

SCOUTS

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No Boundaries!

National Fall Camporee

Leader Guide

Starts November 2, 2020

In-Person Camping: Optional

Fun: REQUIRED

A message from the Camporee Chairman...

Hi Scouters, my name is Don and I work for the Mason-Dixon Council in Hagerstown Maryland. When COVID-19 caused the cancellation of our 2020 Summer Camp, we put together a team to plan and host a virtual summer camp. That effort materialized into what we affectionately call Camp Cyberquipe. Cyberquipe was fun and we learned A LOT. The number one area of feedback we got from Scouts was lack of facetime with other Scouts. This Camporee is designed to maximize facetime, meet new friends from across the country, compete, have fun and enjoy ALL THINGS SCOUTING!

This Camporee starts the day before Election Day. Scouting is not meant to be political, but it is not by coincidence that this timeframe was chosen. The theme "Scouts Across America" was picked to be a sign of friendship & peace to our families, friends and communities. I think America will need as much friendship & peace as we can muster this year. 2020 has already proven to be such a difficult year, and now we must navigate through what looks to be a divisive election season.

I love our Country and I love our Scouting movement. Scouts have always been there in hard times. National disasters, food banks, blood drives, you name it, Scouts have stepped up to help solve National issues. This is our chance to continue that practice even during everything that 2020 has thrown at us.

The following Leader Guide outlines what this Camporee is all about. Financially, proceeds from your registration fee will be split three ways...\$10 from every registration fee will go directly to your home Council. Councils are hurting right now. Summer Camps, events & Friends of Scouting campaigns have come to a halt. Secondly, after all the bills are paid, we will make a direct contribution to Scouting's World Friendship Fund. Finally, our own Mason-Dixon Council is still trying to get in front of the void taken from our budget to the tune of 60% of our income when summer camp was cancelled, so the third portion of any proceeds will help us to continue to provide Scouting for families in our service area.

So, for just \$45 per person, besides getting a VERY SWEET long-sleeve t-shirt, a patch, a wristband and a Unit participation award you will help three organizations during this unprecedented time of need. The fun you will get out of this Camporee will be what you put into it. There will be tons of opportunities for fun, fellowship, competition and Scout spirit. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!!!

Don Harriman, Development Director, Mason-Dixon Council



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Registration Requirements



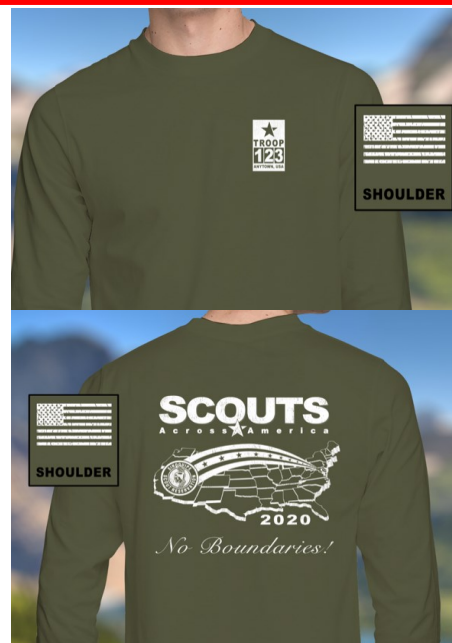
- 1) Since there are many virtual and live aspects to this Camporee, participation will be over 14 days. Out of those 14 days it is recommended to camp with your Unit **at least** one of the weekends and use **at least** two weekdays (meeting night) for fellowship.
- 2) Like all Camporees, this is a TROOP/CREW ONLY event. For this Camporee, a Unit is defined as at least 5 Scouts and one registered Scouter (adult). If the Unit will be in-person camping, then of course, two adult leaders are required but, only ONE has to be registered for the Camporee. So, a minimum of six registrants is required. Must be registered to receive bling.
- 3) The registered adult(s) must provide full name, address, phone number & email. That same adult must have access to setting up ZOOM Meetings. While there are many virtual meeting platforms, ZOOM is the most recognized right now and is our preferred platform. This adult **MUST** be present for all virtual meetings and account for each of his/her registered Scouts during the meetings. The only required Scout information is shirt size.
- 4) In-person camping, while optional, is the purpose of a Camporee. If your area allows, please get out and do some Unit/Patrol camping for at least one of the two weekends. The weekends are for camping and Unit competitions, the weekdays are for friendship zoom meetings with Units nationwide.
- 5) All bling (shirts, patches, wristbands and eventual plaques/awards) will be mailed to the primary contact on the Unit registration. Please make sure that that address is correct and where you want your materials sent.
- 6) Since shirts are personalized with Unit #, there is a longer lead time for delivery. Once registered, it will be 3-4 weeks for your items to arrive. In some cases, depending on when you register, you will not have the shirts & patches until after the event is over.
- 7) Every Unit that registers agrees to be a "sister" Unit. What that means is that you will get to know another unit very well virtually, but also with a care box (at least one). The box swap and more details about Sister Units can be found on page 5. Boxes can be blinged up to include just about anything Scout appropriate.
- 8) The final requirement is to have an open mind and a willingness to foster friendship and peace with Scouts from across the Nation while having as much fun as possible!!!

Fees & What's Included

Scout Fee - \$45

Adult Fee - \$45

- Personalized (With Unit #)
Long Sleeve T-shirt
(color may vary)
Sizes - YS-3XL
- Camporee Patch
- Camporee Wristband
- Assigned "Sister Unit"
- Program (Points system)
- Units receive a participation award
- Event winner awards



Program

Think of our program as one big “Spirit Day”! Units will get points for participation. Each event will be assigned a point value. You will keep track of your points for snazzy bling awards. There are both competitive and non-competitive elements, so no one will sit the bench...EVERYONE CAN EARN POINTS. Yes, it will be easier to compete if you are able to camp together, but with a little Scout ingenuity, you will be able to figure out how to compete virtually as well.

Competitive

Scout Craft

- Timed Fire Building
- Knot Knowledge
- Timed Lashing Structure Building
- Fishing Competition
- Cooking Competitions

Athletic

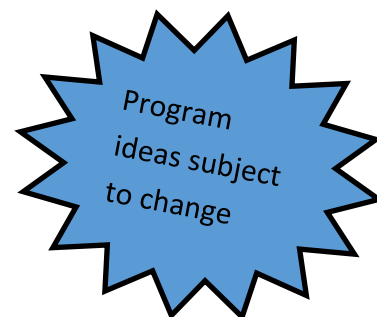
- Timed 5K
- Jump Rope
- Free Throw Shoot
- Push-Ups in Two Minutes
- Pull-Ups in Two Minutes

Scout Spirit

- Unit Song
- Unit Skit
- Unit Yell
- Unit Campfire
- Art/Design Competition

Non-Competitive

- Guest Speakers
- Unit Friendship Zoom Meetings
 - Topic Zoom Meetings
 - Camp Sinoquipe Videos
 - Camp Wide Events
- Unit Conservation Project
 - Unit Service Project



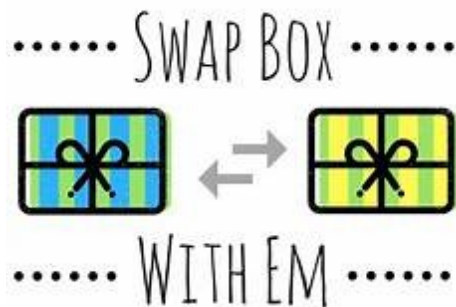
Rules for all events, competitions & program will be emailed to the primary Unit contact before the start of the Camporee.

“Sister” Unit



Have you heard about the Sister City Program? **Sister cities** or **twin towns** are a form of legal or social agreement between towns or cities in geographically and politically distinct areas to promote cultural and commercial ties (Wikipedia).

For this Camporee, every Unit will be assigned a Sister Unit. We will do our best to pair up Units by proximity, size, age and gender.



Each Unit will be required to send a box to their Sister Unit. Unit primary contact will be provided the contact information for Sister Unit. **Please have boxes mailed no later than the first day of the Camporee (11/2) and provide tracking information to receiving Unit.** Below you will find a list of REQUIRED items that must be included. You may go above and beyond what is required and put whatever you like in the box so long as it is Scout appropriate. Some ideas are also listed below.

Required Content

- CSP from home Council
(One for each participant)
- Famous Local (Non-Perishable) Snack
- Famous Local Recipe
- Instructions for Unit's Favorite Game

Optional Content

- Additional Patches
- Unit Logo'd Items
- Local Souvenirs
- Unit Pictures
- Unit T-shirt
- GET CREATIVE!



HOW TO REGISTER



<https://md.tentaroo.com/event/4800/19853/Scouts-Across-America-Camporee>

Or, for a clickable link, visit our Website at www.mdscouting.org

Contact MDC Scout Office at 301-739-1211 for additional information

Or

Don Harriman at 301-739-1211 wk...240-310-4732 cell



Suggested Schedule

Weekdays - Monday, November 2 - Friday, November 6

Planning/Strategizing Competition

First Meeting With Sister Unit

Pack & Send Sister Unit Box

Meet Virtually With Other Units

Camporee Topic Zooms

Camporee Special Guests Zooms

First Weekend - Friday, November 6 - Sunday, November 8

Troop Camping (Virtual or Live)

Competitions

Sister Unit Check In

Weekdays - Monday, November 9 - Friday, November 13

Dual Unit Meeting With Sister Unit

Meet Virtually With Other Units

Camporee Topic Zooms

Camporee Special Guests Zooms

Final Weekend - Friday, November 13 - Sunday, November 15

Troop Camping (Virtual or Live)

Complete Competitions

Closing Ceremony With Sister Unit

Camp Wide Closing Ceremony



Questions & Answers

Do we have to compete in EVERYTHING?

- No. The more the merrier AND the more POINTS! This is an open program where you can participate as much or as little as you like. You can add in Troop advancement & activities. So long as you cover what is in the requirements, be as active as you like.

How will my Council get their donation?

- Our registration site, Tentaroo, will ask you what Council you are in. At the end of the Camporee, we will tally the registrations from each Council and cut a check to them in the amount of \$10 per registration from their Council. Council ABC has 100 registrants, they will get a check for \$1,000.

Can I get a 4X or larger T-shirt?

- Unfortunately, no. We can only go up to a 3XL.

How many points for each competition and how do we submit our points?

- Instructions will be sent separately in an email to the primary contact on Tentaroo. Make sure your primary contact matches the registered adult.

Can our feeder Cub Scout Pack join us like they do for a normal Camporee?

- Of course. So long as you follow the Guide to Safe Scouting, WEBELOS should visit Troops for Camporees.

How are the winners determined?

- Our hope is that the winners will be determined by how many friends are made. However, this is a competition and winners will be crowned by awards. Units have until the Friday after the Camporee is over (November 20th) to compile their points and send them in. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, November 23rd FaceBook Live Event, then posted on our Web-site.

Where are we camping?

- We will have Units participating from across the country. Camp where you can. Together as a Unit is preferred, but you can also camp virtually as a Troop. You will enjoy the experience by having at least one computer, wifi or hotspot with Zoom access.

What is your refund policy?

- Unfortunately, there are no refunds for this event. Once registered, your information will be sent to a company to produce the shirts and send them to you along with patches & wristbands. The process is set in motion after payment is rendered.

Can we add Scouts after we initially register?

- Yes...BUT...Additional Scouts will not have personalized t-shirts with Troop number on them and will be sent separately from main order.

What if we are a new Troop and only have five registered Scouts and one cannot participate?

- Case-by-case exceptions will be made on the registration amounts minimum. In this example, an exception would be made. You can also register an extra adult to circumvent the registration site minimums.