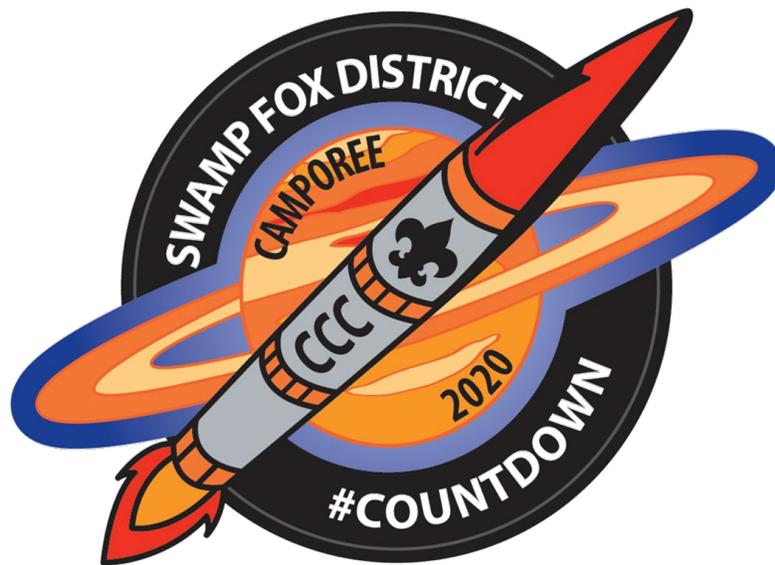


Swamp Fox Camporee #countdown



**BP Recreation Area
March 27-29, 2020
Leaders' Guide**

Dear Unit Leader:

Welcome to the 2020 #countdown Camporee, which will be held at the BP Recreation Area, March 27-29, 2020. The activities for the weekend are space themed and include a rocket building workshop on Saturday morning and a rocket launch on Saturday afternoon, along with other activities to round out a day of excitement and fun. The registration fee includes a kit to build a rocket, engines for two launches, and any other materials needed for the rockets. The rocket build and launch activities are camp-wide sessions and will be instructed and supervised by Rocketry South Carolina. Please note that the launch is somewhat weather dependent; high winds could result in postponement of the launch. Although the event is not intentionally aimed at advancement, some activities may be applicable toward a Space Exploration merit badge. Scouts who desire merit badge credit should contact a merit badge counselor prior to the event.

Troops may register for the #countdown Camporee at the Council website. Registrations must be in no later than March 15, 2020, so that we can purchase materials needed for the activities. The registration fee is \$20 per Scout if registered by March 15. Late registrations will be accepted through March 20 with a \$5 late fee to cover expedited shipping of additional materials. Adult registration is \$15 with no late registration fee. We cannot accept registrations after March 20. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS AT THE GATE.** Please make sure that your roster reflects all Scouts and adults attending the camporee. Be sure to bring your Medical forms Parts A and B and two copies of your roster ready to turn in at registration. Troops will be assigned camping areas dependent upon site capacity and troop size. Please do not arrive before 5:00 p.m. on Friday as campsites will not be available until then.

March weather is hard to predict, so check the weather report and please pack accordingly. Sturdy boots/shoes are highly recommended. **NO** open toed shoes or crocs will be allowed.

We want this weekend to be fun for the Scouts! The code of conduct for the weekend is the Scout Oath and Law. If everyone follows these principles, the weekend will run smoothly and everyone will have a chance to enjoy all of the activities. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Camporee.

If you will arrive particularly late or will not arrive until Saturday morning, please email lynes@tds.net to let staff know what to expect. If you have any individuals with special challenges that the staff needs to accommodate, please email those requirements as well.

Donna Lynes,
Swamp Fox District Camping Chair

Schedule for the Weekend

FRIDAY

5 PM	Units may arrive
8:45 PM	Check-in table closes
9 PM	Cracker barrel for leaders & SPL's in the activity building
11 PM	Lights out

SATURDAY

7 AM	Reveille
9 AM	Opening ceremony at the activity field
9:30 AM	Rocket building workshop in the activity building
Noon	Lunch
1-2 PM	Gateway Build in campsites
2 PM	Rocket launch at the launch field
5 PM	Dinner
6 PM	All Chili Cookoff entries due at the activities building
8 PM	Campfire at the ring by the activities building; cracker barrel for leaders and SPL's immediately after in the activity building
11 PM	Lights out

SUNDAY

7 AM	Reveille
8 AM	Scouts' Own/Awards in the activity building
11 AM	Clear Camp

Check-in Procedure

Please arrive no earlier than 5 PM on Friday, March 27. One unit leader should visit the check-in table to receive a campsite assignment. Please bring a copy of your final roster, including all adults and youth, as well as Health and Medical Record Parts A and B for each participant.

It is strongly recommended that units consolidate as much of their gear as possible into their troop trailer. One vehicle pulling your trailer will be allowed to drive into your campsite to drop off your trailer. Please unhook your trailer and take your vehicles to the parking lot promptly. **ABSOLUTELY NO VEHICLES IN CAMPSITES AFTER 10 PM ON FRIDAY EVENING.** All other vehicles will bypass the campsite area and proceed directly to the parking area. Gear not in the troop trailer will need to be backpacked to the campsite. Please observe a speed limit of 10 mph in the Camporee area, use your emergency flashers, and cooperate with all #countdown Camporee staff responsible for vehicle traffic control and parking. If for some reason you will be late arriving or will not arrive until Saturday morning, please email lynes@tds.net with your intentions.

Sunday Check-out

Units will not be allowed to take vehicles into their campsites until the conclusion of the Scouts' Own. At that time Camporee staff will be in the campsite area to inspect sites and issue the unit a check-out ticket. Sites cannot be inspected until all gear is packed and the area is totally restored to its pre-camp condition or better. Units must pack out their trash. As units depart, one leader should stop by the check-out table to exchange the check-out ticket for unit patches and medical forms. All units should depart by 11 AM.

Water

Potable water will be available on site. Each unit should provide containers for transporting and storing water. Drinking water will be available in the activity areas, but participants should bring a water bottle.

Fires

One campfire per campsite will be permitted if the unit provides an above ground fire pit. Units must supply their own firewood and fire safety equipment. Fires must be attended at all times. Please extinguish your fire before departing camp for activities. All ashes and partially burned wood must be packed out with you. NO GROUND FIRES.

Trash

All trash must be packed out by the unit. ABSOLUTELY NO BURYING OF TRASH!

Flammable Fuels

Adult supervision is always required when flammable fuels are used for lanterns and cooking equipment. Stoves and lanterns using flammable liquids must be operated in strict and full compliance with the manufacturer's instructions. All flammable fuels must be stored in approved containers and maintained under adult supervision and control. Stoves and lanterns using flammable liquids should be allowed to cool down before refilling and only refilled a safe distance from any flame. Never leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended. Only flashlights and battery-operated lanterns may be used in tents. No flames are allowed inside tents. There is no exception to this rule.

Restrooms

Limited facilities are available on site and supplemental portable toilets will be brought in. Please observe any signage as some toilets may be designated for limited use (women only, adults only, etc.).

Adult Leadership

Every unit must have a minimum of two adults supervising their unit throughout the Camporee and must follow the current Guide to Safe Scouting guidelines and BSA Scouting's Barriers to Abuse. All BSA registered adults attending the Camporee must have current Youth Protection Training.

Buddy System

Scouts are to use the buddy system at all times. Any youth traveling alone will be detained until his/her leader can be contacted.

Uniforms

All scouts, leaders, and event staff should maintain the BSA uniform standards, including travel to and from the Camporee. The appropriate uniform is an important part of Scouts BSA and a Scout should wear it proudly and properly. Field uniforms should be worn for travel and the Scouts' Own service. Activity uniforms may be worn for the Saturday activities.

Closing Campfire

An entertaining evening is planned for Saturday night. Troops should be prepared to contribute at least one Scout- appropriate song or skit.

BSA Policy on Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco Use

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or any activity involving participation of youth. Adult leaders must support the attitude that youth should not use tobacco in any form. Leaders should not allow the use of tobacco by youth or adults at any BSA event. (Adults who need to smoke should do so out of the sight of any youth and police the area to ensure that all waste has been disposed of.) Prescription drugs should be stored securely.

Restrictions

Please remember that we are guests at the BP facility, and we would like to be invited back. Please respect the following:

- Use the buddy system. Any youth traveling alone will be detained until his/her leader is located.
- Do not feed or bother, in any way, animals domestic or wild.
- Do not go near structures or equipment that has not been designated as a part of the encampment.
- No fireworks, firearms, or sheathed knives.
- No electronic games, TV's, radios, or music players at the activities. Cell phones should be limited to adults and staff. Units will determine policy for electronics in their campsites.
- No pets.
- No liquid fuels except under the control of an adult leader.
- No generators.
- No vehicles at campsites.
- No laser pointers.
- No wandering into areas not designated as part of our activity.
- No youth will be permitted outside their campsite after lights out. If the unit leader is planning a nighttime activity, the event chair must approve it.
- **No ground fires will be permitted. Charcoal fires for cooking will be allowed if the unit supplies an above-ground container.** Ashes must be safely packed out.

ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS

Rocket Build—1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards to patrols

Each Scout will build his or her own rocket on site from a kit provided, but patrols should sit together, and their rocket decorations should reflect a patrol theme.

Rocket Launch—1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards

Rockets will be launched twice. The first will be an orientation launch so that Scouts can learn how to launch and understand what to expect when the rocket launches. For the second launch, Scouts will attempt to land their rockets within a designated circle. Patrols will be judged based on distance from the center of the circle.

Gateway competition—1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards

- This is a troop competition (not patrol)
- Each troop should have a detailed written plan (including a sketch) of what they intend to build. They should be prepared to show the plan to the judges.
- Troops must bring their own pioneering poles and rope (no nails or screws).
- Must be constructed by Scouts.

- Troops will have one hour after lunch, from 1:00 – 2:00, to construct the gateway
- No preconstruction allowed (any lashings completed prior to 1:00 must be unlashd)
- Camporee staff members will circulate to judge each troop as the gateways are constructed.
- Scoring is as follows:
 - Planning**—25 points
 - Written plans readily available upon request (5)
 - Plans detailed enough that someone unfamiliar with the plan could follow it (10)
 - Accurate materials list included in the plan (5)
 - Gateway built matches the plan (5)
 - Build**—20 points
 - Gateway is stable when standing without guy lines or holes (If weather conditions warrant guy lines, they are properly anchored and flagged) (10)
 - Design is interesting, unique, perhaps theme related (5)
 - Design is neat, aesthetically pleasing (5)
 - Pioneering**—30 points
 - Knots and lashings tied properly (10)
 - Knots and lashings are the best ones for the purpose (5)
 - Gateway demonstrates complex pioneering skills (10)
 - Rope ends are whipped or fused (5)
 - Design**—25 points
 - Structure is clearly recognizable as the entry to the campsite (5)
 - Structure incorporates moving parts such as a turnstile or a gate (5)
 - Absence of drilling, nails, duct tape, or other disallowed materials (5)
 - Proper display of the American flag (left side looking into the campsite) (5)
 - Unit identification (5)

Chili Cook-off Competition- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards

Participants may compete as a troop or as patrols, but a unit may not enter more than one dish per eight registered youth or fraction thereof. Meat may be browned at home, but chili must otherwise be prepared on site by youth using normal campsite cooking equipment. See the policy regarding fires if using Dutch ovens. One pint of chili should be delivered to the activities building by representatives from the youth who prepared it no later than 6 PM. A written copy of the recipe should accompany the entry. Pint containers may be picked up during the day at the admin area in the activity building. Troop numbers should be written on the containers with a permanent marker. If patrols enter, the patrol name should be on the container as well. Chili dishes will be judged on the following criteria with each category weighing equally:

- Uniqueness of the recipe (no points awarded in this category if recipe not included)
- Aroma
- Consistency
- Color/appearance
- Taste

Campsite inspection-1st place and Runner-up

Particularly since we are guests on the BP property, we need to be mindful of the Outdoor Code and respectful toward our host. We hope that each troop will review this list and make an extra effort to have a clean, safe camp!

Campsite Inspection Checklist

Rules: No Scouts will be allowed in the campsite during judging. Any adults in camp at the time of the inspection are asked to give the judges privacy.

Judging Criteria:

Scoring	Possible Points
➤ Tents arranged to best advantage	5
➤ Tents and flies correctly assembled	10
➤ Tents securely staked, ground cloths placed properly	5
➤ Troop identification prominently displayed	5
➤ Grounds clean, free of all debris and hazards	10
➤ Well defined camp perimeter	5
➤ Ground cover undisturbed (may remove sticks and pinecones, but do not rake)	5
➤ If present, axe yard set up safely per BSA standards	5
➤ Mess gear properly washed & stored	10
➤ Visible provisions made for trash disposal/recycling	5
➤ Menu posted	2
➤ Duty roster posted	3
➤ Fire rings safe and meet event and BSA guidelines	5
➤ Firefighting equipment appropriate and adequate	5
➤ Stoves safe per BSA guidelines	5
➤ Hand washing facilities provided	5
➤ First aid kit in sight and readily available	10

CAMP ROSTER

EVENT: #Countdown Camporee
 DATES: March 27-29, 2020

Unit: _____ Leader: _____ Leader's cell _____

(Note: Please list Scouts by Patrols. Turn in roster no later than Friday night cracker barrel.)

Scout Names	Patrol	Rank	Age
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Adults Name (Minimum 2)	Cell Number	Email Address
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Directions

Interstate Route:

- Follow Interstate 526 East toward Mt. Pleasant.
- Exit at Clements Ferry Rd., North (Exit 23B). Continue on Clements Ferry Rd. for 7.2 miles.
- Watch for drop in speed limit to 35 mph. At traffic signal, turn left onto Cainhoy Road and continue for 2.7 miles.
- There will be three gates on your left. The first two (Gates #3 and #2) are EXIT ONLY gates. The entrance gate (Gate #1) has a left turn lane. Do not turn into any of these.
- Continue on Cainhoy Road, past the BP entrance road, over the railroad tracks, to Rec Road on the left. Turn onto Rec Road and follow it to the end.

Moncks Corner Route:

- Take US Hwy. 52 W through Moncks Corner.
- At the traffic light just over the Tailrace Canal bridge, turn right onto Hwy. 402.
- Turn right onto Hwy. 41
- Turn right onto Charity Church Road. Look for the crossroads sign just before your turn. Charity Church Road will dead end at Cainhoy Road.
- Turn left onto Cainhoy Road. Continue about a mile.
- Turn right onto Rec Road and follow it to the end.