



Scouts BSA

2023 Spring Camporee

**Mountain-Bay
Bike-O-Ree**

April 28-30, 2023

Birnamwood

Special Notes:

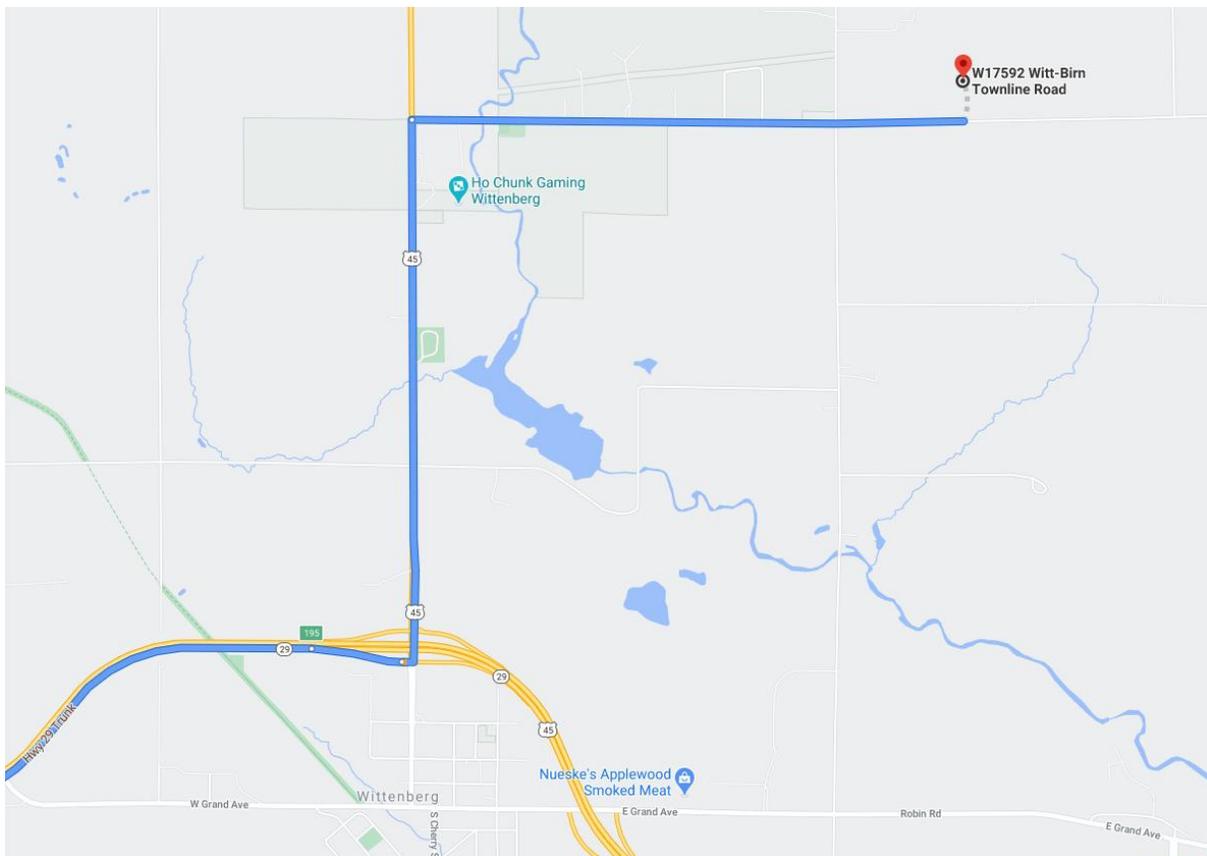
This Camporee will be held at private property in Birnamwood. To get there, follow the directions below:

Take Hwy. 29 East from Wausau to Hwy 45 (Exit 195). At the end of the off ramp turn left (North) onto Hwy 45. Continue North on Hwy 45 for approximately 1 1/2 miles until you reach Witt-Birn Townline Road. Turn right onto Witt-Birn Townline Road and continue for approximately 1 1/2 miles. The Camporee site will be on your left. Look for the Camporee Signs.

The property address is: W17592 Witt-Birn Townline Road
Birnamwood, WI 54414

We need to make sure that when we leave, there is no sign that we have been there (other than trampled grass). We may want to use this location again and we need to leave it like we found it. **Remember to act like Scouts.**

Troops are encouraged to come out ahead of time to pick out a campsite if they would like. The site will be open on Sunday afternoon, April 23 11th, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Staff members will be present to help at that time. You may put a sign with your troop number on the area you select for your campsite. Please bring your own materials for marking your site.



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Special Notes for this Camporee:

- **There is no requirement** for vaccination or a negative COVID test to attend the event.

- Units must complete the BSA pre-event medical screening checklist for all participants prior to the event. (Checklists will not be collected, but we will be asking)
 - <http://www.samoset.org/document/2022-medical-screening-form/208827>

- All current Youth Protection and Safety Guidelines must be followed.

- For Troops that have lightweight camping gear and would like to arrive at the Camporee site or depart by bicycle, a separate parking area is available in Eland approximately 4-1/2 miles from the Camporee site. If you would like further details, please contact Jeff Klein at ribactivities@yahoo.com

- E-Bikes are not allowed at Samoset Council Activities

- Any changes/updates will be communicated to registered units the week before the event.

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Staff

Chairman:

Jeff Klein

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Troop 435



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Friday

- 6:00 - 9:00 pm Registration
- 9:00 pm SPL & Adult Leaders Meeting
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

Saturday

- 8:30 am Opening Ceremony and Announcements
- 10:00 am Bike Skill Trail (*Begins*)
Patrol Flag Judging (*Begins*)
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Clean-Up
- 3:00 pm Bike Maintenance/Safety Presentation
Camp Gadget Judging (*Begins*)
- 4:00 pm Bike Skill Trail (*Ends*)
Bike Maintenance/Safety Presentation
- 4:30 pm Camp Gadget Judging (*Ends*)
Patrol Flag Judging (*Ends*)
- 5:15 pm Flag Lowering
Chapel Service
- 5:45 pm Dinner & Clean-Up
Tinfoil Dinner Cooking Competition Dropoff (*Begins*)
- 6:00 PM Tinfoil Dinner Cooking Competition Dropoff (*Ends*)
- 7:30 pm Campfire Program and Awards
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

Sunday

8:00 - 11:00 am Checkout and Depart for Home

NOTE: Each Troop site must be inspected before your troop leaves!!!

In keeping with the Scout Spirit of Camping, Campers & RV's are not allowed at Scouts BSA Camporees.



General Information

Participants

This weekend Camporee is for all Scouts BSA members.

Check-in and Registration

All troops should check-in upon arrival. We want to know where you intend to camp BEFORE you set up! There will be some areas that will be off limits to use and we don't want to have to make you move your campsite after you have it set up. Scoutmasters may come back later to confirm their registration.

Registration Fee

Registration must be done online. Registration fee is \$15.00 per person. The fee covers the cost of the port-o-potties, patch, prizes, awards, fees, insurance, etc. Registration can be done through Doubleknot at <http://www.samoset.org/>. The Camporee should be in the list of Upcoming Events on the main page. If it does not show up there go to the online calendar and find the Camporee. Registration is open until midnight on Sunday April 23rd. Registrations after that time will incur a \$3 per person late fee. **Anyone participating in the events at the Camporee must register.**

Camping Area

All camping will be in the specified areas only, so please check in BEFORE YOU SET UP Camp.

Parking

Parking is to be only in designated parking areas. There will be ample parking for all vehicles in the designated parking areas. You will be able to drive directly to your site to unload. Once unloaded, you will be able to leave your troop trailer and the attached vehicle in your site. All other vehicles will have to be moved to a separate parking area where it can remain for the weekend.

Troops are encouraged to carpool (not caravan) to minimize traffic at the Camporee Site.

Firewood

There is a very limited supply of down wood. Ground fires will be allowed. **Due to the emerald ash borer we ask that all wood that is brought in come from no more than 50 miles away. Any extra wood must either be burned up or taken with you. It cannot be left behind.** If you are outside of 50 miles away or don't have access to firewood check with a local wood processor, lumber company, flooring company or millwork company. Many of them have free or low cost scrap available.

First Aid and Medical Care

All major injuries should be brought to the attention of the Camporee Staff **IMMEDIATELY!** They will get in contact with the on-site medical people if necessary. Minor cuts and scratches that can be handled with a troop first aid kit should be handled in the campsite.

Lighting

Bring your own lanterns. Lanterns using liquid fuel must have proper adult supervision at all times. No liquid fuel, other than in a lantern or cooking stove, will be permitted in the campsite. You may check the fuel in at the Headquarters Area for safe-keeping.

Water

Potable water **will not** be available at this Camporee. Please bring your water jugs full and what you will need for the entire weekend. An adequate supply of water should be available in campsites at all times for fire safety.

Toilets

The port-o-potties spread out across the grounds are for everyone's use.

Alcohol & Tobacco

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted at encampments or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any Scouts BSA activity involving youth participants.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

Concession Stand

There will be NO concession stand.

Pets

No pets are allowed at District Camporees or at set-up the weekend before.

Chapel Service

A Chapel Service is scheduled for 5:15 pm on Saturday. It will take place near the registration area following flag lowering.

Adult Leader Meeting

There will be a short meeting of adults and Senior Patrol Leaders, Friday evening at 9 pm. This will be an important meeting, as we will review the program and rules for the weekend and go over any questions.

Campfire Program

A campfire program of songs, skits, and awards, will bring the weekend activities to a close on Saturday evening. Troops will be asked to participate by putting on a skit or leading a song.

Camporee Traveling Trophy

The Camporee Traveling Trophy will be awarded during the Saturday evening campfire.

Judges

Troops that have 3 or more registered adult leaders for the weekend are encouraged to help with skill trail/event judging. More information will be available at the Camporee.

Check-Out

Time for check-out will be from 8:00 - 11:00 am on Sunday. Your troop site has to be checked-out by a Camporee Staff member BEFORE you leave. All troops must be checked out by 11 am.

Scout Spirit

Bring and display your troop and patrol flags.

A Scout is Courteous

Remember this part of the Scout Law! Stay out of other troop campsites, unless invited or given permission to enter. Show respect to others by being in your campsite and quiet from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am the next morning. **We ask that no radios be brought to District Camporees.**

Questions?

Any questions regarding the Camporee can be sent to the Chairman Jeff Klein via email at ribactivities@yahoo.com

PROGRAM

The major program event for this Camporee will be the Bike Skill Trail, taking up a minimum of 2-3 hours of the day.

Bike Skill Trail:

There will be 2 different lengths available for the bike skill trail, a 10 mile round trip and a 20 mile round trip. There will be several stations along the way to test your skills. All necessary materials will be provided at the stations. Trail maps will be available at the Camporee.

Patrol size for the bike skill trail should be a min. of 4 and max. of 8. Patrols must sign up for the Bike Skill trail. Signup will be available at the leaders meeting Friday night, or Saturday morning. Scoring will be based on the stations only, the biking portion will not be timed. Ribbons will be awarded to the top patrols based on total score.

The Mountain Bay Trail is a State Trail, and a day Trail pass will be required for any riders age 16 or older. The Trail pass is \$5 and will be available at the Camporee.

Each patrol will be required to have one adult leader along on the ride for safety.

Since most time slots will have you on the trail over lunch, it may be a good idea to plan to bring lunch along, or have another adult meet you at a spot along the trail to have lunch. For those working on Cooking Merit Badge, this may be a good opportunity for a trail lunch. Suggested stopping spots will be marked on the map.

Things to bring along on the Bike Skill Trail:

- Bike in working order
- Bike Helmet
- Drinking water
- First Aid Kit (1 per patrol)
- Tire Patch Kit & Tools (1 per patrol)
- Snacks
- Lunch



Bike Maintenance/Safety Presentation:

A Bike Maintenance/Safety presentation will be offered Saturday afternoon. The presentation will be offered at 3 pm and again at 4 pm. The presentations will be the same, so there is no need to attend both. There is no need to sign up for the presentation.

Camp Gadget Competition:

A Campsite Gadget competition will be held at the Camporee. Your troop can build as many camp gadgets as you like, but you must narrow it down to 3 gadgets for judging. Campsites gadgets will be judged after 3 pm Saturday. If your camp gadgets are not ready to be judged, they will be evaluated “as is” when the judges arrive. Work on camp gadgets must be done once you arrive Friday night. Prizes will be awarded for the best camp gadgets.

Depending on where you pick your campsite, there may/may not be down wood available for use. There will be no cutting of live trees!!

Troops must sign up for the Camp Gadget Competition. Signup will be available at the leaders meeting Friday night, or Saturday morning. You must have a least 1 youth representative available in your troop site after 3 pm to show the judges the gadgets to be judged and explain their use.

Camp gadgets will be judged on creativity, usefulness, and lashing/construction.

Patrol Flag Competition:

Patrol flags will be judged from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm at the designated area. **Only the Patrol Leader and Assistant need to be present for the flag judging.** They will have 3 minutes to present their flag to the judges. During this time they must explain their flag. The flag must be on a pole and be either free standing or have a stand. Only the flag and pole will be judged, not the stand. Patrols interested in having their flags judged must sign up so we have an idea of how many patrols there will be.

The flags will be judged on the following items:

- Presentation by the Patrol Leader
- Appearance
- Use of Material (Color, Proper Knots, etc.)
- Scout Theme
- Troop/Patrol Identification
- Individual Patrol Member's Names
- Other Embellishments

Tinfoil Dinner Cooking Competition:

The tinfoil dinner cooking competition will take place Saturday at dinnertime. Cooking can begin in your campsite whenever it is required, but all entries must be brought down to the registration area between 5:45 and 6:00 pm and left there for judging. Anyone participating must sign-up. Signup will be available until 12 pm on Saturday.

Requirements are as follows:

- No pre-preparation is allowed, all food must be prepared on site.
- The entry must be cooked in tinfoil.
- You must have a copy of the recipe on display on a minimum 5" x 7" card.
- You must have enough for the group of 3-4 judges to have a sample.
- Each entry must be labeled with a Troop #, name or patrol name and be labeled Youth or Adult
- One entry is allowed for each patrol attending the Camporee.
- Adults can also enter (1 entry per adult patrol)
- Entries must be dropped off at Registration between 5:45 and 6 pm and left there for judging.

Entries will be judged in 2 divisions:

Youth
Adult

Entries will be judged on looks, taste and recipe. All judges' decisions are final. Awards will be presented to the top entries in each class.

