

Scouts BSA

Mushkodany District

2024 Spring Camporee

"Backcountry Primer"

April 26 – 28, 2024

Camp Fletcher

Stevens Point, WI



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Friday

- 6:00 pm Arrival and campsite set up
- Mushkodany units, please camp at your unit’s “traditional” campsite. Other units check in at the registration tent for a campsite.
- 8:00 pm Check in and Registration
- 8:30 pm SPL & Unit Leader Meeting
- 11:00 pm Lights out

Saturday

- 8:00 am Check in and Registration
- 9:00 am Flag Raising & Announcements
- 9:15 am Program begins
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Shuttle Scouts to hike start points
- 4:00 pm Program ends, Troop time for dinner
- 4:00 pm Flag Lowering
- 4;15 pm Chapel Service
- 7:00 pm Campfire Program, Awards & Recognitions

Sunday

- 8:00 am Cleanup and depart for home.
- Your campsite is your home, it is your responsibility to keep clean.
- Please be gone by 10:30, if you are staying later let us know.

Event Staff

Event Chair Bob Glennon ScoutmasterT293@charter.net

Overall Event questions

Program Coordinator Paul Rector epunman@gmail.com

Volunteering to staff an area

Facilities Coordinator Dawn Kerske dawnk293@gmail.com

Any issues regarding Camp Fletcher

Campfire Coordinator Dave Wagner scoutmaster9293@gmail.com

Skits and Songs for the Campfire Program

First Responder Nicholas Proulx nick_proulx@hotmail.com

Any First Aid issues beyond unit level care

General Information

Location

This event will be held at Camp Fletcher, the nearest address is 1298 Plover Heights Rd.

Participants

This event is open to all Scouts BSA Troops and Webelos Dens in Samoset Council.

Registration and Check-in

Pre-registration via the Council website is required for this event, this includes Webelos attending. Registration will close 1 week prior to the event; late registration will incur a \$5 per person fee. Upon arrival proceed immediately to your campsite, check-in will be completed at the SPL Meeting with final check-in being completed Saturday morning.

Attendance Fee

There will be a \$25.00 fee per Scout and a \$25.00 fee per adult to attend the event. This fee is based on the cost of porta-johns, patches, awards & recognitions, and other logistical needs. Any additional fees collected will be sent to Samoset Council.

Camping Areas

Mushkodany units, please camp in your Troop's traditional area. If you need more room for Webelos staying with your Troop you should be able to expand your normal footprint a bit with no issues. Other units, please contact Dawn Kerske at dawnk293@gmail.com or stop at the registration tent before deciding where you want to go. The check-in area will be minimized so as not to impact any unit's camping area. Check the latest Guide to Safe Scouting for information regarding outfitter style tents with heaters.

Parking

Please keep vehicle parking to the smallest area possible near your campsites to maximize room for the event. Where possible, units camping in adjacent sites should park their vehicles in the same area. A small parking area will be set up for any Saturday only attendees.

Firewood

There is some down wood at camp, you can pick up any dead and down wood you find on the ground. Due to the Emerald Ash Borer threat please ensure all wood brought to camp is either from within 50 miles of camp or is kiln dried dimensional lumber.

Meals

Materials for Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday will be provided, and will be “backpack / lightweight stove” compatible. Troops will be responsible for evening in-site cracker barrel, and Sat. breakfast and lunch.

Gear

Stoves

Your troop will need to bring lightweight/ backpacking type stoves to prep meals and fulfill all of the listed requirements. Meals will need less than 2 cups of water per person. A troop of 10 scouts can reasonably boil enough water to prepare the meal in about 20 minutes with a typical jetboil or pocket rocket type stove. Please review the latest Guide to Safe Scouting (<https://bit.ly/3lk1xMS>) (page 32-34) for information regarding approved stove and fuel types.

Compass and GPS

Please bring compasses and GPS units. These will be needed for instructional stations and the afternoon hike.

First Aid and Medical Care

Upon arrival, each leader of a unit must have an up-to-date BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form (part A & B) for each camper and adult leader. Staff members, adult volunteers, and youth not attending with a unit must present to the camp health officer or designee an up-to-date BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form. Parts A and B are required for short-term camps.

The Registration Tent will be the First Aid Station, an AED will be available. Please advise the Event First Responder of any known medical concerns at check in. All major injuries should be brought to the attention of the camp staff immediately. Minor issues that can be handled with your Troop First Aid Kit shall be dealt with in the campsite.

Units are responsible for controlling and administering youth member’s medications.

Water

No water is available at camp, units are responsible for bringing their own water for the weekend.

Lighting

Bring your own lanterns. Check the latest Guide to Safe Scouting for information regarding liquid fueled lanterns.

Toilets

Porta-johns will be provided for this event. These will be stocked for the weekend. Please report any issues immediately to a staff member.

SPL & Adult Leader Meeting

There will be a very short SPL/Unit Leader meeting at 8:30pm on Friday. Please limit attendees to the SPL, the Unit Leader, and any adults who are participating as station guides.

Chapel Service

A Non-denominational Chapel Service is scheduled for 4:15 pm Saturday immediately after the Flag Ceremony. Units/individuals who prefer not to attend will be given an opportunity to dismiss back to their campsites.

Campfire Program

A campfire program of songs, skits and awards will bring the weekend to a close on Saturday Evening. Units are encouraged to prepare a song or skit, all must be pre-approved by the Camp Staff. A sign-up sheet will be available.

Scout Spirit

Bring and display your Troop and Patrol Flags. Remember also that the Scout Oath and Law guide us in all our interactions with others.

Check-out

In-person check-out is not required, if your unit will be at Camp Fletcher beyond 10:30 am on Sunday please advise the Staff, otherwise they will lock the gate on their way out. Patches will be ordered after the event. A survey will be passed out during the SPL Meeting and we ask it be returned in a timely manner.

Questions

Any questions regarding this activity can be sent to Bob Glennon at ScoutmasterT293@charter.net.

Program Plan

Overview

The objective of this camporee is to provide scouts with backwoods skills required at multiple levels of rank advancement and Eagle Required Merit badges. The Saturday program will consist of multiple instructional and activity stations designed to prepare scouts for the afternoon activity - a 5 mile hike from a point on the Green Circle Trail into Camp Fletcher, and dinner and breakfast prepared using lightweight/backpack ingredients and methods.

Stations

Intention for this event is to use adult instructors. We can use scouts for the meal prep stations.

If you are interested in helping with any of these stations, but aren't sure that you have the skills or knowledge to run one of these stations, please let Sean Ruppert (sean.ruppert@gmail.com) know. We can provide lesson plans / instructions/ demos to you before the event.

First Aid - (Lorrie Rindfleisch - Troop 259)

Tenderfoot 4C. Tell what you can do while on a campout or other outdoor activity to prevent or reduce the occurrence of injuries or exposure listed in Tenderfoot requirements 4a and 4b.

Tenderfoot 4D Assemble a personal first-aid kit to carry with you on future campouts and hikes. Tell how each item in the kit would be used

Make first aid kit

Discuss need for each item being added to kit

Discuss prevention for things in T4A

Hike Safety - (Jeff Troestler - Troop 248)

Tenderfoot 5A Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and where you live. Use the buddy system while on a troop or patrol outing.**Completed when station is finished**

Tenderfoot 5B Explain what to do if you become lost on a hike or campout.**Completed when station is finished**

Tenderfoot 5C Explain the rules of safe and responsible hiking, both on the highway and cross-country, during the day and at night.

2nd class 3c Describe some hazards or injuries that you might encounter on your hike and what you can do to help prevent them.²

Buddy system
What to do when lost
Rules of safe and responsible hiking

Meal prep stations (Val Lutz - Troop 9299)

Discuss:

Importance of repacking food (makes it lighter to carry, reduces amount of waste bringing into back country with you, reduces cost over buying individual servings.)

Explain meals - and how to cook

Distribute meals to participants. Each gets:

- **Instruction Sheet**
- **Dinner bag**
- **Chicken pouch**
- **Breakfast bag**
- **Trail Mix bag**

Reheat Koozie -

Each scout will make an insulating pouch, for use in keeping rehydrating foods hot (and your hands cool) while rehydrating. Each scout will get a 24x10 piece of reflectix and two 9 inch pieces of duct tape. This will assemble a pouch suitable for heating a quart size bag

Dinner -

Dinner is Thanksgiving dinner. Scouts will receive ingredients for a one "pot" meal made of pouch chicken, mashed potato mix, gravy powder, French's Onions, dehydrated green beans, dried cranberries, and seasoning (salt, pepper, sage).

Breakfast -

Breakfast is quick oats. Scouts will receive quick oats, brown sugar, and dried fruit in a ziplock, and add sugar, brown sugar, dried fruit to the bag to their taste.

Trailmix -

Scouts will receive a snack sized bag of custom trail mix from a selection of ingredients.

Stoves - (Nick Proulx - Troop 290)

2nd Class 2d Explain when it is appropriate to use a lightweight stove and when it is appropriate to use a propane stove. Set up a lightweight stove or propane stove. Unless

prohibited by local fire restrictions, light the stove. Describe the safety procedures for using these types of stoves.

Cover Stove Types

Lightweight backpacking stove vs. typical camp stove

Cooking on the trail

Using boil in bag meals and koozies

Navigation (Compass) (Bob Glennon - Troop 293)

2nd Class 3a Demonstrate how a compass works and how to orient a map. Use a map to point out and tell the meaning of five map symbols.

Navigation (GPS) (Joseph Olson - Troop 293)

First Class 4b. Demonstrate how to use a handheld GPS unit, GPS app on a smartphone, or other electronic navigation system while on a campout or hike. Use GPS to find your current location, a destination of your choice, and the route you will take to get there. Follow that route to arrive at your destination

Navigation (day and night without tools) (Eric Arneson - Troop 205)

2nd class 3d Demonstrate how to find directions during the day and at night without using a compass or an electronic device.

Plants (Zack Wiza - Troop 248)

2nd class 4B. Describe common poisonous or hazardous plants; identify any that grow in your local area or campsite location. Tell how to treat for exposure to them

Afternoon Hike

2nd class 3b Using a compass and map together, take a five-mile hike (or 10 miles by bike) approved by your adult leader and your parent or guardian.

2nd class 4 Identify or show evidence of at least ten kinds of wild animals (such as birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, mollusks) found in your local area or camping location. You may show evidence by tracks, signs, or photographs you have taken

2nd class 5a Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of native plants found in your local area or campsite location. You may show evidence by identifying fallen leaves or fallen fruit that you find in the field, or as part of a collection you have made, or by photographs you have taken.

Scouts will spend the afternoon hiking routes along the Green Circle. The hikes can be taken as single troop hikes, mixed groups etc. Route selection and hike execution will be up to troops. Troops are responsible for moving their own scouts to starting points.

This document contains 3 route suggestions. Each route ends at the Camp Fletcher Flagpole:

- Counterclockwise along the Green Circle, starting at the Plover River trail head on Hoffmeister Drive (44.528683,-89.531536) This route requires HWY 66 be crossed twice, and followed for a short stretch.
- Clockwise along the Green Circle, starting at the Schmeekle Reserve Visitors Center (44.540834,-89.563240). This route requires road travel on suburban and country roads.
- An out and back on the Green Circle. Turnaround point will be marked on Friday afternoon and removed on Monday morning after the hikes

Passive completion

Cooking MB 4(d) While on a trail hike or backpacking trip, prepare and serve two meals and a snack from the menu planned for this requirement. At least one of those meals must be cooked over a fire, or an approved trail stove (with proper supervision).

Budget

Scout expenses are \$18.39 per scout; includes patch and all materials listed below.

Adult expenses are \$12.53. Includes patch and food.

Additionally there are fixed costs for the porta-potties and a District use donation to the Fletcher Fund.

LNT / Outdoor Code Refresher

Total \$1.00 per scout

MATERIAL NEEDS: LNT Hangtags and mini-carabiner. \$1 per scout

Assemble First Aid Kit

Total \$4.86 per scout

MATERIAL NEEDS: First Aid Kit Basics

Small nylon bag - https://a.co/d/6mu2OML	\$0.95 per scout
5 bandaids - https://a.co/d/dombetQ	\$0.50 per scout
1 extra large bandage - https://a.co/d/c2R1Q6V	\$0.50 per scout
Moleskin - https://a.co/d/6F36pme	\$0.28 per scout
2 Gauze Pads - https://a.co/d/fUdvpNW	\$0.20 per scout
Scissors - https://a.co/d/gykPdVp -	\$1.38 per scout
1 pair Non latex gloves - https://a.co/d/2jUcN6x -	\$0.20 per scout
1 pencil - https://a.co/d/btglp0J -	\$0.07 per scout
Notepad - https://a.co/d/bUbA91X -	\$0.33 per scout
Self adhesive bandage / tape - https://a.co/d/e9T6Jf7 -	\$0.39 per scout
2 Snack size zip locks - https://a.co/d/8c1NTP9 -	\$0.06 per scout

Make Reheat koozie

\$1.00 per scout

Reflectix (24x10in per scout)

\$0.80 per scout

Duct tape (18 inch per scout)

\$0.20 per scout

dinner

\$4.62 per scout

Gather ingredients to make "Thanksgiving" dinner \

Package in freezer bags

1 Pouch chicken - https://a.co/d/3gt1x2H-	\$1.72 per scout
2 oz Mashed potatoes - Link -	\$0.50 per scout
1 oz Dried cranberries - https://a.co/d/31x7Q6z -	\$0.25 per scout
1 oz Onion crisps - https://a.co/d/9tBENcR -	\$0.35 per scout
Salt - Link	\$0.01 per scout
Pepper - https://a.co/d/gDMeELH	\$0.10 per scout
Sage - https://a.co/d/g0JKLRJ	\$0.10 per scout
1 Quart freezer bags - https://a.co/d/estRZg0	\$0.14 per scout
1 oz Beans - https://a.co/d/iaBmO3o	\$1.20 per scout
¼ oz Gravy powder - https://a.co/d/0CMKmtX	\$0.25 per scout

Breakfast

Instant Oatmeal

1 Quart freezer bags - <https://a.co/d/estRZg0>

Brown sugar, sugar, cinnamon,

Dried fruit (from trail mix bar)

\$0.45 per scout

\$0.20 per scout

\$0.14 per scout

\$0.10 per scout

– already accounted

Trail Mix

Make trail mix

1 oz sunflower seeds - <https://a.co/d/3bt4ZWT>

1 oz Raisins - <https://a.co/d/5YJVAeA>

2 oz Dried fruits (fleet farm) ~ \$8 per lb each

Cherries, Pineapple ,Kiwi, Pineapple etc

Plan for ~1 oz per scout

1 oz Banana chips (fleet farm) \$4.50 per lb

1 oz Pretzel nuggets - <https://a.co/d/fWCdjkW>

1 oz Coconut shreds - <https://a.co/d/4HoXDaQ>

1 oz Plain m&ms - <https://a.co/d/icL2a1L>

\$2.87 per scout

\$0.28 per scout

\$0.15 per scout

\$1.00 per scout

\$0.30 per scout

\$0.50 per scout

\$0.26 per scout

\$0.38 per scout

Patch \$3.04 each at Class B

<https://www.classb.com/patches/design/pa8431.html>

