

UNIT LEADERS GUIDE

Four Rivers District 2018 Camporee

Halloween Isn't Over!

November 9 - 11, 2018

Camp Spencer
Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
3799 Peach Orchard Road
Whiteford, Maryland 21154

Unit Leaders:

Thank you for registering for the Four Rivers District 2018 Camporee, "Halloween Isn't Over." If you haven't registered yet, the event registration may be found on the Baltimore BSA website at this address:

Four Rivers District Fall 2018 Camporee
<http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/2389610>

Registrations will also be accepted on-site at Event Check-in. See the form at the end of this document.

This Guide will serve as your road map to an exciting and fun-filled D-I-Y Camporee.

In past years, a zombie epidemic erupted on earth, and most of humanity was wiped out. A remnant of civilization struggled to rebuild in the post-apocalyptic era. Heroes were later honored for their patriotism and life-saving abilities. Then a rugged breed of Mountain Men forged a new empire and passed on wilderness survival skills to a new generation.

Now, we enter a brave new world of insanity and horror as BSA units are camped in the woods.

In order to beat back the insanity and dispel the horror, roving patrols will spread out around Camp Spencer and compete in challenges organized by the troops themselves. Troops and Patrols will score each other. After the competition, the victorious Scouts will celebrate their achievements. The units and patrols who accumulate the most points will receive prizes and take time to reflect reverently on the weekend.

The Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Principles of "Leave No Trace" will be in effect at all times.

We look forward to seeing you at Camp Spencer! Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,

Mike Rogers and co.

2018 District Camporee Staff

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Camporee Objective

Plan ahead, have fun, score as many points as possible, and get home alive by Sunday afternoon.

Camporee Pre-Training

During the weeks leading up to the Fall Camporee, unit leaders should explain the camporee concept to all troop members. Each troop should plan to support one challenge station of their own creation, to be visited by patrols from the other troops. Each troop should field one or more patrols to go roving around camp, visiting the stations, and scoring as many points as they can. Unit leaders can help patrols prepare for these challenges by reinforcing Scout Skills, Scouting knowledge, teamwork, leadership, and Scout Spirit. All of these will be used as criteria for judging and scoring.

Units should stock up on Halloween candy and bring it with you to camp to distribute to Patrols upon completion of your in-site station.

Troop Check-In

The main Dining Hall building will serve as the Administration Headquarters for this event. At any time during the event, if you have questions or concerns, please report there to seek assistance from the event staff.

Health & Safety/First Aid will be conducted out of the Four Rivers First Aid camper which will be parked in the Spencer parking lot adjacent to the Dining Hall.

Check-in/registration will be on Friday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Units must present a copy of their Troop Roster and a copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B) for each youth and adult. Units will not be permitted to camp overnight without Medical Forms. Due to late registrations, troop campsite locations will be identified at Check-In.

A brief Leaders' Meeting for Senior Patrol Leaders, Scoutmasters and event staff will be held at the Dining Pavilion at 9:30 p.m. Friday evening. Updates and additional instructions will be issued for units at that time.

Leave No Trace

All attendees are asked to practice the following Leave No Trace principles during the entire camporee even

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
 - Read and be familiar with this leaders guide
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
 - Stick to designated trails and roads.
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
 - Dumpsters & Recycling containers are located behind the dining hall. Trash receptacles will be located throughout designated program areas.
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
 - Only use designated fire rings
6. Respect Wildlife
 - Remember Camp is their home and we are just visitors
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors
 - Respect quiet hours out of consideration for other Scouts.

If you are unsure how to implement any of these seven principles, please speak with an event staff member, who will be glad to help answer your LNT-related questions.

Camporee Schedule

The following schedule is planned for the event. Any changes will be announced at the leaders meeting.

Friday 09 Nov 2018	
5:30 p.m.	Check-In opens
9:30 p.m.	SM/SPL/Staff Meeting
10:00 p.m. – 10:45 p.m.	Cracker Barrel (In Unit Site)
11:00 p.m.	Lights out
Saturday 10 Nov 2018	
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast & Clean Up
9:00 a.m.	Flag Raising & Opening
9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Program station set-up
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Open Program
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Halloween Party & Costume Contest
9:00 p.m.	Potluck Cracker barrel
11:00 p.m.	Lights out
Sunday 11 Nov 2018	
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Flag Raising
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Scouts Own Service
10:15 a.m.	Closing Ceremony/ Flag Lowering
10:45 a.m.	Break Camp & Depart

Figure 1. General Event Schedule

Meals

Units are responsible for their own meals for the duration of the event.

Each Unit is asked to bring a Cracker Barrel item to share for the Potluck Cracker Barrel Saturday evening. Please provide a sign (3x5 index card) with any potential allergen information, e.g., nuts, gluten, dairy, etc.

Camporee Facilities

Due to provisions of the YMCA lease and Harford County regulations, no BSA personnel are permitted in the Administration Building, Dining Hall kitchen, or the Hansen Lodge kitchen. All cooking and cleaning must be done outdoors using troop equipment.

There are no portable toilets available at Camp Spencer, however each site has a functional latrine. Restrooms located outside of the trading post are open and available for use. Restrooms in the Dining hall are for Adult use only.

Due to sustained overnight temperatures below freezing, the Camp Spencer pool house is closed for the season, as well as the sinks located at the campsites latrines. Frost-free spigots, available throughout camp, will continue to provide potable water for your use.

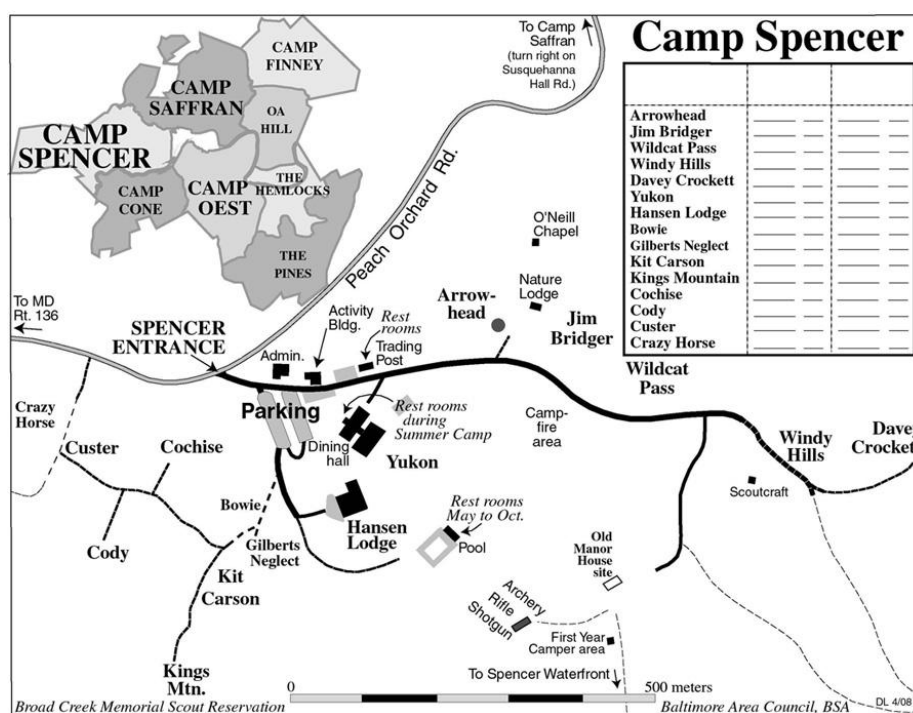


Figure 2. Map of Camp Spencer

Advancement

Rank advancement is not the primary goal of this event. However, there will be numerous opportunities for Scouts to complete requirements for advancement. These may include: camping, cooking, hiking, map & compass, nature observation, etc. Scout leaders should approve completed requirements promptly.

Camp Rules

While at Camp Spencer, the BCMSR Camping and parking rules will be in full effect, **amendments in bold type**.

The Scout Oath and Law are in effect at all times. The Camp Ranger, Reservation Program Coordinator or Campmaster may, for violation of camp policies, dismiss individuals, units or groups from camp.

1. To assure the safety of the units/groups at camp and to minimize the impact on the environment and trails, only one vehicle at a time will be permitted to go to the campsite to unload. All vehicles must be returned to the designated parking areas. No vehicles will be kept at the campsite. **Troop trailers may be parked at camp sites where possible.**
2. All units will maintain two-deep leadership and meet National Youth Protection requirements.
3. All trash must be placed into the dumpsters prior to clearing camp. Please recycle where appropriate.
4. Use your assigned campsite; all other campsites and buildings are off limits **except as directed by the event staff.**
5. Quiet time is 11:00 p.m.
6. **[Amended for this event]** Check-in officially is Friday night from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. All units/groups must check in at Event Headquarters (Camp Spencer Dining Hall). If you need to check in later, please contact Event Staff. Early or late check-in may be a problem if the camp staff is not informed.
7. Check-out time is no later than 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.
8. Units must clear their site by a ranger or campmaster before departing.
9. Units leaving facilities in an unsatisfactory condition may be assessed a fee for cleaning and/or repairing the facility.
10. All forms of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, depressants, stimulants and drugs in any form are not allowed in camp. Violators will be asked to leave the reservation immediately. **Legitimate medications must be kept in a lock box and distributed as needed by a responsible adult.**
11. Chainsaw use is restricted to individuals with direct permission from Camp Rangers and who are: (1) a professional forester, (2) a certified arborist, (3) those that have received training in these techniques from the Ranger section of National Camping School, (4) people with written documentation of having other training in these techniques that is recognized by the state or federal government, (5) those that have successfully completed the BSA Chainsaw Safety Training course (No. 20-136).
12. Campfires are permitted only in established campfire rings in each campsite.
13. No standing trees may be cut. Any dead fall located on the reservation may be used for firewood.

Source: <http://www.broadcreekbsa.org/about-broad-creek/camp-rulesparking/42851>

Health and Safety Precautions

The District Health & Safety Team will be located near the Dining Hall area. All injuries requiring medical assistance should be brought to the attention of our trained Health and Safety staff immediately. If you are unsure if an injury requires medical attention, please err on the side of caution.

- All units must comply with the "Guide to Safe Scouting".
- Everyone is reminded to drink plenty of water.
- Closed-toe shoes/boots are required at all times while outdoors.
- There is a designated Smoking area near the dumpsters. Youth are not permitted in this area.
- Everyone is encouraged to cook over camp stoves or backpacking stoves.
- Ground fires must be in designated fire rings.
- Sheath knives are prohibited.
- Firearms and weapons are prohibited outside of official camp shooting ranges.

Unit Stations

Each Unit is expected to create its own Halloween themed challenge station. Your station should be clearly identified as “tame”, “spooky fun”, or “terrifying” so that younger Scouts may avoid being frightened. Please stick to this scare level.

At least one youth patrol will remain at the campsite to manage the challenge. Adult leaders may offer advice and guidance but should not run the station themselves. Patrols may rotate out so that every Scout has an opportunity to visit troop stations and go trick-or-treating.

Units may request to be co-located so that there are enough people for both roving patrols and station operators as needed.

Challenges should test knowledge, skills, and teamwork and should not involve random guessing or gambling. Teamwork stations could include puzzles, games or other similar challenges. Suggested station challenges may include, but are not limited to:

- Soft target shooting (nerf/water guns only)
- Soft target throwing (bean bags, tennis balls)
- Toxic waste teamwork game
- Small orienteering course
- Knot-tying
- Fire-building (height, water boiling, etc.)
- Signaling or message deciphering
- First-aid competition
- Relay race (blanket stretcher)
- Plant & tree identification

Each station should also have a supply of candy or small goodies to give out to roving patrols for trick-or-treating.

Both roving patrols and stations will be awarded points. Score sheets will be discussed at the leaders meeting Friday night.

Patrol Teams

Scouts may wear BSA field uniform, troop activity uniform, or Halloween Costumes in keeping with the theme. Patrols should “Be Prepared” and bring the recommended items (below) in order to compete successfully.

Patrol rules:

- No Scout may compete as a member of more than one patrol.
- Larger patrols should split into smaller groups (e.g., Beaver-1, Beaver-2, etc.). 10 Scouts maximum per patrol.
- PL and APL will serve for the duration of the program, but Scouts may take turns leading the patrol at each challenge station.
- Scoutmasters and assistants may accompany patrols and offer advice, but they may not assist patrols in completing a challenge. Time permitting, and at the discretion of each station, SM/ASMs may participate for fun only.

Patrol gear (recommended):

- Patrol flag; patrol slogan, song, cheer, or yell
- Day pack(s) including: personal water bottles, snacks, rain poncho, etc.
- Scout Handbook, map, compass, rope, fire-making materials, first-aid supplies, etc.
- Totes, bags, or pumpkins for collecting candy/goodies.

Roving patrols will be awarded points at each station according to the following chart:

Patrol Team Scoring Criteria	Max Points
Unit cohesion <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Patrol flag, cheer, uniform/costume● Adherence to event theme● Patrol equipment (as recommended)	25
Scout Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scout-like behavior● Positive attitude	15
Leadership	10
Teamwork	10
Challenge score (Points earned by patrol at the challenge)	40

Figure 3. Patrol Team Scoring

At the conclusion of the event, total scores will be tallied and prizes will be awarded.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the event staff at the closing ceremony on Sunday morning. Units having the top three station scores will receive prizes. Patrols having the top three scores will also receive prizes.

Miscellaneous Information

OA Brotherhood Conversions

During the Camporee, the Four Rivers Chapter of Nentico Lodge will be having brotherhood conversions for eligible Arrowmen. Contact someone at the OA station for more information.

“Scouts’ Own” Service

There will be a Scouts’ Own service held at the Camp Spencer pavilion on Sunday morning after breakfast. All units still in camp are expected to attend in support of the twelfth point of the Scout Law.

Scouting for Food Opportunity

At the conclusion of the event, if you have unopened non-perishable food items that you would like to donate to local food pantries, there will be a collection point at the Dining Hall. This collection will be credited to Four Rivers’ Scouting for Food tally for 2018.

Troop Departure

Units are expected to defer packing out until Sunday morning after the closing ceremony. Once campsites are clear and inspected by an Event Staff member or Camp Master, troops may leave.

4R 2018 Fall Camporee Registration Form

For walk-in registration, please complete this form and bring with you to check-in at Camp Spencer.
 Leave blank or mark "n/a" anything that does not apply to you.
 Units camping for the weekend should bring medical forms and roster of attendees.

Circle: Pack / Troop / Crew Unit # _____

Unit leader or POC _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Unit station name _____ Check one: Tame Spooky Fun Terrifying

Unit station concept (describe briefly) _____

		Total	Sweatshirt sizes (number of each)
_____	Youth attending x \$30 per person	\$ _____	_____ YL _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL
_____	Adults attending x \$10 per person	\$ _____	
_____	Adult sweatshirts x \$15 per item	\$ _____	_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL
_____	Staff with meals x \$20 per person	\$ _____	
_____	Webelos day-visit (9a-5p Saturday) x \$10 per youth	\$ _____	(no charge for Webelos parent day-visitors)

Total enclosed: \$ _____ Office use: Rec'd ____/____/____

Please list any mobility issues, or other special circumstances:

Please complete this form no later than Event Check-In (November 9, 2018) with check payable to **BSA/BAC**.