

The Buckeye Trail Camporee III, "Follow the Blue Blazes"

Final Bulletin (Changes in red text)

Boy Scouts

When: Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26, 2015.

Where: The AEP ReCreation Lands and the Buckeye Trail. See map for directions. Allow 2 hours travel time from Columbus.

Who: Scouts and Venture Crews of Buckeye District and their leaders are invited to attend.

Please note that BSA National Scouting rules require that all Troops and Crews must have two-deep adult (over 21) leadership.

Pre Registration: Due to the nature of this Program, Units are **REQUIRED** to pre-register and pay online for everyone participating by **April 15th** at www.skscouts.org/th_event/-buckeye-trail-camporee/. The drop-down window asking for scout's physical condition is to help the District staff and Buckeye Trail Association know your unit's hiking and trail building abilities prior to your arrival to match your unit's capabilities to the service project area. The following are examples of the strength categories:

Strong- Can lift logs, hammer nails thru 2x6" board into telephone pole

Medium- Can move branches, pull log with rope, use pick axe

Light- Can prune branches, use shovel

Please also fill out the registration form below to help with the forming of patrols. Unit leaders should form patrols on above criteria but still ensure patrols have adequate senior leadership.

Registration: Units should plan to arrive on Friday night to avoid missing out on the Saturday morning program. Those arriving on Saturday should check in before 8:30am to participate in the event. All units should be ready to begin hiking at 8:30am and out of camp by 9:00am to complete their hike and service project.

Fee: The camporee fee is \$15 for everyone. This covers all activities (including dinner), a patch for each attending participant and a ribbon for each unit. Saturday's dinner will completely covered **except** for drinks.

- Dinner includes:
 - BBQ Pork Sandwich (Hog cooked onsite.)
 - Baked Beans
 - Potato Salad
 - Plate, fork & napkin
 - **Chicken will be available as pork alternative for religious/health requirements.

Contact Jay Fletcher with the quantity of alternative meals needed by April 15th so sufficient quantities can be obtained.

A Local Tour Permit needs filed with the Scout Service Center before you leave.

As usual, we will need adult and older Scout volunteers to help with the staffing for the program activities. Please plan to identify adults and Scouts who will be helping at registration.

Crackerbarrel: All SMs & SPLs should attend the Friday evening Crackerbarrel to get final instructions, changes and to have any program questions answered.

Immediately following the Crackerbarrel, the program staff will have a short meeting to handle last minute details. Unit adults and older Scouts assisting with the program should attend.

Camping and Parking: All units will camp at Camp Site K. Parking is adjacent to each camp site but units are encouraged to ride share as much as possible.

Units should use stoves for cooking. Ground fires permitted in designated fire locations. AEP will provide firewood but may need sawed. Liquid fuel stoves and lanterns, under adult supervision, are allowed. Council rules must be followed. Extra fuel must be locked up.

Water and latrines are available near the campsites. Garbage may be left in the dumpsters.

For everyone's safety, straight blade sheath or hunting knives and double-bit axes will not be permitted.

As always, the Scout Oath and Law will guide our conduct. All Scouts should remain in their own camp area after taps and until reveille.

Program: This camporee is a hiking and trail building / trail improvement service project on the Buckeye Trail in conjunction with the Buckeye Trail Association (BTA). Everyone will hike approximately a 6 mile section and complete at least a 2-hour service project under the direction of BTA volunteers and Buckeye District leaders.

The Passport for each Patrol will detail the Service Project time and location assigned based on the patrol's trail improvements and hiking ability as indicated on the registration form.

Units will be responsible for their own transportation from the campsite to the trail head and back. Some help may be available for shuttling drivers to pick-up cars.

Trail building tools and all construction materials will be provided by the Buckeye Trail Association. **Units will need to bring loppers/pruning shears/clippers/bow saws for trail clearing.**

Everyone must carry their lunch, **2 qts. water, work gloves**, rain gear and other clothing appropriate for spring. GOOD hiking shoes are a must. Boots are preferred. You may be asked to carry some trail building tools and supplies needed for your assigned service project.

OA Tap-out: Saturday night's Campfire will also include the OA Tap-out.

First Aid & Emergencies: First Aid support will be available in the Headquarters area and on the trail. Unit Leaders should have medical release/history for each Scout.

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

When your campsite is completely cleaned and all equipment removed, send the SPL to request final inspection. (Details at Saturday night's Crackerbarrel.) Patches and ribbon will be distributed after the Leave-No-Trace checkout.

Units that must leave early must make arrangements with the Camporee Chairman before leaving.

Questions: Camporee Chairman Jay Fletcher, 614/563-0581 jfletcher006@wowway.com, or Activities Committee Chairman Tom Pauling, 614/538-0234 tompauling@gmail.com.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 24, 2015

6:00 pm	Registration Opens
9:30 pm	Registration Closes
10:00 pm	Crackerbarrel (Adult & Jr Leader)
11:00 pm	Taps, all Scouts in Unit Areas

Saturday, April 25, 2015

6:30 am	Reveille & Breakfast
7:30 am	Registration Opens
8:30 am	Registration Closes
8:30 am	Opening Ceremony. Hike and Service Project starts. See Passport for service project and hiking times.
12:00 pm	Lunch on Trail or at Service Project Area
5:00 pm	Program Ends. All Units should be off Trail by 6:00 PM
5:00 pm	Free Time, Dinner, & Cleanup
8:30 pm	Evening Program
-	Informal Scout and Adult Crackerbarrels
11:00 pm	Taps. All Scouts in Unit Areas

Sunday, April 26, 2015

7:00 am	Reveille & Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Leave No Trace
12:00 pm	Camporee Ends

Unit Leader Notes: It is nearly a 2 hour drive from northwest Columbus to the ReCreation Lands campsite. Try to get started as early as possible. Because of the long travel time, it will be difficult to arrive on Saturday morning early enough to be on the Trail by 9:00 AM when the Trail closes to complete the hike and service project. Due to the nature of the event, individual late arrivals will not be allowed to hike the Trail.

We ask that Scouts wear at least "Class B" uniforms during the day, but proper clothing is necessary. **Ensure all participants carry 2 qts. of water and bring work gloves.** GOOD hiking shoes are a must. Boots are preferred. Wear Class "A" for OA Tap Out.

Creative backpack lunches are encouraged since all lunches will be away from camp. Plan accordingly.

The service project areas will be assigned to your patrols based on your scouts' skill level, ages and size of patrol. **Units will need to bring loppers/pruning shears/clippers/bow saws for trail clearing.** Additional information on the camporee will be available in emails, the District website and at Friday night's Cracker-barrel.

Transportation from the end point will be required for all patrols. Units will be responsible for ensuring the patrols are at their starting point/service area **on time and hike at the appropriate pace** so schedules stay on track. Some help for shuttling drivers may be available. Plan accordingly.

This program will require a large staff. Please plan to provide one or more adults and older scouts help the District staff with the program. Please identify them at registration. This provides a great opportunity for your older Scouts to participate in the program and be recognized.

Buckeye District
Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America
The Buckeye Trail Camporee III Registration
(Please indicate each Patrol Physical Strength)

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Medium- Can move branches, pull log with rope, use pick axe

Light- Can prune branches, use shovel

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