

Goshen 50th Anniversary Camporee Alumni Participant Guide





**Goshen Scout Reservation
50th Anniversary Camporee
“Go for the Gold!”**

Welcome Scouts and the Scouting Community!

On behalf of the National Capital Area Council and the Camporee Staff, I’m pleased to welcome you to this council-wide camporee celebrating 50 years of amazing outdoor experiences at Goshen Scout Reservation.

Whether you are new to scouting, a long time scouter, an alumni of the Goshen staff or a scouting family, there will be something for everyone at this high energy, action packed scouting event. I guarantee that you will go home tired but with great memories of a fun-filled weekend with old scouting friends and new friends made along the way.

During the camporee we will be surrounded by the natural beauty of and make use of the extensive facilities of Goshen Scout Reservation. We will take time to look back over the past 50 years of this reservation and to honor a number of people who contributed to creating “The Goshen Experience” treasured by so many.

This Participant Guide will give you the details of what to expect and how to get ready for your weekend of adventure at the camporee. The key words are “Be Prepared”! You can also keep up with the latest news and updates on the camporee at the Goshen@50 Camporee website at www.ncacbsa/goshen50/

I look forward to seeing you at Goshen on Memorial Day Weekend 2017!

Yours In Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig P. Weston".

Craig P. Weston
Goshen@50 Camporee Chairman

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Goshen Scout Reservation



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Before you arrive:

You Should Bring

- Camping equipment, including ALL tents, dining fly's and cooking gear that you intend to use
- Food and cooking fuel
- Weather appropriate clothing (Be Prepared!)
- Small first aid kit

Directions to Goshen Scout Reservation:

Goshen Scout Reservation is located about three and one-half hours from Washington, D.C., near Lexington, Virginia, in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Situated in some of the most beautiful country in America, Goshen has its own private 450-acre Lake Merriweather, which is used for the varied water activities.

GPS Friendly: 340 Millard Burke Memorial Hwy, Goshen, VA 24439

(From the National Capital Area Council, Bethesda, MD)

- Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to I-66 West to junction with I-81 South (about 80 miles).
- Follow I-81 South to Staunton, Exit 225 (about 75 miles).
- At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto VA 262 South (old 275) to US 250. Turn right onto US 250 (through Churchville) to VA 42 South.
- Follow VA 42 South through Buffalo Gap and Craigsville into Goshen (about 30 miles).
- At the edge of the Goshen town limits (at the bridge), turn left onto VA 39.
- Follow VA 39 South through Goshen to Goshen Scout Reservation (about 4 miles).
- Turn left onto VA 601 and continue for about a mile to the entrance to the Reservation and the Camporee Welcome Center.

Arrival:

Traffic logistics will be a challenge for this event. We anticipate an attendance well over five thousand Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and families, so the arrival and departure of some 1,000 vehicles must be carefully managed. All participants who are staying over the weekend should display on their vehicle dashboard the placard that is included in their registration kit. The placard will help the camporee staff guide you to the appropriate campsite.

Once Alumni arrive at GSR on VA 601 they will continue driving about 3 miles past the entrance to the Reservation to The Knob Road on the left. Just past this point veer to the right onto The Beltway Road, cross the bridge and continue driving for about 2 miles on a dirt road, past Camps Baird & Marriott until you reach Camp PMI. Camp PMI will be your home during the camporee. **Once parked, you will not be permitted to drive your vehicle during the camporee except when you finally depart on the same route you used when arriving.** This is to minimize road congestion and ensure the safety of the many people who will be walking on the roads during the camporee.

Map of The Camporee at Goshen



Check-In (Campsite):

At Camp PMI, Alumni and their families will be greeted by their Camporee docent and staff for check-in. Security wrist-bracelets will be issued to each attendee. These wrist-bracelets must be worn at all times during your stay at the Camporee.

Campsite Rules:

- Do not cut live trees,
- Do not dig any holes or trenches,
- Use only existing fire pits, and
- Follow BSA "Leave No Trace" camping guidelines.

Health/Safety Reminders:

- Follow manufacturer's safe storage instructions when using liquid or propane fuel for cooking or illumination.
- Keep an appropriate fire extinguisher rated for flammable liquids accessible in your campsite or appropriate fire fighting equipment; e.g., filled 5-gallon water bucket, etc.
- "NO FLAMES IN TENTS!"
- A CPR/AED/First Aid certified individual will be on staff within each Goshen Camp in case of emergency. If medical attention is needed, the unit leader should have authorization forms for medical care/treatment readily available. First aid and emergency medical care will be available at

the Camporee. Any injury or illness, no matter how minor, should be reported to first aid staff at one of the Camp first aid stations, or the Goshen Health Lodge

- ☑ Those that need to power Continuous Positive Airway Pressure therapy (CPAP) devices should bring a battery powered machine, or prepare to sleep somewhere near a power source, and that somewhere may not be with your own unit. Battery units can be recharged at Camp Post and possibly in selected buildings at each camp.
- ☑ First aid stations will be staffed by trained first aid and EMS personnel. First aid stations will be located at the following locations:
 - * Camp Olmsted – Administration building
 - * Camp Bowman – Administration building
 - * Camp Ross – Administration building
 - * Camp Marriott – Administration building
 - * Camp PMI – Administration building
 - * Camp Klondike Family Camping Area – mobile home building
 - * Camp Whyte Activity Field
 - * Camp Post – Health Lodge (additional medical services will be also be available)
 - * Every Waterfront during scheduled Aquatics Activities

Mobile teams will be available to respond to emergencies anywhere on the Goshen Camp property. Serious emergencies will be treated by local Rescue & EMS crews (stationed outside of camp) and transported by ambulance to an appropriate hospital.

Leadership:

Assigned sub-camp Commissioners and Camporee docents will be present to assist Alumni with camping, program and Camporee questions. Adult Alumni participants are expected to monitor their children to ensure they do not engage in dangerous practices. See the Scouter Code of Conduct - http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/HealthandSafety/GSS/BSA_Scouter_Code_of_Conduct.aspx

ADA Disabled Alumni Access:

While our goal is to make this Camporee as accessible as possible for all Scouts, everyone must realize that many parts of the program are held in open fields or in heavily wooded, hilly areas. If you have any ADA Disabled Person needs, please alert your sub-camp Commissioner upon arrival. Reasonable accommodations will be made to support participation by Disabled Persons needing assistance.

Waterfront/Swimming Proficiency .

Scouts participating in waterfront activities must present completed swim certification forms. Since Alumni and their children are unlikely to have completed these certifications, they will be restricted to the non-swimming area on the waterfront.

NOTE: There is not a designated changing area nor are there secure areas to lock up personal equipment, clothing, or other materials within the Aquatics/waterfront areas.

Behavior:

As with any Scouting activity, a participant's behavior will be in accordance with the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Golden Rule. See Scouter Code of Conduct - http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/HealthandSafety/GSS/BSA_Scouter_Code_of_Conduct.aspx

Security:

The Camporee will have Scouters and Scouts serving as security personnel. For the safety of all and to assure success of this event, please adhere to any guidance received from these staffers in the course of their duties. Security staff will be identified by their lime green tee shirt with "Security" in bold letters on the back of the shirt.

First Aid:

Alumni should handle all minor first aid needs for their family members, but always advise their sub-camp Commissioner of ALL medical incidents because these must be logged into the medical journal.

Insurance:

Accident insurance is provided as part of your Camporee fees. Should the need for medical treatment at a local hospital be required, insurance forms will be provided. It is the responsibility of the individual and his/her family to handle all medical insurance claims.

Emergency Phone:

A phone number has been established for emergency calls from home only. Messages will be taken to the Camp PMI Chief and forwarded to the Alumni member. Please make sure callers know to give the unit number, contact person, and a detailed message when they call. The number is 540-997-1295. This number is for EMERGENCIES ONLY! Please understand that it may take some time to locate the message recipient.

Cell Phone Coverage:

Cell phones may be used but be aware that not all service providers maintain coverage in the area. Verizon Wireless is generally available.

Latrines:

The existing bathroom facilities will be used where available in each base camp. Where necessary, we will use port-a-lets at the Camporee. The Camporee staff will monitor the use of all such facilities as well as the bathhouses. Showers will be open during posted hours only. Misuse of these facilities will result in their closure. There will be no digging of "cat hole" latrines.

Participants are encouraged to carry a personal supply of toilet paper (in a zip-lock type plastic bag) and a small container of hand sanitizer during their time away from their campsite.

Meals:

Alumni and their families will prepare their own meals in camp. Alumni should bring all necessary equipment and food to prepare their meals. Alumni participants will need to plan and bring their own cooking supplies, food, cookware, utensils, drinks, cups etc. There are few local stores to buy supplies. They will need to bring their own cooking appliances - (LP) based stoves **STRONGLY** recommended as there is **NOT** electricity available. Electric Generators will not be allowed. LP canisters are not provided nor are they available for refilling or purchase in the local area. Units will need to safely store their perishable food. Alumni and their families will need to plan and prepare for proper cleaning of cooking area, equipment, and sanitation within their campsites. It would be best to treat this event as a Leave No Trace . activity; however, if this approach cannot be used, units should consider the following:

- Separate coolers should be used for dairy; meat and fish; and produce. Consider using dry-ice. Cooler temperatures should not rise above 40 degree.
- Using menus that use freeze-fried or dehydrated components rather than fresh, perishable foods.
- Preparing and/or pre-cooking meals at home and freeze; reheat on-site. All reheated items **MUST** reach an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees.
- Remember, Chicken and ground meats **MUST** reach an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees.
- Consider purchasing at least one instant-read cooking thermometer.

Due to the various activities, participants will want to consider bag lunches or eating away from their campsite on Sunday. Units should rely on the time-tested benefits of trail foods such as, dried fruits, M&Ms, and seeds as well as such staples as fruit and grain bars, granola bars, and other bars (believe it or not Snickers is a cheaper and better alternative to the various energy bars). Depending upon your needs, you may want to avoid nuts. Don't forget the benefits snackable of fresh produce.

Trash:

All trash will be properly bagged and placed in designated trash receptacles or hauled out by the participants. Bring your own heavy-duty garbage bags. We ask that you remind your family members to use good judgment. If the trash receptacles are full, don't leave your trash on the ground next to the dumpster. Please, **PACK IT OUT!!!**

Sanitation:

Dishes are to be washed in campsites only. No dishes are to be cleaned at water spigots. Gray water is to be properly disposed. Given the number of campers and the relatively small number of hard-point sumps on the property, most units will be using alternative methods of sumping – this could introduce a significant amount of gray-water into the camps – consider using disposable plates, bowls, and utensils as a way of minimizing gray-water. This will also avoid food-borne issues due to improper cleaning of personal mess items.

Environmental:

No digging of any kind will be allowed in the camping areas. Unit gateways must be free standing. Guide ropes and small stakes are acceptable. No ground fires of any kind will be allowed except in pre-existing campfire pits.

Lost and Found:

Items found are to be turned in at each sub-camp headquarters. Lost items may be claimed at each sub-camp headquarters. Items not claimed by the conclusion of the Camporee on Monday will be available at NCAC Marriott Scout Center following the Camporee. Please label all your equipment and belongings.

Weather:

Alumni and their families should pack and prepare to come and participate at the Camporee, rain or shine. BE PREPARED! Bring tents, ponchos, pack covers, dining flies, ground cloths, and necessary clothing to be comfortable for any weather condition. **The Camporee will not be cancelled because of rain**, since all units are expected to have trained leaders in inclement weather camping procedures. Participants will be walking long distances and actively participating in sporting and adventure type events. BSA does NOT allow barefoot walking/hiking or being barefoot within the campsite. Participants should have closed toe shoes (Rubber “Croc” type shoes, shower shoes (thong type) or open summer/beach type sandals are NOT recommended). It is highly recommended for participants to have a second set of shoes (in case one pair gets wet).

Insects:

Participants should come prepared for springtime insects: mosquitos, flies, and ticks. Parents should ensure their youths are prepared for these hazards with proper clothing and repellants. Depending on the weather and seasonal levels, leaders should remind participants to inspect themselves regularly for ticks through the day and evenings prior to sleeping.

Seating during activities and the Arena Show:

Participants should come prepared for sitting on the ground. Use of lawn chairs is STRONGLY discouraged during the arena show in order for all of the participant’s enjoyment of the production. Participants can bring a ground seat/plastic bag or something similarly flat to sit on in order to protect them from possibly wet ground.

Alcohol Drugs, and Profanity:

The Camporee staff fully supports the policy of the Boy Scouts of America concerning the use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or other controlled substances. Cannabis is illegal within Virginia; therefore, is NOT allowed at Goshen Scout Reservation. It is the policy of the Camporee that there shall be no alcoholic beverages, drugs or other controlled substances present at or consumed during the Camporee. Non-compliance with this policy will result in the individual Alumni and their family being asked to leave the camporee. Similarly, profane language or gestures by youth or adults will not be tolerated. See <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/healthandsafety/gss/gss04.aspx>.

Cigarette Smoking and E-Cigarettes/Vape devices

The Camporee staff fully supports the policy of the Boy Scouts of America concerning the use of Cigarettes, tobacco (chewing or snuff), e-cigarettes and vape type devices: these are not to be used near or around youth participants. Designated area may be provided by the Camporee Director. Proper disposal of Cigarette waste (butts, etc.) and the possible fire hazards require compliance to these policies as well. Non-compliance with this policy will result in the individuals and their unit being asked to leave the camporee. See <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/gss/gss04.aspx>.

Firearms and Shooting Sports devices:

For safety reasons, no personal or unit firearms, pellet/bb or other air guns, archery equipment/arrows, paintball, trebuchet or catapults, throwing knives/hatchets, or slingshots of any kind will be allowed at the Camporee. All firearms will be provided and controlled by Camporee staff during the event. See <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Alerts/Firearms.aspx>.

Activities & Program Support:

Adult Alumni may volunteer to serve on Sunday's program day staff; we will need a very large number of volunteers to execute this program. See your Camp Commissioner to volunteer.

Sub-Camp Campfires & Arena Show:

Each sub-camp, including Camp PMI will have its own Saturday Welcoming Campfire. The Camp PMI camp fire will be a low key event for sharing memories and socializing. Sunday evening there will be a knock-your-socks-off Arena show starting at 8:00 p.m.

Religious Services:

A Scout is Reverent. Alumni and their families are encouraged to participate in the Religious Service of your choice occurring in many different venues depending on the faith walk. Watch for further details.

Displays & Re-enactors:

There will be a number of static displays for everyone's enjoyment. Some of these may include military vehicles, amateur radio, environmental education, historical re-enactors, Police/Fire Explorers, and other exhibits.

Alumni Program

Alumni and their families are encouraged to walk the reservation to see what has changed from their time at Goshen and to see Scouts of all ages engaged in the various program activities, to include Camp Klondike and Camp Whyte in the area of Camp Post Headquarters. Just follow the signs. Children of Alumni may participate in individual, age appropriate activities under parental supervision.

Also, Alumni and their families are invited to the religious services, Saturday night campfires and the Sunday Arena Show. In addition, there will be a Camporee provided BBQ and Cracker Barrel on Saturday for Alumni and their families at Camp PMI.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Pre-approved early arrival

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH

9:30 am – 5:00 pm Check-In (Welcome Center/Campsite)

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Activities for early arrivals [by prior pre-registration only]

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm BBQ Dinner and Cracker Barrel for Alumni and Families at
Camp PMI

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Religious Services

8:30 pm – 9:30 pm Sub-Camp Campfires

11:00 pm Taps

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

7:00 am Reveille

7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am – 12:00 pm PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm Arena Show at Camp Post

11:00 pm Taps

MONDAY, MAY 29th

7:00 am Reveille

7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am – 2:00 pm Check-Out (Campsite/Welcome Center)