

Washington Trail District

Fall Camporee September 5, 6 & 7

Gibson Park



LEADER'S GUIDE

The Camporee will be held at Gibson Park, near Harmonsburg. Gibson Park is located just off the Harmonsburg Road slightly east of Harmonsburg. There is a large sign at the turn off that shows the way that will take you to Gibson Park.

The cost for attending the Camporee is \$8 per Scout & \$3 per Adult. These funds will buy patches, trophies for the event winners, and snacks for Saturday evenings Campfire.

CAMPOREE DETAILS

Dates	September 5-7, 2014
Location	Gibson Park near Harmonsburg
Attendance	Washington Trail Boy Scout troops and Venture crews
Uniforms	Scouts must bring Class A uniforms for campfire and flag ceremonies
First Aid	Each unit should have a basic first-aid kit at the campsite. Additional first-aid materials will be available at the camp headquarters.
Vehicles	Vehicular traffic is discouraged during the weekend. Once gear has been off-loaded, all vehicles traffic should be kept to a minimum.
Electronics	Electronic devices should be left at home or stowed in personal vehicles. This includes mobile phones, electronic games, laptops, etc.
Special Needs	Please indicate any special needs at check-in and appropriate consideration will be provided.



PROGRAM

The camporee program will include the following:

Scout Skills Morning

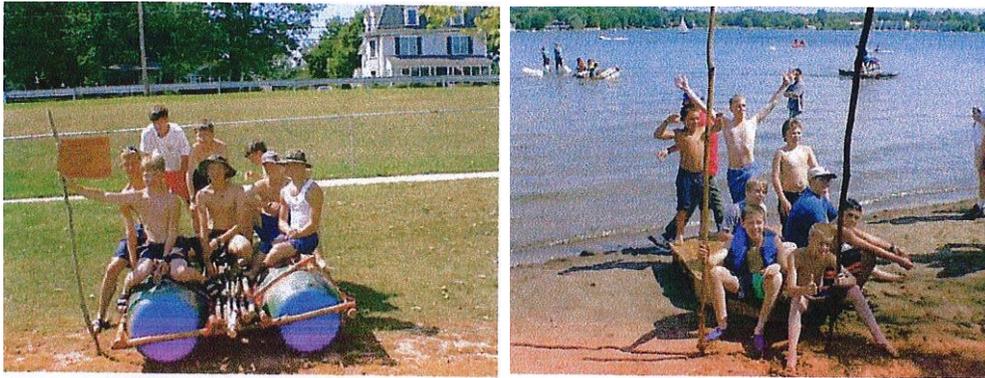
We are planning to have competitive stations for all Troops on Saturday morning. Please contact Jerry Hunter at windego@windstream.net if your Troop's adults would consider hosting a station for the Scouts. When we have all the stations finalized, we will send out the description of the stations by email.

Aquatics Activities

In the afternoon, we will go to Conneaut Lake. Each Troop is responsible for transporting their Scouts, and canoes, to Conneaut Lake and back. Doug Mosbacher will reserve Fireman's Beach (at Conneaut Lake) for the afternoon of aquatic activities. We will make sure there is a qualified lifeguard on duty. There will be a raft race, two relay canoe races, one for Troop members and one for Troop adults, as well as an inner tube race for the Webelos groups that come with the troops.

Raft Race

The raft must be made of slab wood and poles lashed together with rope (no nails or screws are permitted). Some kind of flotation device is normally attached to the raft by ropes. This allows the raft to ride a little higher in the water. The exact design of the raft is left up to each Troop. The design, however, must follow the guidelines of rope or bailer twine to hold the poles and slab-wood together and the raft must be polled through the water. The raft is to hold two Scouts at a time who propel the raft with poles. Each Scout attending will have an opportunity to compete. The raft should be put together by the Scouts prior to the weekend. The smaller Troops will need to send some Scouts twice, so everyone gets to compete. **Don't forget to bring your camera.**



Canoe Races

There will be two sets of canoe races. The troops will compete in a relay canoe race. Again, the smaller Troops will need to send some Scouts twice so the number of laps are the same for all troops.

There will also be relay canoe races for Troop adults.

Webelos

There will be a Webelos inner tube race in shallow water. Each Webelos group must supply their own inner tubes. The Webelos are invited to attend with their associated Troops for Saturday's events.



Campfire

The closing campfire will be performed by Scouts. A Scout will volunteer to serve as master of ceremonies. Each unit is required to perform at least one act (skit, song, etc.).

Sunday Worship

There will be an interfaith Church service on Sunday morning.

WHAT TO BRING

Units should provide:

- Patrol and troop gear required for a weekend camping event
- Food for cooking all meals during the event. No food will be provided by the camporee staff. Cooking over an open fire and in Dutch ovens is highly encouraged for all meals.
- Your Troops raft and poles
- If you can, bring canoes and PFD's, if not we will have a few that can be shared.
- Health Forms with at least Part A&B completed for all Scouts and Adults.

REGISTRATION

- Deadline** The deadline for registration is August 29th
- Check-In** Check-in will be **6:30-7:30 p.m.** on **Friday**, September 5th.
- Medical Forms** Please have BSA medical forms for every Scout and Adult participant handy at check-in time.

Fees The fee for the camporee is **\$8** per Scout and **\$3** per adult. This fee covers the event patch and supplies for the program being offered.

Fill out the bottom reservation form and return it with payment to:

French Creek Council Boy Scouts of America
1815 Robison Road West
Erie, PA 16509
FAX: 814-866-7514

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Troop/Crew # _____ District _____

Number of Scouts attending _____ X \$8 = _____

Number of Webelos attending _____ X \$8 = _____

Number of Adults attending _____ X \$3 = _____

Total = _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Method of payment:

Visa/MasterCard/Discover # _____ Exp. Date _____

3 digit security code _____

Check # _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** _____