

“The Buckeye Turtle” Camporee

Bulletin # 2

When: Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, 2013.

Where: “The Buckeye Turtle” Camporee will take place near Millwood, Ohio. Allow 90 minutes travel time from North Columbus.

Who: Scouts and Scouters of Buckeye District and other Districts are invited to attend. Please note that National Scouting rules now require that all Troops must be under **two deep adult (over 21) leadership** on each trail.

Directions: Directions and a map will be provided with the Final Bulletin.

All Trails: Carry a full canteen of water. Several checkpoints with First Aid and water will be maintained along the trails. All Units must be under the direct leadership of two adult leaders (for each trail) and must stay together.

Sack lunches are recommended along the trails. There will be no cooking on the trail in or out. Please do not litter the trails. Any Scout or Scouter who has to drop out along the trail can be picked up at the checkpoints. The final sweep crew will arrange for any other pickups that may be necessary. The roads being used as trails **will not be used or patrolled by staff or scouter vehicles** (alternate routes are available).

Hiking: The trail in is almost entirely cross-country. The trail out is split between cross country, dirt roads, and gravel township roads. The trail is approximately 9 miles in and 8 miles out. The trail will be marked with the sign of the turtle along the roads and trails.

Biking: A biking option is available but is limited in the number of participants. Biking will be under the overall leadership of Tom Hardin. For information on participating in the Biking segment contact Tom at (436-2638 or Thardin@columbus.rr.com). Reservation Form and Fee's for Biking must be submitted by April 10th and will be accepted in the order they are made until filled.

Bikers must provide their own equipment. The minimum requirements (in addition to normal backpacking gear) are: Multi-gear mountain bike (wide tires) in good repair, a bicycle helmet, and a water bottle and cage for the bike. Each biker should have a spare inner tube and a patch kit. Each unit should have at least one frame mounted air pump. Additional requirements and recommendations will be available at Roundtables and when reservations are made. Bikers will carry their Lunch and gear for the day in a daypack. Camping gear and food should be in one backpack which will be transported.

Each Unit is responsible for transporting its equipment to the starting point (not the same as the hiking starting point) and providing one adult to bike with the unit.

Canoeing: A canoeing option is available and is limited to 32 Participants. Canoeing will be under the overall leadership of Mike Hock. For information on participating in the Canoeing leg contact Mike at (888-4703 or Michael.hock@gmail.com). Reservation Form and Fee's for Canoeing must be submitted by April 10th and will be accepted in the order they are made until filled.

Units will travel under the leadership of at least two adults, one of which must have completed the Council Canoe Clinic or equivalent. Each Scout must have the Canoeing Merit Badge and be at least 13 years old. Additional requirements and recommendations will be available at Roundtables and when reservations are made.

Canoes will be furnished by the District. There will be 2 canoers per canoe. PFDs will be worn at all times on the water. They will carry all their personal equipment, tents, food, etc. in the canoe.

Each Unit is responsible for transporting its canoers to the starting point, picking them up at the end point, and moving its own vehicles. The District will provide shuttle transportation for drivers. Directions to the starting and ending points will be provided by Mike after reservations are made.

If, in the judgment of Mike, the river conditions are not safe, the canoers will join the hiking trail. This decision may not be made until Saturday morning! Come prepared for both hiking and canoeing!

Equipment: Travel light! Camp light! Carry only those items which are necessary. Plan menus to include lightweight foods. Remember, like the turtle, everything is carried on your back. A Troop "shakedown" inspection and weigh-in is recommended before starting.

Camping: The Camporee is being held at a private campground. Please respect all fences and private property. Campsites will be assigned to Units upon arrival in camp. Water, latrines, and fire rings will be available in the camping area.

Units are encouraged to use propane, butane, or gas backpacking stoves. Gasoline stoves, under the supervision of an adult, are allowed. The Council rules must be followed.

Units that choose to cook on open fires should bring an adequate supply of charcoal for cooking Saturday supper and Sunday breakfast. Ground fires may be built in the fire rings. (Charcoal will be transported into the campsite if necessary. Please mark the bags clearly with the Unit number.)

For reasons of safety, straight blade sheath or hunting knives and double-bit axes will not be permitted.

As always, the Scout Oath and Law should guide our conduct. Troop camp areas and private property should be respected by Scouts, unless invited to visit. All Scouts should remain in their own camp area after taps and until reveille.

First Aid & Emergencies: First Aid and water stations will be located on the trail (as well as with the biking and canoeing groups). First Aid support will be available in the Headquarters area. Troop Leaders should have medical release/history, similar to the one provided, for each Scout.

Registration: The camporee fee is \$18.00 for all Scouts and Scouters. There will be an additional \$4.00 fee for canoeing to cover the cost of the canoes. These cover all activities, canoeing, biking, council liability insurance, a neckerchief for everyone attending, a Turtle Medal for those completing the trail, and a Camporee Ribbon for each Troop.

NOTE: Participants wishing to do the Biking or Canoeing segments must submit their Registration Forms and Fee's by April 10 and send them to Beth Chelwick, the Registration Chairman. (1567 Lorraine Ave, Columbus, Oh 43235.) Remember these are limited participation events and the will be filled as the requests are received.

A Local Tour Permit will need to be filed with the Scout Service Center before you leave.

Parking: All vehicles must be parked at the camporee starting point (or biking and canoeing starting points). No vehicles will be allowed at the campground without prior approval by the camporee chairman.

Program: Although the major portion of the program is centered around the Turtle Trail, there will be a rip roarin' campfire with an OA tapout.

We will be cleaning the side of the river and the trail as we hike. Each Unit will be assigned an area of the trail to clean at registration.

Leave-No-Trace & Checkout: Each Unit must check out with the Leave-No-Trace committee before leaving the campsite.

Questions:

Tom Pauling 614-538-0234, Activities Committee Chairman
Vince Phillips 614-431-0925, Hiking Chairman
Mike Hock 614-888-4703, Canoeing Chairman
Tom Hardin 614-436-2638, Bicycling Chairman

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday, April 27, 2013

6:30 am	All Units Leaving Columbus
7:45 am	Hiking Registration opens. Canoeing & Biking Registration opens at their starting points.
8:00 am	Hiking Trail opens. Units must register to start Trail. Units must stay together on the Trail.
8:15 am	Bike & Canoe Registration closes. All Units must be at starting points by this time.
9:00 am	Bike & Canoe crews leave from their starting points.
9:45 am	Hike Registration closes. All Units must be at registration by this time.
10:00 am	Hiking Trail Closes. All Units must be on the trail by this time.
12:00 pm	Trail Lunch. No cooking on the Trail. Carry out all refuse.
5:30 pm	Dinner Preparation, Cleanup, & Free Time
7:45 pm	Scout Worship Services
8:15 pm	Campfire & OA Tapout
-	Youth and Adult Crackerbarrels immediately after the campfire
10:00 pm	Taps, all Scouts in Unit Areas

Sunday, April 28, 2013

6:30 am	Reveille & Breakfast
7:45 am	Camporee Closing & Leave No Trace checkout
8:00 am	Trail Open. Units must checkout with Leave No Trace committee before leaving
9:00 am	Trail Closes
-	Trail Lunch. No cooking on the Trail
-	Awards and checkout at end of Trail

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Scoutmaster Notes: Encourage your Scouts to travel light. Younger Scouts and inexperienced hikers should limit their packs to 1/5 of their weight. Experienced adults and older Scouts may be able to carry up to 1/3 of their weight.

Older Scouts and adults will need to carry more than their share of the total weight if the younger Scouts are to be able to participate.

Keep your Unit together. If older Scouts seem to want to surge ahead, let them carry some of the load of the slower hikers.

We will be hiking, biking, and canoeing through and along the property of many landowners who have made their property available to us. Please take time with your Scouts before the Camporee to make them understand the importance of respecting other people's property by not trespassing, carrying out their trash, and leaving the land better than they found it. Emphasize that vandalism is wrong, unacceptable, and contrary to the Scout Law and Oath.

If your unit plans to participate in the Canoeing program, register and pay Mike Hock (888-4703) by April 10th.

If your unit plans to participate in the Bicycling program, register and pay Tom Hardin (436-2638) by April 10th.

Be sure to continually check the Buckeye District Web site for updates and additional information regarding the Buckeye Turtle 2013.

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