

Baden Powell Turtle Camporee

Bulletin # 1

When: Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Where: The Baden Powell 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 TomHardin@GMail.com). Registration for the biking will be on-line with the same costs and deadlines as the hiking. You will need to indicate on the registration that you are biking. Late biking registrations may be bumped by leadership if there are too many.

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: The Canoeing option is no longer available because of typical dangerous high water conditions.

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 and latrines will be available in the camping area. Youth scouts will not be permitted in the Campground Shower House.

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. Ground fires will not be permitted.

For reasons of safety, straight blade sheath or hunting knives and double-bit axes will not be permitted. Due to Youth Protection Guidelines NO SCOUT YOUTH will be permitted in the Shower House

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 group). 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: On-line registration via the Council web site is required of all units and staff. The fee will be \$20.00 until April 14th and \$30.00 after the 14th. This covers all activities, biking, council liability insurance, a neckerchief for everyone attending, a Turtle Medal for those completing the trail, and a Camporee Ribbon for each Troop.

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 starting point). 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 Call Out.

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:

Peggy August 614-571-5151, Turtle Chairman
Vince Phillips 614-596-6629, Hiking Chairman
Tom Hardin 614-975-6520, Bicycling Chairman

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday, April 29, 2017

- 6:30 am All Units Leaving Columbus
- 7:45 am Hiking Registration opens. 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 Registration closes. All Units must be at starting point by this time.
- 9:00 am Bike crews leave from their starting point.
- 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 30, 2017

- 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

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 and biking 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.

Be sure to continually check the Council Web site for updates and additional information regarding the Baden Powell Turtle 2017.

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