

Tug-o-War  
Bragging Rights  
Tournament

Scouts of All  
Ages are  
Invited\*

Climbing walls  
For All Ages

Archery

Geocaching!  
&

2015

FALL

SYCAMORE

DISTRICT

CAMPOREE

VETERAN ACRES

CRYSTAL LAKE, IL

OCTOBER 2-4, 2015

Dutch Oven  
Contest-

"Iron Chef Style"

For Information and Registration,  
Visit

[www.blackhawkscouting.org](http://www.blackhawkscouting.org)

\*some restrictions apply, please visit council  
website for details

# 2015 CAMPOREE WHAT'S AND HOW'S

## **What the heck is Camporee and when is it again?**

Camporee is being held on October 2 through 4, 2015 at Veteran Acres in Crystal Lake. It is the semi-annual gathering of all Troops and Crews throughout McHenry County, Illinois for a weekend of camping, fun and fellowship. This year, programs have also been designed for Cub Scouts to attend that Saturday.

## **That sounds like a really awesome time. It must be expensive! How much is this thing going to cost us?**

It really isn't that much more than your typical troop/crew campout. There is a unit participation fee of \$25.00 big ones plus \$7.50 per participant (including scouters). For Cub Scouts, it's a whopping \$5 if they're attending just for the day.

## **Speaking of Cub Scouts, what's the low down on Cub Scouts attending?**

There are various ways that Cub Scouts of any age can attend. The idea is to show them how much fun scouting is all the way until they are 21. So, Cub Scouts can attend for the day only and pay the \$5. BUT, be aware you should bring a sack lunch. There will be a ton of activities they can do + knock out some of those pesky requirements.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can spend the night with a Troop Saturday OR can camp as a Den but must pay the additional \$25 camping fee.

All registrations can be done online but if Cubs are only coming for the day, they can register that Saturday, October 3 as a walk in. *We encourage online sign-up for planning purposes.*

## **So, what's going to happen while Scouts are there? Will they have any fun and be able to do scout stuff?**

Well, that's the plan and we certainly hope so. We've gathered scouters from across the district to help plan out a day-long of fun. So, here is some of the fun stuff that we have planned so far!

- We will have two climbing walls, one for Cub Scout age one for Boy Scout age
- We will be determining the strongest patrol in Sycamore District via a Tug-o-War Tournament
- Games of skill throughout the day
- Dutch Oven contest-Iron Chef style
- Archery fields
- Awesome service project by helping build a monarch butterfly sanctuary.
- Campfire program
- Scouts Own Service



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## Minute's up. Your right, sounds like a blast. Sign us up! Uh, how?

We are now in the 21st Century, which means participating units will have to sign-up online via the Blackhawk Area Council website. But, since this is new to most units, here are some pointers:

- \* You will need to have an exact count and roster of who will be attending—meaning each participating scout and scouter must be registered. The fees will be automatically calculated.
- \* Cub Scouts who are attending the day only do not need to register online (although encouraged), but will have to register at the sign in table on that Saturday. They do not need to pay the unit fee.
- \* Registration is now open and will stay open until September 22nd, you can always amend your rosters until this end date at midnight.
- \* Each participant, whether Scout or Scouter will have to sign a waiver. Those will be collected at check in and compared to the roster you submitted at registration. The waiver is available online at the [blackhawkscouting.org/Sycamore](http://blackhawkscouting.org/Sycamore) website
- \* Dens camping out will need to register online and pay the unit camping fee of \$25.00 and the regular cost of \$7.50, just like a Boy Scout Troop or Venture Crew

All participating units (Troops and Crews) will have to pay the unit fee regardless if your unit will be camping or not and will need to register with the unit and provide a roster. We tried to really simplify the registration , so this should help. But, to keep it simple means we need to eliminate many exceptions.

## What else should we keep in mind?

Attendance will be crowd-controlled via wrist bands. So, every participant must be registered. We will have different color wristbands for overnigheters, day participants, and visitors. So yes, visitors will need to register at our registration table. We are taking these steps to protect our scouts.

The campfire program is THE essence of camping, so get your skits ready!

Our Camporee Chief will be coordinating your participation with your Senior Patrol Leader (even interim), so please make sure you have identified one for the camporee. They will be responsible for checking in your unit and serving as the leadership for the camporee.

After you've registered with the camporee, you will receive a leaders guide on more details, including locations, event times, etc...

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