

Taughannock District Spring Camporee

Fact Sheet and FAQ

- The district spring camporee will be held on a COVID-compliant basis. Your Troop, Ship, or Crew may select any weekend between April 16 and May 30, and any location suitable for short-term camping.
- Each unit will receive a package of materials prior to their camping date which will contain instructions to complete a series of events related to the theme of the camporee. Instructions will include details about information to be gathered into a final report. Once all reports have been submitted (after May 30), results will be announced.
- A fee will be charged to defray the cost of materials and insurance. A patch for each participant will be included in the fee.
- A list of necessary materials will be provided to each Troop in advance of the scheduled date. Those materials will be necessary to complete the scheduled activities. Many of the activities will be based on events from the story, "Satellite Scout" which was serialized in Boys Life in 1950. Copies of the 4-part story are available on the district website, TCScouts.org. It would be helpful if each Scout reads the story in advance of the camporee.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do you mean, COVID-compliant?

We don't know what the COVID rules will be this spring. Anything from completely shut-down to completely open are possible. You should plan on a site that will allow your Troop to divide into socially-distanced Patrol campsites, as each event will be scaled to be accomplished by individual Patrol-sized units. In the event that we are completely shut down, substitute events will be provided which can be completed by individual Scouts camping in their back yards, if feasible. Obviously, mask and social distancing rules will be followed, whatever they may be at the time.

What will be required in the report at the end of the camporee?

A roster of participants organized by Patrol and a list of adult leaders will be submitted. Each event will have some means of measuring success. It might be a photograph, the scan of a hand-drawn map, a written list, time to complete the event, or something similar. These event results will be compiled into a report prepared by the Troop's youth leadership, and submitted after the event.

How much is the fee?

As of now, we don't know. The cost of patches varies greatly in smaller quantities, and we don't want to buy lots of additional patches. The Council's insurance fee may be different this year than in previous years. The number of packets that need to be mailed as opposed to hand-delivered will impact the cost, as well as the number of Patrols in the participating Troops. My best guess at this time? Around \$3 to \$4 per participant for the district fee. Food and camping costs will be determined by Patrol or Troop decisions.

Necessary materials? Like what?

In addition to the usual camping gear for the unit, several items will be necessary. Each Patrol will need to have a digital camera or cell phone capable of photography available to them. Some information may be given in the form of QR codes, so a QR reader app will likely be needed. (I'll provide information on suggested QR readers). Woods tools useful for preparing firewood (bow saw, hand ax, knife) will be needed, and Scouts will need **Tot'n Chip** instruction in advance of the event. A quantity of staves (5' x 1") will be needed, as well as light cord or rope for lashing. Each Patrol should have a Scout Handbook. Field guides to trees, birds, and animals might be helpful, but not required. At least one meal will have designated food requirements.

How do we sign up?

Email Mike Homrighaus at mhomrigh@twcny.rr.com, and let him know you're planning on attending, and how to contact your designated contact person. They will receive instructions on how to complete the sign-up process.