

TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL
2023 FALL CAMPOREE

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1, 2023



LEADER'S GUIDE

Please note that as we get closer to the event this guide will change. It will be updated as our circumstances and program evolve. Please check the website regularly to make sure that you are up to date and also follow us on social media.

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Every two years we gather for a celebration of Scouting. We hope that you will find this year's event to be just as fun and exciting as the previous Twin Rivers Council Camporees. This time we gather at the Washington County Fairgrounds located in Greenwich NY.

Our theme this year is *Off to Neverland*. This theme evokes the never grow old spirit of J.M. Barrie's novel *Peter Pan*. Our founder Baden Powell (BP) mentions J.M. Barrie in *Scouting for Boys: A Handbook for Instruction in Good Citizenship*. His favorite play was J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, which he saw several times while planning Scouting for Boys. He had so great an enthusiasm for Peter Pan that he named his son "Peter". It is from this connection we draw upon our theme. Peter Pan would take on grand and exciting adventures. From September 29-October 1, our scouts from throughout the council (and beyond) will come together for fun, games, and great food and adventure that is sure to not disappoint.

We want to thank all of the volunteers whose efforts have made this weekend's events possible. Without their time, talents, and dedication, an event like this would not be possible.

We hope that each of you — Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Explorers — are planning to join us at the camporee, and we look forward to seeing everyone there. If you have any questions or suggestions, or would like to volunteer on staff, please do not hesitate to reach out. Please contact us at vpprogram@trcscouting.org

Thank you and see you in Neverland!

Yours in Scouting,

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Co-Chair of Camporee Program

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Co-Chair of Camporee Program

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Vice President of Program

Drew Chesney
Council Commissioner

Tyler Henderson
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Scouts BSA/Venturing Registration

Units may begin arriving at 5:00 pm on Friday night. Since we must wait until we have volunteers in place to receive units, units are not allowed to arrive early. If they do, they will not be allowed to set up until we are ready. No exceptions.

Upon entering the fairground gates, you will be greeted by staff with clipboards who will ask you for your unit number and district. They will notify you of the location of your sub-camp, and then direct you to parking. From the parking area you will then proceed to your sub-camp and meet your sub-camp staff.

The sub-camp staff will provide you with the location of your campsite. The sizes of the campsites will be based on the registration numbers that are provided by September 25th at 11:59 pm, when registrations are due.

How do you register? **ALL** registrations must be submitted online. Go to:

<https://scoutingevent.com/364-70296>

Follow the link to register your units and individual participants, as well as to purchase tickets to the optional chicken BBQ dinner on Saturday night.

Registration fees are as follows:	<u>Normal Fee</u>	<u>Late Fee 9/18</u>
Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers	\$25 per person	\$35 per person
Cub Scouts (overnight)	\$25 per person	\$35 per person
Adults	\$20 per person	\$30 per person
Chicken BBQ (Saturday night)	\$15 per person	-----
Event Staff	\$15 per person	-----

Pre-registration is required for all participants. We reserve the right to refuse entry to any unit or individual attempting to register after September 25th. In order to provide a final count no BBQ tickets will be sold after September 18th.

For any participants that are only participating in the camporee on Saturday (9/30), there will be a walk-in fee of \$25. It will apply to youth or adults of any program.

Cub Scout Registration

Packs who have registered to stay overnight Friday night must be staying with a troop. It is up to the pack and troop to work out those arrangements ahead of time. Reference Scouts BSA Registration above.

Packs and Cub Scout families may begin to arrive on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. Formal registration will run until 10:00 am, however someone will be available to handle arrivals outside of that time frame. In addition to having their own dedicated program areas, Cub Scouts are welcome to enjoy the entire event. All programs will begin at 9:00 am.

Packs who have registered to stay overnight Saturday will be shown to their campsite by the sub camp staff. Packs are given several options: day visit only, staying with a troop, or staying on their own as a unit. If you are staying with a troop, it is up to the pack and troop to work out those arrangements ahead of time.

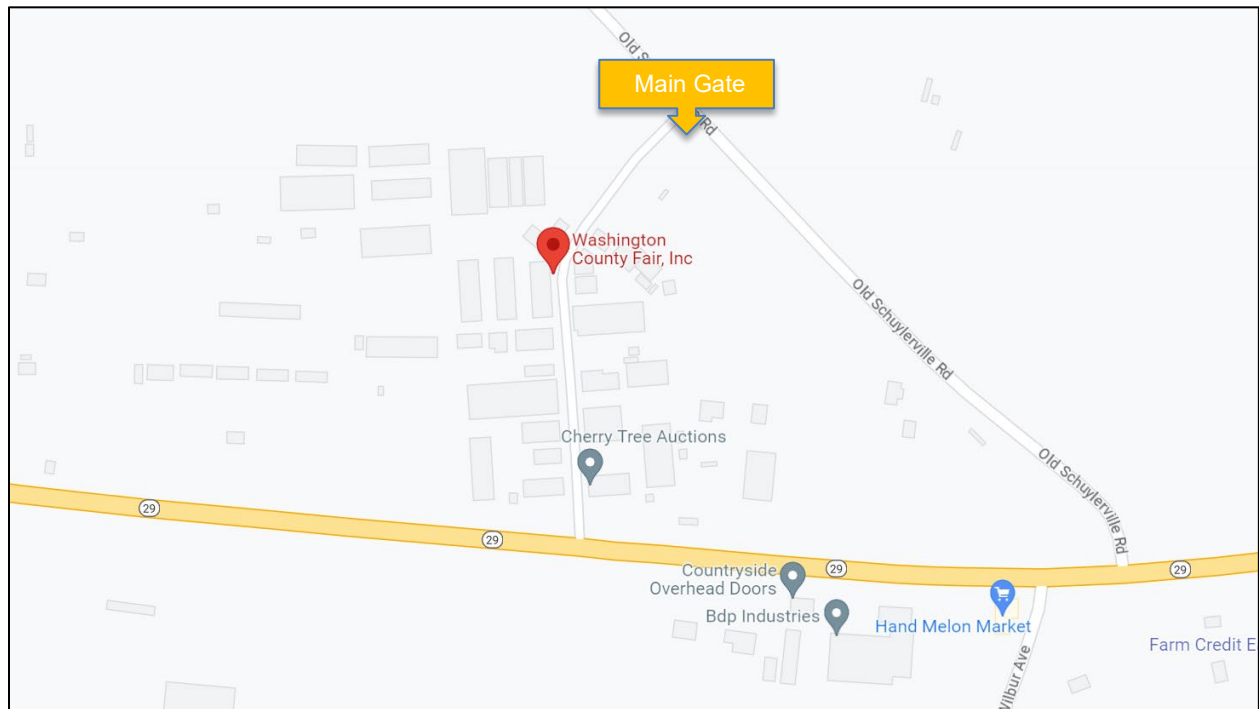
All units will be provided with an updated event packet upon arrival. It will include schedules, patches, BBQ tickets, and wristbands. Wristbands must be worn in order to participate in the programs on Saturday.

Gate Entry & Parking

Scout and Venturing units arriving on Friday night should use the main gate, accessible via the Main Gate on **Old Schuylerville Road**.

Cub Scout day participants and Saturday visitors are asked to park and enter through Main Gate, accessible via **Old Schuylerville Road**. Cub Scouts staying overnight Saturday may enter through parking lot off Route 29 and will be directed to their district sub-camp.

Parking will be similar to previous council camporees. Units will not be allowed to drive to their site. They will not be allowed to keep their trailer in their site.



Event Information/Communication

There will be no adult leader/SPL meeting on Friday night. The logistics of settling all the participants arriving throughout the evening make this impossible. However, we will use several tools to keep everyone informed. This guide is the first step in that process. We will keep the website updated with all the information we have as well. When you are onsite, at the event, here are three ways we will keep everyone informed.

REMIND: We will be using a program called "Remind" to communicate through text messaging. To join, follow this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/trc364> (QUINN CHECKING)

X (FORMERLY KNOW AS TWITTER): @trcscouting

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/twinriversbsa/>

EVENT HASHTAG: #offtoneverlandTRC

Money

Scouts and Scouters should plan to bring cash. There will be vendors at the trade-o-ree selling scouting memorabilia as well as several food vendors. The Fairgrounds does have a couple of ATM's located on the grounds.

Medical Information

Medical forms (Parts A & B) are required for this event. They must be collected and secured by the unit leader. We will have a full event medical staff on site for the weekend, located in the "Medical Building."

Water

Water will be onsite and available for all units. Multiple water spigots are located throughout the campsites. Units are to arrive with enough water for the first night to help alleviate any congestion in an already busy area.

Campfires

Ground fires are **not** permitted on site at the camporee. Above ground fires, including cooking stoves, are permitted in the campsites. Untreated firewood can only be brought if it was obtained within 50 miles of the Washington County Fairgrounds. If not, it must be heat treated pursuant to NYS DEC regulations

Finding Help/Staff Assistance

Throughout the event there will be various locations to find assistance or to get answers to your questions. In the camping area, each sub-camp will have a point of contact that you will meet when you arrive. Throughout the program the staff will be circulating around the fairgrounds wearing hi-vis vests to assist you with anything that you may need.

Uniforms

Class A uniforms are expected for the evening events. The rest of the time, activity shirts are expected. This event will be open to guests and visitors, so we must look our best!

Council BBQ and Event Meals

We have contracted with a local fire department to cater an optional dinner on Saturday night. All proceeds go to benefit the fire department. The meal will include:

One half chicken, Baked potato, Cole slaw, Roll with butter, Cookie, Beverage, Paper package (containing utensils, napkin, pepper, and salt)

The cost for the dinner is \$15.00 and we will be starting dinner immediately following program late Saturday afternoon. The schedule provided that week will have the most up to date information. The serving location will be at Fire Department building listed on the map.

We will have a limited number of tables for eating and also will have garbage cans available.

Units are encouraged to prepare quick and easy meals for the weekend so that they do not have to be "tied" to the campsites during the event.

Vendors

Food vendors will be onsite throughout the day on Saturday, offering a range of tasty options, including traditional "fair food."

Trade-o-ree

There will be an on-site Trade-o-ree selling patches, and special Camporee event collectable CSPs.

Checkout

The “official” end of the camporee program is Saturday evening after the movie. Units are free to pack up and head out at their earliest convenience on Sunday morning. Support services will be available until Sunday at 11:00 am. All units are expected to be out by that time.

Units are expected to check out of their sub-camp with the sub-camp staff.

If a unit plans to check out earlier than Sunday morning, they are asked to inform the event staff at the time of registration so that appropriate plans can be made.

Packs and individual Cub Scout families who are only participating for the day on Saturday may depart when they are ready. No formal checkout is needed.

Fairgrounds

The Fairgrounds are open to scouts for this camporee. No other events are occurring during this time. However, the fairgrounds have requested participants stay out of the riding arena.

Bicycles

New to the camporee will be bicycles. Participants may bring their bicycle to ride to various program areas. Participants must wear a helmet while riding their bicycle. Any person acting dangerously while on their bicycle will lose the privilege of riding for the remainder of the camporee.

Rules to Camp By

1. We are Scouts. The Oath and Law will be followed at all times.
2. Low impact camping guidelines will be followed at all times.
3. No vehicles will be allowed to travel around the event without permission from the event staff.
4. Leave the facility better than you found it.
5. Trash: Carry in, Carry Out
6. Campfires and cooking fires must be contained and elevated above ground.
7. If you are not sure you should be doing something, don't do it! Ask!
8. No alcohol or drugs are permitted on site for the duration of the event.
9. Smoking must follow the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Camporee Schedule

(TENTATIVE)

A finalized schedule will be provided during check-in. This is just to give you a rough idea. Follow us on REMIND or X (Formerly known as TWITTER) for the latest updates.

Friday

9:00 am Event staff arrival and set up
4:00 pm Sub-camp staff meeting (Location TBA)
5:00 pm Unit/Participant arrival and registration
Welcome briefing at sub-camp as units arrive
6:00 pm Trade-o-ree opens
10:00 pm Staff Cracker Barrel
11:00 pm Lights Out

Saturday

7:30 am Reveille and Breakfast in sites
8:00 am Cub Scout Pack arrival and registration begins (though 10:00 am)
9:00 am Program begins and Trade-o-ree opens
12:00 pm Lunch and Silent Auction at Trade-o-ree starts
1:00 pm Program starts up again
3:00 pm Trade-o-ree ends
4:30 pm Program ends
5:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Religious Services
8:30 pm Movie
11:00 pm Lights Out

Sunday

8:00 am Units begin to depart / Camporee staff begins take down of remaining areas
11:00 am All units must be departed by now / Camporee staff begins final review of the area

Program Summary

The 2023 Twin Rivers Council Fall Camporee will highlight the fun and excitement of the Scouting program and provide a great opportunity for fellowship and community engagement. Exhibits and displays located around the fairgrounds will provide resources and information about a range of Scouting opportunities. Most of all, the program has been designed for everyone to have a great time.

We are working collaboratively with various organizations, businesses, agencies, and Scouting groups to organize a diverse and engaging program.

Please note that the following program summary is ever changing. We have commitments from many individuals and groups, but things do happen, and changes may be necessary. We are continuing to recruit additional partners and add program, so check back often for the latest information.

Scheduled Program Highlights Include:

- Scouting Heritage Merit Badge & Collections Merit Badge (Interested Scouts should bring evidence of their required collection)
- Trade-o-ree
- Chili Cook Off
- Pirate Ship Regatta
- Twin Rivers Council Scouting Heritage Display
- Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Trout Unlimited – Fly Fishing Activities
- Evening Cracker Barrel for Adult Leaders
- Wildlife and Conservation Displays
- Bounce House
- Video Game Trailer
- Orienteering Course
- Team Building Events
- Water Balloon Sling Shot
- Ax Throwing
- Drone Obstacle Course
- Indoor BB Gun Range
- Indoor Archery Range
- Shooting Sports Program for Cub Scouts (archery, bb, and sling shots)
- Music from Local Radio
- Evening Movie

Many more program elements will be confirmed and announced prior to the Camporee. Check back often for the latest updates...