



Skills and Thrills



2014 Sussex District Spring Camporee

DVNP Rivers Bend Group Campsites in New Jersey on Old Mine Road north of Millbrook Village

Friday, May 2- Sunday, May 4, 2014

Games – Hiking – Fishing – Pioneering-Etc.

You will see paddlers slip down the river between low forested mountains; anglers wade the trout streams; hikers scan the valley from the ridge or peer into the 1000-foot-deep Water Gap. The valley has known human hand and voice for 10,000 years. Floodplains nourished the native farmer; waterfalls drew the Victorian vacationer. Today, a 70,000-acre park welcomes those who seek the outdoors close to home. This weekend, we will camp at one of the most beautiful vistas in the National Park.

Patrols will be given an opportunity to play a game while participating in a skill or hike a 5 mile trail. You can also take some time to fish the Delaware or Flatbrook Rivers (*Anyone age 16 and older must have a valid fishing license*) Our Scouts will do their best! We'll be asking each troop to help run a station of their choice. Also, we'll have an old fashion campfire with our patrols doing their special skits or songs!

Cost will be \$8.00 per Scout & \$10.00 per adult!

Registration is online only. The DEADLINE for registration will be April 25th. See the Sussex District calendar for more information and the link to register. Questions? Contact: Mr. G (Karl Groggaard) at 973-827-6013 or kgrogaard@gmail.com.

Camporee Schedule:

Friday, May 2nd

6:00 pm	Unit Check-in at Registration tent – Camporee HQ
9:00 pm	SPL/ASPL meeting
9:30 pm	Scoutmaster Meeting
10:00 pm	Lights out –quiet time

Saturday, May. 3rd

8:00 am	Late Unit Check-in and Registration
9:00 am	Opening Ceremony – parade field



Morning Events Continued

- 9:15am – 12:00 pm Morning events
- 12:00 to 1:00 pm Set up your site for lunch
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm Events continue
- 7:00 pm SPL/ASPL meeting
- 7:30 pm Campfire
- 10:00 pm Lights out –quiet time

Sunday, May 4th

- 9:00 am Closing Ceremony - at parade field
- 9:30- 10:00 am Check-out – Close camp

Unit Permission Slips:

To attend this event, be sure you have the Scout’s parent(s) or guardian’s permission. For us to properly advertise this camporee and all future events, we are asking that each unit provide the photo release indicated on the last page on your unit’s permission slips.

Check-In, Check-Out, Rosters and Tour Plans:

- To check in, each unit is **required to submit 2 copies of their roster. We also ask for an approved copy of the tour plan.**
- **Day Visitors must check in at Camporee HQ before going to their respective sites.**
- Check in will occur at the registration tent Friday evening/Saturday Morning. This will be the Camporee Headquarters
- **All sites will be inspected** before your unit checks out and before you receive your unit ribbon and your unit’s patches. For your site to be inspected please contact HQ.

Camping:

- Campsite assigned at check-in.
- Your unit **MUST** check in at the Camporee HQ - before setting up camp.
- Each camping area will be managed by the Camporee staff.
- The unit should properly mark their site with their unit’s flag.
- Be sure to follow the rules in The Guide to Safe Scouting.
- Follow the “Leave No Trace” philosophy while camping.
- Respect other units around you.
- It is suggested that each unit provide their own water to start off.
- Due to limited fire rings, units must share. **Please use local wood. The NPS will also have wood to use.**
- Cooking should be by propane.
- **Be sure to have in public view a first aid kit and fire extinguisher in your site.**
- Scouts and Scouters should show respect in using latrines. Please do not throw trash in the latrines.
- **See trailer info below.**
- Always be prepared to carry your personal gear to your site.
- **What each unit should bring:**

Food for all meals	Coffee pot, pots and pans	Pack First Aid Kit
Propane stove	Cooking utensils	Water jug(s)
3 pans for washing dishes	Fire extinguisher	Unit and U.S. flags
Small shovel for campfire	Small bucket for campfire	Low suds dish soap



Foil	Matches	Cooler to store items
¼ inch rope	Trash bags	Scouring pads

• **What each camper should bring:**

Warm hat, gloves, coat	Pillow	Socks & undergarments
Rain coat or poncho	Flashlight	No open toe shoes
Camera	Water bottle	Sweatshirt or coat
Any medications you may need	Cart/wagon to move your stuff	Camp chair
Tent	Sleeping mat	Toothbrush & paste
Mallet for tent spikes	Long pants	Comb or brush
Sleeping bag	Extra shirt	Hand sanitizer
	First aid kit	Towel & soap for washing

Grey Water and Trash:

- Garbage – follow the “bring in – take out” philosophy and not left in your camping area. Be sure to LEAVE NO TRACE.
- All “grey water” should be disposed of properly.

Meals:

- All units will be responsible for their own.

Religious Service:

- We will be conducting a short Scouts Own Service at the Saturday evening campfire.
- **Chaplain's Aides** – We will need four to six Scouts to help plan and present the non-denominational Scouts Own Service.

Health, Safety, and Identification:

- **NO SWIMMING OR WADING IN ANY OF THE RIVERS.**
- **Ticks are out there – use precautions.**
- Please review camping techniques with your troop before this event.
- Follow the buddy system!
- **Build campfires in established fire pits – CAN NOT bring in your own firewood!**
 - Appoint a unit fire marshall
 - Never leave your campfire unattended
 - Bring water and a shovel for throwing dirt on a fire if it gets out of control
 - Drown the fire with water at lights out
 - Make sure all embers, coals and sticks are wet
 - Stir the remains, add more water and stir again
 - Be sure all burned material has been extinguished and cooled before your fire marshal goes to sleep
- A health and safety officer will be on staff to make sure all health regulations are followed. Campsites will be inspected.
- All injuries should be reported to staff. Scoutmasters are to fill out incident reports and submit them to council.
- **Per NPS - Call (570) 543-4295 in the event of an emergency, NOT 911.**
- **The closest hospital is Newton Medical Center. 175 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860. (97) 383-2121**
- **In case of inclement weather, please follow the direction of the staff.** Lighting storms – units should seek



protection in their vehicles.

- **Lost Scouts!** Upon notification of a lost Scout, an alert will be sent to all staff members.
- **Lost and found** will be at the Camporee Headquarters.
- We will follow the Guide to Safe Scouting: <http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx>

Awards:

All units will receive a Camporee participation ribbon and each Scout will receive a patch.

Marking and Stations:

The camporee locations will be well marked with signage to ensure that our Scouts can find the different events.

Staff Preparation

1. Adequate staffing to manage patrols
2. Secure materials in advance
3. Keep a score sheet with the patrol name, troop number and score
4. Review stations to ensure 100% understanding for consistent scoring

Parking, Traffic, Trailers & Vehicles:

- 1 All vehicles will park in the camp's parking lot.
- 2 Each vehicle will post the owners contact information on the dash. Please follow all parking rules.
- 3 **Carpooling is imperative.** Please limit the number of vehicles parking at the event as much as possible.
- 4 ONLY 1 vehicle/trailer per unit may park at their campsite. If there is no room due to your unit sharing the site with another unit, please work with the other unit(s) at your site. DON'T block the camp road.
- 5 The Camp Ranger has the final say on the use of the camp road for trailers/vehicles pending weather conditions

Special Troop Equipment Notes:

Please remember that this is only a weekend event. What you bring is what you will have to carry in to your site.

Uniforms

- Scout uniforms should be worn at camp fire and Scouts Own Service.
- Class "B" for Saturday activities.

Saturday Evening Campfire:

- The campfire will be at 7:30 pm
- Each troop will provide a skit – you'll need to drop your idea off at HQ by noon Saturday.

Leader Notes:

We are visitors at River's Bend, Delaware Gap National Park, so let's respect the camp like our own. We are also going to be sharing camp sites. We ask that in your troop meetings prior to this event you cover safety, the buddy system, and also explain the layout of the camp.

What not to bring:

- a) No smoking ANYWHERE in camp where Scouts can see you.
- b) No alcoholic beverages of any type.
- c) No dogs or animals of any type except for service animals.
- d) No firearms, sheath knives or fireworks.



- e) No liquid fuel.
- f) No video game players or electronic tablets of any type.

Rules: The Scout Law, Promise, and Oath are the rules that we follow.

Venues - The Saturday Program: **We are asking each troop to run one of the items below.**

(if you have another idea, please let Karl Grogard know)

- Blue Mountain Lake 5 mile hike – hosted by T180 (need help transporting Scouts to trail head)
- Fishing – work on your Fishing or Fly Fishing Merit Badge! (over age 16, bring that license)
- Science of Nature – find native plants
- Lashing – each troop participate in a gateway contest
- Knot game – want to tighten those knot skills after the Klondike?
- Orienteering! Which way to I go George?
- Alligator River game– check this out! <http://scoutmastercg.com/alligator-river-pioneering-game/>
- First Aid Relays! Check this out: http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/game/first_aid_relays-442.asp
- 4 way tug-of-war Check this out: http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/game/4_way_tugowar-408.asp
- Log-pull Check this out: <http://scoutpioneering.com/tag/pulling-a-log/>

Also Help Wanted from Scouts!

Flag Ceremony - Need two sets of two Scouts in full dress uniform to raise and lower the flags for our opening and closing ceremonies.



HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at its meetings. Please call Bill SanFilippo at 973-765-9322x226 or bill.sanfilippo@scouting.org with your request.

PHOTO RELEASE

I understand that by attending this program, sponsored by the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, I consent to the use of photographs, film, videotapes, electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me during that time by the Boy Scouts of America, at their discretion, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS

Rules for acceptance and participation in the programs are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, or handicap.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In all programs offered by the Patriots' Path Council, BSA, a great deal of planning and purchasing takes place well in advance. These plans include, but are not limited to, staff, food, program materials, patches and awards, rental and purchase of equipment, and in some cases, items of clothing such as T-shirts that are given as part of a program fee.

When an individual or group makes a reservation for an activity or program, these items are included in ordering of materials and staffing for that event.

Refunds: Individuals or groups that cancel a program reservation 30 days prior to the date of the event will receive a refund of fees paid, less a 15% administrative charge. No refunds will be made after the 30 day cancellation deadline, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND SENT TO:

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