Dear Scouts and Scouters,

The Toqua District Activities and Civic Services Committee invites all Boy Scouts and Scouters to take part in the 2017 Fall Camporee at Camp Pellissippi near Andersonville, TN.

The Camporee will consist of several activities coupled with the patrols building a raft from materials brought from home, assembled and floated on the Clinch River. These activities will be fun, challenging events for Scouts of all ages to participate. Patrol flags should be carried and displayed during the Morning Assembly and Activities.

The cost of the Camporee is 10.00 per participant. This will cover the cost of the Camporee, a patch, camping and site usage fees, program supplies, and recognitions. Preregistration is required and a form is included in this package.

The Camporee is limited to Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews only.

There will be a Saturday night campfire. Don’t forget to bring blankets to sit on and flashlights. Parents and siblings are invited to attend the campfire.

The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities, events and individual behavior.

We look forward to a great weekend of camping.

Robbie Farmer
Chairman- Toqua 2017 Fall Camporee
**Introduction**

The camporee committee and numerous volunteers have spent many hours putting together your Camporee. We appreciate your comments, suggestions, and participation. Your feedback is vital in our continuous effort to give scouts a quality program each spring and fall.

The Scout Oath and Law will guide all activities and individual behavior. We are the guests being allowed use of the property. Unit Leaders are urged to maintain discipline at the Unit level. The Outdoor Code and the rules of Low Impact Camping shall be observed at all times.

**General Information**

- **Field Activity Uniform (formerly known as Class A)** will be required for Campfire and Worship service. Troop activity (T-shirts) (formerly known as Class B) should be worn on Saturday to the Flag Ceremony and during the program activities.
- The Camporee will be held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the Unit Leader is responsible for the welfare of the Scouts in his/her charge.
- **Campsite Inspections** will occur on Saturday. Please note that each Patrol must have a posted Menu and Duty Roster to get full points.
- **Patrol leaders** will be responsible for the organization, participation, and spirit of the patrols.
- **Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders** should plan to attend the Friday Evening SM/SPL Meeting at Headquarters. At this meeting leaders will receive final details and any last minute changes. A Cracker barrel will immediately follow.
- **Water** is available but troops should bring their initial supply.
- Each Unit is responsible for removal of all trash from their campsite.
- First Aid services will be provided if injuries cannot be handled by the unit.
- A limited number (4-5) of Portable toilets are available at the Camporee site. You may choose to order your own. A form is available in this booklet.
**Rules and Regulations**

- **Two deep leadership** is required at all times and **one adult leader** is required for each 10 camping scouts.
- **Campfires** are permitted unless fire restrictions are in effect. Sod is to be removed and replaced at the close of the Camporee.
- **Scouts and Scouters** are to be in and remain in campsites after Taps and until Reveille.
- Use only obvious, designated walking areas. Do not cut through another campsite without permission.
- Anyone responsible for the destruction of property will be subject to immediate dismissal, and the Unit will be held financially responsible.
- No stakes are to be left in the ground.
- No riding in trailers or pickup truck beds is permitted.
- Disorderly conduct, the use of controlled substances, and/or weapons or fireworks is prohibited and is grounds for immediate dismissal.
- Vehicles should remain parked throughout the Camporee. Park in the designated areas.
- **Trailers with the pulling vehicle only** are permitted in the campsites.
- Chemical fuels and propane must be used and properly stored in accordance with BSA policies.
- Any accidents, security problems, etc., must be reported to Headquarters as soon as possible.
- Units are to practice "Low Impact" camping while at the Camporee.
- Each unit will be allowed to bring their trailers into the camping field, weather permitting, but not any other vehicles.

**Registration**

To help with the planning of the Camporee, preregistration is required. A $5.00 preregistration deposit (which will be applied to the final total cost for your Unit) is requested for each Scout and Adult planning to attend. While the preregistration is only an estimate, please be as accurate as possible. Deadline for the preregistration is the September 16, 2017.

Final on-site registration will be accomplished as the Units arrive. Please have your paperwork and money in order before arrival to expedite registration as smoothly and quickly as possible. Registration will begin at 6 PM Friday.

**Camping & Parking**

Cabins are available at Camp Pellissippi, which can be rented through the Camporee Committee. Campsite sizes and cabins will be assigned by preregistration numbers, however, the staff understands that this sometimes causes problems and will be as flexible as possible. The winter lodge will serve as Headquarters and is not available for rental.

Vehicles in camp use up valuable space. Extra space for vehicles is not included in the space allocated for your unit. Equipment will need to be consolidated into as few vehicles as possible. **No vehicles will be allowed in the campsite area** except the tow vehicle without Headquarters permission (e.g., handicap situations, etc.). All vehicles will be parked in the designated parking areas.
Headquarters

Headquarters will be set up at the Winter Lodge. It will be open and manned throughout the weekend for registration, information, and checkout.

Headquarters will have information on:
- Where to go for first aid
- How to handle trash
- Lost and found
- Schedule of events
- Event locations

Toqua OA Chapter

Toqua OA will have sodas, candy bars, and other miscellaneous items for sale at their chapter store located at HQ.

Religious Service

A Scout is Reverent. Chapel Service has been scheduled for Sunday morning at 9:00 am. The Camporee committee feels that participation at a religious service on a Scout outing is an important part of the BSA program. All participants are encouraged to attend the service. An offering will be taken to benefit___.

Directions to the 2017 Toqua District Fall Camporee

Directions to Camp Pellissippi are available on the Great Smokey Mountain Council Website.
http://www.bsa-gsme.org/about-us/camps-high-adventure/camp-pellissippi/37733
Toqua District  
**2017 Fall Camporee**

The 2017 Toqua Fall Camporee will be conducted at Camp Pellissippi with multiple activities placed at various stations. Upon arrival at the Camporee, troops will be given directions to the location of the activities. It is recommended that each patrol carry a daypack with a pen and paper. All Scouts should carry a water bottle for hydration while participating in the events. The **Patrol Leader** is in charge of his patrol. One Assistant Scoutmaster is required to accompany each patrol.

Scouts should build and test their rafts before the camporee. Brilliant ideas don’t always translate to reality without some tweaking. Rafts must be homemade.

There will be time Saturday morning to test rafts at Camp Pellissippi and make minor adjustments.

At least one adult per raft.

All occupants must wear life jacket and closed toe shoes while near the water.

Each raft must have a float plan, which must be submitted before leaving Camp Pellissippi.

When the plan is accepted, an ear tag will be attached to a raft rider. (But not on his ear.)

**Morning Events**
- Educational Round Robin 9:00-10:30
- Campsite Judging:
  - Campsites will be judged in the traditional fashion.
- Final Raft assembly, **Test float at Pellissippi**, and Float trip preparations.
- Troops should plan for a quick lunch and prompt departure to the launch point, Miller Island boat ramp, River Rd, Andersonville, TN 37705

**Afternoon Events**
- 1:25 PM--There will be a final pre-launch Rally at the Boat Launch which will review procedures and final safety instructions.
- 1:30 PM- 2:30 PM--Launch Rafts
- Rafts will be launched, still tethered to shore. The Launch Safety Officer must give final approval to the fully loaded raft before it is released into the current.
- Entries will also be given a “Raft Number” which should be kept visible at all times. This is necessary to aid in safely accounting for all craft.
- An accounting of all craft will be taken at Miller Island boat ramp, “Black Beards Bridge”, and at the takeout.
- Camporee events at the event area will commence at 9:00AM
**Activities**

**Build and Float Your Raft** – This is for all you Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer wanna-bes out there. Bring all the materials you think you will need to build a raft big enough to hold between 3 & 8 scouts down the Clinch River. See the Raft building rules at the end of this booklet. Remember, what goes in the river comes out of the river. Show your float plan, proper footwear, PFD and away you go. You must have a properly filled out float plan for water activities.

**Here are a couple of websites that have sample designs:**


**General Rules:**

- Anyone falling off the raft, or interfering with another raft, may have their raft disqualified.
- Crew size: Minimum of 2 to a maximum of 12 per raft
- Points will be awarded for the design and construction of the raft, teamwork, and the result of the race. The first raft to finish does not necessarily win the event. *(scoring described in detail below)*  
  **GUIDELINES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF YOUR RAFT ARE INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS BOOKLET. THESE GUIDELINES MUST BE ADHERED TO.**
- Each Raft is required to have an adult on board for supervision and safety.
- Each adult should have a First Aid kit to treat any minor injuries.
- All Scouts and Scouters on the water must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket/PFD at all times during the race.
- Sun-sensitive members should wear appropriate sunscreen.
- No water balloons.
- **All members shall wear sneakers or other appropriate footwear.**
- All entries are to be inspected prior to launching for safety, seaworthiness, and compliance and will be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Committee.
- **NO DIVING OR JUMPING FROM RAFTS AT ANY TIME**
- SECTIONS OF THIS RACE COURSE CAN BE EXTREMELY SHALLOW, DEPENDING ON TVA WATERFLOW
- Anyone who enters the water must have on shoes (boots, tennis shoes, hardbottoms) that are closed front and back. (no Keens, Crocs, sandals, flip-flops, etc.) The bed of the river is fairly unknown, so this is a safety issue.

**The camporee staff will have at least two BSA certified lifeguards and several rescue canoes and boats.**
Toqua District
2017 Fall Camporee

Schedule

Friday, September 29, 2017

5:00 PM    Check In and Registration opens
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM   Patrol Leaders Turn in Patrol Flags at HQ
9:00 PM                Scoutmaster / Senior Patrol Leaders Meeting (at HQ)
10:00 PM    Troop Meetings in Campsites
11:00 PM    Taps, Lights Out, QUIET

Saturday, September 30, 2017

7:00 AM    Reveille, Breakfast, Clean-Up
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM   Patrol Leaders Pick-Up Patrol Flags from HQ
8:45 AM    Flag Ceremony, Announcements
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon   Activities
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM   Lunch, Clean-Up
1:00 PM – 5:30 PM        Activities
6:00 PM    Dinner, Clean-Up
8:00 PM    Campfire
11:00 PM    Taps, Lights Out, QUIET

Sunday, October 1, 2017

7:00 AM    Reveille, Breakfast, Clean-Up
9:00 AM    Religious Service
            Awards, Announcements
            Break Camp, Clean-Up, Check-Out
Toqua District

Campsite Inspection

Troop __________

Each Troop will start with 100 points. Deductions will come from the categories listed below. The maximum points deduction per category is shown.

* Each patrol with maximum of 15 points deducted.

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** Full size flags are preferred for maximum points.**
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Preregistration Form

Troop Name

Number of Patrols

Number of Scouts

Number of Adult Leaders

Total Participants

Preregistration Deposit ($5.00 per Scout and Adult) $_________

Total Deposit $_________

Number of Trailers staying at Camporee

Number of Vehicles staying at Camporee

Preregistration DEADLINE: September 15, 2017

Return this completed form along with the Preregistration Deposit to:

Great Smoky Mountain Council
Toqua 2017 Fall Camporee
P.O. Box 51885
Knoxville, TN 37950-1885
Attn: John Tipton
Raft General Rules and Regulations/Safety Requirements

Will your raft be the **BEST**?

Aim to consider: **Buoyancy**, **Efficiency**, **Style**, **Teamwork**
Here are a couple of WEB sites that have sample designs:


**Raft Construction:**
- All rafts must be homemade. No prefabricated parts allowed.
- No commercially manufactured hulls or components.
- All rafts must be self-propelled, (i.e., poles, oars, paddle wheels, sails, etc., or any combination thereof) and of course, no motors.
- The deck must measure at least 4’ x 8’ and be capable of supporting the weight of the crew.
  - The deck must be securely fastened to the frame and the frame securely fastened to the hulls/floatation devices.
- Wooden Frames can be assembled using Bolts (with nuts and washers) but exposed bolt ends must be cut short and taped to prevent any sharp ends or injury hazards.
- Use of rope to lash parts together is encouraged. "Liquid nails" construction adhesives are also allowed, but should be backed-up with lashings or bolts.
- Metal or Plastic Drums or Inner tubes may be used for flotation.
  - Any Foam Blocks use for flotation must be wrapped or encased to prevent litter and "leave no trace" on the river.
- Any drums or Plastic containers used for floatation should be cleaned and rinsed of any toxic or hazardous substances before being brought to the event.
- Any parts coming loose from the raft must be retrieved, to limit environmental impact on the river.
- Each raft must be equipped with one 50’ length of 3/8 min. diameter towline, which is securely integrated into the Raft framing with a Float (2 liter bottle?) on the free end.
- Each Raft should have 2 poles or paddles for maneuvering.
- In addition a 3/8" safety rope should be placed around the perimeter of the raft, so that anyone falling off can hang on to climb back aboard.
- Troops are responsible for moving their Rafts to the Staging/launch point. It should be kept in mind that rafts may have to be disassembled for transportation to the launch point.

**Judging** SEE SEPARATE SCORING SHEET

**Teams will be judged in multiple categories including:**
- Cooperation during construction, preparation, and launch
- Teamwork, Team Spirit, Sportsmanship
- Safety and Seamanship
- Pirate-Like behavior
Rafts will be judged in multiple categories for special event awards including:

- Best Sink (Titanic Award)
- Most Pirate Like (Black Beard Award)
- Most Unique or Creative (Clipper Award)
- Use of Natural Materials (GreenPeace Award)
RAFT #

Judging

Cooperation during raft construction, preparation, launch and recovery

As the raft is being prepared for launch, are the patrol members supportive of each other and cooperative, following direction from their leadership?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Do they work together during raft recovery and getting it out of the water?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Teamwork, Team Spirit, Sportsmanship

During the float trip, is the patrol working together, being good sports (in relationship to other participants) and showing SPIRIT?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

At the first Challenge (about 25 minutes into the float trip) each raft will be challenged by the Chief Pirate of the Day (via bullhorn) with the following question: “Ahoy there Who sails today beneath my bridge?”

A most excellent, loud, boisterous, practiced response (worthy of River Pirates) will capture extra points. Responses lacking spirit, may receive a broadside from the water cannon.

2 _____ 4 _____ 6 _____ 8 _____ 10 _____

Safety and Seamanship

Are all members of the patrol observing safety rules, wearing PFD’s and operating their raft in a safe and seaworthy manner?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Pirate-Like Behavior

Dressin’ like a Pirate (while wearing a PFD) including scarves, swashbuckles, hooks, pegs, parrots, eye patches, or water pistols.

Saying AARRRRRRRRRRRG Flying a Jolly Roger.

Firing Broadsides from with a water cannon.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Rafts will be judged in multiple categories including:

Construction:

Is the raft well designed for the size of the crew?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Does the raft carry any insignia or articles matching the Pirate theme?

These might include: a Cannon, a Crows Nest, a Jolly Roger on a flag pole, a plank, a ships wheel etc.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
Use of Natural Materials (environmental friendliness).

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

**Performance:**
Does the Raft float properly and safely?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Is it maneuverable?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Does it hold up well to the trip?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Does move down stream well? Is it Fast?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

In addition to the Best Pirate Raft award for best scores described above, special event trophies will be awarded for the following categories:

A. Titanic Award for exceptional perseverance with raft difficulties?
   (If there is intentional sinking, the raft will not be considered for the award. A true raft that has actual issues with 'taking on water' or 'falling apart' will be considered for the award.)

B. Black Beard Award for most Pirate-like raft.

C. Clipper Ship Award for most unique/creative raft.

D. Greenpeace Award for best use of natural materials
Float Route

Put in will be the Miller Island ramp at mile 77.1 L on River Road near US441. Take out will be at the TWRA ramp at mile 73.4 L. It is accessible from 623 Peach Orchard Road, 37716.

After a raft passes under the I-75 bridge, it should be steered toward the left bank. There will be a boat patrolling the takeout point to keep rafts from missing the exit and ending up in Paducah.

Each raft must be equipped with a throwing line that is secured to the raft. Leave no trace will be practiced. No raft parts or body parts will be left on the river.