2026 Scouts BSA Fall Camporee
Back to Basics
Information Guide

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Welcome

"For nearly a hundred years, Scouts have been camping in the outdoors. They have felt the sun on their backs and the wind in their faces. When storms broke overhead, they relied on their skills to stay dry and warm. When a morning dawned brisk and clear, they knew there was no better way to live."

Robert Baden-Powell understood this when he founded the Scouting movement in the early 1900s. He encouraged every Scout to master the art of outdoor living, believing that young people who could care for themselves while camping would gain the confidence to face life's other challenges.

The theme of the 2026 Fall Camporee is Back to Basics.

This year's Camporee focuses on the foundational outdoor skills that have defined Scouting for generations. Throughout the weekend, patrols will demonstrate teamwork, leadership, camping skills, pioneering, outdoor cooking, service, and Leave No Trace principles.

Camporee Information

Location: Camp Birch
Date: Friday, November 6 to Sunday, November 8, 2026
Check-In: Friday, November 6 from 6 to 8 pm
Check-Out: Sunday, November 8 by 10 am

Cost

Tecumseh Council: Scout = Free
Tecumseh Council: Adult = Free
Out-of-Council: Scout = $15
Out-of-Council: Adult = $10

If registered online by October 25. ALL registrations after October 25 have a $10 late fee. The last day to register is November 4.

Schedule

Friday

- 8:30 pm - Leader Meeting & Cracker Barrel (Adult Leaders + Senior Patrol Leaders)

Saturday

- 7 am - Judge's Meeting.
- 7:30 am - Breakfast judges arrive at patrol campsites.
- 8 am – Patrol Breakfast Cooking Challenge meals served
- 9 am to noon – Campsite Pioneering Project Construction
- Noon – lunch and gadget inspection
- 1 to 4 pm –Service Project with Restore & Explore
- 7 pm – Campfire and Awards Ceremony

Camporee Events & Scoring

Patrol Breakfast Cooking Challenge
Patrols will prepare a breakfast meal using proper outdoor cooking techniques. Each patrol must cook enough food for all members of the patrol **and one guest judge**. The judge will evaluate the meal based on cooking methods, food safety, timeliness, presentation, and the overall dining experience.

Each troop is required to provide one adult leader per patrol registered to serve as a breakfast judge.
Judges will be randomly assigned a patrol during the Friday evening Leader Meeting & Cracker Barrel. At the judge's meeting, each judge will receive a judging packet, score sheet, and final instructions.
Judges will score patrols according to the published criteria, including food preparation, cooking methods, food safety, teamwork, presentation, cleanup, and overall dining experience.

Campsite Inspection: Campsites will be evaluated on cleanliness, organization, safety, and Scout spirit on Saturday afternoon during Restore & Explore related service activities.

Pioneering: Patrols are encouraged to construct four useful camp gadgets & a gateway demonstrating basic Scout pioneering skills.

Service Project: Scores are based on percentage of patrol participation. Every member is expected to contribute, and higher participation rates result in higher scores.

Leave No Trace: Patrols are expected to leave their campsite cleaner than they found it.

Medical Forms & Safety

All youth and adults must have a current Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A & B).
Medical forms should remain with the Scoutmaster or designated unit leader and be available at check-in.
All medications must be documented on the medical form, kept in their original container, and be administered according to Scouting America policy.
Notify Camporee staff ahead of time if electrical access is required for a CPAP or other approved medical device.
All adults remaining onsite overnight must have current registration & Safeguarding Youth Training.

About Camp Birch

Each campsite includes a picnic table, fire extinguisher, water bucket, broom, rake, latrine access, emergency contact information, and emergency procedures. Troops may request preferred campsites during registration; assignments are not be guaranteed.

Camp Rules & Policies

Tobacco & Nicotine

Adults may use tobacco or nicotine products only in designated parking areas and out of sight of youth. Anyone under 21 may not possess or use these products.

Alcohol

Alcohol is prohibited on all Scouting America property.

Illegal Drugs

Illegal drugs and improperly possessed prescription medications are prohibited.

Prohibited Items

Fireworks, personal firearms, ammunition, personal bows and arrows, explosives, and other unsafe items are not permitted.

Tree Cutting

Cutting any standing trees, living or dead, is prohibited. Report hazardous trees or branches to the Camp Ranger or Camporee staff.

Pets & Service Animals

Pets are not allowed. Approved service animals must receive prior authorization.

Late Arrivals

Late arrivals must notify Camporee staff and check in at the McMillan Building.

Visitors

All visitors, including adult change-outs, must check in at the McMillan Building.

Contact Information

Camporee Chairman
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Fall Camporee Patrol Form

2026 Tecumseh Council Scouts BSA Fall Camporee
"Back-to-Basics"
November 6-8, 2026 at Camp Birch

Troop Number: _____

Number of Patrols: _____

Patrol Name	Number of Scouts
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Adult Camporee Leader Names	Email Address
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Scoutmaster's Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____