

BIGFOOT SURVIVAL
BATTLEFIELD DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE

2025 LEADER'S GUIDE

April 25-27, 2025



Latimore Valley Fairground
320 Latimore Valley RD York Springs, PA.
17372

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Battlefield District Activities Committee presents the 2025 Spring Camporee: This camporee is for Packs, Troops, and Crews.

Theme: The theme for this event is Bigfoot Survival. Saturday's Program will consist of numerous stations / challenges. The Packs, Troops, Crews and other members of the units will participate in a camp-wide service project to thank Latimore Valley for allowing us to use their fairgrounds.

Contact Information: If you have general questions or concerns, contact:

- Dist Dir. Cory Kercher: (717) 590-5454 cory.kercher@scouting.org
- Activities Chair Damian Rodriguez: (717) 688-8665 drod99760@gmail.com

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Registration: The registration fee is \$10.00 per Scout and \$5 per Leader. Tiger or Lion Adult Partners will not be charged a registration fee. Registration is open on Tentaroo thru April 19th, 2025. This fee includes program supplies, any awards or event recognition items. Early and on time registration allows us to have sufficient staffing, patches, other recognition items, and supplies. On Sunday, April 13th, the fee will increase to \$16.00 per Scout or \$10 per Leader who will attend. Late registrants on and after April 13th are not guaranteed to receive patches or other recognition items. Units that sign up by the on-time deadline date can add scouts and adults, but they will be charged the \$16.00 late fee if they are added on or after April 13th. Also, if an adult would like to sign up for staff there is no fee for staff and Saturday lunch is included with no additional fee. Staff volunteers are needed to ensure a great experience for the scouts and are greatly appreciated.

ZOOM Leader's Meeting: There will **NOT** be a Leader's Meeting Webinar via ZOOM as we have done in the past. This is due to Easter Sunday being just the week prior to our Camporee. We will pre-record a leaders meeting and plan to post on the Battlefield District website just prior to the Easter weekend. Units are encouraged to have every adult that is participating in the Camporee view the recording.

Check-In: Check-in will begin on Friday April 25th from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm for units spending the weekend. Please have one adult check-in to complete your unit's registration and turn in your Unit Roster on Friday evening by 7:30 pm. Upon arrival, units may pick any open campsite to set up in. **Please be sure to indicate any special needs when you register on Tentaroo.** Check-in is from 7:30 am – 8:30 am on Saturday morning for anyone coming just for the day. Please have one adult check-in to complete your unit's registration and turn in your Unit Roster on Saturday morning by no later than 8:30 am. Please use **ONLY** the Unit Roster either in this leader's guide or from the Unit Camping Manual from New Birth of Freedom. Units who do not use that roster will be asked to complete that roster before participating in the event. Changes in registration will be corrected at that time. If you are arriving on Saturday morning, our flag raising and opening will start at 8:50 AM. Please be on time.

Cub Pack Information: Cub Scout Packs may camp family-style for the weekend or attend for just the day on Saturday. All Lion and Tiger Scouts who are staying overnight must be accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the weekend. For those Packs attending only Saturday, we encourage you to plan to attend the whole day, including our campfire Saturday evening. Please remember you will need to plan for lunch and dinner on your own, or with your local Troop. Please do your best to arrive at camp as a group. If that is not possible, please designate a meeting location and a primary leader to look for and pass the information on to your Pack's parents. Please do not ask parents to check-in their own scouts.

Patrols: We recommend a patrol size of 4-8 scouts per patrol. Patrols should be equipped with their 10 Essentials.

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Camping: Campsite arrangements may be requested in the week leading up to the camporee if units want to reserve their campsites with another unit. Please contact Damian Rodriguez prior to Friday. Campsites will be set up Jamboree style on the infield of the racetrack. **Please be sure to indicate any special needs when you register on Tentaroo.** Campsites must be left in better condition than they were found. Make sure you practice “**Leave No Trace**” ethics. A staff member will inspect your campsite before you leave on Sunday morning.

Vehicles and Parking: Only vehicles and trailers carrying unit gear will be allowed to go to the campsites to unload. Please unload vehicles immediately and remove the vehicle from the camping area ASAP. This will help to keep the camping area from being congested and keep our scouts safe. Vehicles carrying personal gear must go directly to the parking area and personal gear may be carried to the campsite. One trailer per unit may be unhooked and left in the campsite for the weekend. The trailer wheels must be chocked, and you must use jack stands or blocks under the rear of trailers. All vehicles must be parked in the parking areas. There will be no vehicles permitted in the program area. This is to ensure the safety of our scouts.

Do not drive your vehicles on the racetrack.

Campfires/ Trash: Units must bring their own firewood. All fires must be in a fire pit and blocked up to at least 8 inches above the ground. Units need to bring their own equipment and something to protect the ground/grass from being scorched (i.e. bricks, concrete board, etc.). The use of charcoal must follow the same guidelines. Units are responsible for removing all trash from their campsite. This also includes wood, ashes, and or charcoal. **Leave No Trace**

Leadership: Leaders and parents are responsible for the health, safety, and behavior of all scouts in their care. Please provide sufficient leadership so Scouts are always supervised. If a situation warrants, individuals may be asked to leave the premises. Please remember to follow all Youth Protection Guidelines by providing at least two 21-year or older registered leaders who have current YPT for each patrol. Also, all adults over 18 years old must have their State Clearances. Any combination of one or both of your two leaders should be of the appropriate gender for the unit or patrol they will be supervising. Also note that scouts are not allowed to leave the racetrack camping area except for participation in Saturday's activities.

Water: Units are asked to bring their own water containers. There are “frost free” stations to refill water containers throughout the weekend.

Unit Meals: All unit meals and preparations will take place in the unit's campsite. Units coming for the day are responsible for their own lunches and may use the pavilion for their lunch.

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Pets and Animals: Animals are not permitted except for service animals, per the New Birth of Freedom Council's policy. Please notify Sydni Newborn before your arrival if such a situation is necessary.

Health & Safety Officer: Units should take care of minor injuries on their own but must report all injuries and first aid administered to the Health & Safety Officer. Contact information for the Health Officer will be distributed at our Leader's Meeting one week prior to the event. Unit leaders are responsible for having a current BSA Health and Medical Record parts A & B for each participant from their unit.

Latimore Creek: The creek area is not part of our program for this weekend. Please have your scouts stay clear of the creek. This includes **NO FISHING** allowed by Camporee Participants.

Service Project: As we have done in the past, we plan on having a service project to give back to our host, Latimore Valley Fairground. Everyone is encouraged to participate. It is the unit leaders/adult's responsibility to supervise their scouts during the service project.

Uniforms: The Official BSA Field uniform should be worn for flag retreat, worship services, and our camp-wide Awards campfire on Saturday evening. Activity uniforms are acceptable, and encouraged, for flag raising and program activities on Saturday.

Worship Services: Both a Catholic and non-denominational worship service will be offered on Saturday evening. Please encourage all youth and adults to attend the service of their choice: "*A Scout is Reverent*". Please provide us with the number of Catholic attendees from your unit at check-in: particularly for those taking communion.

Other Activities: We plan to have an Order of the Arrow callout for our Sasquesahanough Lodge to recognize those youth and adults in attendance who have been chosen to serve. If you are attending from a different Lodge, please contact Charlie Hulse at chashulse@gmail.com.

Check Out: Check out for anyone not spending the night will be immediately following our camp-wide service project and during dinner at the registration window. Check-out for units leaving Sunday morning between 9:00-11:00 AM should report to the registration window when your unit is ready to leave.

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Program: This year's Spring Camporee will be a round robin format and we will issue a schedule card to each registered patrol.

Stations:

- ❖ First Aid / Emergency Preparedness (Seek & Find)
- ❖ Find an injured Scout / SAR
- ❖ Survival Shelter
- ❖ Wilderness Communication
- ❖ Tracking
- ❖ Navigation/Geocaching
- ❖ Weather Prep
- ❖ Fire Safety & Preparation
- ❖ Campwide Activity - Carry Relay

Camper Security: For purposes of camper security, as stated earlier, every unit MUST submit a roster that includes all youth and adults attending using the roster in this leader's guide. In the event a youth camper needs to be released early, they will need to provide an "Early Release Form" indicating the adult who will be removing them from camp, if that adult is not a legal parent or guardian. A "Transportation Permission Form" will also be required for that youth. Both forms are attached at the end of this leader's guide. In the event there is an intruder in camp, please ask the closest staff member to contact the Short-Term Camp Administrator. The Short-Term Camp Administrator will ask the intruder to leave. If they do not, the Short-Term Camp Administrator will take care of contacting the police.

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY

5:00 PM – 7:30 PMCheck-In & Campsite Assignments.

10:00 PM.....Lights Out (Quiet Time)

SATURDAY

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM.....Saturday Check-In.

8:50 AM – 9:00 AM.....Opening Ceremony & Flag Raising.

9:00 AM – 12:00 noon.....Morning Station Rotation.

12:00 noon – 1:00 PMLunch.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PMAfternoon Station Rotation.

3:00 PM – 3:30 PMCampwide activity

3:45 PM – 4:30 PMCamp-wide Service Projects.

Check-Out for Day Visitors will begin immediately following Camp-wide Service Projects and continue until Flag Retreat.

4:30 PM – 7:00 PMDinner

7:15 PM.....Flag Retreat

7:30 PM.....Religious Services

8:15 PM.....Campfire and Awards

Order of the Arrow Call-Out will take place immediately after the campfire.

10:00 PM.....Lights Out (Quiet Time)

SUNDAY

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.....Check-Out.

Note * The Schedule is subject to change. The schedule should be finalized by the Leader’s Meeting. If your unit would like to volunteer for either Flag Raising or Lowering, please contact Damian Rodriguez. We encourage units to stick around for the award presentations so your unit may accept any awards they earned that day.

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UNIT ROSTER - 2025 Battlefield

THIS FORM TO BE TURNED IN AT TIME OF CHECK-IN AT EVENT

District _____

Unit Type _____ Unit Number _____ Unit Leader _____

Patrol/Den Name Patrol/Den Name Patrol/Den Name Patrol/Den Name

Members Members Members Members

Adult Leaders/Parents

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RELEASE OF CAMPERS WHO ARE MINORS

This form must be used to release any minor camper from camp. The camper must be released to a parent or legal guardian. Identification from the parent or legal guardian should be asked for prior to letting the Scout leave camp.

If the camper is being released to persons other than the legal parent or guardian, a completed copy of the transportation permission form from the parent or legal guardian must be attached to this release form. An example would be if an adult is taking two campers back home for a baseball game and one isn't related to the adult.

Remember that youth protection guidelines also have to be followed when campers are released to someone other than a parent or legal guardian.

NAME OF CAMPER: _____

UNIT TYPE & NUMBER: _____

CAMP: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ PARENTS WORK: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

REASON FOR LEAVING CAMP: _____

RETURNING TO CAMP? _____

LEAVING WITH WHOM: PARENT: _____ LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____ OTHER: _____

HAVE A COMPLETED COPY OF THE TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION FORM

FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNED OUT OF CAMP

* THIS FORM MUST BE KEPT ON FILE

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Transportation Permission Slip

I give my permission to; _____

(name of driver(s): _____

(name of driver(s): _____

(name of driver(s); _____

To transport/sign in/sign out my child

(name of child or children) _____ to, from and during

Battlefield Spring Camporee

During Battlefield Spring Camporee I may be reached at:

Home Phone # _____ Mobile Phone # _____

If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person is authorized to act on my behalf:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Relationship to participant _____

Other comments _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian: _____

Date _____