



Camporee Leaders Guide 2017

**New Jersey State Police  
&  
New Jersey National Guard  
Camporee**

**May 19-21, 2017  
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Dear Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, Scouters, and Advisors:

On behalf of the Boy Scout Councils of Northeast Region Area 5, I welcome you to the New Jersey State Police and New Jersey National Guard Camporee. I am extremely pleased serve as the Executive Chairman and honored to have Lieutenant Colonel Drew Lazarchick, New Jersey Army and Air National Guard and Lieutenant Archer Jones, President of the New Jersey State Troopers Eagle Scout Association as co-Chairs.

My deepest gratitude and sincere thanks to Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, Superintendent, New Jersey State Police and Brigadier General Michael Cunniff, the Adjutant General, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for serving as Honorary Chairs and providing their continued support and commitment to making this Camporee possible.

You will experience the finest that New Jersey has to offer, the men and women of the National Guard and the State Police truly epitomize those values of the Scout Oath, of "Duty to Country", and service to others. They deserve your gratitude and respect for their service and what they do every day to keep us safe and secure in our daily lives.

This year's theme is Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, or better known as STEM. Additionally we have included Cybersecurity as a rapidly growing profession, critical to the protection of our nation.

As you participate in the many exciting activities and events, keep in mind that you are Scouts, and we are guests at the Training Center. As such, be guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

In closing, I wish to thank the Camporee Staff and the Northeast Region Area 5 Scout Council professionals for their support and all that they have done to make this Camporee an exciting experience for you.

Yours in Scouting,

Bray B. Barnes

Executive Chairman

2017 New Jersey State Police/National Guard Camporee

## Camporee Theme

We are very excited about our theme for the 2017 Camporee. **STEM/Cyber!** What two partners can we have to help us provide a program revolving around Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, than the New Jersey State Police and the service men and women of the New Jersey National Guard.

The New Jersey State Police / National Guard Camporee will be one of the largest scouting activities in the country in 2017. Both the State Police and National Guard are committed to making our communities better and ensuring peace at home and abroad. Both organizations, and our local Councils are bringing an extraordinary amount of resources to the table around the STEM Sciences, and we are hoping your troop can be part of this experience. Later in this Leaders Guide, you will learn of a contest that focuses on STEM/Cyber projects we will be having the weekend of the Camporee. We are hoping that the Scouts and Venturers of your unit will accept this challenge, and help put together something special to share with the rest of the Camporee that weekend.

## Who may attend?

Advance registration is required for all scouts, venturers, explorers, and adult leaders to attend! Any registered Boy Scout Troop, Venture Crew, or Explorer Post may attend this event. Unfortunately, this event is not open to Cub Scouts. **Registration will end on April 1, 2017, or once the total attendance reaches 10,000 scouts and leaders.**

Absolutely no walk-ins or visitors will be permitted to attend the Camporee.

Special Guests must be approved by your local council Scout Executive, through James Gillick, Jersey Shore Council Scout Executive ([james.gillick@scouting.org](mailto:james.gillick@scouting.org)). The names and addresses of all Special Guests must be sent to Jersey Shore Council not later than April 1, 2017 in order that the appropriate access pass can be sent to those individuals.

## Registration fee

The following are the registration fees for every Scout and Scouter participating in the 2017 Camporee:

Early Bird until January 31, 2017: \$30.00/participant.

February 1 to March 31, 2017: \$35.00/participant.

After April 1, 2017: \$40.00/participant

Your registration fees help subsidize event supplies, patches, port-a-potty rental and removal, weekend activities, giveaways, arena programs, and more!

Meals are the responsibility of each unit. The Camporee Committee recommends that each Scout have a bag lunch for Saturday to maximize time spent in program areas. No open fires are allowed, so easy to prepare meals using propane camp stoves are recommended.

## Vehicles and Parking

**Vehicles will not permitted to enter campsites!** As this is a federal facility, all vehicles entering the Sea Girt facility must have a parking pass, no exceptions. To ensure the safety of participants and to ease traffic congestion, the following vehicle plan has been developed:

-  Due to limited parking, each registered unit will be mailed 1 Cargo Vehicle Pass that will allow the unit to haul their equipment to the Cargo Vehicle Corral. No trailers or vehicles will be permitted in the campsite areas. NO EXCEPTIONS.
-  **Vehicles and trailers will not be permitted to go to the campsites.** The towing vehicle must have a Cargo Vehicle Pass and proceed immediately to the Cargo Vehicle Corral. Scouts/Scouters must carry all gear to the campsite. All cargo vehicles must remain in that lot until 8:00 am Sunday morning. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
-  **Parking passes for other vehicles will be mailed to the Unit Leader (One pass for every 4 registered participants).** Vehicles without passes will not be admitted to the Sea Girt facility. **No exceptions!**
-  Vehicles hauling passengers (and personal gear) will be routed to the parking area.
-  For the safety of our youth, all vehicles must remain in that lot until 8:00 am Sunday morning. NO EXCEPTIONS.
-  Vehicles that are returning to pick-up campers on Sunday morning will not be permitted to enter the Sea Girt Facility until 7:30 am, and will be routed to the pick-up area near the entrance to the facility.
-  All Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers are expected to carry their own personal gear from the parking area to their campsite.
-  Please know that we very much appreciate your courtesy and your leadership to keep the standards high!!!

There will be no traffic on the Camporee roads after 10:00 pm on Friday and until 8:00 am Sunday. (Exceptions: emergency vehicles and vehicles necessary to support Camporee operations, and other special needs.). **On Friday evening, all vehicle traffic will be directed on a one-way in, one-way out basis.**

To make your travel to the Camporee and parking more enjoyable, please arrive early or late, the highest traffic congestion will likely occur between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Friday.

## Special Needs passes

Individuals with disabilities may apply for a "Special Needs Pass" to receive special assistance moving their gear to the troop campsite. Written certification from a licensed physician will be required in order to have a "Special Needs Pass" approved. You must request a "Special Needs Pass" not later than Monday, May 1, 2017. Contact [Camping@JerseyShore-BSA.org](mailto:Camping@JerseyShore-BSA.org) to request a "Special Needs Pass."

## Check-in on Friday

Being prepared for check-in sets the tone for your weekend. Before your unit departs from your home community, finalize the unit attendance roster for check-in, load all gear into the cargo hauling vehicle and load Scouts into passenger vehicles. Remember, every vehicle entering the Sea Girt facility must have a pass. Please remember, Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers are expected to carry their own personal gear from the parking area to their campsite.

Arriving Friday night after 9:00 pm is considered late. If you have parents delivering scouts after school or other activities on Friday night, be sure to direct them to the Registration Area, which will be open until 11:00 pm. No cars will be admitted to the parking area after 9:00 pm, please inform parents to take scouts to the Registration Area. The gates to the Sea Girt Facility close at 11:00 pm Friday and no one will be permitted to enter the facility after that hour. **Saturday arrivals will NOT be permitted, there are NO exceptions.**

**STEP ONE:** After passing the main entrance at the Camporee...pull up to the Registration area and remain in your vehicles.

A member of the Registration Staff will acknowledge the arrival of your unit, and identify the parking area. ***Tour Plans will NOT be required by the Camporee Staff. Check with your local council for the requirements for a Tour Plan. Jersey Shore Council and Monmouth Council will not be required to have Tour Plans. For all other councils, it is the responsibility of each Unit to follow the requirements of their Council, and for the Unit Leadership to retain the appropriate copies.***

**Where will passenger vehicles go?** Immediately proceed to the parking area. Make sure your Scouts and Leaders know your Sub-camp area. Maps will be available.

**Where will the cargo hauling vehicle go?** Immediately proceed to the Cargo Vehicle Corral.

**STEP TWO:** Find your campsite — Unit leaders must stop at your Subcamp HQ. Staff will direct you to your campsite and inform you about campsite boundaries, the location of latrines and water, and other details you will need for setting up.

**Cargo vehicles:** This is covered in the Vehicles and Parking section above.

**Check-in with your Subcamp Headquarters:** After you have unloaded, the unit leader should return to your Subcamp Headquarters to complete the registration process. Check in by 10:00 pm at Subcamp Headquarters to pick up your maps and schedules for all members of your Troop/Crew/Post.

## Uniform for the Weekend

All participants are requested to wear their Class A Uniforms during this very special weekend. **BE PREPARED** to present a positive image of Scouting in New Jersey!

## Subcamps

Each unit will receive their campsite space allocation based on the number of people registered via our online registration system. Boy Scout Troops will be assigned a campsite with units from your Council in one of the Subcamps, all Venture Crews and Explorer Posts will be assigned to the same Subcamp. When vehicle arrive at Camporee Registration they will be directed to the parking area. From the parking area, your Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and leaders will pack gear to your campsite in your Subcamp.

## Setting up your campsite

It is recommend that units set up camp in this order:

-  Set-up dining fly first - put gear under it to protect from weather.
-  Set up tents – then move personal gear into tents. Lay out sleeping gear.
-  Set up cooking and eating areas and secure water.
-  Remember NO open fires of any kind are permitted at the Camporee.
-  Gateways / Flagpoles will not be permitted due to the damage to athletic fields. Holes are not permitted be dug into the fields!

## Buddy System

Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers should observe the Buddy System at all times during this event. The guidelines found in “The Guide to Safe Scouting” are the rules of The New Jersey State Police – New Jersey National Guard Boy Scout Camporee and must be strictly enforced by the Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders in all Troops, and the Advisors and Presidents in all Venture Crews and Exploring Posts. The Scout Oath and Law are an important part of every Scouting activity. Leadership starts with YOU. Lead your unit appropriately.

## Security

Security is provided for common areas by the Camporee Staff (those wearing the distinct staff hat), during the day and night. It is up to all of us to keep an eye open for problems and report them to Camporee Security at the Camporee Command Center or Subcamp Headquarters as soon as possible. Each Subcamp Headquarters has a portable radio for staff use 24 hours a day. Alert them to any security or medical emergency. During the daylight hours each Subcamp HQ and each unit should maintain its own security by always having an adult at the campsite. Unit leaders are responsible for keeping their Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers on the Sea Girt facility. No one is permitted to use the lake, ocean, or beach areas, and other areas not specifically designated for the Camporee. Any Scout, Venturer, Explorer, or leader using any of the restricted areas will be sent home, no questions asked.

## First Aid Emergency Procedures

A First Aid station with qualified First Aid personnel will be on hand at the Camporee at all times. The First Aid station is located in proximity to the State Police Command Vehicle. We recommend that all leaders check with their Subcamp HQ to ascertain the location upon their arrival. All serious injuries or illnesses shall to be reported to First Aid team. If necessary, the team will transport to a local hospital. No Scout should be taken out of camp for medical reasons without first contacting the First Aid station team. Each unit must bring a First Aid kit to handle minor injuries. All prescription medications used by scouts must be in possession of and dispensed by an adult leader from the Scout's unit.

## Safety and Sanitation

With the large number of people attending the Camporee, the following safety rules will apply:

-  **No open fires or any kind are permitted.**
-  All stoves and grills must be attended while in use.
-  No liquid fuel lanterns, candles or open flames are permitted in tents.
-  All fuels must be stored under the control of an adult (See BSA liquid fuel policy).
-  Units are required to bring the following items: At least four fire buckets; 1 leaf rake, trash bags for garbage.
-  Please bring trash bags and dispose of trash in the dumpsters.
-  Leave No Trace.
-  Please do not burn any trash.
-  **ALL grey water must be dumped in the central grey water dumping location. The dumping location will be open Saturday from 8:00-9:00am and 5:30-7:00pm. No grey water may be dumped on the ground (NO exceptions).**
-  No dish or clothes washing, or playing is permitted at the Water Buffaloes.
-  Portable toilets are provided. Please keep them clean.
-  No football, baseball, or any physical contact games are to be played at the Camporee.

## Saturday Program

The place to be Saturday to test your skills, learn new ones and just have fun. For the 2017 Camporee, exhibits and demonstrations range from static displays to hands-on activities for Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers. The exhibits provide alternate events while scouts are waiting to participate in some Saturday Program Areas. The displays and activities will be open 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday. A list of those exhibits and events will be posted on the website in late 2016.

## Activity Stations

Each Council will be responsible for hosting a station with hands-on activities focused on National Guard or State Police related activities. These activities will be identified on the website early in 2017.

## Eagle Scout Recognition

All Eagle Scouts attending the Camporee are invited to the Eagle Scout Reception on Saturday. Eagle Scouts **only** please. A specially minted Eagle Scout Challenge Coin that recognizes the distinctly similar values of the rank of Eagle Scout and the values of the New Jersey State Police and the New Jersey National Guard will be presented to each Eagle Scout, those Eagle Scouts under 18 will be presented first, adults will receive any remaining coins. Please provide the number of Eagle Scouts from your unit (please distinguish between youth and adult Eagle Scouts) that will be attending the Camporee no later than April 1, 2017.

## Trading Post

The Trading Post will open throughout the weekend for the purchase of souvenirs, Camporee gear, and a limited supply of Scout items. Hours of Operation: Friday 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Saturday 9:30 am to 10:00 pm. Additionally, tents selling beverages and snacks will be positioned at several places throughout the facility on Saturday.

## Saturday Evening Program

Mobilization begins at 7:30 pm Saturday in Subcamps. Follow directions for lining up from staff. All participants are asked to wear your Class A Uniforms. The Saturday Evening Program start time is 8:30 pm. Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews line up in Subcamps and march to the Saturday Evening Program area. The mobilization plan will be released on Friday evening. Adult leaders must remain with your units and be responsible for their behavior. Make sure flashlights are kept off during the Saturday evening Program. Bring tarps to sit on – no chairs allowed.

## Giveaway Items

Drawstring backpacks filled with goodies for your Scouts! These backpacks will be distributed at check-in to unit leaders. Each backpack will contain:

-  2017 Boy Scout Camporee map and schedule
-  Other items to be selected.
-  A 2017 Boy Scout Camporee collector's patch for each registrant will be provided to the unit leader at checkout on Sunday morning.

**T-Shirt Size Requests:** No later than April 1, 2017, units are to identify the shirt size for each Scout, Venturer, Explorer, and leader that is included on the roster posted on the Jersey Shore Council website. Units will receive the quantity and sizes based upon the information provided on the website.

**Individuals or groups that cancel their reservation will not receive a cash refund, but will have the items above sent to their Council headquarters after the camporee.**

## Check out on Sunday

All units are asked to follow "Leave No Trace" camping guidelines. Campsites must be clean enough for the facility Superintendent of Grounds to be able to cut grass without having to get off tractors and remove objects.

-  **More about "Leave No Trace" on the Web at: [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) and [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org).**
-  All units must police their campsite and dispose of bagged trash properly in the dumpsters.
-  No trash of any kind is to be left in the Camporee fields or parking area.
-  Sub Camp staff will inspect campsites before releasing units. **Inspections begin at 8:00 a.m.** Advise the staff at your Subcamp Headquarters when you are ready for inspection.
-  Once the campsite inspection is completed, the unit leader will be given the Camporee patches.

**IMPORTANT**—No cargo vehicles will leave the Cargo Vehicle Corral after they enter on Friday until Sunday morning because all internal roads will be closed. Make sure that your cargo vehicle drivers are aware of this. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but, with 10,000 participants on the Camporee site, all internal camp roads will be closed to ensure safety.

## 2017 Camporee Schedule

### **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- 2:00 pm Begin check-in. Set-up camp in assigned sites.
- 5:00 pm Trading Post opens, and will close at 10:00 PM.
- 10:00 p.m. Cracker Barrel at Subcamp Headquarters. **Attendance is required for Senior Patrol Leaders, Scoutmasters, Venture Crew and Exploring Post Presidents and Advisers.** Other adults and Scouts should remain in campsites.
- 11:00 pm Last late arrival permitted to the Camporee at Registration area. Gates will be closed.

### **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 am Reveille
- 7:15 am Flag Raising in Unit and Subcamp Headquarters
- 7:30 am Breakfast in campsites
- 8:00 am Jewish religious services
- 8:30 am Special Guest Reception commences
- 9:00 am Opening Ceremony at Grand Stand
- 9:30 am -  
4:30 pm Program Areas, Museum, Exhibitors, Special Programs, Merit Badges, Museum and Trading Post open (Trading closes at 10:00 PM)
- 10:00 am Eagle Scout Reception featuring Chief Scout Executive
- 11:30 am Lunch (*Bag lunch is recommended to maximize time Camporee program time.*)
- 1:00 pm Program areas reopen
- 4:30 pm Program areas close
- 5:00 pm Prepare, eat supper, and clean up
- 5:30 pm Protestant and Catholic religious services
- 7:30 pm Begin Saturday Evening Program mobilization in Subcamps. Units must be ready to follow the Camporee Staff directions for lining up and departure to the show.
- 8:30 pm Saturday Evening Show (No chairs allowed!)
- 10:00 pm All Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers to be in their Campsites!
- 11:00 pm Lights out - All Quiet

## Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

- 7:00 am Reveille
- 7:05 am Flag raising in unit campsites and Subcamp Headquarters
- 7:30 am Breakfast in campsite
- 8:00 am Break camp, clean up campsites.  
Mandatory campsite inspections by Subcamp staffs begins. Unit leaders should advise Subcamp Headquarters when you are ready. Camporee patches will be given to the unit leader upon completion of the campsite inspection
- REMEMBER: We are guests of the New Jersey State Police and the New Jersey National Guard. Leave No Trace Camping.*
- 10:00 am The 2017 Camporee ends. Travel Safe!