



**Mt. LeConte District
2023 Spring Camporee
STEM-o-ree
April 28 - 30, 2023**

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

The Mt. LeConte District Activities and Civic Services Committee invites all Boy Scouts and Scouters to take part in the 2023 Spring Camporee at Camp Buck Toms in Rockwood, TN.

The Camporee will consist of several activities revolving around pioneering skills. These activities will be fun, challenging events for Scouts of all ages to participate and may be applicable for advancement. Patrol flags should be carried and displayed during the Morning Assembly and Activities.

The cost of the Camporee is \$15.00 per participant. This will cover the cost of the Camporee, a patch, camping and site usage fees, program supplies, and recognition. Preregistration is required and a form is included in this package.

The Camporee is limited to Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews only, but visitors are welcome on Saturday.

There will be a Saturday night campfire. Don't forget to bring blankets to sit on and flashlights. Parents and siblings are invited to attend the campfire.

The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities, events and individual behavior.

We look forward to a great weekend of camping.

As a reminder, this will be the only district camporee held this year, as we will all be at the [Council Camporee] in the fall.

Robbie Farmer
Chairman- Mt. LeConte 2023 Spring Camporee

Introduction

The camporee committee and numerous volunteers have spent many hours putting together your Camporee. We appreciate your comments, suggestions, and participation. Your feedback is vital in our continuous effort to give scouts a quality program each spring and fall.

The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities and individual behavior. We are the guests being allowed use of the property. Unit Leaders are urged to maintain discipline at the Unit level. The Outdoor Code and the rules of Low Impact Camping shall be observed at all times.

General Information

- Field Activity Uniform (formerly known as Class A) will be required for Campfire, Saturday evening's flag service, and Sunday morning's worship service. Troop activity (T-shirts) (formerly known as Class B) should be worn on Saturday morning to the Flag Ceremony and during the program activities.
- The Camporee will be held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the Unit Leader is responsible for the welfare of the Scouts in his/her charge.
- Campsite Inspections will occur on Saturday. Please note that each Patrol must have a posted Menu and Duty Roster to get full points.
- Patrol leaders will be responsible for the organization, participation, and spirit of the patrols.
- Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders should plan to attend the Friday Evening SM/SPL Meeting at Headquarters. At this meeting leaders will receive final details and any last minute changes. A Cracker barrel will immediately follow.
- Each Unit is responsible for removal of all trash from their campsite.
- First Aid services may be provided if injuries cannot be handled by the unit.

Rules and Regulations

- Two deep leadership is required at all times and one adult leader is required for each 10 camping scouts.
- Campfires are permitted unless fire restrictions are in effect. Sod is to be removed and replaced at the close of the Camporee.
- Scouts and Scouters are to be in and remain in campsites after Taps and until Reveille.
- Use only obvious, designated walking areas. Do not cut through another campsite without permission.
- Anyone responsible for the destruction of property will be subject to immediate dismissal, and the Unit will be held financially responsible.
- No stakes are to be left in the ground.
- No riding in trailers or pickup truck beds is permitted.
- Disorderly conduct, the use of controlled substances, and/or weapons or fireworks is prohibited and is grounds for immediate dismissal.
- Vehicles should remain parked throughout the Camporee. Park in the designated areas.
- Trailers **with the pulling vehicle only** are permitted in the campsites.
- Chemical fuels and propane must be used and properly stored in accordance with BSA policies.
- Any accidents, security problems, etc., must be reported to Headquarters as soon as possible.
- Units are to practice "Low Impact" camping while at the Camporee.
- Each unit will be allowed to bring their trailers into the camping field, weather permitting, but not any other vehicles.
- Pets are not allowed during the camporee.

Registration

To help with the planning of the Camporee, preregistration is required. A \$5.00 preregistration deposit (which will be applied to the final total cost for your Unit) is requested for each Scout and Adult planning to attend. While the preregistration is only an estimate, please be as accurate as possible. Deadline for the preregistration is April 21, 2023.

Final on-site registration will be accomplished at the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader's meeting on Friday Evening. Please have your paperwork and money in order before arrival to expedite registration as smoothly and quickly as possible. Units may begin arriving at 6PM.

Camping & Parking

Campsite sizes will be assigned by preregistration numbers. Therefore, in order to ensure adequate accommodations, you are encouraged to be as accurate as possible when submitting these numbers.

Vehicles in camp use up valuable space. Extra space for vehicles is not included in the space allocated for your unit. Equipment will need to be consolidated into as few vehicles as possible. **No vehicles will be allowed in the campsite area** except the tow vehicle without Headquarters permission (e.g., handicap situations, etc.). This includes during loading and unloading of equipment. It is highly recommended that all equipment be stored in the tow vehicle. All vehicles will be parked in the designated parking areas.

Headquarters

Headquarters will be set up in a central location. It will be open and manned throughout the weekend for registration, information, and checkout.

Headquarters will have information on:

- Where to go for first aid
- How to handle trash
- Lost and found
- Schedule of events
- Event locations

Mt. LeConte OA Chapter

Mt. LeConte OA will have sodas, candy bars, and other miscellaneous items for sale at their chapter store located at HQ. Additionally, the OA chapter will be running the Saturday evening campfire.

Religious Service

A Scout is Reverent. Chapel Service has been scheduled for Sunday morning at 9:00 am. The Camporee committee feels that participation at a religious service on a Scout outing is an important part of the BSA program. All participants are encouraged to attend the service.

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STEM-o-ree is the theme of the 2023 Spring Camporee. The 2023 Mt. LeConte Spring Camporee will be conducted around our camp where each patrol will engage in 6-8 separate events. It is strongly recommended that each scout carry a day pack with the ten essentials in them. In addition to the scout's ten essentials, all other supplies needed for a particular event will be provided at the event.

Competitive Events

The 2023 Mt. LeConte Spring Camporee will be conducted at Camp Buck Toms with multiple activities placed at various stations. Upon arrival at the Camporee, troops will be given directions to the location of the activities. It is recommended that each patrol carry a day pack with a pen and paper. All Scouts should carry a water bottle for hydration while participating in the events. The **Patrol Leader** is in charge of his/her patrol.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics are important life skills which have often been taught in scouting, but were seldom presented as it's focus. Our goal with this camporee is to explore some new scout skills, and to use old familiar ones in new ways.

The ever familiar scouting skills of communications, leadership, and critical thinking will serve you here much as they always have. To help you with this event, you might ponder the following list of questions, and think of similar ideas of your own:

- What makes a strong or sturdy structure, and how could I build one using my scouting skills?
- How can I keep myself safe in cyberspace?
- What's the best way to fold a paper airplane?
- How does a light switch work?
- Where does the water in my faucet come from?

Spirit Award

Judging for the Spirit Award is based on the demonstration of Scout Spirit by Scouts, Scouters, Patrols and the Troop as embodied in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and the Scout Slogan. The specific actions of each Scout need to be considered along with how well the Troop and the patrols work together. Important points to consider are the effectiveness of boy leadership in the patrol and how well the leaders set the example for the rest of the Troop. Some things to look for in judging the Troops are:

- Are they prepared for the event or activity?
- Did everyone participate in the event or activity?
- Do they work as an effective group?
- Are they properly uniformed?
- Do they show “esprit de corps”?
- Are all the scouts doing their part?
- Are the Scouts and their area clean?
- Are they on time?
- Are they having a good time?
- Is the Scout Law being followed?
- Was a GOOD TURN done?**
- Was the Outdoor Code followed?
- Did they follow Leave No Trace Principles?
- Were things done safely?
- Are they courteous to each other and to others? Were quiet times observed?
- Were the regulations of the Camporee followed?

Judging the positive aspects of each Unit is preferred. Negative aspects should be considered but not emphasized. Troop size is not a factor in judging Troops.

Trailblazer Award

The Trailblazer Award is a troop award given to the troop with the highest overall troop score. It is calculated by considering the following factors;

Patrol Events: The troop score for events is calculated by adding up all of the patrol scores for all of the patrols in the troop. This total is divided by the number of patrols participating in the troop to get a troop score. It is a straight average of the total patrol scores for the troop divided by the number of patrols.

Patrol Flags: The patrol flag consideration for the Tower award is different than the Patrol Flag competition. Patrols are scored on having a flag. The troop total for patrol flags has a maximum value of 100 points. If a troop has 4 patrols and 3 patrols have a flag the troop score would be 75, a troop with 4 patrols that has 4 flags would have a patrol flag score of 100.

Troop Attendance: Troops will be scored based on the percentage of registered scouts that they have participating in the camporee. A troop with 20 registered scouts and 20 scouts at the camporee will score a 100. A troop with 25 registered scouts and 18 attend camporee would have a troop attendance score of 72 points ($18/25 = 72$).

Campsite Inspection: The traditional campsite criteria will be included but following camporee rules will also be added. Troops who do not follow camporee rules will lose points on their campsite inspection. Any non-permitted vehicles in the campsite will result in a 10 point deduction per car on the campsite inspection score.

Patrol Tags: Returning patrol tags will not be an additional point score but patrols who do not turn in their patrol tags by 5:30PM on Saturday will lose 25 points from their patrol overall events score.

Venturing Crew Award

The Venturing Award will be awarded to the Crew with the highest overall score in the competitive events. It will be calculated as the highest overall points score for a single Crew, based on the same metrics as the Troop Award that is given to Troops.

Patrol Award

The Patrol Award is given to the single troop patrol with the highest overall score in the competitive events. It is calculated as the highest overall points score for a single patrol.

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Schedule

Friday

6:00 PM	Troops begin arriving
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Patrol Leaders Turn in Patrol Flags at HQ
9:00 PM	Scoutmaster / Senior Patrol Leaders Meeting (at HQ)
10:00 PM	Troop Meetings in Campsites
11:00 PM	Taps, Lights Out, QUIET

Saturday

7:00 AM	Reveille, Breakfast, Clean-Up
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Patrol Leaders Pick-Up Patrol Flags from HQ
8:45 AM	Flag Ceremony, Announcements
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Activities
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch, Clean-Up
1:00 PM – 4 PM	Activities
6:00 PM	Dinner, Clean-Up
8:00 PM	Campfire
11:00 PM	Taps, Lights Out, QUIET

Sunday

7:00 AM	Reveille, Breakfast, Clean-Up
9:00 AM	Religious Service
	Awards, Announcements
9:45 AM	Break Camp, Clean-Up, Check-Out
11:00 AM	Final Troops Depart

Campsite Inspection

Unit _____

Each Unit will start with 100 points. Deductions will come from the categories listed below. The maximum points deduction per category is shown.

*** Each patrol with maximum of 15 points deducted.**

	Points	Score
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Unit Identified (Flag Preferred)	5 PTS.	_____
Tennessee Flag (Displayed Properly)	10 PTS.	_____
US Flag (Displayed Properly)	10 PTS.	_____
Patrol Duty Roster Posted	5 PTS.	_____
Patrol Menu Posted	5 PTS.	_____
Food Properly Stored	5 PTS.	_____
Dishes/Utensils Clean & Stored	5 PTS.	_____
Chemical Fuels Stored Properly	5 PTS.	_____
When Wood Tools Present There Is An Axe Yard	10 PTS.	_____
First Aid Kit (One Per Troop Minimum) Out & In Sight	10 PTS.	_____
Fire Control (ABC Fire Extinguisher) Out & In Sight	10 PTS.	_____
Waste Management	10 PTS.	_____
Campsite Neat & Orderly		_____
Total Points Possible		100 PTS
Deductions for Cars in Campsite		10 PTS Each
		Total Score

**** Full size flags are preferred for maximum points.**

Mt. LeConte District - Camporee

Registration

Type of Unit: _____ Unit Number: _____

SPL: _____ JASM: _____

APL: _____ JASM: _____

APL: _____ JASM: _____

Patrol Name: _____ Patrol Name: _____

1. PL: _____ 1. PL: _____

2. APL: _____ 2. APL: _____

3. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 5. _____

6. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 7. _____

8. _____ 8. _____

Patrol Name: _____ Patrol Name: _____

1. PL: _____ 1. PL: _____

2. APL: _____ 2. APL: _____

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8. _____ 8. _____

SM: _____ COR: _____

ASM: _____ CC: _____

ASM: _____ CM: _____

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Total # of Scouts: _____ Total # of Scouters _____ Total # _____ Total \$ _____

Does Unit Have Insurance _____ Preregistration \$ _____

SM Signature: _____ Total \$: _____

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Preregistration Form

Troop Name _____

Number of Patrols _____

Number of Scouts _____

Number of Adult Leaders _____

Total Participants _____

Preregistration Deposit (\$5.00 per Scout and Adult) \$ _____

Total Deposit \$ _____

Number of Trailers staying at Camporee _____

Number of Vehicles staying at Camporee _____

Preregistration DEADLINE: April 21, 2023

Return this completed form along with the Preregistration Deposit to:

Great Smoky Mountain Council
Mt. Leconte 2023 Spring Camporee
P.O. Box 51885
Knoxville, TN 37950-1885
Attn: Patrick Finn