighten cabin prior to departure.

The final schedule will be provided a week or so prior to the event. Each troop will also receive a custom schedule for their activities for Sessions 1-9.

Skits and songs are optional but really fun for the evening activity on Saturday.

You can start planning a troop skit or song now for the girls to perform on stage. Sign-ups will occur closer to Camporee.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Natasha DeLaCruz - camporee@borogirlscouts.com.

Please note:

To ensure the safety and welfare of campers and staff, possession or use of alcohol, drugs, weapons, and other contraband by campers or adult chaperones is strictly prohibited at SU72 Camporee. Any incident where a camper or adult chaperone is found in possession or use of alcohol, drugs, weapons, or other contraband will be elevated to GSHNJ following the appropriate policies and legal guidelines. At minimum, this will include dismissal from camp when safe, ban on attending future SU72 Camporees for a minimum of 2 years and/or police involvement (if necessary).