

Pomperaug District Spring Camporee



May 12-14, 2023

Hoyt Scout Reservation

Scouting Olympics

Leaders' Guide

OVERVIEW

Troop 139 Westport will be your Olympic Judges for the 2023 Spring Camporee. This guide is designed help Scouts and Scouters determine what they need to do to be prepared for the event. Youth and adult leaders should read through this guide to be sure that we have covered all the details for this year's event and if there any questions, please contact our event chairmen at the emails below. We also ask that you be sure to cover the event and campout details with the Scouts in your unit before the event.

COVID-19/ILLNESS GUIDELINES

If your Scout is not feeling well or has tested positive for Covid-19, please have them remain home.

The deadline for registration is May 10, 2023. All registrations are final and no refunds will be given unless the Camporee is canceled.

Thank you!

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DETAILS

The 2023 Spring Camporee will consist of 6 stations, all pertaining to various scouting skills, and culminate with a Capture the Flag Competition. Scouts will rotate through each of the stations getting scores based on how well they complete the assigned activity.

As the participating patrols are confronted with the series of challenges to complete throughout the day, the judges will evaluate each patrol on a number of factors. At each station, patrols will be judged and awarded points based on how well they perform the assigned task as a TEAM. This will include aspects of leadership, teamwork, and Scout Spirit.

While adult Leaders may accompany each team, adults are NOT permitted to participate or assist Scouts while at any station, except in extraordinary circumstances determined by staff. Points will be deducted for adult involvement or assistance to Scouts while completing the various events. The only involvement of an adult is if a health or safety situation arises.

CHECK IN

Check in will be on Friday, May 12, 2023, from 6:30-7:30pm at the Jackson Pavilion.

All Unit Leaders will be required to check in and provide a roster which includes each Scout and adult participant. Also, all Leaders must collect and maintain Parts A and B of the BSA Medical Forms.

**SPLs MUST have a complete list of their patrols which includes the patrol name, and number of Scouts participating in each patrol, at the SPL meeting on Friday night.*

WEATHER

As for all Scouting events... Be Prepared for rain or shine, and the possibility of cooler weather – this is Connecticut, after all. Scouts and Scouters must be appropriately dressed for the weather, or they will not be allowed to participate. If extreme weather conditions occur and the Camporee has to be modified or canceled, troops will be notified via the email with which they registered.

CAMPING

Units camping will be assigned a campsite based on size of your unit. Units may be sharing sites depending on final registration numbers. Please follow the Scout Oath and Law when sharing a site with another unit. An appropriate area should be allocated for adult tents and a general area for setting up a cooking area.

Units should check in with a Camporee staff member upon arrival on Friday at the Jackson Pavilion. We will try to assign campsites in advance and communicate assignments via email.

** Please be advised that all communication from Camporee staff will be via email to the address used to register your unit!*

VEHICLES AND PARKING

Vehicles will not be permitted beyond the main parking lot without permission from program staff. Cars should be parked neatly in the main parking lot located at 3 Marchant Road, Redding, CT. Please be courteous when parking to allow other vehicles to park, enter, and exit the parking area. No vehicles or trailers are permitted to be parked along the main camp road, or block the entrance to any gated entrance or entrance to any campsite. Troops should expect to carry their gear or use the yard carts at camp. Please return all yard carts after use to allow other troops to use them.

COOKING RECOMMENDATIONS

All safe handling and sanitization practices for preparing food should be rigorously observed, and mess kits and utensils should not be shared.

CAMPOREE EQUIPMENT LIST/SKILLS

Other than your personal gear or any other item that you want to carry, the following items are mandatory and must be with your Patrol at all times.

- *Patrol Flag*
- *Tote-n-Chip Card*
- *Firem'n Chit Card*
- *Water Bottle (Per Scout)*
- *Fire starting materials (matches, lighters, lint, shavings, tinder, etc.)*
- *Scouts will be required to make a Monkey Fist, rope will be supplied by the Camporee staff.*

Scouts are strongly encouraged to dress as a patrol representing a specific country or as an Olympic sporting team.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

We will be having an Awards and Campfire Program which will be held at the Hoyt Amphitheater. Each patrol will be asked to perform a song or skit. We will have sign-ups for this at registration.

**Event patches, ribbons and awards will be distributed at this time, so all units are encouraged to attend.*



*Immediately following the campfire, we will be showing the Saturday Night Movie -
Cool Runnings.*

CAMPOREE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

Registration 6:30-7:30pm Jackson Pavilion

9:00pm Scoutmaster SPL meeting Jackson Pavilion

10:00pm Quiet/Taps

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:00am to 8:30am Reveille / Breakfast

9:00am Opening Ceremony

9:30-10:15am Station Rotation

10:15-11:00am Station Rotation

11:00-11:45am Station Rotation

12:00-1:00pm Lunch

1:30-2:15pm Station Rotation

2:15-3:00PM Station Rotation

3:00-3:45PM Station Rotation

4:00-5:30pm Capture the Flag

6:00pm-7:15pm Dinner/Scouts Own at Camp Site

7:30-8:30pm Campfire Program/Awards

9:00pm Saturday Night Movie

11:00pm Quiet/Taps

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:00am to 8:30am Reveille/ Breakfast

9:00am Campsite Cleanup and Departure

**There is no formal programming on Sunday Morning.*

STATIONS

STATION 1: Find Your Lost Equipment

STATION 2: High "Knot" Jump

STATION 3: First Aid for Athletes

STATION 4: Olympic Triathlon

STATION 5: Build Your Olympic Mascot

STATION 6: Olympic Torch Relay

- Station locations will be announced at opening on Saturday morning.*
- All Scouts must be assigned to a patrol.*
- Each patrol will receive an order to go through the stations at opening on Saturday morning.*
- Patrols must remain in the station order provided.*

Camporee Special Instructions / Reminders

1. All Troops should arrive 15 minutes before the opening start time on Saturday morning.
2. Once a period begins, patrols **MUST** remain at their station until the allotted time periods ends.
3. Patrols who arrive at stations prior to their allotted time or behave in an un-Scout-like manner, may face disqualification and/or be asked to leave the event.
4. Be aware that there are 2 addresses for Hoyt Scout Reservation. Parking the camporee is in the main parking lot located at 3 Marchant Road, Redding, CT. Vehicles will not be permitted beyond the main lot.
5. Water is available at the yard hydrants near the Ranger Station and Jackson Pavilion. Dishes and utensils should only be washed in your campsite using approved methods, and not at a yard hydrant.
6. Fuel Use - See Guide to Safe Scouting.
7. No drugs or alcohol are permitted at BSA events. No exceptions.
8. Leave-No-Trace: Please use only BSA approved cooking methods (grills, stoves, etc.) or existing site fire rings, and properly dispose of trash and grey water.
9. All sites must be policed by your unit upon departure, and all trash must be packed out of the campsite, there is no dumpster at Hoyt.
10. **HAVE A GREAT TIME!**