



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL



2023 Council Camporee
April 28th, 29th & 30th, 2023

LEADER'S GUIDE

Please take the time to read through this guide carefully and be sure to refer to it often when planning your unit's participation. Share this information with your scout leaders and parents so that they can make informed decisions and be prepared for a weekend of Scouting that is sure to keep them talking for years to come.

We have made every effort to anticipate your questions and be as thorough as possible. Any details not addressed here will be spelled out in the final registration packet that will be prepared for each registered unit in April. If after reading this guide, you have a question regarding something we did not cover, you may contact Kimberly Russell or Nina Kelly at 631- 727-1614.

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2023 Council Camporee Program Overview

This section will provide you with as much information as we have as of the time of this printing. Please check the Council's website (www.sccbsa.org/camporee) for updated information as it becomes available. We will provide any changes or additions to this information at all district Roundtables. Additionally, updates will be emailed to unit contacts as they become available and weekly as we get closer to the event. **The unit contact is the individual listed on the Hold-A-Space form.**

Just like the guides that give you inside hints about how to make the most of your trip to Disney World, we have put together a few of our own suggestions to kick off your program planning.

- 1) **We suggest that your unit packs light.** You don't need to bring any cooking gear as meals will be provided. Bring only the gear that you really need. Your campsite size will be 25ft x 60ft and is designed for up to 25 paid participants. Please understand that space will be tight.
- 2) **Each unit will receive 1 pass which will allow 1 vehicle to enter one of the 2 unloading areas one time.** All remaining gear and personal packs will need to be carried into the camping area. The distance from the parking lot to the furthest campsite is no more than 100 yards (the length of a football field).
- 3) **Unit leaders will receive admission bracelets for every participant prior to the day of the event in follow up registration packets.** If your unit is coming out for the day only, we suggest that you distribute these bracelets to your scouts prior to their arrival, especially if you will not be arriving as a group.
- 4) **Unit leaders please take the time to let every family in your unit know what your campsite assignment is.** You will receive this along with your bracelets prior to the event. This will allow the event staff to help scouts to quickly find your unit in a camping area of 2,500 scouts.
- 5) **There will be over 200 activities, games, exhibits, and things to do.** Try to plan to give your scouts the most time possible to get in as much as they can.
- 6) **Shotgun:** Shotgun shooting will be available for an extra fee of \$25.00 to participants 13 years of age and older. This program is limited to 160 participants on a first come first serve basis. **Pre-registration is a MUST.** We expect this activity to fill up fast, so please make your reservations for the shotgun program as soon as possible.
- 7) **As a final reminder, remember we said space was tight? CARPOOL, CARPOOL, CARPOOL!**

We hope that you take these suggestions to heart as you make your plans for this event. Make this the camping trip where you plan on doing as little as possible in your campsite and as much as possible enjoying everything that will be available to you and your unit. Together we will make this event one that scouts will remember for the rest of their lives.

Trading Post

What kind of event would it be if you couldn't bring home a few souvenirs???

There will be 2023 Council Camporee hats, t-shirts, polo shirts, patches and more available for sale. Don't miss out on the opportunity to collect a little piece of Scouting History.

Camporee T-Shirts? Did someone say t-shirts? Pre-ordering t-shirts for your unit is the way to go. Consider adding the cost to the fee or maybe the unit will buy a shirt for everyone. If you fill out the pre-order form and pay in advance by the date on the form your t-shirts will be available when you pick up your Camporee participation packet and will be customized with your unit number on the right sleeve. What a great way to show off some unit pride while still taking home a great souvenir. **Please complete and submit the order form in this packet by March 31st.**

A Scout is Reverent

The 12th part of the Scout Law reminds us that a Scout is Reverent.

We will be offering 3 services to choose from on Sunday morning at 8:00am before the campers leave for home. There will be a Catholic service, a Lutheran service, and a Jewish service. The locations are still to be determined and will be listed on the day's program schedule.

Friday Activities

Our Camporee team is hard at work planning a fun filled night for our overnight Campers! Once your Unit has arrived and set-up in Tent City, head down to the Show field for activities & concessions!

Saturday Activities

With so many activities still being added even as we type, it's not possible to give you a complete list of all activities and events. But here is just a little idea of how the program is broken down:

Cub Scout Activities

The Cub Scout area is so jam-packed with activities that they needed 2 fields to fit it all in! There will be Archery and BB Shooting, a Monkey Bridge, Cub Scout electives to work on, a Bounce House, Inflatable Slides, Crafts, Science, and so much more.

Scouts BSA, Exploring and Venturing Activities

Archery Shooting, Tomahawk Throwing, BMX Bike Trails, Monkey Bridges, Pioneering, Caving and Orienteering are only a few of the activities that await the Scouts and Venturers that attend.

Aquatic Area

The Aquatic area will include canoes and kayaks for Scouts BSA, Venturers and Explorers. You will have the opportunity to get out on the water and enjoy the Carmans River.

The Exhibit Area and Merit Badge Midway

Here is where you will find dozens of Long Island organizations out for the day to help us celebrate this amazing event. Fire departments, police departments, military groups, local clubs, and organizations will be on hand with displays, exhibits, activities, and information about things from Fire Safety to Wood Carving and everything in between.

The Big Show

The Big Show will be the perfect ending to a great day. The big screen will be showing pictures from the day as the expected 5,000 people fill the arena. Once the show starts it only keeps getting better. From celebrating Scouting to watching how Suffolk County Council has evolved through the years, to some great entertainment on multiple stages and the amazing laser light finale. It's a show that celebrates the spirit of Scouting and reminds us all that Scouting is alive and well here in Suffolk County.

Parking

As we prepare for this amazing event, please keep in mind that we are planning for 5,000 people. Space is limited, but if we all work together there is room for everyone, and a great time will be had by all.

Let's all try and do two things from the very beginning: **BE PATIENT and CARPOOL**. If we all remember to keep those two things in mind, then we'll be off to a great start.

- * Please follow all directions given by the parking and security staff. (They have your best interest at heart)
- * Please carpool! Arrange for as few cars as possible. Get dropped off if you can. Let's work together toward having as many people as possible with the least number of vehicles as possible

For those arriving on Saturday as Day Visitors

The gates and registration will open at 7:30AM The Activities will start at 9:00AM

For units that are camping overnight

The gates will open at 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon and remain open until 10:00pm on Friday night.

Camping units will be given a parking permit which will allow one vehicle to remain in an assigned parking lot. Other vehicles from this unit will need to park in an off-site location (the actual campground at Southaven Park) and will be shuttled back by bus. Cars parked in the parking lot without a parking pass on Friday night will be towed at the owner's expense.

Units that are camping overnight on Saturday only and which will arrive on Saturday morning will need to be dropped off in a designated area and their equipment will need to be carried into the sites. Gates open at 7:30AM

Prohibited Items

Alcoholic beverages of any kind
 Firearms (you may not use your own shotgun at the range)
 Sheath knives
 Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades (bicycles and helmets will be provided for planned activities)
 Pets
 Laser pointers

Registration Information

5 EASY STEPS TO GET IN ON THE FUN!!!

Step 1 – If you haven’t already done so, **please submit your unit’s Hold-a-Space Reservation form and \$100 deposit.** These forms were emailed to every committee chair and distributed at Roundtable Meetings. There is also a copy in this guide as well as online at www.sccbsa.org/camporee. We understand that it is a bit early to know which members of your unit will participate, but you should make sure that we know your unit plans to attend as soon as possible. You can skip this step, but camping spaces fill up fast and we won’t know to keep you in the loop as things progress. Once we have your Hold-a-Space information (which should include an e-mail contact) we can be sure you will get all the latest updates and changes to you as soon as they occur.

Step 2 – Go over all the information in this guide carefully, so that you can make plans for your unit to participate to the fullest. Circulate information to leaders and parents and have them commit/sign-up and pay you for their family’s admission bracelets and meals. **Send your Admission & Meal Order Forms to the council office with payment prior to the appropriate deadlines.** There are separate forms for Weekend Campers and Day Only participants, so be sure to use the correct forms. Pay special attention to pricing deadlines, as they are not all the same. Late sign ups and “Pay at the Gates” can be accommodated, but the prices are higher.

Step 3 – **Stay informed.** Check the council website (www.sccbsa.org/camporee) regularly, attend your district Roundtables and watch your e-mail for up-dated information and changes as we get closer to the event.

Step 4 – **Get your Participation Packet.** Beginning April 17th, 2023 Participation Packets for all units that have signed up and paid by April 13th will be available at the Council Service Center for pick up. The person picking up your packet will be asked to count bracelets and vouchers and sign for the packet.

These packets will contain:

- * Admission bracelets (no one will be admitted to the Activity Areas or Show Arena without a bracelet)
- * Meal vouchers
- * Your unit’s park entrance assignment for parking (Carpool, Carpool, Carpool!)

- * Program and Activity schedules
- * Site map of Southaven Park
- * A unit roster form (This form must be filled out and turned in at the registration area at the park in order to receive your unit's participation patches.)
- * Any last-minute changes or information you should know about.
- * Any trading post items your unit pre-ordered

If your unit is camping, your packet will also contain:

- * Your unit's campsite assignment
- * Gear vehicle/parking pass (This is for the one vehicle that will be permitted into the camping area, one time only, to unload troop gear and then park in the assigned parking area on site.)
- * Off-site parking information for all other overnight parking.

Once you have your Participation Packet, distribute bracelets and vouchers to your scouts, leaders, and parents. Make sure they all have your park entrance assignment, parking information and campsite assignment. Be sure everyone gets a copy of the map and schedule. Be sure they know this is a RAIN OR SHINE event so that they can plan accordingly. Remind them not to lose bracelets and vouchers as they CANNOT be replaced. No replacements or refunds can be issued. If they arrive without their admission bracelets or meal vouchers, they will have to pay again at "At the Gate" prices.

Step 5 – Come have fun! If you haven't heard yet, this will be Suffolk County's biggest event yet!

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Friday, April 28th

1:00 PM	Registration and Tent City open
6:00 - 10:30 PM	Evening Activities
10:00 PM	Registration closes - Last run shuttle from Tent City to Overnight Parking (All vehicles must be moved by 10:00 PM)
4:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Shuttle vans run to overnight parking lot

Saturday, April 29th

6:30 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast pick-up for overnight campers
7:30 AM	Gates open
8:00 AM	Registration opens
9:00 AM	All Activities open
11:00 AM	Concession Stands open
4:00 PM	Scouts BSA Activities close
4:00-5:30 PM	Dinner pick-up for overnight campers
4:30 PM	Cub Scout Activities close
5:00 PM	Show Field area opens
6:00 PM	Concession Stand Closes
5:30 PM - 6:10 PM	Show Session One* *Choose from 4
6:25 PM - 7:05 PM	Show Session Two* acts during each
7:20 PM - 8:00 PM	Show Session Three* session.
8:05 - 9:00 PM	Slide Show, Key 3 Message & Laser Light Finale

At the conclusion of the laser light show the field lighting will come on and those wishing to head home may do so safely.

9:30/9:45 PM Movie in the Show Field – TBA

Sunday, April 30th

6:30 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast pick-up for overnight campers
7:00 - 9:00 AM	Shuttle vans run to overnight parking
8:00 AM	Religious Services

Food Concessions Stands will be open in the Activity Field on Friday night and in the Show Field on Saturday night.



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2023 COUNCIL CAMPOREE

AT SOUTHAVEN COUNTY PARK

APRIL 28TH, 29TH, 30TH 2023

The Council Camporee is for ALL Scouts...Packs, Troops,
Crews & Posts!

Hold -A- Space Reservation Form for All Units

We know you will not know exactly how many folks will be participating from your unit, but please let us know if the unit is planning to attend by sending in a \$100.00 deposit along with this form. Knowing how many units are planning to participate will allow us to prepare for this great event.

When filling out this form please note that the contact person you list will be the person who will receive all the information about the event.

Troop Pack Crew Post (please circle one)		Unit#	
Contact Name:		E-mail:	
Address:		City:	
Zip Code:		Phone#:	
We plan to be:	Day Visitors	Overnight Campers	(please circle one or both)
Approximate number of participants		Youth:	Adults:
Reservation Deposit \$100.00 (which will be applied to your unit's final payment)			
Checks Payable to Suffolk County Council BSA		My check#	
Please charge my credit card:		MC	Visa Discover Amex (circle one)
Cardholders name:		Signature:	
Credit Card#:	Exp. Date:	Card Code:	

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA SOUTHAVEN CAMPOREE 2023

UNIT ORDER FORM



Camporee T-Shirt
\$16.00



Left Chest Logo



Full Back Logo



Sleeve Logo
Customized With
Your Unit Number

*****Place your order by March 31st
for Personalized T-shirts*****

Unit Contact Name:	Unit Number:	Please Circle: PACK TROOP CREW
Phone:	Email:	
Cash:	Checks: SCCBSA	

ITEM / DESCRIPTION	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	2XL +2.00	3XL +4.00	4XL +5.00	5XL +6.00	6XL +7.00	PRICE
Short Sleeve T-Shirt													
Grand Total \$													
<p>***Place your order by March 31st for Personalized T-shirts***</p>													

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Admission & Meal Voucher Order Form for Day Only Visitors

*****Use this form if your unit is attending for the day only on Saturday April 29th*****

Day visitors will receive a voucher for dinner.

Send this form and fees to: Suffolk County Council B.S.A., One Independence Hill, Suite
202, Farmingville, NY 11738.

**Your order form & fees must be received in the council office by April 13th, 2023
in order for your packet to be ready for pickup on April 17th.**

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL SOUTHAVEN CAMPOREE

Troop/Pack/Crew/Post (Circle): Unit # _____
Unit Leader: _____ Contact Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Day time Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

of Admission Bracelets: (scouts, leaders, parents, siblings and guests)
by April 13th _____ at \$25.00 each = \$ _____
After April 13th or at gate _____ at \$30.00 each = \$ _____
Lunch vouchers _____ at \$ 7.00 each = \$ _____

Total Fees \$ _____

Subtract your Hold-a-Space deposit: (if applicable) - \$100.00

TOTAL DUE TO SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA \$ _____

My check #: _____ (payable to Suffolk County Council B.S.A.) is enclosed.

or

Please charge my credit card: MC Visa Discover Amex

Cardholder Name: _____

Billing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Card Code: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Event: 2023 Council Camporee - Account# 1-6801-916-20

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Admission & Meal Voucher Order Form for Weekend Camping Participants

*****Use this form if your unit is camping for the weekend, Fri., April 28th - Sun. April 30th*****

Send this form and fees to: Suffolk County Council B.S.A., One Independence Hill, Suite
202, Farmingville, NY 11738.

**Your order form & fees must be received in the council office by April 13th, 2023
in order for your packet to be ready for pick up on April 17th, 2023**

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL SOUTHAVEN CAMPOREE

Troop Crew Post Pack (Circle): Unit # _____
Unit Leader: _____ Contact Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ Day time
Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

We would like to camp near: _____

Do you have any campers who require gluten free meals? If yes, how many? _____

of Admission Bracelets: (scouts, leaders, parents, siblings and guests)

by April 13th _____ at \$55.00 each = \$ _____

after April 13th and BEFORE April 24th _____ at \$60.00 each = \$ _____

****After April 24th, 2023 we will not be able to accommodate additional camper registrations.***

Dinner vouchers (Friday Night) _____ at \$ 10.00 each = \$ _____

Total Fees \$ _____

Subtract your Hold-a-Space deposit: (if applicable) - \$100.00

TOTAL DUE TO SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA \$ _____

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Shotgun Range Reservation Form

Use this form if your unit would like to participate in Shot Gun activities.

- * Only scouts or adults 13 years of age or older may participate in shot gun activities.
- * Shot Gun reservations are limited to the first 160 whose reservations are received in the council office on a first come, first served basis.
- * Shot Gun activities are 30 minutes/15 shots.
- * You will be notified and refunded if reservations are sold out at the time your payment is received.

Send this form and fees to: Suffolk County Council B.S.A., One Independence Hill, Suite
202, Farmingville, NY 11738

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
2023 CAMPOREE
Shotgun**

Troop Crew Post (Circle): Unit # _____
 Unit Leader: _____ Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Day time Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

of Shotgun participants: (adults, scouts age 13 and older only) _____
 at \$25.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE TO SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA \$ _____

My check #: _____ (payable to Suffolk County Council B.S.A.) is enclosed.

or

Please charge my credit card: MC Visa Discover Amex Cardholder

Name: _____

Billing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Card Code: _____

Cardholder Signature. _____

Event: 2023 Council Camporee - Account# 1-6801-916-20