



*GEOCACHING:
The Hunt for Scout Treasure*

*2011 Frontier District
Camporee*

*February 25-27
Clanton, Alabama*

GENERAL INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

Directions to Camporee Site: A map is included in this packet and provides general directions to the Camporee site.

Theme: The theme for this year's camporee is 'Geocaching: The Hunt for Scout Treasure'. Our program will include instructional elements on the use of a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) receiver and center around Scouting's new Geocaching merit badge. Camporee events will focus on using basic Scout skills (Tenderfoot thru First Class) to build leadership and communication skills within Scout patrols while completing requirements for the Geocaching merit badge. Each cache location will be a competition event. Each Scout in his patrol will participate in the competitions. As a bonus, we'll be offering an opportunity for Scouts to earn **one additional** merit badge.

Merit Badges: For this camporee, we are offering Scouts an opportunity to earn the Geocaching Merit Badge, **plus** one of the following merit badges: Traffic Safety or Fire Safety. These merit badges are fun, easy, and not offered during summer/winter camps or merit badge days. In order to ensure we have enough merit badge counselors, please turn in the merit badge registration form with your camporee registration. There is no additional fee and merit badge registration is open either individually or for entire patrols.

Merit Badge	MB Requirements that might not be completed during Camporee	Notes
Geocaching	None	Req 7 asks that the Scout, with parent's permission, create a free account on www.geocaching.com , find and share information on a minimum of 3 cache sites within their area.
Fire Safety	None	Req 6 includes a home fire safety checklist. Please have this completed prior to Camporee. There is a checklist in the workbook found on Meritbadge.org
Traffic Safety	None	

Patrol Method: Patrols are the building blocks of a Boy Scout troop. A patrol is a small group, typically 5 – 8 scouts who are similar in age, development, and interests. Working together as a team, patrol members share the responsibility for the patrol's success. They gain confidence by serving in positions of patrol leadership. All patrol members enjoy the friendship, sense of belonging, and achievements of the patrol and of each of its members.

What's at Stake? Quite simply, bragging rights. Each troop will be competing for the coveted Golden Skillet, Spirit Axe, and the highly sought after **BLUE PIG!** Does your troop have the knowledge, skill, stamina, and intestinal fortitude to earn one of these valuable trophies?

Registration: Registration begins at the District Roundtable meeting, January 13, 2011. Troops that register that night will receive a \$1.00 discount per participant. This will help us plan for the weekend and make our job easier. NO MONEY will be collected that night. Payment will be collected at the registration tent when you check in. We must have a complete list of all adult leaders and Scouts camping with each troop. Please be prepared to register your Scouts by patrol using the attached form. This will speed up the registration process and allow you to get to your campsite sooner. You will be directed to your campsite upon completion of the registration process and payment of fees.

Cost: A \$10.00 fee (see discount available above) will be collected from each Scout and adult leader. This fee covers the cost of a Camporee patch, awards, and materials not donated to run the event.

Insurance and Medical Forms: BSA requires that each troop have insurance. For more information, contact the Council Service Center, or Al Arrington, Frontier District Executive at (334) 262-2697. Each troop will ensure they have a copy of a current BSA Medical Form for each participant.

First Aid: Each troop should bring their own first aid kit to handle minor problems. For more serious situations, please report to the staff headquarters area.

WEBELOS: All WEBELOS are welcome at the Camporee after 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. This will allow them to camp with their troop and attend the campfire and festivities. No activities are planned for the WEBELOS and they may not participate in the Boy Scout events. Cost is \$5.00 per Scout/Leader/Parent, and each person present must be registered with the camporee staff. This fee includes insurance and a patch, WEBELOS will still be responsible for their own food costs. Camping arrangements will need to be made with your respective Boy Scout Troop in advance. Please direct any questions to Al Arrington, Frontier District Executive, at (334) 262-2697.

Meals: Troops are encouraged to bring a sack dinner Friday evening. The meal plan will be hot-cold-hot. The schedule allows ample time for cooking meals Saturday morning and evening; however, each troop/patrol will need to prepare a quick lunch.

Parking: Troops will be permitted to drive vehicles and pull trailers to their campsite to unload gear. After unloading, all vehicles will be moved to the designated parking area. **ONE** troop trailer and its tow vehicle may stay at the campsite, as long as they remain parked for the weekend.

Water: Water will be available at the camporee site, however, please fill your water containers **before** arriving at the camporee and instruct Scouts to use water sparingly.

Trash: Each troop has the responsibility to collect, remove, and dispose of all trash from their respective campsite. Dumpsters will not be provided. If you bring it in, please remove it and dispose of it at home. This includes all gateway materials and firewood.

Latrines: There are fixed facilities available at the camporee site. Staff facilities will be marked as such and are off limits to Scout troops.

Troop sites: Please make arrangements to have an adult in your campsite at all times. The Camporee staff will not be responsible for troop or personal gear. Fires will not be left unattended.

Leadership patrols: Troop leadership patrols (SPL, ASPL, etc.) will not participate as a patrol. Troop leadership will be split into other patrols.

Uniforms: The Scout Field Uniform will be worn at all assemblies, devotional services, and campfire programs. There will be a uniform inspection competition prior to the Flag Assembly on Saturday morning. Please see instructions in this syllabus for requirements.

Fires: The Camporee staff will not furnish firewood. Each troop should bring firewood, charcoal, and/or stoves for cooking. The City of Clanton will allow each campsite to build and maintain a fire provided that a pit is dug to contain the fire. At the end of the Camporee, any remaining unburned materials are removed from the pit and the pit is backfilled. All firewood must be removed at the end of the camporee weekend. In the event of high winds or drought conditions, a **no fire** order may be extended by the camporee director.

Skills: The patrol competitions on Saturday are designed to give each scout the opportunity to use the skills learned in Scouting. Each Scout should find that he is able to contribute in some fashion during the events, no matter his rank, age, or physical ability. Each Scout should have his Boy Scout handbook with him at the camporee. The skills each Scout should know which may be included in the competitive events include: Scout Knowledge/History, First Aid, basic knots through First Class, lashings (square, diagonal, shear, tripod, flagpole, round), alternative fire building/starting methods, map and compass (including symbols), teamwork, and communication. Each scout must have a totin' chip and fireman chit with him at all times.

We will be providing instructional programs on Saturday morning in the use of a Global Positioning Satellite receiver, map and compass, and portions of the Geocaching merit badge. Saturday afternoon, Scouts will have an opportunity to work and complete one of the following merit badges: Traffic Safety, Fire Safety.

Judging: The criteria for judging the best overall troop will be broken up as follows:

Uniform Inspection	25%
Campsite Inspection	25%
Competitive Events	50%

The guidelines for uniform inspection and campsite inspection are attached to this syllabus.

Gateways: There will not be a separate gateway competition. Gateways are included as part of the campsite inspection and each troop has an opportunity to earn 100 points for an entryway (see campsite inspection form). Points will also be awarded during the campsite inspection for camp gadgets. Construction of camp gadgets allow your Scout to show off their ingenuity and Scouting Skills. Consult the Boy Scout Handbook and Fieldbook for ideas in this area.

**Gateways and camp gadgets must be constructed onsite by the youth of the troop. Construction of camp gadgets, gateways, fences, etc. by adults will be cause for disqualification during the campsite inspection.

***Gateways and camp gadgets must adhere to the following:

- _No adult labor
- _Must be constructed using proper BSA lashings and knots
- _All materials must be brought in by the troop and must be removed by the troop at the end of the Camporee
- _Flags must be properly displayed
- _NO HOLES MAY BE DUG IN CONSTRUCTION OF YOUR GATEWAY

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND THE CAMPFIRE PROGRAM AND ORDER OF THE ARROW CALLOUT CEREMONY TAKING PLACE SATURDAY NIGHT.

If you have any questions concerning the camporee, please call Camporee Chairman Edward Dicks at (334) 361-1870 or David Lewis at (334) 546-0656.

Schedule of Events
(Subject to change)

Friday, February 25, 2011

- 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Troop check-in at Registration Tent by SM and campsite setup
- 8:00 p.m. Assemble at flagpole for special activity
- 9:45 p.m. SM/SPL meeting & Cracker Barrel in Staff area
- 11:00 p.m. Taps (troops may continue to work *quietly* on their campsites)

Saturday, February 26, 2011

- 6:00 a.m. Reveille
- 7:30 a.m. Uniform Inspection at the flagpole
- 8:00 a.m. Posting of the Colors & Announcements
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Morning program
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Lunch in campsite
- 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Afternoon program
- 5:00 p.m. Casing of the Colors
- 5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Campsite Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire, Awards, and OA Callout Ceremony
- 9:30 p.m. Cracker Barrel (Adults, Troop, and WEBELOS leaders)
- 10:30 p.m. Taps

Sunday, February 27, 2011

- 6:00 a.m. Reveille
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Posting of the Colors & Interfaith Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Troop campsite cleanup
- 10:00 a.m. Campsite inspections, Patches, checkout and depart for home

Uniform Inspection Competition

In an effort to simplify the uniform inspection process, the Camporee Committee has put aside their differences and voted across party lines to implement a new format for uniform inspections. Each Scout will have the opportunity to gain five (5) points towards the overall troop score for uniform inspection. This total will be divided by the number of Scouts in the troop to arrive at an average for the troop. This will equate the scores for all troops, regardless of size. All Scouts registered for the camporee must present themselves for inspection. This will be verified against the registration form presented by troop Scoutmasters on Friday night. The inspection criteria are:

1. Official Boy Scout uniform shirt – 1 point
 2. Official Boy Scout uniform pants or shorts (old style, new canvas, or new switchbacks) – 1 point
 3. Two each Official Boy Scout uniform socks (red top or new BSA top) – 1 point
 4. Official Boy Scout uniform belt (old style brass, new style, or black nylon switchback) – 1 point
 5. All insignia, properly placed (Council Should Patch, correct troop numerals, Patrol patch, rank, and US Flag) – 1 point
- **EXCEPTION** – There will be a waiver for new scouts for rank only, since they may have not been awarded their rank at the time of Camporee. This will be verified with the Scoutmaster at time of inspection.
- **EXCEPTION** – Any Scout currently participating in JLTC staff **MUST** notify the judges to receive credit for having troop 5 on their uniform.

Please address any concerns with these guidelines at the SPL meeting on Friday night.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION FOR TROOP # _____

1. **GATEWAY (100 POINTS MAX.)** _____
 - U.S. & TROOP FLAGS POSTED (25&25) 50 PTS.
 - FENCE CONSTRUCTED 25 PTS.
 - GATEWAY PRESENT 25 PTS.
2. **CAMPSITE ARRANGEMENT (75 POINTS MAX.)** _____
 - UNIFORMLY ARRANGED BY PATROL 25 PTS.
 - FIRE BUCKETS PRESENT AT EACH TENT 25 PTS.
 - PATROL FLAGS POSTED IN PATROL AREAS 25 PTS.
3. **COOKING AREA (50 POINTS MAX.)** _____
 - DUTY ROSTER, MENU, SCHEDULE POSTED 25 PTS.
 - PROPER FOOD STORAGE 25 PTS.
4. **AXE YARD (ONE PER TROOP – 100 POINTS MAX.)** _____
 - ROPED OFF AREA 25 PTS.
 - TOOLS PROPERLY PROTECTED 25 PTS.
 - AND DISPLAYED
 - TOOLS PROPERLY MAINTAINED 25 PTS.
 - WOOD STACKED NEATLY 25 PTS.

****Tools must be stored in the Axe Yard to be judged for maintenance. Failure to do so will result in no points being awarded for maintenance. NO TOOLS: NO POINTS AWARDED!**
5. **FIRE AREA (75 POINTS MAX.)** _____
 - AREA CLEAR OF ANY STRUCTURE
 - FOR MINIMUM OF 10 FEET 25 PTS.
 - FIRE PIT 25 PTS.
 - 1 WATER & 1 SAND BUCKET (12.5/12.5) 25 PTS.
6. **CAMP GADGETS (50 POINTS MAX.)** _____
 - 2 GADGETS (25 PTS. EACH) 50 PTS.
7. **CLEANLINESS (25 POINTS MAX.)** _____
 - FREE OF TRASH & ALL ITEMS PROPERLY
 - STORED 25 PTS.
8. **FIRST AID KIT (25 POINTS MAX.)** _____
 - LOCATED IN COMMON AREA, CLEARLY
 - MARKED, AND PROPERLY STOCKED 25 PTS.

500 PTS MAX _____

CONSTRUCTION OF CAMP GADGETS, GATEWAYS, FENCES, ETC. BY ADULTS WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION IN THIS EVENT. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS EVENT IS 25% OF THE TOTAL SCORE FOR EACH TROOP IN THE OVERALL COMPETITION. CAMP GADGETS AND GATEWAYS MUST BE ASSEMBLED ONSITE. BAMBOO IS PERMISSIBLE.

2011 Frontier District Camporee Registration Form

Troop #: _____

Total Members Present: _____

Scoutmaster: _____

Other Adult Leaders Present:

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Patrol Name: _____

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Please list each scout by patrol. Use additional sheets if needed. _____

For Camporee Staff Use Only: Total Scouts: _____ Total Adults: _____

Total Present: _____ **Money Due:** \$ _____

Campsite: _____ **Participation Ribbon:** _____ **Patches:** _____

2011 Frontier District Camporee Merit Badge Form

Merit Badge: Fire Safety, Traffic Safety

Name: _____

Troop #: _____

Please mark the chart below 1 or 2 by priority. The Camporee staff will try to meet your request to the fullest, but merit badge classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Merit Badge

Priority

Fire Safety*

Traffic Safety

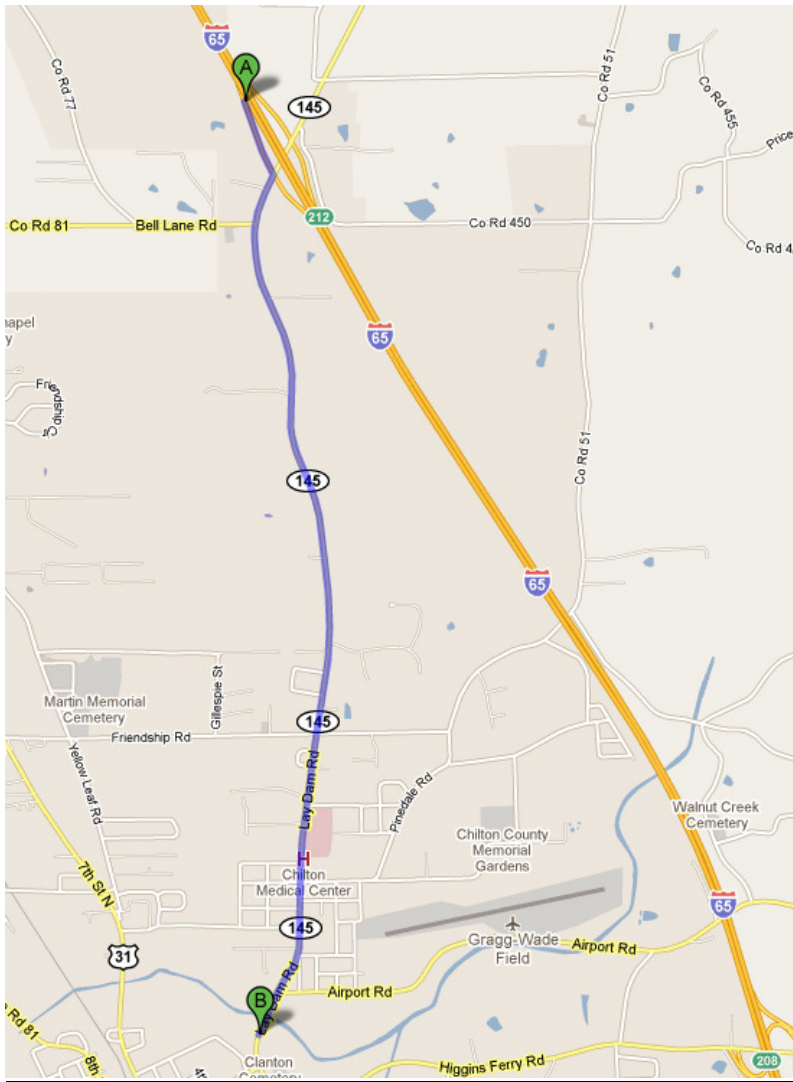
*Please complete and bring with you the home fire safety inspection checklist.

If you wish to register an entire patrol for the same merit badge, write the name of the patrol in the name field above.

Directions to the 2011 Frontier District Camporee

I-65 S to Clanton

Take I-65 south to Exit 212. Exit the interstate and turn right onto AL 145S. Drive approximately 3 miles. You will see a sports complex on the right. Turn right into the parking lot.



I-65 N to Clanton

Take I-65 north to Exit 208. Exit the interstate and turn right onto County Road 28. Drive 1.8 miles and turn right onto 1st street and drive approximately .5 miles. You will see a sports complex on the left. Turn left into the parking lot.

