



Feeding Frenzy

**Frontier District and Muskogee District
Camporee
February 21-23, 2025**

GENERAL INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

If you have any questions concerning the camporee, please call Camporee Chairman David Lewis at (334) 546-0656 or email at dlewis@prattvillemca.org

Directions to Camporee Site: This year's location for the joint Frontier and Muskogee District Camporee is at Camp Hobbs located off County Road 40 in Pine Level. The address for Camp Hobbs is 2021 Camp Tukabatchee Road, Prattville, AL 36067.

Theme: The theme for this year's camporee is "*Feeding Frenzy*" Camporee events will focus on using basic Scout skills (Tenderfoot thru First Class and Cooking and First Aid Merit Badge) to build leadership and communication skills within Scout patrols and will be centered around Cooking, Menu and Food Preparation. Each Scout in the patrol will be required to participate in the competitions. No Adults will be permitted to help Scouts as they compete in the competitions. Adult assistance may be cause for disqualification of the patrol in the event.

Equipment: Each patrol will be expected to have at least one **Scout Handbook**. Scouts may find a **Scout Fieldbook** useful as well. The scouts will need to be prepared to carry these throughout the patrol competitions that they will compete in during the day. There may be a need for these in one or more of the competitive events in the morning. **Patrols will need to have the following items available with them during the competition period:**

- Notebook/Paper, and a writing utensil.
- A backpack/bag with the Scouting 10 Essentials
- At least one patrol member with a Totin' Chip and one with a Firem'n-Chit

Patrol Method: Patrols are the building blocks of a Scout troop. A patrol is a small group, typically 5 – 8 scouts who are similar in age, development, and interests. Working together as a team, patrol members share responsibility for the patrol's success. They gain confidence by serving in positions of patrol leadership. All patrol members enjoy the friendship, sense of belonging, and achievements of the patrol and of each of its members.

What's at Stake? Quite simply, bragging rights. Each troop from the Frontier District will be competing for the coveted Golden Skillet, Spirit Axe, and the highly sought-after **BLUE PIG!** Each troop from the Muskogee District will be competing

for the Best Overall Troop Award and the Troop Spirit Award. Does your troop have the knowledge, skill, stamina, and intestinal fortitude to earn one of these valuable awards?

Registration: Early bird registration opens January 10, 2025, and closes February 7, 2025. Troops that register during this period will receive a \$1.00 discount per participant. This will help us plan for the weekend and make our job easier. **NO MONEY will be collected until onsite check in at Camp Hobbs on February 21, 2025. To qualify for the \$1.00 discount, we must have a complete list (see attached registration form) of all adult leaders and Scouts camping with each troop prior to the close of early bird registration. Registration forms may be faxed to David Lewis' attention at (334) 361-0569 or emailed to dlewis@prattvillemca.org. Two deep leadership will be required for all units as prescribed by Youth Protections Standards.** Please be prepared to register your Scouts at the Registration Tent on Friday the 21st, by patrol using the attached registration form. This will speed up the registration process and allow you to get to your campsite sooner. You will need **TWO COPIES** of the registration form at registration. One will be turned in and you will need to keep one. You will be directed to your campsite upon completion of the registration process and payment of fees.

Cost: A **\$16.00 fee (see discount available above in registration inst.)** will be collected from each Scout and adult leader. This fee covers the cost of a Camporee patch, awards, and materials not donated to run the event.

Insurance and Medical Form: BSA requires that each troop have insurance. For more information, contact the Council Service Center, or Tim Killough, Assistant Scout Executive at (334) 262-2697. **Each troop will ensure they have a copy of a current BSA Medical Form Parts A&B (signed by a parent, for the Scout) for each participant. These will be kept by the Scoutmaster for their reference and for use by the Camporee Medic/and or Medical Staff in the event of an emergency.**

Photo Release Forms: The possibility exists that we will have newspapers/reporters present at the camporee, and there may be photographers on site. Please make sure to have a signed release for the publishing of any photos in the event pictures of scouts are to be published. **The release form from the front of the BSA medical form is adequate.**

First Aid: Each troop should bring their own first aid kit to handle minor problems. For more serious situations, please report to the staff headquarters area. Should a Scout or Adult develop ANY COVID SYMPTOMS during the camporee, please notify the Camporee Director David Lewis or Camporee Medic, Joe Rightmyer immediately. Please alert parents that should this happen, they will be called and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible.

Meals: Meals will be the responsibility of each troop. Troops are encouraged to bring a sack dinner Friday evening. The Saturday meal plan will be hot-cold-hot. The schedule allows ample time for cooking meals Saturday morning and evening; however, each troop/patrol will need to prepare a quick lunch on Saturday as there will only be one hour allotted for lunch. Breakfast on Sunday may be hot or cold at the troop's preference. There will be a Scoutmaster/SPL meeting and Cracker Barrell on Friday night and an Adult Leader Cracker Barrell on Saturday night following the campfire.

Scoutmaster Hospitality Area: There will be a Scoutmaster Hospitality Area, hosted by the District Commissioner, Joe Rightmyer. There will be plenty of hot coffee, drinks, and snacks available throughout the event.

Parking: Troops will be permitted one vehicle and **ONE** troop trailer which may stay at the campsite, as long as they remain parked for the weekend. All other vehicles will need to be parked in the designated camporee parking area. Only one vehicle will be allowed in the camping area, and it must be parked for the duration of the event. The troop may elect to leave a tow vehicle attached to their trailer, but in doing so you may be giving up valuable space as allocated campsites are limited in size.

Water: **LIMITED** water will be available at the camporee site, however, please fill your water containers **before** arriving at the camporee and instruct Scouts to use water sparingly.

Trash: **Each troop has the responsibility to collect, remove, and dispose of all trash from their respective campsite.** Dumpsters will not be provided. If you bring it in, please remove it and dispose of it at home. This includes all gateway materials and firewood.

Holes: We will **NOT** be permitted to dig any holes in the camping area. This includes fire pits or holes for gateways. Please prepare accordingly.

Latrines: There are bathroom facilities available at the camporee site. These will be marked appropriately for youth and adults designated by male and female. As per YPT standards, Youth will need to use the restrooms assigned to them by gender, and Adults will need to do the same. Leaders will need to remind your unit's adults and Scouts to be respectful of the facilities and to clean up after themselves. A Scout is CLEAN.

Troop sites: Please plan to have an adult in your campsite at all times. The Camporee staff will not be responsible for troop or personal gear. Fires will not be left unattended. Two-deep leadership will be required for each troop according to The Guide to Safe Scouting. Please note that Hammock camping may not be available, depending on campsite location. Campsites will be assigned randomly at check-in and there is no guarantee of appropriate space to hang a hammock. Please plan accordingly to have ample tent coverage per YPT guidelines. Holes cannot be dug to erect post to suspend a hammock from.

Leadership patrols: Troop leadership patrols (SPL, ASPL, etc.) will not participate as a patrol. Youth Troop leadership should be split into other patrols, if they wish to compete in the patrol events.

Uniforms: The Scout Field Uniform will be worn at all assemblies, chapel service, and campfire programs. There will be a uniform inspection competition (20% of Camporee Judging) prior to the Flag Assembly on Saturday morning. Please see instructions in this syllabus for the specific requirements that will be judged in the Uniform Inspection.

Fires: There will be no open hole fire pits or fires allowed to be built on bare ground. Please come prepared with a raised fire pit or burn barrel if your troop will desire a campfire. The Camporee staff will not furnish firewood. Each troop should bring firewood, charcoal, and/or stoves for cooking. At the end of the Camporee, any remaining burned or unburned materials must be removed from the site. All unused firewood must be removed at the end of the camporee weekend. In the event of high winds or drought conditions, a **no fire** order may be extended by the

camporee director. ****PLEASE BE PREPARED WITH A RAISED FIRE PIT OR BURN BARRELL IF YOUR TROOP WILL DESIRE A CAMPFIRE.**

Skills: The patrol competitions on Saturday are designed to give each scout the opportunity to use the skills learned in Scouting. Each event is, generally, designed to be a timed event and must also be completed in a fixed period. Each Scout should find that they are able to contribute in some fashion during the events, no matter rank, age, or physical ability. Each Patrol should have a Scout handbook at the camporee and a Scout Fieldbook may also be helpful. They should carry these with them throughout the competition. Knowledge (and possession) of the Scouting 10 Essentials. The skills each Scout should know which may be included in the competitive events include: Basic knots (square knot, two half-hitches, clove hitch, taught-line hitch, timber hitch) through First Class; Lashings (square, diagonal, shear, tripod, flagpole, round but particularly the tripod) through First Class; There will be a particular focus on Cooking Merit Badge requirements (2 & 5), particularly Nutrition, Menu Planning and Budgeting for a menu; First Aid for cooking related injuries as indicated by First Aid MB and Cooking MB, as well as First Aid and Cooking requirements through 1st Class; Identification of cooking spices and herbs by sight, smell and potential uses of these; Basic sustainable fire building and starting methods to ignite a campfire, as well as how to boil water using a campfire; Proper use of a backpacking stove and how to properly cook a pancake. These specific skills, along with teamwork, creativity, Scout Spirit, and communication will be essential to competing in Camporee events. Each scout must have a Totin' chip and Fireman chit at all times.

The Afternoon Event will be a Patrol Pioneering Event using the information detailed in this syllabus (see attachment titled Table Building Competition) for a camporee wide competition. This will feature the lashing construction of a load bearing table and creativity challenge that each patrol will compete in.

Judging: The criteria for judging the best overall troop in each district will be broken down as follows:

Uniform Inspection	20%
Campsite Inspection	20%
Competitive Events	60%

The guidelines for uniform inspection and campsite inspection are attached to this syllabus.

Gateways: Gateways and camp gadgets may be constructed onsite by the youth of the troop. This will be a line item in the Campsite Inspection. Construction of camp gadgets, gateways, fences, etc. by adults will be cause for disqualification during the campsite inspection.

***Gateways and camp gadgets must adhere to the following:

- Please do not use a rope fence (i.e. rope off your area) around the perimeter of your campsite. A rope fence may be used for the Axe Yard but should be properly marked for safety in the dark.
- No adult labor (except for a previously made sign)
- Must be constructed using proper BSA lashings and knots
- All materials must be brought in by the troop and must be removed by the troop at the end of the Camporee
- Flags must be properly displayed
- Absolutely** no holes may be dug in the construction of your gateway, thus they must be free standing and self-supported.
- All materials completely packed down at the end of the Camporee and disposed of off-site.

Campfire & OA Callout: Parents are encouraged and invited to attend the campfire program and Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony taking place Saturday night. Questions about **OA elections** can be directed to **Frontier District OA Chapter Adviser Robert Schodorf** at 334-549-5501 or by email at trp19scouter@yahoo.com or **Muskogee District OA Chapter Adviser Russell Martin** at 334-451-0486 by email at russman3375@gmail.com.

Schedule of Events
(Subject to change)

Friday, February 21, 2025

- 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Troop check-in at Registration Tent by SM and campsite setup
- 9:00 p.m. SM/SPL meeting & Cracker Barrel in Staff area
- 10:30 p.m. Taps (troops may continue to work *quietly* on their campsites)

Saturday, February 22, 2025

- 6:00 a.m. Reveille
- 7:15 a.m. Uniform Inspection at the flagpole
- 7:45 a.m. Posting of the Colors & Announcements
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:50 p.m. Morning Patrol Competition
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch in campsite
- 1:30 p.m. Assembly for Afternoon Camporee Wide Event
- 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Afternoon Camporee Wide Event/Campsite Inspection
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Free Time
- 5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Campsite Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, Awards, and OA Callout Ceremony
- 9:30 p.m. Cracker Barrel (Adult Scout Leaders Only) and Star Gazing (Weather permitting)
- 10:30 p.m. Taps

Sunday, February 23, 2025

- 6:00 a.m. Reveille
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Posting of the Colors & Chapel Service
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Troop campsite cleanup
- 10:00 a.m. Campsite inspections, Patches, checkout and depart for home

Uniform Inspection Competition

A properly worn Scout Uniform is an important part of Scouting. The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities and provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

Each Scout will have the opportunity to gain five (5) points towards the overall troop score for uniform inspection. This total will be divided by the number of Scouts in the troop to arrive at an average for the troop. This will equate the scores for all troops, regardless of size. **All Scouts registered for the camporee must present themselves for inspection. This will be verified against the registration form presented by troop Scoutmasters on Friday night.** The inspection criteria are:

1. Official Scout uniform shirt – 1 point
2. Official Scout uniform pants or shorts (old style, new canvas, or new switchbacks) – 1 point
3. Two each Official Scout uniform socks (BSA Thorlo, Red Top or Olive Green BSA top) – 1 point
4. Official Scout uniform belt (old style brass, new style, or black nylon included on switchbacks. A Leather Belt with any Scout Buckle and Nylon Camp Tuk Belts (or any Scouting related belt) are acceptable) – 1 point
5. All insignia, properly placed (Council Should Patch, correct troop numerals, Patrol patch, current rank, and US Flag) – 1 point

****EXCEPTION – There will be a waiver for new scouts for rank & patrol patch only since they may have not been awarded their rank or placed in patrols at the time of Camporee. This will be verified with the Scoutmaster at time of inspection.**

****EXCEPTION – Any Scout currently participating in NYLTC staff MUST notify the judges to receive credit for having troop 5 on their uniform.**

Please address any concerns with these guidelines at the SPL meeting on Friday night. The Uniform Competition constitutes 20% of each Unit's overall Camporee Score.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION FOR TROOP # _____

1. **CAMPSITE ARRANGEMENT (100 POINTS MAX)** _____
- GATEWAY TO SITE IDENTIFIED AND US & TROOP
 - FLAGS POSTED PROPERLY 25 PTS.
 - UNIFORMLY ARRANGED BY PATROL 25 PTS.
 - FIRE BUCKETS PRESENT AT EACH TENT
(Properly filled with water & sand) 25 PTS.
 - PATROL FLAGS POSTED IN PATROL AREAS 25 PTS.
2. **COOKING AREA (50 POINTS MAX)** _____
- DUTY ROSTER, MENU, SCHEDULE POSTED 25 PTS.
 - PROPER FOOD STORAGE 25 PTS.
3. **AXE YARD (ONE PER TROOP – 100 POINTS MAX)** _____
- ROPED OFF AREA, PROPERLY MARKED 25 PTS.
 - TOOLS PROPERLY PROTECTED
AND DISPLAYED 25 PTS.
 - TOOLS PROPERLY MAINTAINED 25 PTS.
 - WOOD STACKED NEATLY 25 PTS.
- **Tools must be stored in the Axe Yard to be judged for maintenance. Failure to do so will result in no points being awarded for maintenance. NO TOOLS: NO POINTS AWARDED!**
4. **FIRE AREA (75 POINTS MAX)** _____
- AREA CLEAR OF ANY STRUCTURE
FOR MINIMUM OF 10 FEET 25 PTS.
 - RAISED FIRE PIT OR BURN BARRELL 25 PTS.
 - 1 WATER & 1 SAND BUCKET (12.5/12.5 EACH) 25 PTS.
- **If the Troop Chooses to not have a campfire, 75 points will be awarded. However, the presence of firewood or a fire pit or barrel will be determined to indicate the intention of a Campfire.**
5. **CAMP GADGETS (50 POINTS MAX)** _____
- 2 GADGETS (25 PTS. EACH) 50 PTS.
6. **CLEANLINESS (25 POINTS MAX)** _____
- FREE OF TRASH & ALL ITEMS PROPERLY
STORED 25 PTS.
7. **FIRST AID KIT (25 POINTS MAX)** _____
- LOCATED IN COMMON AREA, CLEARLY
MARKED, AND PROPERLY STOCKED 25 PTS.

425 PTS MAX _____

CONSTRUCTION OF CAMP GADGETS, GATEWAYS, FENCES, ETC. BY ADULTS WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION IN THIS EVENT. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS EVENT IS 20% OF THE TOTAL SCORE FOR EACH TROOP IN THE OVERALL COMPETITION. CAMP GADGETS AND GATEWAYS MUST BE ASSEMBLED ONSITE. BAMBOO IS PERMISSIBLE. PLEASE ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS WITH THESE GUIDELINES AT THE SPL MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

Camporee Wide Event

Table Building Competition

This is an afternoon event where each patrol will be given 2 hours to construct a free-standing table that must be capable of holding a 8qt Dutch Oven weighing 21lbs on a table top surface that must be lashed. Each tabletop must be 3 feet high off the ground and the tabletop must be 2 feet wide by 3 feet long. The table must be completely made using section of wood poles and must solely be held together using correct lashings. Each table must include proper square and diagonal lashings with the tabletop being affixed using floor/tabletop lashing (<https://scoutpioneering.com/2013/01/14/improved-floor-lashing/>). Each patrol must provide all the materials needed to construct the table in its entirety, including rope or twine sufficient to do all the lashings. Each Patrol should be equipped with at least one pocketknife to cut rope and a tape measure may be helpful to ensure measurements are met. All wood material should be ready for construction at the time of competition. No trimming or cutting during the competition time. An example of a possible table design is shown below. There is not a specific required design however, the table is required to be free standing and must include Square, Diagonal and Floor/Tabletop lashings.

All construction will be done on site during the time provided. Each patrol member should participate in construction. All wood materials and rope/twine will be taken by each patrol to a central location for the competition. All construction and designs may only be done by Scouts BSA aged youth. Adult participation in this event during the competition will be grounds for disqualification. Prior to the event, Adults may participate in the material procurement and should work with their Scouts to enhance their knowledge of knots and lashings as well as encouraging them in their design and teamwork.

The Camporee will provide the Dutch oven used to judge the strength of the table. A total of 250 points is possible, with a total of 50 bonus points available for added features being included. Each table will be judged based on the following:

1. The proper use of the Square Lashing, Diagonal Lashing and Floor/Tabletop Lashing (30 points total-10 points each)
2. All lashings used are properly done (75 points)
3. Table will fully support the 20lb Dutch Oven (75 points)
4. Table made to proper dimensions: 2 ft x 3 ft dimension with table surface 3ft off ground (30 points)
5. Creativity of design for maximum durability and usefulness (20 points)
6. The Official Dutch Oven will be available for testing the strength of the table 1 time prior to the conclusion of the construction time. This request must be made to the Camporee Staff in charge of the event.
7. Extra points will be awarded for added features incorporated into and attached to table, up to 5 (10 points each, 50 points max). Examples of additional features could be towel rack, utensil rack, garbage receptacle holder, shelf, etc. These will need to be obvious, and extra materials may be useful to indicate use (i.e. Paper towel roll for towel rack, utensils for the utensil rack).



2025 Frontier/Muskogee District Camporee Registration Form

Troop #: _____ District: _____ Total Members Present: _____

Scoutmaster: 1. _____

Other Adult Leaders Present (Not including Scoutmaster listed above):

2. _____ 5. _____
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Any Additional: _____

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Please list each scout by patrol. Use additional sheets if needed. _____

For Camporee Staff Use Only: Total Scouts: _____ Total Adults: _____

Total Present: _____ Money Due: \$ _____ Cash or Check

Campsite: _____ Participation Ribbon: _____ Patches: _____