



Site: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

Address: 576 TN-360, Vonore, Tn 37885

Dates: September 25–27, 2026

2026 Camporee Vision:

We envision a Camporee so unique and so unforgettable – filled with unmatched scout spirit and the best of East TN Scouting – that it creates lasting memories,
which inspire Scouts to return, to contribute, and to lead future District Camporees!

2026 Camporee Goals:

1. **Scout-Led Event** – Empower youth leaders to provide a quality program .
2. **Increase Participation** – Grow both the number of units attending and overall attendance.
3. **Anderson County Inclusion** – Actively involve and engage Anderson County units with a special focus.
4. **Festive Events & Activities** – Redefine events to be easy for volunteers to organize and run.

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (SBM) is a privately owned facility that will remain open for business during our event. As a historic and open to the public site, it carries inherent risks, and maintaining safety, respect, and compliance with site rules is essential for a successful camporee.

Key Considerations:

- **Restricted Areas:** Due to the on-site business, certain areas will be off-limits at specific times. Leaders must ensure Scouts respect these boundaries.
- **Private Property:** SBM is not a public campground. All attendees must follow site rules and respect the facility, staff, and ongoing operations.
- **Facility Open to the Public:** SBM will remain open to the public throughout the event, meaning visitors, tour groups, and other guests may be present. Scouts and leaders should be mindful of public guests and represent Scouting well.
- **Strictly Directed Parking:** All Scout parking will be strictly managed, and units must follow designated parking instructions.
- **Leave No Trace & Campfire Guidelines:** – We are responsible for keeping the site in better condition than we found it and minimizing campfire impacts. Fire rings are not available, so all camping units must either:
 - Use a raised fire pan they bring with them, or
 - Create a minimal-impact fire that does not damage the ground and restores the sod. Proper ash removal is required.

Site Safety Rules:

1. **Buddy System:** Scouts must use the buddy system at all times, especially when moving between activity areas.
2. **No Unauthorized Entry:** Scouts and Scouters must not enter any buildings or restricted areas without permission.
3. **Respect Historic Artifacts:** Nothing should be moved, removed, or defaced within the historic site.
4. **Proper Footwear Required:** Due to uneven terrain and potential hazards, closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times.

By following these guidelines, we can ensure a safe, successful, and memorable camporee while preserving the integrity of this historic site.

CHEERFUL SCOUTING:

This Camporee is all about celebrating America's 250th birthday and our rich Scouting Heritage! During Saturday's activities, we encourage every Scout and Scouter to show their national pride. Those who are prepared may also participate in Saturday evening's parade ceremony.

Ways to Participate

- **Dress as a Historical Figure:** Channel famous American leaders or icons—like George Washington, Betsy Ross, Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, or Lady Liberty.
- **Show Your Scouting Heritage:** Dust off vintage Scouting uniforms, campaign hats, or legacy neckerchiefs representing past decades of Scouting.
- **Go All-Out Patriotic:** Bring out your red, white, and blue gear, July 4th party hats, bandanas, and patriotic outfits.
- **Decorate troop campsite:** Nice entrance, etc...

MEALS in GENERAL

It is recommended that Troop's encourage patrols to plan for nutritious meals that do not take a lot of time to prepare and clean up from. We want Scouts spending more time enjoying the festivities. We encourage scouts to be prepared and work on life skills, with that being said we have scheduled 1 hour for lunch (prepare, serve, cleanup) and will immediately resume afternoon activities.

SUNDAY INTERFAITH SERVICE:

An Interfaith Service is scheduled for Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Location: around the HQ flagpole. Please bring your own chairs.

The Camporee committee believes that participating in a "Duty to God" event during a Scout outing is an important part of the BSA program. An interfaith service is designed so that individuals from any faith background can participate and connect with the God of their understanding. It is not intended to combine all faiths or suggest that all faiths are the same, but rather to provide space for anyone to engage in a way that is personally meaningful.

All participants are encouraged to attend. Final awards for the weekend will be announced following the Interfaith Service on Sunday morning.

SUNDAY AWARDS CEREMONY

Immediately following the Sunday Interfaith Service, we'll hold the Camporee Awards Ceremony, celebrating the most successful and triumphant scouts and patrols from the weekend's activities. We hope you'll stick around! This is a great way to close out the weekend together, and you won't want to miss it.

A to Z : GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **Adult Supervision & Safety:**
 - a. Two-deep leadership is required at all times.
 - b. A minimum of one adult leader per 10 Scouts is required for camping.
2. **Campfires:**
 - a. Campfires are permitted unless fire restrictions are in effect.
 - b. No disturbing Mother Earth, all fire pits must be elevated. Do not destroy the soil.
 - c. Leave No Trace principles are always in effect – minimize your campfire impact.
3. **Campsite Etiquette:**
 - a. Stay in designated walking areas. Do not cut through other campsites without permission.
4. **Campsite Inspections:**
 - a. Because of the unique theme of this Camporee, campsite inspections will NOT be part of this season's Camporee.
 - b. However, great troops aren't just great at activities – they're great neighbors. Make your campsite an example of Scout spirit. We won't be doing formal inspections, but Staff will be observing factors such as: cleanliness, order, obedience to quiet hours, courteousness, kindness, axe yard safety, etc.
5. **Cell Service:**
 - a. AT&T and US Cellular seem to work well.
 - b. Be advised that Verizon and Sprint coverage may be spotty.
6. **Emergency & Security:**
 - a. Any accidents, security issues, or other concerns should be reported to Headquarters immediately.
7. **Emergency Medical Services:**
 - a. Urgent care: (9.5 mi)
 - i. Fast Pace Primary Care
 - ii. 4008 US-411, Madisonville, TN 37354
 - iii. Phone: (423) 427-2402
 - iv. Fri: 8am - 8pm, Sat: 8am - 6pm, Sun 1 - 5pm
 - b. Emergency rooms: (17.4 mi)
 - i. Sweetwater Hospital Association ER
 - ii. 304 Church st, Sweetwater, TN 37874.
 - iii. Phone (865) 213-8200
 - iv. Hours: 24/7
8. **First Aid:**
 - a. First Aid services may be available for injuries that cannot be handled by the unit.
9. **Fuel & Equipment:**
 - a. Chemical fuels and propane must be used and stored in accordance with BSA policies.
10. **Hydration:**

- a. Units are responsible for making sure their patrols have easy access to drinking water. (See the "Water" section for refill details.)
- b. Every Scout and adult should carry a refillable water bottle or canteen at all times. Hydration breaks should be frequent and encouraged.
- c. In keeping with Leave No Trace principles, single-use plastic water bottles are discouraged. Please use refillables to reduce waste and model "conservation-minded" behavior.

11. Leadership Responsibilities:

- a. Patrol Leaders are responsible for organizing their patrol, encouraging participation, and fostering Scout spirit.
- b. Youth Leaders (SPL, ASPL, etc.) and Adult Unit Leaders should attend the Friday night Leadership Meeting for final details and last-minute updates.

12. Low-Impact Camping:

- a. Units are expected to practice "Leave No Trace" principles throughout the Camporee.

13. Pets:

- a. Pets are not allowed at the Camporee.

14. Portable Toilets:

- a. Portable toilets (1 per 20 participants) will be available at the Camporee site.
- b. Additional porta-potties, for your Troop, will be available for an additional cost of \$90 during registration signups.
- c. Out of respect and kindness SBM restrooms should not be used Friday, Saturday during normal business hours, nor Sunday morning.

15. Property & Conduct:

- a. Any destruction of property will result in immediate dismissal, and the Unit will be held financially responsible.
- b. No stakes should be left in the ground.
- c. No riding in trailers or the beds of pickup trucks is allowed.
- d. Disorderly conduct, use of controlled substances, weapons, or fireworks is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal

16. Reregistration & pre-registration:

<https://scoutingevent.com/557-MLCFALLCAMPOREE2026>

- a. The cost of the Camporee is \$20.00 per participant, both for youth scouts and adult scouters.
- b. This fee includes the cost of the Camporee, a patch, camping and site usage fees, program supplies, and recognitions.
- c. Make checks payable to Great Smoky Mountain Council, Mt. Le Conte 2026 Fall Camporee, Attn: Patrick Finn P.O. Box 51885, Knoxville, TN 37950-1885

17. Trash:

- a. Each Unit is responsible for removing all trash from their campsite. Be prepared to transport home if necessary.

18. Uniforms:

- a. Field Activity Uniform (a.k.a. Class A) is required for the Friday Night Leaders Meeting, Saturday evening campfire event (unless in costume for thematic reasons), and Sunday morning Interfaith service.
- b. Activity Uniform (Troop T-shirts, a.k.a. Class B) may be worn Saturday morning for the Flag Ceremony and throughout Saturday's program activities.

19. Vehicles & Trailers:

- a. Vehicles must remain parked in designated areas throughout the Camporee.
- b. Weather permitting, units may bring trailers into the camping field.
- c. Only Troop trailer(s) and attached pulling vehicle(s) are allowed in campsites, and they must remain parked for the duration of the event.
- d. No other vehicles are allowed in campsites.

20. Visitors:

- a. The Camporee events are limited to Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships, but visitors are welcome on Saturday, including the Campfire event.
- b. Visitors must check in at Staff HQ and must check out upon exit.
- c. Visitors must park in designated areas at the Camping Field. Visitors may not drive or park inside the fence, nor park at the SBPM.

21. Water:

- a. A water source is unfortunately located near the amphitheater and not close to our campsites. Bring a hand cart or wagon for transporting water jugs back to fill site. We will have a designated vehicle to bring jugs back to campsites.
- b. Friday evening: units should bring their own supply for Friday evening. Water might not be available on-site by Friday night.
- c. Saturday and Sunday: Water will be available on-site starting Saturday; Location: amphitheater.

22. Weather:

- a. The Camporee will be held rain or shine, up to the point of hazardous or life-threatening storms.
- b. In case of hazardous weather, Unit Leaders are responsible for the welfare of their Scouts.
- c. Follow your BSA Hazardous Weather Training: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/weather-related-safety/>
- d. Designated emergency shelters will be described once on-site, at the Friday night leaders meeting

LEADERS GUIDE SCHEDULE		
Time	Event	Location
Thursday		
TBD, Daytime hours	Staff prep and camp set up, establish campsites, set safety barriers, etc.	SBM
Friday		
5:00 PM	Check In Opens, units begin to arrive	Gate HQ, main pavilion
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Establish camps	Camping Field
9:00 PM	Friday Night Leadership Meeting	Gate HQ or Event Pavilion
10:00 PM	Unit Meetings in Campsites	Camping Field
11:00 PM	Taps, Lights Out, QUIET	Camping Field
Saturday		
6:00 AM	Reveille	Camping Field
6:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast, Clean-Up	Camping Field
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Flag Ceremony, Announcements	HQ Flagpole
8:30 - 9:00	Patrol flag activity	Main Pavillion
9:00 - 12:00 Noon	Camporee Activities	• Activity Field(s)
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch, Clean-Up	Campsites
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Camporee history challenge	Amphitheatre
2:30 - 6:00 PM	Activities and open games	Activity field
5:00	Chaplains Aides Meeting	HQ Flagpole
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Campsite troop muster and Dinner	Troop Campsites
8:30 - 9:45 PM	Evening Campfire:	Amphitheatre
10:00 PM	Campsite troop muster	Troop campsites
11:00 PM	Taps, Lights Out, QUIET	Campsites
Sunday		
6:00 AM	Reveille	Camping Field
6:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast, Clean-Up, Break Camp	Campsites
9:00 AM	Interfaith Service and Final Awards	HQ Flagpole
10:30 AM	Break Camp, Clean-Up, Check-Out	Campsites
10:30 AM	CAMPOREE EVENT OFFICIALLY ENDS;	Campsites

ACTIVITIES & CHALLENGES (we need troops to step up prior to showing up, please reach out to us and volunteer to lead an event, ASAP. We can encourage other leaders to help staff your event so you are not stuck there the whole day. WE HAVE SET A DEADLINE TO SIGNUP FOR 8/28/2026)

1. **America's pastime freeplay(baseball):** *actually, it will be wiffleball or Kickball to minimize injury and the need for equipment*
One of America's most traditional games! Each scout is welcome to play. Will have an open game available for all to play.
 - a. Leading troop (TBD) will help with rules and supervision
 - b. All wanting to play will have an opportunity
 - c. Basically, you get to bat then rotate through various positions
2. **Grace challenge**
 - a. Leading Troop 946 will help with rules and supervision
 - b. 2-scout event to complete some course challenges
 - c. Team awards will be acknowledged
 - d. This is an older game played during the early American years. It is a hoop with 2 sticks that can be propelled through the air.
 - e. Furthest distance, most consecutive catches (over a specific distance), etc...
3. **Camporee Patrol Flag Creation Station:**
 - a. Leading troop (camporee staff)
 - b. Using the materials provided and the very specific requirements given, create a custom patrol flag for your patrol to rally under during the event. Is it just for this weekend.
 - c. Patrols will be required to bring their own pole, no more than approximately 6 feet tall and 1/12 inches round. They will also need to bring materials required to attach their flag to the pole.
 - d. We are looking for unique and American/Scout themed creations
4. **Honor guard and flag ceremony training**
 - a. Leading Troop 46 will be offering their services to all Scouts and Scouters on how to do flag ceremonies.
 - b. This is a great opportunity for younger scouts who do not know how to do it.
 - c. Additionally, for troops who don't currently include flag ceremony in their opening and closing.
5. **Scout and American history Challenge**
 - a. Leading Troop 246 will be hosting this fun, fast paced Camporee main event following lunch.
 - b. Patrols will compete against each other to test their knowledge.
 - c. Scouters may enter as one team and Scout Masters may enter as a team.
6. **Possible tomahawk throwing station**
 - a. Leading troop ?
 - b. This event is awaiting a troop to volunteer leading it

- c. Please contact Roy Fentermaker, Patrick Finn or Brian Light if your troop is willing to lead this event.
- d. Materials, equipment and qualified RATA personnel may be available upon request.
- e. Individual awards should be awarded. Most accurate(total points), bullseye's club (anyone hitting a bullseye's (could be a sticker), be creative with award opportunities

7. Scavenger hunt/Bingo card

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SPIRIT OF THE DISTRICT

Specific honors will recognize individual scouts, patrols and troops who embody the full power of the Scout Oath and Law.

Judging will be based on your demonstration of Scout Spirit: as individuals, as patrols, and as a full unit. Think teamwork. Think leadership. This isn't about campsite inspections or uniforms, it's about energy, participation, attitude, and showing up ready to bring the best of the Scouting ideals to the mission at hand.

Judges will be keeping an eye out for the following throughout the weekend:

- Did the patrols come prepared?
- Did all members participate in each mission?
- Was there unity and teamwork, even under pressure?
- Were they in uniform when appropriate – or even better, in uniform with style?
- Did the patrol show patrol spirit and identity
- Were Scouts helpful, courteous, and clean – in both actions and area?
- Were they on time? Did they hustle when needed?
- Did they look like they were having a blast (even while following the rules)?
- Were good turns and kind actions clearly visible throughout the mission?
- Was safety always a top priority?
- Did they practice Leave No Trace and care for their surroundings?
- Did the patrols respect quiet hours and keep the peace

In short: Did they bring the right energy to help this Camporee reach it's goals? This award is about positivity and spirit, not perfection. Troop size is not a factor – it's all about how you show up and lift each other up

