

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TUKABATCHEE AREA COUNCIL
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

2021 SPRING
CAMPOREE
LEADER'S GUIDE

“MUSKOGEE TRAIL”

(New and revised as of January, 2021)

****Important Dates****

Register Before	12 February 2021
Online Registration Ends	12 February 2021
Camporee Starts	12 March 2021
Camporee Ends	14 March 2021

Congratulations, brave souls on making the decision to travel the Muskogee Trail to head out west for a new start. You will need to Be Prepared for the rough trail ahead. The year is 1848 and your Patrol Leader will be your guide along the trail from Scout Point, Muskogee to the Muskogee Valley via covered wagon. Your Patrol must bring your initial supplies in your covered wagon to the start point at the appointed time. Along the way you may have opportunity to purchase additional supplies, but be aware that supply forts are few and far between. You are also likely to encounter problems (such as dysentery) along the way and you must Be Prepared to overcome them if you want to complete the Trail. So, choose your supplies wisely and brush up on your Scout skills such and come face the challenges of the Muskogee Trail!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our staff anticipates and expects your spirited participation in the Scout-skills competition, exhibitions, adventure, and of course the FUN. It is our intent to provide the atmosphere and opportunity for your unit to thrive and “Hit the Muskogee Trail.”

Please read the entire Leader’s Guide. The most successful units at this event will have thoroughly read and attained a complete understanding of all the sections covered in this Leader’s Guide. We hope these changes will be for the better and enhance your unit’s experience at Camporee.

COVID protocols must be observed during the Camporee. The Leader’s Guide contains the following sections to help you prepare for the Muskogee District Spring Camporee. We are pleased to hold this year’s Camporee at Camp Hobbs.

Camporee is primarily an activity to enhance the PATROL METHOD within your unit. It is also a chance for Scouts to show off their Scout skills in a different way. All activities are run with the patrol method in mind. Camping is set in large troop areas, but each patrol (as registered) will be judged on their ability to camp and complete Scout skills as a team. Each patrol should maintain an individual camp site within the larger troop area. Camporee can only be as strong as unit participation.

A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT

Camporee Staff govern this event by three simple rules: the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code (“Leave No Trace”). We will also insist and work to ensure that all participants live within the Guidelines of Safe Scouting (<http://www.Scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>).

Regardless of the situations that may arise, Scouts do their best and we would appreciate your unit's respect and cooperation. In following the rules as good Scouts and citizens, we should be provided with a successful Spring Camporee.

If deviation from Scouting philosophy does occur, it will be dealt with by Staff and may ultimately require the removal of an individual or unit from the Camporee. The Camporee Chairperson reserves the right to exercise his/her authority and will always uphold the Scout Law.

A SCOUT IS INFORMED

The following are some important elements to keep in mind for this year's Camporee.

SITE:

- The camporee will be held at Camp Hobbs.
- Fires will be allowed in the campsites inside a fire pan or existing fire ring.

WATER/ RESTROOMS/SHOWERS:

- The water will be turned on in the bathhouses and water heaters will have propane.

A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY

We are privileged to invite and expect Scouts from the Scouts BSA. It is indeed a pleasure to remember that Scouting is a worldwide activity and that we should enjoy participation and competition from everyone. In that regard, Troops are encouraged to invite Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to participate in the activities on Saturday. (Sorry, BSA rules do not allow Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to camp overnight at camporees.)

A SCOUT IS PREPARED

UNIT LEADER

Each unit leader is responsible for having in their possession: permission slips, medical releases, and medical histories of ALL PARTICIPANTS from their unit.

EQUIPMENT

Each unit is required to provide all equipment required to participate in the Camporee. That includes tents, stoves, cooking and eating utensils, supplies for the Muskogee Trail, and materials for camp equipment/gadgets, an entrance gateway, etc.

An equipment list for patrols who are overnight camping is provided as a guideline. Units should review equipment requirements with their youth. Those units participating in special events will provide the necessary equipment called for in that event.

MEALS/FOOD

Each unit is required to provide for their own meals to include Friday (optional) supper, Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper, and Sunday breakfast.

SCOUTMASTER/ SENIOR PATROL LEADER CRACKER BARREL

A Cracker Barrel will be held for all Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders on Friday night. Updated details on schedule, etc. will be delivered at that time. Questions will be answered. BSA Field uniforms are expected (neckerchiefs optional, sashes are not expected). Snacks will be provided.

UNIFORMS

The complete Scout “Field Uniform” (AKA: Class A) will be properly worn at appropriate times during the Camporee – No Merit Badge Sashes.

“Activity Uniforms” (Class B) may be worn during Scout Skills games and contests.

Class B shirts worn must be Scouting-theme appropriate. Complete Field uniforms are required for all assemblies, campfires, and at the Camporee-wide Scout’s Own worship service.

Those individuals participating in Order of the Arrow activities during the Camporee should bring appropriate uniform items (sashes!).

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Each unit should have its own first aid kit. However, a first-aid kit will be on site in the event of a medical emergency. **Each unit leader will be responsible for the first aid treatment of minor injuries, and for the safe transport of participants in the event of a medical emergency while maintaining two-deep leadership with the Scout and the remainder of the troop on site.**

Facility	Address
Pine Level Volunteer Fire Department	109 County Rd 40 E Prattville, AL 36066 334-358-0202
Prattville Baptist Hospital	124 S Memorial Dr. Prattville, AL 36067 334-365-0651
**Life threatening injuries	Call 911

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND FIREARMS*

Drugs, alcohol, and firearms are not permitted on the premises at any time. The presence of alcohol, illegal drugs or firearms* may necessitate a call to local law enforcement. Standard rules from the Guide to Safe Scouting apply with respect to prescription medications.

* The ONLY EXCEPTION is for law enforcement officers.

KNIVES

Knives should be appropriate to the activity. Knives with blades longer than 3” are not allowed to be carried at Camporee. Larger knives used for food preparation should be left in the patrol cook site and be properly cared for and put away with the other cooking utensils. Each participant should be knowledgeable in the use of knives and axes and have **in their possession** a Tote-N-Chip Card, which is proof of their proper knowledge and use of such equipment.

LOADING AND UNLOADING: PEOPLE, PARKING, AND EQUIPMENT

This process is the most challenging part of Camporee for the Staff, and your youth and adult leaders. Be Prepared and be patient. If you have any participants in your unit that have a “special need” or mobility issue, please bring it to the attention of the adult parking advisor.

The gate to Camp Hobbs will be closed from dusk until dawn, however, it will not be locked. Contact staff members if you have an emergency need to pass through the gate.

PEOPLE

Remember that the staff is made up of volunteers, youth and adult, and they will have complete authority in any disputed matter. In the event that a participant does not heed the direction or instruction of a Staff member, then they and/or their unit will be subject to sanction by the Camporee Chairperson.

PARKING

Vehicle parking will in the parking lot. Parking rules will be strictly enforced. Troop trailers may be parked in the campsites. If a vehicle is parked improperly, and the driver has been warned, it may be towed.

TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT

By following these simple rules, units will facilitate entering and exiting Camporee with their equipment.

- Each unit will be allowed to park their unit trailer at the designated campsite, and then park their vehicle in the parking lot.
- Plan your trip and vehicle unloading and loading prior to arriving. Empty vehicles must move immediately to parking.
- Upon conclusion of Camporee, the loading of vehicles to leave will be conducted in like manner.

THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL UNITS

When you choose to register online, your check-in is quicker, more hassle free. Moreover, registering online helps to reduce costs for Camporee, as it is important for Camporee Staff to have an accurate count of heads and units in order to prepare sites, ribbons, prizes, etc.

- Registration online limits the confusion and stress of checking in on Friday night, as camp site assignments will be "Jamboree style" and will occur at check-in.
- Help ensure your unit's speedy arrival, registration, and site placement through proper planning.

FEES The cost for each registered youth is \$20.00 for those attending overnight (one night or two).

- The cost for each registered adult is \$15.00 for those attending overnight (one night or two).
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ALL PRINTED DEADLINES WILL BE ENFORCED

Pre-registration fees may be paid online or by check or cash to:
Tukabatchee Area Council

Mailing address:
Tukabatchee Area Council
attn: Muskogee Camporee
3067 Carter Hill Road
Montgomery, AL 36111

FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE unless the Camporee is canceled. In case of cancelation, each unit will be charged a fee to cover patches for each person registered to attend. Patches will be sent to the units if the Camporee is canceled. The reason for this is that we lost approximately \$200 for patches for the 2020 Camporee and can't afford to do that again.

CHECK IN

Regardless of prior notification, entrance to Camporee and to your campsite must begin with checking in at the registration desk. Upon arriving at the Camporee, the primary contact and focal person for registration concerns and questions is the Camporee Chairperson and/or the registration person.

Once at your appointed site, you immediately need to send over a member of your group to confirm the total number signed-in on site. This check-in is necessary for safety/evacuation requirements, head-counts, etc., will facilitate speedy unloading from parking areas, and allow direct access to your campsite.

EARLY CHECK OUT

Please let the Registration Staff know of ANY intentions your unit may have for EARLY DEPARTURE.

- Arrangements should be made as soon as possible upon arrival.
- Vehicle loading near sites will be restricted to after supper on Saturday evening and after Scout worship services on Sunday.
- Early check out is available for units requiring to leave Saturday evening. However, we encourage you to remain until after campfire ceremonies are completed.
- Checkout on Sunday is only available after Scout worship services.

OTHER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- All units are required to check in with the registration staff upon arrival, even if you have pre-registered.
- All units participating in this Camporee will be required to provide the following information:
 - An updated roster of participants (youth and adult) if changes are made to the original registration form.
 - Confirmation of late payment from the Scout Office.
- Each unit leader is responsible for, and will have in their possession, the proper permission slips and medical release forms for each youth participant attending.
- Evidence of two-deep leadership and use of the “buddy system” will be strictly enforced throughout the Camporee.
- Units not meeting the above requirements may not be permitted to check in.

UNIT CAMPSITE/GATEWAYS

UNIT CAMPSITE FORMAT

We will be designating campsites at Camp Hobbs. We cannot guarantee that there will be trees for hammocks at each site so, Be Prepared. If your unit campsite is not large enough or has a problem, contact Camporee Staff at the registration desk and ask for assistance in finding a solution.

GATEWAY CONSTRUCTION

The GATEWAY is an opportunity for your unit to uniquely identify its campsite, and provides a formal entrance to your unit campsite. Its construction, size, and complexity are of your choosing. Gateways can be as elaborate as archways or bridges, and as simple as using unit flags and banners. Your unit can construct its gateway, set up individual patrol sites, and contribute to the overall Camporee community.

This is not only fun and a source of unit pride and Scout spirit, it is useful in identifying your unit. Your unit should bring materials to mark off this area so that it can be clearly defined and identified by the inspectors, other troops, and your own unit members.

Formal identification of your unit's campsite by a gateway is not required, but a visible entrance should be marked.

Remember to exercise the patrol method! Give Scouts the opportunity to provide guidance and input into their unit's gateway and let them provide the manpower. Remember to consider time constraints due to schedule and the Scouts' physical capabilities and limitations.

INSPECTIONS

CAMPSITE INSPECTIONS

Unit and patrol site inspection will be conducted during the Camporee. Check-sheets are provided in the special events section for your review. Unit registration, arrival, and conduct; along with patrol participation and campsite, are factors to consider in the judging of this activity.

This inspection is required for safety reasons and the sheet will be returned to you to use as a training tool. There will only be one inspection, so make sure you are ready. The inspection will take place during morning games. It is expected that your entire unit will participate in the games. This will allow the youth staff inspectors to do their job quickly, efficiently, and thoroughly. Inspections will be made on a unit basis rather than by patrol. Interiors of individual tents will not be evaluated because it is "a Scout's home away from home". Keep them neat and safe, please!

The completed inspection forms will be included in your unit's take home packet – be sure to pick it up before you leave. Awards for the best campsites will be announced at the Awards Ceremony.

****REVIEW THE CHECKLIST, EQUIPMENT LIST, AND INFORMATION FROM THIS GUIDE WITH YOUR UNIT****

CAMPOREE ACTIVITIES

Patrols **WILL NOT** be required to have a wagon of any sort for these activities. However, if a Patrol desires to fully get in the spirit of the event, they will be welcome to use a wagon to carry their supplies.

COVER THE WAGON

Patrols will prepare their “wagon” for the trip west by putting on the cover. Use of proper knots will be critical.

CROSS THE RIVER

Patrols will encounter a raging river shortly after heading out on the Muskogee Trail. Construction of a bridge will be required. Does your patrol have what it takes to construct a bridge?

A DAY’S DELAY

The game “Oregon Trail” was famous for the saying “You have died of dysentery”. Dysentery may not be encountered along the Muskogee Trail, but other First Aid challenges will be encountered.

A WARM NIGHT

The patrols will be challenged to provide for a comfortable night along the Muskogee Trail. They should Be Prepared to start and use a campfire. They must leave the area in a condition such that a prairie fire won’t be ignited.

END OF THE TRAIL

The patrols will eventually reach the end of the trail if they successfully complete the tasks. At the end of the trail they will be required to raise their flag over the “fort”. Familiarity with ropes, etc. will be handy for this task.

JUDGING

If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to know more, please do not hesitate to contact the Camporee Chairperson.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Archery range (\$2 per shooter)
- Black powder shooting (\$8 per shooter)
- Interfaith worship service to be held on Sunday morning. Troop Chaplain’s Aids will be contacted on Saturday to discuss their involvement.
- The Order of the Arrow will be conducting “Call Outs” during the Camporee campfire.

Any other activities will be announced/listed at Camporee check-in.

AWARDS

Special emphasis will be put on the fair awarding of ribbons to participants. Winners of each competition will be announced during the Sunday morning worship service.

CAMPFIRE

Each unit is encouraged to provide **original entertainment** for the camp-wide campfire. Do not forget the 4 S's, so bring your Songs, Skits, Stunts, and Stories. Our Master of Ceremonies will provide the showmanship! Your activity will be pre-viewed prior to acceptance – please be appropriate.

Units are encouraged to practice prior to Camporee -- a great activity for troop meetings. Let us make this full of fellowship and fun, with great entertainment. The campfire is typically presented in a natural 'bowl' (hillside, or stadium, if available) to provide both a 'stage' for the participants, and easy viewing for all. Tip: there is no amplification, so have your Scouts practice their "theatre voice" so we can hear them in the back row.

BEHAVIOR

Campfires are for the enjoyment of all attending and are run in observance of the Scout Oath and Law, which will be the rule again this year. All songs/skits/stunts/stories will be pre-screened by Staff. Any improper behavior will be promptly dealt with.

LOCATION

Camp Hobbs

Input address for GPS:

2021 Camp Tukabatchee Rd, Prattville, AL 36067

BE PREPARED AND HAVE FUN!!

DOs AND DON'Ts FOR SPRING CAMPOREE

DO:	DO NOT:
Take the time to pre-register. It is essential for a successful event.	Build any fires outside of existing fire rings or outside of a fire pan.
Wear your Scout uniform at all times during the camporee. Your activity uniform may be worn during the planned activities.	Bring any fixed blade knife or folding knives with blades longer than 3", drugs, alcohol, or firearms.
Bring your own food and cooking equipment. Bring garbage sacks and expect to remove all your own trash at the end of the camporee.	Bring or play any electronic devices, games, radios, or artificial noise makers - per standard Scouting regs.
Bring your Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit cards.	Block the roadways. Park only in the designated parking areas.
Exercise and follow the safety guidelines found in the guide to safe Scouting.	
Enjoy yourself and have lots fun!	

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT LIST

(For all units and individuals camping overnight)

NOTE: Items marked with an asterisk (*) may carry points for the inspection on Saturday at noon.

Unit/ Patrol	Individual
*Patrol Flag(s)	Field and Activity Uniforms
*Adequate # of tents	Pack/duffel bag
*1 filled fire bucket per tent	Sleeping bag/blankets, sleeping pad
*2 fire buckets or class ABC fire extinguisher for each cooking site	Eating utensils, cup, plate, bowl
Chuck box	Waterproof matches
Stove(s)	
Dishwashing supplies	Scout Handbook
*Duty roster in plastic	Flashlight w/extra batteries & bulbs or 2 flashlights
*Menu in plastic	Extra clothes as needed
*Dishpans	Rain gear
*Trash bags	Toilet articles w/soap & toothbrush, towel, wash cloth – bringing extra toilet paper is a “good thing.”
*Bleach or sanitary tablets	Jacket or sweater (highly recommended)
*Dining fly	Pocket knife – with Tote-N-Chip Card
*First Aid Kit	Extra boots/shoes as required
Sunscreen	First Aid kit
*Hand Soap and or Hand Sanitizer	Canteen/water bottle
*Water container(s) filled	Compass
*Food storage container	Personal Chair
Lantern(s)	
Campfire song/ skit	
Gateway materials	

Reminder: Portable, internal combustion engine type, generators are not permitted without prior authorization. If electricity is needed for medical purposes (CPAP, etc.) power outlets are available. Be sure to bring at least a 100ft extension cord and a 3-way.

This list is provided as a guide. Patrols, individuals, and units should have equipment to meet their requirements.

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REGISTRATION FORM
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TROOP # _____

NAME, PHONE # & E-MAIL OF UNIT LEADERS

Scoutmaster: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Camporee Coordinator: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Senior Patrol Leader: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Asst Sr Patrol Leader: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 22, 2019

Registration Fee	
# of Youth _____ X \$20.00 ea = _____	
# of Adults _____ X \$15.00 ea = _____	
Total: _____	Total: _____

Make checks payable to: Tukabatchee Area Council OR BSA

“Muskogee Trail” Competition – Registration Deadline February 12, 2021

Number of Patrols entering: _____

ALL PRINTED DEADLINES WILL BE ENFORCED

Pre-registration fees may be paid online or by check or cash to:
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Mailing address:
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attn: Muskogee Camporee
3067 Carter Hill Road
Montgomery, AL
36111

FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE (see page 6 for exceptions)

REMEMBER – CAMPOREE IS FUN – LET’S MAKE IT A SUCCESS – PG 12

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REGISTRATION FORM

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ROSTER BY PATROL:

PATROL NAME			
PATROL LEADER			
ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER			
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ADULTS: NAME & CELL PHONE #

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2021 Spring Camporee Campsite Inspection Form

(JUDGES - please do not share this sheet with unit members during inspections)

Troop # _____

I. Patrol Equipment

	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Tent spacing	20	_____	
Cooking gear	20	_____	
First Aid Kit	30	_____	
Kit hung or posted	10	_____	
	80		<input type="text"/>

II. Campsite

	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Camped in assigned site	20	_____	
Rain fly pitched	20	_____	
Tents properly pitched	20	_____	
Hand washing facility	20	_____	
Clean, dry eating area	20	_____	
Patrol equipment stored	20	_____	
Personal equipment stored	20	_____	
Organized campsite layout	20	_____	
No digging	50	_____	
	210		<input type="text"/>

III. Patrol Commissary

	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Menu posted	20	_____	
Duty roster posted	20	_____	
Food prep/kitchen area clean	20	_____	
All food stored properly	40	_____	
	100		<input type="text"/>

IV. Health, Safety and Sanitation

	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Dishes washed properly	20	_____	
Proper disposal of waste water	20	_____	
Garbage disposed of properly	20	_____	
Clean campsite (-5 points for each piece of litter)	30	_____	
Cook fire on safe spot	20	_____	
Drinking water supply handy	20	_____	
Water/soil cooking fire control buckets	40	_____	
Fire Extinguisher or Water Bucket	40	_____	
	210		<input type="text"/>

Any Scout in camp during activities without legitimate reason -40 points (Penalties)

Maximum possible score 600

TOTAL