



First Boy Scout Troop in Cortland County - 1912

A Blast from the Past

Taughannock District Winter Camporee
Camp Barton - January 26-27, 2019

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be a Boy Scout 100 or so years ago? Join us on January 26th-27th at Camp Barton for "A Blast From The Past" Winter Camporee!

We will be utilizing "old-School" Scouting practices along with more modern skills at the various stations, which will run from 9:00AM to around 4:00PM on Saturday.

- Have you ever communicated using Morse Code? How about sending messages with flags using Wig-Wag or Myer Code? Have you ever used Semaphore Signal flags? You will get your chance at this Camporee.
- Have your Scouts constructed a Snowballista? They will at this Camporee. Get a head start and download a picture of a snowballista from John Sweet's *Scouting on the Level*. **It's on the District Activities Web Page.**
- Having each Scout bring a Scout Staff is a good idea - they can make them over Winter Break! Download an article from 1917 from our District Activities Web Page about the importance of Scout Staves. For more information on Scout Staves, see this website:
<https://voiceofscouting.org/why-carry-a-scout-stave-walking-stick>
- We hope your skills are in First Class condition, meaning you can expect the competition skills needed to test items in all the typical First Class areas of knots & pioneering, first aid, orienteering, camping and nature - all as Scouts would have understood them in 1919.
- **Expect some sort of sled race... Get your sled in good condition** - wax the skis or oil the wheels (depending on the weather)! Expect standardized scoring where teamwork, courtesy and patrol spirit are a significant component (enough to distinguish patrols of equal skill). Patrol flags are expected.



A note on housing: If your troop wants to stay overnight, you must reserve through the Baden-Powell Council. If you want to have a space in one of the cabins or leantos, act soon, as indoor space tends to be booked far in advance. Have you reserved yours yet?

The Winter Camporee is being planned and run by Troops 4 and 55, the winners of last year's Winter Camporee. As the event approaches, information will be posted to the District Activities web page: <https://tcscouts.org/activity.htm>

If you have any questions
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Stretcher Race from the 1920 Central New York Jamboree in Ithaca