

Massanutten District Spring Camporee
April 21-23, 2017

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The Oregon Trail



Hosted By Troop 42
Harrisonburg VA

2017 MASSANUTTEN DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE

April 21, 22, & 23, 2017

Cedar Lane, Route 778, New Market, VA
New Market VA

THEME

The theme for this event is “The Oregon Trail“. Activities will be based around the real Oregon Trail, and the strategy video game of the same name. Like the trail and game, your success will be dependent on your strategy, (Scout) skills, and chance.

COST

\$10.00 for Scouts/Webelos and adults. Webelos are welcome to camp with their host troop. A completed roster is to be turned in at the onsite registration.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Please RSVP to Jim Henderson, Scoutmaster Troop 42 with your intentions to attend and approximately how many Scouts and Patrols will be coming.

Email: jimmhend@comcast.net

Cell: 540-246-3117

ON SITE REGISTRATION

Registration will be from 5:00 - 9:00 pm on Friday, April 21st, 2017 at the Camporee Site. Registration will be located by the parking lot. Units may drive vehicles to the camping area to unload only. Trailers may be left in camp, but vehicles need to be moved to parking lot. Camp sites will be assigned at check-in.

The SPL and adult leader in charge should bring all completed paperwork to CHECK-IN:

- Registration Form
- Show that you have in your possession the Annual Health and Medical Forms Parts A&B for each participant both youth and adult
- Registration Fees

CAMPING

Campsites will be assigned Friday night. Tents will **NOT** be provided. Campsites will have Port-a-Potties

CAMPFIRES

Campfires are allowed in above ground fire pits **ONLY**. These will not be provided.

FIREWOOD

Bring firewood for your use in your campsite.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Leaders and Scouts should insure that the aspects of LNT are followed for the entire weekend. To keep it simple:

All Unit garbage must be taken with you when you leave.

Camp, drive, park, travel where you should

If you brought it with you, take it home

If you found it on the ground, return it to where it was

Remember, WE ARE BOY SCOUTS AND THIS IS HOW WE CAMP!

Water

Water will be provided in a water buffalo.

First Aid

The first aid tent will be staffed at all times and should be used as a first response site for emergencies. For 9-1-1 calls, the street address is Cedar Lane Route 778, New Market VA (Property ID 104 A 188)

Inspections

Inspections of each campsite area will be conducted during the weekend. A campsite inspection sheet is provided.

Cub Activities

Activities for Cub Scouts will be held from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Registration will start at 12:30. Tiger, Wolf and Bears will complete an Elective Loop. Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are encouraged to join up with a Troop in the Camporee activities.

To be guaranteed a belt loop that day, Scouts must pre-register by April 18th. Walk ups will be accepted if space and supplies allow. Contact Carol Watson at carolwat4@gmail.com to pre-register.

O/A

There will be an OA tap-out during the Saturday evening campfire.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPOREE

Cedar Lane, Route 778, New Market, VA

- Take I-81 to New Market, Exit 264
- Head east on Old Cross Road off exit ramp (right turn if coming from south)
- Go 0.2 miles, left turn on Route 11
- Go approximately 2 miles north on Route 11, turn left at Cedar Lane (Burt Long Antiques will be on the left)
- Follow Cedar Lane approximately 1 mile to the farm entrance. Follow the signs.

Trail Guide

The theme for this Camporee is “The Oregon Trail“. Activities will be based around the real Oregon Trail, and the strategy video game of the same name. Like the trail and game, your success will be dependent on your strategy, (Scout) skills, and chance.

As the trail does in real life, you will start your adventure in Independence Missouri. While you are waiting for your wagon train to depart, there will be some pioneer themed exhibits for you to experience (blacksmithing, friction fire building, etc...).

Patrols will depart in small wagon trains at different staged intervals during the course of the morning, starting at 9:00am. They will travel through several forts along the way, each with unique obstacles to overcome.

The scoring for this Camporee will be a little different. You will start your adventure with a little bit of “gold“. As you make your journey, you may find ways to earn more gold, or spend gold for advantages along the way. At the end of the trail, the Patrol with the most gold will be declared the “Best in the West!”

Conestoga Competition

All Patrols should bring a decorated wagon to carry supplies. (Gold will be awarded for the top decorated wagons)

Frontier Grub Challenge

Each patrol competing will cook chili and cornbread, which includes 1 ingredient that we give you. Other ingredients (not including the one we give you) need to be brought by each Troop / Patrol

Trail Stops

Lightning Pass:

Two-Man Saw – A basic survival skill for a cross country adventure!

Fire Building – Extra gold potential for use of more primitive fire building tools (flint and steel, magnesium strike, etc..)

Hunting – BB Guns – Hunting for your food

Skit Competition – You never know when your acting will pay off on the trail!

Blackhawk Rock:

First Aid – Be prepared for injuries along the trail!

Build a Wagon – Pioneering – Test your pioneering skills. You never know when you will have to lash a wagon together.

Circle the Wagons (Dodge Ball) – Cowboys and Indians style

Sasquatch Gulch:

Tomahawk Throw -

Teamwork – The trail is tough. You will need to work together.

Indian Stick Wrestling

What to Bring:

- A decorated wagon (think: little red wagon meets Conestoga)
- Old west themed prop for the skit competition (to be shared with other patrols)
- Ingredients for the Cook off
- First Aid supplies
- Tarp
- Fire starting materials (flint and steel, magnesium strike, matches, or lighter)

Schedule for Event

Tentative - Items May Change: An Updated Schedule Will Be Handed Out At Check-In

Friday April 21, 2017

5:00-9:00pm Check-in by the main office

9:30pm Cracker Barrel SPL+SM

10:30pm Lights Out – All youth are to be in their campsites and quiet.

Saturday April 22, 2017

7:00 am Reveille and Breakfast at campsites

8:30am Opening Ceremony at Independence Missouri (Parade Field)

9:00am-12:00pm - Wagon Trains on the Trail

12:00-1:30pm Lunch at campsites

2:00-3:30pm - Wagon Trains on the Trail

3:30:4:30 – Hunting Games (Prairie Field)

5:30pm Dinner at campsites

6:30pm Cooking Contest Entries due

8:00pm Campfire Program/ Awards - Oregon City

10:30pm Lights Out – All youth are to be in their campsites and quiet

Sunday April 23, 2017

7:00am Reveille and Breakfast at campsites

8:30am Morning Flags/Vespers

9:15am Final Campsite Inspection/Checkout

2017 MASSANUTTEN DISTRICT CAMPSITE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Troop _____

1. GENERAL CAMPSITE Points (0-5 each)

- Troop and U.S. flags at camp entrance ___/5
- First Aid Kit available & visible ___/5
- NO vehicles in campsite ___/5
- Clean, neat, and orderly – free of litter ___/10

2. CAMPFIRE

- Fire area free of debris. (min. 10ft.) ___/5
- Fire area is safe distance from tents (min. 15ft.) ___/5
- Only ONE fire pit per troop w/ fire buckets ___/5
- No unattended fires ___/5
- Tools stowed properly ___/5

3. COOKING / DINING AREAS

- Duty rosters and menus posted ___/5
- Propane/fuel stowed properly ___/5
- All foods stored properly ___/5
- Garbage properly stored ___/5
- Area clean, neat, and orderly – free of litter ___/10

4. TENT AREAS

- Tent set up properly and in an orderly manner ___/5
- Tents closed – gas stowed properly ___/5
- Area clean, neat, and orderly – free of litter ___/10

TOTAL SCORE ___/100

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GOLD RECEIVED ___/33

Scoring Criteria

5 points – great job, everything in top shape

4 points – good job, minor improvements could be made

3 points – meets acceptable standards, good for first day in camp

2 points – improvement is needed to meet minimum standards

1 point – serious deficiencies which impact health & safety noted, immediate attention required

SPRING 2017 CAMPOREE REGISTRATION FORM

To be presented at event registration upon arrival; 5-9 p.m.

TROOP: _____

SCOUT MASTER: _____

ASST. SCOUT MASTERS: _____

SPL: _____

1. _____ 11. _____

2. _____ 12. _____

3. _____ 13. _____

4. _____ 14. _____

5. _____ 15. _____

6. _____ 16. _____

7. _____ 17. _____

8. _____ 18. _____

9. _____ 19. _____

10. _____ 20. _____

Proof of insurance _____ Tour Permit _____

Total Scouts/Webelos & Leaders _____ x\$10= _____