

Toqua District 2008 Winter Survivor Camporee



Toqua District 2008 Winter Survivor Camporee **OUT-HIKE, OUT-CAMP, OUT-COOK** January 25-27, 2008

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

The Toqua District Activity and Civic Service Committee invites all Boy Scouts and Scouters to take part in the 2008 Winter Survivor Camporee at East Tennessee Tree Farm on the Hiwassee River near Etowah, TN. For units with limited backpacking experience, this is your opportunity to learn skills and go backpacking in a controlled setting. Units with more backpacking experience will have the opportunity to showcase your skills.

This Camporee will consist of several hands-on and demonstration events. Information on each event is included in the pages that follow. Units will participate as Patrols.

An additional feature of this Camporee is cooking. Two unique cooking events are featured. The first is the use of a backpacking reflector oven. Units will use the oven to bake an item for tasting by the judges. The second is an event entitled Iron Chef Boy Scout. Participating units will be given a package of ingredients from which they will make a meal for 4 people (judges). More details on these two unique events are provided in the events section of this booklet.

Units will camp together as a group on Friday night. On Saturday morning, the patrols will backpack to the various event stations and then to their designated backcountry campsite to spend Saturday night. On Sunday morning, each patrol will break camp and backpack to the group assembly area.

The cost of the Camporee is 10.00 per participant. This will cover the cost of the Camporee, a patch, camping and site usage fees, program supplies, insurance, Port-a-Johns and recognitions. Preregistration is required and a form is included in this package.

The Camporee is limited to Boy Scouts only. Unit leaders must ensure that all participants are properly equipped and prepared for backcountry camping in cold weather.

The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities, events and individual behavior.

We look forward to a great weekend of backpacking and camping.

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Introduction

The Camporee committee and numerous volunteers have spent many hours putting together your Camporee. We appreciate your comments, suggestions, and participation. Your feedback is vital in our continuous effort to give scouts a quality program each year.

The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities and individual behavior. Unit Leaders are urged to maintain discipline at the Unit level. The Outdoor Code and the rules of Leave No Trace Camping shall be observed at all times.

General Information

- Troop activity uniform (Scout T-shirts) should be worn during the program activities. Field Activity (shirt, pants, socks, belt) uniform may be worn to the Sunday Worship service but is not required, and otherwise can remain in your vehicle.
- The Camporee will be held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the Unit Leader is responsible for the welfare of the Scouts in his/her charge.
- Campsite Inspections will occur Saturday evening to evaluate how well the patrol has implemented the principles of Leave No Trace low-impact camping demonstrated during the Saturday events.
- Patrol leaders will be responsible for the organization, participation, and spirit of the patrols.
- Senior Patrol Leaders and Adult Leaders should plan to attend the Friday Evening SPL Meeting at Headquarters to receive final details and any last minute changes.
- There will be a Cracker Barrel Friday night for all campers.
- The Water Supply at East Tennessee Tree Farm is from a spigot at the work sheds. Camporee Staff will assist in obtaining water. Water is readily available from the Hiwassee River. Care must be exercised when going down the bank to the river. Units are responsible for their own purification methods. Each Troop should bring their initial water supply. Each Patrol must have water purification equipment, just as for any wilderness backpacking trek.
- Portable toilet facilities will be available Friday evening and Saturday during the day. Saturday evening and Sunday morning at the back country sites you must practice back country hygiene. Adult leaders should make certain that all latrine areas are properly closed/buried and left in excellent condition upon breaking camp.
- Each Unit is responsible for removal of all trash from their campsite. "Pack it in, pack it out!"
- First Aid services will be provided.

Rules and Regulations

- Two deep leadership is required at all times. One adult leader is required for each 10 camping scouts.
- Campfires are permitted unless fire restrictions are in effect, but must be consistent with Leave No Trace principles. Sod is to be removed and replaced at the close of the Camporee. Any campfires at backcountry campsites on Saturday night must be low-impact and restored to original condition before breaking camp – special caution should be used to make certain that all fires are completely extinguished and cool to the touch before backfilling and leaving camp.
- Scouts and Scouters are to be in and remain in campsites after Taps and until Reveille.
- The riverfront will be strictly off limits except for gathering drinking water! Anyone found in the lake will be sent home. Absolutely no exceptions.
- Anyone responsible for the destruction of property will be subject to immediate dismissal, and the Unit will be held financially responsible.
- No stakes are to be left in the ground.
- No riding in trailers or pickup truck beds is permitted.

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- Disorderly conduct, the use of controlled substances, and/or weapons-fireworks is prohibited and is grounds for immediate dismissal.
- Vehicles should remain parked throughout the Camporee. Park in the designated areas only.
 - Trailers are permitted in the Friday-night camping area only, but must remain parked throughout the Camporee in the designated parking area. Only the Friday-night camping area will be accessible for trailers – Saturday night backpacking campsites will **NOT** be accessible for vehicles or trailers.
 - Chemical fuels and propane must be used and properly stored in accordance with BSA policies.
 - Any accidents, security problems, etc., must be reported to Headquarters as soon as possible.
 - Units are to practice "Low Impact" camping and "Leave No Trace" principles while at the Camporee.

Registration

To help with the planning of the Camporee, preregistration is required. A \$5.00 preregistration deposit (which will be applied to the final total cost for your Unit) is requested for each Scout and Scouter planning to attend. While the preregistration is only an estimate, please be as accurate as possible. Deadline for the preregistration is the January 17, 2008 Toqua Roundtable meeting.

Final on-site registration will be accomplished as the Units arrive. Please have your paperwork and money in order before arrival to expedite registration as smoothly and quickly as possible. Registration will begin at 5 PM Friday.

Camping & Parking

Arriving units will proceed to the "headquarters area for campsite assignment on Friday evening. All units will camp in this area on Friday night. All vehicles must remain parked in this area throughout the weekend.

Saturday night campsites will be located in wooded area and will NOT be accessible by vehicle – all camping equipment, food, water and personal gear must be carried to the Saturday campsites by backpack (NO Vehicles or Trailers).

Campsite locations and sizes will be assigned based on preregistration numbers; however, the staff understands that this sometimes causes problems and will be as flexible as possible.

All vehicles must remain parked in the designated parking areas. Only two vehicles per Unit will be permitted in the camping area on Friday for unloading purposes and on Sunday for loading. Equipment will need to be consolidated into as few vehicles as possible. **No vehicles will be allowed to remain overnight in the campsite area** without Headquarters permission (e.g., handicap situations, etc.).

Headquarters

Headquarters will be set up in a central area. It will be open and manned throughout the weekend for registration, information, and checkout.

Headquarters will have information on:

- Where to go for first aid
- How to handle trash
- Lost and found
- Schedule of events
- Event locations
- Water re-supply

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Religious Service

A Scout is Reverent. Chapel Service has been scheduled for Sunday morning at 10:00 am. The Camporee committee feels that participation at a religious service on a Scout outing is an important part of the BSA program. All participants are encouraged to attend the service.

Leave No Trace

Through the course of these events, the principles of Leave No Trace camping also will be taught and emphasized:

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out)
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Others

Winter in East Tennessee is a beautiful time of year. These classes will educate you to take advantage of this time of year. But remember to be prepared for COLD. Please consult your Scout Handbook for a typical equipment list.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Events will be conducted at various stations as the patrols travel from the Friday night group camping area to their individual backpacking campsites for Saturday night. Each camper must carry their camping equipment and personal gear in backpacks throughout the day.
- This is a backpacking Camporee. Saturday campsites will not be accessible for vehicles or trailers. Everything you need must be carried in your backpacks. Even on Friday night, units are encouraged to practice backpacking camping – just closer to your vehicles.
- Patrols must carry their food and necessary cooking equipment for Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast.
- Everyone should carry at least 2 liters of drinking water. Make sure your water bottles are filled when you arrive on Friday. Each Patrol must carry water purification equipment to use in water re-supply during the weekend.
- Bolos and restroom facilities will not be available except for Friday evening and Saturday during the day. Campers will use Leave No Trace principles for proper disposal of human wastes in the backcountry.
- Adult leaders are responsible for ensuring that each backcountry campsite is restored to excellent (Leave No Trace) condition before breaking camp on Sunday morning – with special attention to any campfires and latrine areas.
- Unit Leaders are responsible to ensure that their campers are properly prepared for hiking and camping in COLD weather. Be Prepared.

Please bring your GPS units if available.

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Iron Chef Boy Scout

This is a relatively new event. It is a voluntary event. There is an entry fee of \$5.00 to offset the cost of the food. Each group that participates will be given a bag of groceries from which to prepare a meal for 4-5 people. The event uses simple, every day ingredients. The rules of the events are:

1. You may only use the ingredients found in the grocery bag.
2. You must submit your recipe. This may be hand written
3. You may use your own spices.
4. You will have one hour to prepare your food.
5. You must use a backing type stove to prepare the food.
6. You must use typical back country cook pots or pans. Other items must be approved by the Camporee staff.

Reflector Oven Cooking

The use of a reflector oven for baking good food is becoming a lost skill. Many a Patrol has baked some terrific food and desserts using a reflector oven. Biscuits are but one example of the items that can be baked in the back country using a simple reflector oven. Troops may participate in baking a food item using a reflector oven and having this item judged by the Camporee staff.

An example of a back country reflector oven will be available for Troops to view at the next two Roundtable meetings. A set of instructions will also be available for those Troops who wish to build one and use it.

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Schedule

Friday, January 25, 2008

5:00 PM Check In and Registration opens
9:00 PM SM and SPL Meeting (at HQ)
9:30 PM Cracker Barrel (at HQ)
10:00 PM Troop Meetings in Campsites
11:00 PM Taps, Lights Out, QUIET

Saturday, January 26, 2008

8:00 AM Reveille, Breakfast, Clean-Up
9:00 AM Flag Ceremony, Announcements
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Events
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Hike to Campsites & Set up Camp
6:00 PM Dinner at Campsites
7:00 - 11:00 PM Unit Activities at Campsites
11:00 PM Lights Out, QUIET

Sunday, January 27, 2008

8:00 AM Reveille, Breakfast, Break Camp & Clean-Up Campsites
Backpack from Campsites to Assembly Area
10:00 AM Religious Service
Closing Ceremonies
Break Camp, Clean-Up, Check-Out

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Registration

Type of Unit: _____ Unit Number: _____

SPL: _____ JASM: _____
APL: _____ JASM: _____
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Patrol Name: _____ Patrol Name: _____
1. PL: _____ 1. PL: _____
2. APL: _____ 2. APL: _____
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4. _____ 4. _____
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SM: _____ COR: _____
ASM: _____ CC: _____
ASM: _____ CM: _____

Total # of Scouts: _____ Total # of Scouters _____ Total # _____ Total \$ _____

Does Unit Have Insurance _____ Preregistration \$ _____

SM Signature: _____ Total \$: _____

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Preregistration Form

Troop Name	_____
Number of Patrols	_____
Number of Scouts	_____
Number of Adult Leaders	_____
Total Participants	_____
Preregistration Deposit (\$5.00 per Scout and Adult)	\$ _____
Total Deposit	\$ _____
Participation in Iron Chef Boy Scout (\$5.00 per team)	\$ _____
Number of Trailers staying at Camporee	_____
Number of Vehicles staying at Camporee	_____

Preregistration Deadline: JANUARY 17, 2008 Roundtable

Return this completed form along with the Preregistration Deposit to:

Great Smoky Mountain Council
Toqua 2008 Winter Camporee
P.O. Box 51885
Knoxville, TN 37950-1885

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Survivor Camp rules: Directions for each challenge are located in an envelope labeled with the challenge name given to your Senior Patrol leader. You may **NOT** open any envelope in advance or you will be banned from that challenge. Each Patrol will elect a new leader for each event. Each challenge should have a new Patrol Leader elected so each member of the Patrol can have a chance to be a leader.

1. Build a Shelter

Elect a Patrol Leader. You have 30 minutes to complete this challenge

Supplies needed: 2 trash bags, assortment of rope, compass, and any other items you can find in nature or in your tribal supplies.

Challenge: Build a lean-to that will protect 2 people from a storm that is coming from the South.

We will test the construction by placing 2 boys in the structure and throw a bucket of water on it. Who ever comes out driest wins. If it is cold we will substitute 2 pieces of paper for the 2 boys.

2. Bear Bag Relay

You have 5 minutes to elect a Patrol Leader, plan your strategy and review the knots your tribe plans to use.

Supplies needed: Bear bag

A dunk bag is tied to the clothesline. Each tribe lines up relay style.

On leaders whistle: The first two boys must take a bear bag to designated area and put it up. They then run back to the starting line and the next two boys run to the bear bag, take it down, stow the bag and rope and run back to the starting line. Some boys may need to run twice to keep the numbers even.

Strategy planning: When your bear bag is tied correctly, it's a snap to remove.

3. Tarp Relay Race

You have 5 minutes to elect a Patrol leader, plan your strategy and review tarp set up. You may take your tent out and practice set up with your tribe.

CHALLENGE: Correctly set up your tarp for use in a designated area about 50 feet from the starting line.

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Patrols line up in a straight row. Boys are partnered in twos.

At the leaders whistle signal, the first group of 2 will run to the bag, take out the tarp and set up the tarp and run back to the starting line. The next two boys will run to the tarp, take it down, roll it up place it in a pack and run back to the finish line.

The first team to complete, sits down in a straight row, grabs hands and yells as loud as they can.

4. Build a fire

You have 10 minutes to elect a Patrol leader, plan strategy, and gather wood.

Supplies needed: You need to gather all items and clear a required area for **SAFE** fire building per the Boy Scout handbook.

Challenge: Build a fire large enough to burn through the string that has been tied to a stake at your fire site.

When time begins, elect your Patrol leader, gather all of your items and take to your Patrol fire ring.

Event leaders will inspect your fire site and will approve or disapprove your readiness to start your fire.

You will be given 1 match for your fire. If your match blows out you may send 1 boy to the event leader to get another match.

The first Patrol that burns through their string wins.

5. Math Challenge- Cross the Creek

You have 5 minutes to elect a tribal leader and plan your strategy

Object of the game: The Patrol must accurately (within 1 foot) determine the amount of rope needed reach from one side of a "creek" to another in order to safely cross the creek. You must account for the rope needed to tie two clove hitches around two predetermined size trees. The event leader will supply the size of the trees prior to the start of the event.

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6. Mystery Event

There will be a mystery event somewhere along the survivor challenge course. The event will not be announced and will not be made known during the Camporee. It will be scored by the event leader.

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Directions to the East Tennessee Tree Farm

Take I-75 South to exit 49. At the end of the exit, turn left onto TN30 towards Athens. Stay on TN30 through Athens (there are several traffic lights). There are several lights to go through. Take TN30 about 10 miles to US411 in Etowah. Turn right onto US411 and go south through Etowah for about 5 miles.

On the right, just prior to crossing the Hiwassee River (if you cross the Hiwassee River, you went too far), on the right, you will come to the entrance to the East Tennessee Tree Farm. Go through the gate and follow the signs to the camping area. Camporee Staff will be available to help you park.

Maps will available to Camporee participants at the December and January roundtables.