

Seaside Heights Camporee

**Jersey Shore Council
Boy Scouts of America**



2020 Leader's Guide

September 11th-13th Weekend Camping Event

Dear Scouter,

On behalf of the Jersey Shore Council, I would like to thank you for choosing to attend the 9th Annual Seaside Heights Camporee as a kickoff to your units' fall activities! Rest assured, your Scouts will have an amazing weekend of fun in the sun camping on the sand and exploring all that Seaside Heights has to offer! It is a Beach Camping experience unlike any other.

Our scout's and leader's safety are our #1 concern. We will abide by all NJ State Laws and Orders, Ocean County Health, and town of Seaside Height regulations. Throughout the camporee we will be maintaining all Covid19 related social distancing and precautions.

The purpose of this weekend event is to supplement and support the unit's annual program. We provide camping on the beach, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday, and a pass good for entrance to Casino Pier all weekend! We also provide a coupon book for many businesses on the boardwalk. If you have an idea or special request, please contact us to discuss.

Our newly redesigned and expanded Program Schedule includes individual units sports all morning. We will be featuring sports on the beach, swimming, gaga ball, and surf fishing!

Both our camp staff and I are truly looking forward to your stay at the Jersey Shore with us this September. Thank you for your service to the youth of today and the leaders of tomorrow.

Yours in Scouting,

Jim McGuire
Vice President of Program
Jersey Shore Council, BSA



PART ONE: PREPARING FOR CAMP

September 11-13 2020 Seaside Heights Camporee

Check-in 4:30pm-8:00pm September 11th at the Lifeguard Building at Kearney Ave. & Boardwalk. You must present your unit roster, waivers for every person, and balance of fees(if any) at check-in. One adult should bring all paperwork to the building then all participants should assemble on the boardwalk to receive a temperature check.

(If you arrive after 8:00 PM, call 908-432-7193 to verify check in and site number)

Cleanup and Check out before 11:00am on September 13th

Adult Leadership at Camp

Two deep leadership is the rule for any Unit outing, and the same applies to this event. Each unit must have two adults at least 21 years of age. Make sure your unit has adequate coverage during your stay in Seaside Heights. Coed Venture Crews must provide both a registered female and male leader 21 years of age or older, and a female Scouts BSA Troop must have at least one registered female leader in attendance.

REQUIRED FORMS

***1) Unit Roster Form:** All units must complete the included unit roster including: names, ages, and emergency phone numbers for all campers.

2) Event Waiver- All participants must sign and turn in waiver at check-in.

*Required forms can be found on the website page.
<https://www.jerseyshorescouts.org/seasideheights>

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

Check in occurs from 4:30-8PM Friday. Please come prepared to the check in Lifeguard Building at the Kearney Ave. boardwalk entrance with a complete unit information. All participants will receive a temperate check after check-in.

There will be a Leaders Information meeting on Friday at 9:00 PM at the north end of the Boardwalk (Hiring Avenue).

Things to Leave at Home

Kerosene or gasoline, cooking stoves, open fires, fireworks/explosives, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, firearms and ammunition, archery equipment, hunting knives, candles, pets, obscene or otherwise inappropriate materials, radios, computer games, walkie-talkies, aerosol cans or other items banned by the Boy Scouts of America and New Jersey State Law.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Leaders are able to Check out as early as 8:00am Sunday. Breakfast will be served in the Casino Pier restaurant both Saturday and Sunday. Units must check out with event staff to ensure a clean campsite is left before leaving the event. All sites must be clean and dismantled by 11:00am.

Part Two: Camp Guidelines

YOUTH PROTECTION AT CAMP

The Jersey Shore Council, BSA adheres to all youth protection guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America. Unit Leaders should review the youth protection guidelines with all adults who will be serving as leaders in camp. Youth Protection Training is available online through my.Scouting.org

REMINDER: use the BUDDY SYSTEM at all times!

If a child reports being abused or if you suspect abuse, contact Jim McGuire immediately. The following barriers to abuse within Scouting are used at camp to ensure the safety of your youth campers. We expect all leaders and guests to follow these guidelines at all times:

Two Deep Leadership

No One on One Contact

Respect of Privacy

Separate Accommodations

No Secret Organizations

Appropriate Attire

No Hazing

Constructive Discipline

PRIVACY OF CAMPSITES

No one is to enter any campsite other than their own without asking permission or invitation. Please walk around the sites, and be respectful to your neighbors. No Camper is to enter the staff area at any time.

PART THREE: HEALTH AND SAFETY

INJURY & ILLNESS

All injuries and illnesses must be reported to the Event Staff immediately. Local Volunteer EMS Tri-Boro First Aid will be covering the weekend event in conjunction with the Seaside Heights Police Department. **If a Scout must be sent home, the necessary arrangements are the responsibility of the unit.**

TRASH AND RECYCLING

Please keep extra trash bags in your campsite. Trash needs to be removed from your campsite on a daily basis and deposited in proper Trash Receptacles located along the beach and at each Boardwalk entrance. NO trash should ever be burned or buried. If you see trash on the beach please pick up what someone else has dropped. Let's all work together to keep the Jersey Shore beautiful.

Event Policies

At the Seaside Heights Camporee, the Scout Oath and Law are our guiding principles. We expect each leader to provide the guidance within the Unit to follow these principles, as well as, the policies of the Jersey Shore Council and the Boy Scouts of America.

- **Alcoholic Beverages & Drugs:** Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted on the property. Possession or use on the beach will be cause for removal from the event and possible prosecution.
- **Hazing:** Initiations or hazing of any type is a violation of the BSA's youth protection policy and is cause for removal and possible prosecution.
- **Firearms:** No personal firearms or ammunition are permitted on camp property.
- **Sheath Knives:** Not permitted to be carried by campers or leaders.
- **Fireworks:** Possession or use of fireworks is prohibited by state law and is grounds for immediate removal from camp and possible prosecution.
- **Personal Items:** The event is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please report theft immediately. Please note Scouts' ability to have cell phones or other electronics is at the discretion of the Unit Leader. We strongly discourage any electronics in camp.
- **Pets:** Pets are not allowed at the event. Service animals are the only animals permitted on the property.
- **Food in Tents:** Scouters should already know that bringing food in tents is a bad idea. Food attracts feral cats, seagulls, foxes and other wildlife.
- **Fishing:** Fishing is encouraged and a great recreational activity during some free time at the beach. Fishing is welcome at any area along the beach, except guarded areas during the day.
- **Swimming:** Swimming is only during Life Guard protected areas 9-5 Saturday and Sunday.

**ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED SEASIDE
HEIGHTS CAMPOREE QUESTIONS**

Camp Sites- Camp sites are chosen based on unit size. The Camporee area is located directly on the beach.

There will be more than adequate spacing for all tents in your campsites. Campsites socially distanced next to each other, we ask all leaders be mindful of their neighbors and their Scouts. After 11PM is considered quiet time, please make sure your Scouts abide by this.

Cell Phones- Each unit must have two leaders, who will be on site, submit their cell phone numbers with their registration. This is a health and safety measure.

Entrance- Please check in with the Camporee Staff at the Kearney Ave. Boardwalk entrance.

Fires- All fires are **prohibited** on the beach and boardwalk.

Leaders- Leaders must also purchase package A for admission to the amusements at Casino Pier. If leaders are not going to enter Casino Pier they may purchase Package B.

Meals- Package A and Package B both include the full meal package. That means a continental breakfast served at the Pier Grille at Grant Ave. both Saturday and Sunday. As well as a Dinner Voucher good for dinner on Saturday as one of five restaurants along the boardwalk. Friday Dinner and Saturday Lunch is up to the individual units. We suggest eating dinner Friday before arrival or packing it with you, and purchasing lunch on the Boardwalk Saturday (\$15 per person will be more than enough)

Program- Our Program this year will consist of unit beach sports to include Volleyball, Gaga Ball, Flag Football, and more! We will have representatives from local surf fishing clubs on how to demonstrate surf fishing techniques to the Scouts. The Scouts will also be able to fish themselves. Swimming is available during posted hours, and only while Seaside Heights town lifeguards are on duty.

Casino Pier Hours- Saturday & Sunday 12:00Noon- 11:00PM, for more information visit www.casinopiernj.com

- Patches-** There will be patch competition. Submit your design by Saturday morning 9am at the Lifeguard Stand. Your scout may win! Patches will be sent to you when they arrive.
- Check-in-** Takes place Friday from 4:30PM-8PM at the Kearney Avenue boardwalk entrance. **DO NOT** proceed directly to the Camporee area, you must go to registration first! You **MUST** have the following items: unit roster, individual waiver, and any payment balance. One adult should bring all paperwork to the building then all participants should assemble on the boardwalk to receive a temperature check. If you arrive after 8:00 PM, please call or text Jim McGuire 908-783-7193 for campsite assignment.
- Saturday Arrivals** If you have Scouts or Adults arriving on Saturday they can be dropped off in the camporee area, they must arrive by 10am. An adult must accompany them to the lifeguard stand for a temperature check.
- Security/First Aid** The Seaside Heights Police Department will be guarding the beach and camping area each night. Beach badge checkers will be manning the entrances from 9:00AM-5:00PM. The Tri-Boro First Aid Squad will be on hand for any medical emergencies. Any arguing or disrespectful behavior toward any of these Camporee representatives will not be tolerated.
- Sunday-** All units are welcome to go to enter Casino Pier Sunday, but must have their camp site taken down and cleaned up **before 11:00AM.**
- Vehicles/Parking-** We have rented out a Parking lot close to our camping area. The lot is between Carterat & Sampson Avenue right on the Boardwalk. The discounted weekend parking rate is \$25. Metered and Non-metered parking are around town, but our lot close by is definitely the best bang for your buck. Consider carpooling as best as possible. Parking is limited.
- Water-** There will be no potable water available for units; you must bring your own water supply. Water fountains are available at the public restrooms on the boardwalk.