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April 5-7, 2024
Camp Saffran, Broad Creek

LEADERS GUIDE

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Event Information Snapshot

- ★ Date: April 5 – 7, 2024
- ★ Place: Camp Saffran, **Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation**
 - 1929 Susquehanna Hall Road, Whiteford, MD, 21160
- ★ Cost: \$25 per Scout, \$5 per Adult. \$5 off each Scout registered before February 1st.
- ★ Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/220-RHD2024Camporee>
- ★ Additional info: <https://baltimorebsa.org/riverhawk/program/activities/camporee/>
- ★ Pre-registration is required.
- ★ Registration is open until March 29th, 2024
- ★ The event is Rain or Shine!! There are no refunds!
- ★ Questions? Email camporee@campriverhawk.com

Welcome to the 2nd Annual River Hawk District Camporee

Unit Leaders,

Thank you for bringing your Unit to the 2nd Annual River Hawk District Camporee.

We've planned quite a weekend including:

- Two nights of cool camping
- Meet over 300 scouts from other Units
- Big Saturday evening Campfire and flag retirement ceremony
- OA Callouts and Brotherhood Conversion
- ...and the chance to enjoy the Spring weather!

The Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code apply throughout the event. Some of our stations offer activities that may be potentially hazardous if safety instructions of the staff aren't carefully followed. We want your scouts to have a great time – but cannot allow misbehavior. All adult staff members have the responsibility to report youth not following safety instructions, misbehaving, or being destructive to the grounds and its environment.

Program

This year's Camporee will be conducted in an "open program" style where Scouts of all ages can participate in a variety of areas on Saturday including, but not limited to, Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Climbing, Fishing, Geocaching, and much more! Lunch will be provided to all Camporee attendees (Scouts & Adults!) on Saturday Only.

Order of the Arrow: Call Outs & Brotherhood Conversion

The Order of the Arrow will conduct a "call out" ceremony for newly-elected members and Ordeal members will have a chance to seal their Brotherhood. Candidate submissions can be done using the following links; please complete as soon as possible:

- Call-out: <https://riverhawkoa.org/event/camporee-call-out>
- Brotherhood: <https://riverhawkoa.org/event/camporee-brotherhood>

Training

We are also pleased to offer a variety of training on Saturday, April 6th for both Youth and Adults. Although these trainings are optional, please sign-up ahead of time to confirm attendance. There is no cost to attend these training offerings.

Adult Training: Since we are offering program activities in an open-program fashion, all adults attending Camporee are welcome to attend any or all of the training being offered.

- Scoutmaster Specific Training (9a—12p)
 - The purpose of this training is to provide an active, fun, and positive learning experience for new and experienced Scoutmasters to learn and apply proven techniques. for running an effective Scout troop.
- Beyond the Binder (9a—10:30a)
 - This training will review all the supporting documentation for Eagle rank. This is NOT focused on the Project Workbook, but all other associated paperwork.
- Recruitment & Retention (10:30a—12p)
 - Nothing highlights the fun and excitement of Scouting like being in the outdoors. Whether it's daycamp, summer camp, or a fall camporee, getting outside is what kids want to do! And no one does "the outdoors" better than the BSA. This training will focus on recruitment and retention at the Troop, Crew, and Ship level.
- Life to Eagle Training (offered during the lunch hour for all participants)
 - This training is offered to all Life Scouts, parents of Life Scouts, and interested Scouters to provide the most current information on the Eagle Scout Service Project and other Eagle Scout rank requirements. This training will provide the opportunity to address recent issues and answer questions.
- Eagle Coach Training (2p—3:30p)
 - This training is for those adult volunteers interested in becoming qualified to guide older Scouts aspiring to complete their Eagle Scout requirements, including the Eagle Service Project. It is very important that each Eagle Coach keep abreast of the latest National policies, BAC procedures and District practices. National makes a number of changes each year to the Eagle rank process.

Youth Training: Since we are offering program activities in an open-program fashion, by signing up for the Den Chief training sessions you are committing that time slot to the specific training. You will still have an opportunity to participate in open program during the day.

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 - This training is offered to all Life Scouts, parents of Life Scouts, and interested Scouters to provide the most current information on the Eagle Scout Service Project and other Eagle Scout rank requirements. This training will provide the opportunity to address recent issues and answer questions.
- Den Chief Training (2p—5p)
 - Open for all scouts who either are or want to be Den Chiefs, this training is

designed to build on each of these ideas using a framework that will allow the new Den Chief, or perhaps the experienced Den Chief looking for new ideas, to have fun and learn the role.

Interfaith Service–Sunday, April 7th at 8:30 AM

Anyone interested in participating in the Interfaith Service, please contact our District Chaplain Tim Mullady at mulladyt@verizon.net

Motor Vehicles and Trailers

It is recommended that each Unit bring **ONE** truck/vehicle/trailer to carry **all unit equipment**. The driver of that equipment vehicle will be directed to their unit campsite, where all supplies can be offloaded. The trailer and this vehicle will be allowed to remain in the designated spaces near the campsite.

Check-In

Upon arrival Friday evening, the unit leader or designee will need to check in at Admin at Rosenberg HQ to receive campsite location and information packet for the weekend.

Friday Evening Activity

- Setup your campsite for functionality and within the camp inspection guidelines.

Friday Evening Leaders Meeting

- Units should send the SPL/President and Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor to the leaders meeting at 9 PM at the Dining Pavilion. The Unit will need to bring and show the following:
 - Final Unit Roster of all Scouts and Adults attending (minimum two BSA registered adults with each unit)
 - Medical Forms (Parts A and B) for ALL scouts and adults
 - Campfire Participation Form (needs to be completed by noon on Saturday and provided to admin at HQ)
- At that meeting the leader will receive:
 - o Final instructions for the weekend
 - o Final schedule of activities
 - o Patches for each paid and registered Scout and Adult

Saturday Activities

This year's Camporee will be conducted in an "open program" style where Scouts of all ages can participate in a variety of areas on Saturday including, but not limited to, Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Climbing, Fishing, Geocaching, and much more! Lunch will be provided to all Camporee attendees (Scouts & Adults!) on Saturday Only. Training opportunities are available for all adults & youth participating for the weekend.

The campfire on Saturday night will have time for contributions from the participating units.

Each unit wanting to participate should turn in their Campfire Participation Form no later than noon on Saturday to Admin at RHQ. The campfire will also consist of an Order of the Arrow program and end with a flag retirement ceremony.

Camporee General Guidelines

- o **Conduct:** Everyone follows the Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code at all times. We are guests of the property owner.
 - Scouts are not to roam through the campsites at any time
 - Cutting or otherwise damaging live trees is NOT permitted
 - No Scout will enter another unit's campsite without permission
 - Defacing, destroying, or otherwise damaging the property of others or property of the River Hawk District is strictly forbidden.
 - Rough housing and horseplay are strictly forbidden. Anyone wrestling or fighting will be immediately dismissed from the event.
 - NO RUNNING in camp.
 - Scouts are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit to their unit and the BSA.
- o **Parking:** To avoid traffic jams, and in the spirit of Scouting, we urge Units to carpool!
- o **Uniforms:** The Scout uniform will be the Utility (Class B) uniform for all scouts (i.e. pants, Unit t-shirt, jacket) and is the uniform for Saturday activities. The Official (Class A) Scout Uniform is encouraged for the Saturday Evening Campfire, Sunday Interfaith Service, and required for travel to/from the event.
- o **Outdoor Gear:** Early-April temperatures can get wet and chilly. Dress in layers for the conditions. Carry at least one full liter bottle of water each, and bring rain gear and a flashlight. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Keep shoes laced. No open toed shoes including crocs, sandals or "flip-flops."
- o **Camping:** Units must bring their own camping and cooking gear. Campsites will be pre-assigned by unit upon registration. Trash must be packed out of campsites and placed in a dumpster at Rosenberg HQ. **Units are asked to keep individual tent sizes to a reasonable minimum.**
- o **Cooking:** Patrols will eat all meals family-style at their campsite, with the expectation of the Saturday Lunch rotation. Remember to keep cold things cold in coolers and eat hot food while it is hot.
- o **Water:** Potable Water will be available for use during the event but each attendee should bring their own water bottle and units should bring jugs to hold water for

cooking along with water coolers for their campsite.

- o **Restrooms:** Most campsites have a latrine close by. All units are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the facilities. There is also a shower house located by the pool with both adult and youth male/female facilities. It is recommended that units bring extra toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and other toiletries.
- o **Fires:** No smoking except in parking areas. (Smoking is discouraged entirely during the event.) Most campsites have a designated fire ring, if available you must use this rather than making your own. Leave No Trace or have no fire! Each campfire must have a water bucket. Fires must be extinguished with water until the ashes are cold. We'll have a large "evening campfire" on Saturday. **Please ensure your Unit fire is fully extinguished before proceeding to the Saturday evening campfire.**
 - NOTE: Depending on weather conditions, there may be a ban on having any fires except cooking stoves.
- o **Leave No Trace!** Keep campsites neat, clean, and safe. Take care of your own trash. Pack it in/pack it out. No dumpsters will be available. Do not burn or bury any trash.
- o **Emergencies:** If you get lost or have an emergency, find any adult Staff member. All stations will have two-way radios. The District will have a 24 hour First Aid Station on site, manned by radio-equipped qualified first responders for minor issues. Medical emergencies will be handled by Anne Arundel County Fire/EMS. (see *Emergency Procedures*)
- o **Instructions and Questions:** You'll get final instructions, map and schedule at Friday's 9 PM Adult Leader Meeting. If you have questions or something to bring to the Staff's attention, please visit admin.
- o **Check Out:** The unit leader should come to Admin as they depart Camp Saffran to check out.
- o **Prohibited Items:** Fireworks, Firearms, Weapons, Televisions, Video Games, CD Players, iPods/MP3 Players, electronic game players, illegal drugs, tobacco products, alcohol.

Suggested Gear List

Pack light and smart for and BE PREPARED for chilly rain and wind in the worst case.

Personal Gear (carry in a backpack, duffle bag)

- Pants and Unit T-Shirt(s) (Friday night and Saturday day)
- Fleece sweater or pullover (Note: cotton “hoodies” rob body heat if they get wet)
- Jacket or light coat – dress in layers: If you get warm, pull a layer off...if you get cold – put a layer on.
- Rain jacket/parka or poncho – outermost layer if rainy
- Hat or knit cap
- Three outfits, with extra Underwear and Socks
- Hiking boots (if you have them) or sturdy shoes (**no crocs, sandals, flip-flops, or open toed shoes!**)
- Sleeping bag with light blanket
- Sleeping pad (solid or inflatable)
- Tent with a tarp or ground cover for under the tent
- Pillow
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hand soap, hand towel
- Medicine (kept with Unit Leader)
- Liter water bottle, filled with fresh water
- Small flashlight or headlamp with fresh batteries
- Folding pocket knife (only if the scout has earned their Totin’ Chip)
- Mess kit or unbreakable plate, cup, and fork
- Bug spray

Unit Gear (consolidated together in the Unit Equipment Vehicle/Trailer)

- Final Unit Roster and Health Forms for ALL youth and adults (with Unit Leader at check-in)
- Water jugs/water cooler
- Lanterns (fresh batteries) or Propane Lanterns
- Cooler with ice (keep cold food cold)
- Propane Stove or Charcoal Grill on stand
- Wash basin, detergent, paper towels, trash bags, spare toilet paper, hand sanitizer
- Cooking equipment: pots, skillet, spatula, tongs, serving spoons
- Spare paper plates, plastic ware, cups

- Unit First Aid Kit
- Trash bags, pack in/pack out camping
- Dining Fly/Tarp (optional)
- Camp Chairs (optional)

Meal Planning

- Friday night: bring snacks or eat supper before arrival at Camporee
- Saturday Breakfast
- Saturday Lunch (*Provided at the dining pavilion*)
- Saturday Dinner
- Sunday Breakfast: simple and fast

Camporee Weekend Schedule

[CLICK HERE FOR MOST UP TO DATE SCHEDULE.](#)

The Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To
help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is:

- ✿ Trustworthy,
- ✿ Loyal,
- ✿ Helpful,
- ✿ Friendly,
- ✿ Courteous,
- ✿ Kind,
- ✿ Obedient,
- ✿ Cheerful,
- ✿ Thrifty,
- ✿ Brave,
- ✿ Clean,
- ✿ and Reverent.



The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to...

- Be clean in my outdoor manners
- Be careful with fire
- Be considerate in the outdoors, and
- Be conservation minded.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency the administration area is the rally point. Non-critical injuries should be treated at the unit (Band Aid First Aid) if additional treatment is necessary the Scout needs to report to Administration where we have a medic, if serious 911 will be called. Be prepared for a trip to the hospital. Staff trained in CPR and First Aid will be on site.

If an emergency occurs then follow the emergency action steps should be executed:

CHECK -- CALL -- CARE.

CHECK – Check the scene for safety -- if the scene is safe then approach the victim and check for responsiveness. If the scene is unsafe, call for help. If the victim is unconscious or confused or suffering from a life-threatening condition then call 9-1-1

CALL – For life-threatening and serious medical emergencies: 9-1-1 (and notify camporee staff).

CARE – Get assistance from the trained Health and Safety First Responder Team located at admin to provide care for life-threatening conditions. Do not move the patient unless the area becomes unsafe or you have to move him to provide care for life-threatening conditions (e.g., CPR).

LIGHTNING SAFETY

NOAA's National Weather Service says "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" If you can hear the thunder then you are in the danger zone. Stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder.

Acceptable courses of action when a person hears thunder is to get inside a safe building. A safe building is one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls and floor, with electrical wiring and plumbing (safest course of action) or safe vehicle. A safe vehicle is any fully enclosed metal-topped vehicle such as a hard-topped car, minivan, bus, truck, etc.

BE AWARE

To estimate the distance between you and a lightning flash, you can use the "Flash to Bang" method: If you observe lightning, count the number of seconds until you hear thunder. Divide the number of seconds by five to get the distance in miles. Remember that if you can hear the thunder then you are in the danger zone.

SEVERE STORM EMERGENCY

The camp shall operate on a (2) two tiered storm emergency plan:

Tier 1 Emergency

Unit leader's discretion. Shelter in place. Be prepared to evacuate.

Tier 2 Evacuation

In the event of a severe storm emergency declaration all scouts and scouters SHALL evacuate the campsite to vehicles.

Tier 2 evacuation will be announced by 3 (three) distinctive blasts of either an air horn.

Tier 2 "All Clear" will be announced by 2 (two) distinctive blasts of either an air horn.

The unit leader will perform an accountability check for his/her unit.

INJURIES AND ILLNESS

If any of our adults who attend this event are medical professionals then please let the camporee staff know upon your arrival. If units know of campers with serious medical problems, please discreetly inform the Health and Safety Staff.

A trained Health and Safety First Responder Team will be available at all times for minor first aid. For a medical emergency that requires emergency medical services (EMS) dial 911 and tell the dispatcher your location (including directions to get to site at camp). Please stay on the line until the dispatcher releases you. Send someone to the designated site access point to escort the EMS personnel to the patient. Notify camporee staff immediately. Units are responsible for ensuring compliance with youth protection guidelines by providing additional Scouts or Scouters in the event a Scout is transported offsite for treatment.

In the event of an emergency, contact any member of the camporee staff; they will be able to get you the help you need.

911 Camp Address:

Camp Saffran - Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
1929 Susquehanna Hall Road
Whiteford, MD, 21160

Campfire Participation Form

Please complete this form and return it to Admin by Saturday at Noon.

A separate form for each Patrol is needed.

Please limit songs and skits to no more than 5-minutes.

Unit#:_____ Patrol:_____

Title of Song or Skit:_____

Patrol Leader's Name:_____

Unit Leaders Name:_____

Please give a short description of the Song or skit:

APPROVED BY: _____