

BARTON 100

TAUGHANNOCK DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE MAY 6-8, 2022

WHERE: A combination of up to three locations: Camp Barton, Taughannock Falls State Park, and Trumansburg Fairgrounds. Camping will be at Camp Barton or at the fairgrounds (or both?). Events will primarily be at Taughannock Falls State Park.

WHEN: Friday, May 6th thru Sunday, May 8th. Sunday May 8th is Mothers Day. All camporee programming will be complete on Saturday, May 7th, so that Troops may depart then, or choose to stay over to Sunday morning. A Scouts-Own observance will be conducted on Saturday, meeting some religious obligations.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Camporee events will be conducted at Taughannock Falls State Park on the site of the original Camp Barton on Saturday, May 7th. Troops are encouraged to hike to Taughannock from their overnight site. Among the events will be a hike to the falls at Taughannock, and a hike around the rim trail system. Total distance will be about 5 miles. All Scouts should come prepared for hiking, with an appropriately-equipped day pack. (If your Troop has Scouts who are unable to complete the hiking component, notify the Camporee leadership well in advance of the event, so that alternate events may be planned for them.)

Traditional Scouting events such as tree and plant identification, bird and mammal identification, first aid, pioneering, knot tying, tent pitching, and COPE-type challenge events will be conducted during the day. Neckerchiefs and scout staves would be appropriate for all Scouts. A museum of early Scouting and Barton artifacts and memorabilia will be available to be toured. Early in the afternoon of May 7th, a brief ceremony will be conducted at or near the site of the original flag pole from the first year of Camp Barton. A description of the founding of the camp will be read, original leaders of the camp will be memorialized, and current-day Scouts and leaders will be honored. The ceremonies will be open to the public, and we are hoping for a good turnout of former Bartonians from the community.

On Saturday evening, a campfire will be conducted for all participants.

Further details as to camping specifics, cost and other information will be forthcoming. Expect the fee to cover the cost of a patch, insurance, and the costs of materials for the events and program, as well as fees charged by Taughannock State Park, Camp Barton, and the fairgrounds. All efforts will be made to minimize the participation cost.

Sign-ups for the event will be expected early in the new year. Troop commitments should be made in January, and approximate numbers of participants by March, so that appropriate camping site assignments can be made. Troops will not be allowed to participate if they have not reserved their place.

Numerous positions for staffing are available.

To volunteer or register your unit for participation, contact Mike Homrighaus at mhomrigh@twcny.rr.com or at 607-756-2650.

