

SHELTER Rock District Spring 2019 Camp-o-ree



Does your troop have what it takes to survive . . . in the Wild?

Schiff Scout Reservation,
Wading River, NY
May 17th - 19th, 2019



"Wilderness Survival. Does Your Troop Have What It Takes To Survive . . . In The Wild?"

Life can be challenging. The problem is that, sometimes, we do things that make it even more challenging. Skydiving is one of those things that can be a lot of fun but can pose some serious problems if not done properly.

Our group headed out to the airport early on a bright Saturday morning in mid-May, having gotten the idea that jumping out of a plane with only a parachute to keep us from hitting terminal velocity was exactly the thing to do on a bright Saturday morning in May. We had done this before and had become pretty good at it since we got thoroughly trained by one of the best in the skydiving business, "Freefall" Freddie. Freefall was also the only guy around who still operated a WWII vintage C-47 cargo plane that survived the D-Day invasion and commuter runs from La Guardia to Washington D.C. in the 1950's. Having maintained the engines himself for the past 70 years, so what could go wrong? A little smoke, a lot of noise but a lot of fun.

Freefall was something of an iconoclast. He liked rotary dial phones and refused to let smartphones anywhere near his precious C-47. He was convinced that life was better lived without any technology developed after 1955. All smartphones had to be left on the ground. Who needs a smartphone when you're hurtling through the air toward terra firma? All you need is a big fluffy parachute opening up above you and a peaceful, slow ride back to the ground.

Well, what goes up must come down. When humans are involved, it's best if the coming down part is done in a controlled manner, whether through the use of a plane with wings or a parachute. Once we reached 7,000 feet and came over the drop zone in the Long Island Pine Barrens, we got the signal from Freefall to, well, freefall. Our most experienced skydiver, "Lady Luck" Lucy, headed for the open door, yelled "Aboo!" and disappeared into the ether. (Aboo??? The cry of "Aboo!" is an ancient one. What does it mean and from where does it come?)

Suddenly, the left engine fell off. Then the right engine fell off. But, as the crash investigators later determined, it was pure coincidence. Who knew? Anyway, the engines missed Lucy, but not by much. Meanwhile, Freefall was having a heck of a time keeping the plane's nose up and not stalling. No choice at this point. Time to glide to a hard landing. Fortunately, Freefall found a little used paved road where he would land the plane. The rest of us had suddenly remembered our Duty to God in a most intense fashion. We prayed while Freefall manhandled the plane's yoke and rudder. Miraculously, he put the old C-47 down on that paved road.

He came down hard. Very hard. The landing gear collapsed, the wings came off. Sliding, skidding, scraping, hitting branches. Very noisy, then very quiet. The dust cleared but, fortunately, no fire. Amongst us we had broken bones, lacerations, head trauma, etc. But we were all still breathing, although quite rapidly. Those that could walk helped those who could not out of the wreck and we gathered ourselves in a nearby field.

Freefall came over and said "Hey, was that fun or what?!?!?"

"We want our money back," we all said in unison.

Then, one of the survivors, "Wrongway Phil," said "Freefall, do you have any idea where we are?"

Freefall, proud man that he was, said, "Of course I do. We just have to go....." Freefall then fell to the ground and began babbling incoherently. We sat him up against a tree while he continued say things that made no sense. It was then that we saw the bump on his head starting to emerge. It seems that no one escaped the plane unscathed.

So, there we were, lost in the Pine Barrens of Long Island; hurt, hungry and not in a very good mood. We needed food, shelter, medical attention and a way to get home.

And where was "Lady Luck" Lucy?

So, what do we do? How do we survive?

IMPORTANT NOTE: Content in this packet has been heavily revised (as of April 2019)
*PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET CAREFULLY. IT HAS DETAILS THAT YOU, YOUR SCOUTS,
AND YOUR UNIT WILL NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEEKEND.*

*IF YOU DO NOT READ THIS CAREFULLY, YOUR SCOUTS MAY NOT BE PROPERLY PREPARED
FOR THE EVENT AND/ OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.*

*PLEASE NOTE THT THIS CAMPOREE IS FOR REGISTERED SCOUTS
(No siblings, including those registered in a Cub Scout Pack)*

Shelter Rock District is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the Spring Camporee at **Schiff Scout Reservation**. It will be a weekend full of scout skills, teamwork, games, fun, and contests designed for scouts of all ranks.

The “Wilderness Survival, Does Your Troop Have What It Takes To Survive . . . In The Wild?” camporee is intended to reinforce Scout skills while earning some elements of advancement and of course, have a great time!

Boy Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Wilderness Survival merit badge. **IF** they come prepared with the pre-requisites required and complete all stations need at the event, they will be able to earn the badge in its entirety over the weekend.

At this camporee there will be cooking contests for both adults and Scouts. Details are outlined in this packet.

Do read this packet carefully as there are items listed that your Scouts and/or their patrol need for the weekend’s events.

PARTICIPATION

Participation in the Spring Camporee is open to all Scouts.

ACTIVITIES/COMPETITION

Saturday activities will include First Aid, matchless firebuilding, non-edible/edible plants, water purification and signaling/communications. Scouts participating in earning the merit badge will also build a wilderness survival shelter that they will sleep in on Saturday night.’

Please note that the planning of the event is an on-going process and activities/skill can be added or deleted as we move forward.

EVENT INFORMATION

Each patrol/Scout should be prepared for the event. A list of gear and supplies needed for the weekend is listed below:

- ✓ Personal Gear
- ✓ Hiking Boots – NO sneakers
- ✓ Rain gear
- ✓ Insect repellent – suitable for mosquitoes, gnats and ticks
- ✓ Scout Outdoor Essentials (as listed in the Scout Handbook) **
- ✓ 6 foot long piece of rope **per Scout**
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Notepad/Notebook & Pen
- ✓ Patrol Flag
- ✓ Items/Materials for Cooking Contest
- ✓ Scout Spirit
- ✓ Sense of Humor
- ✓ And the desire to have FUN!!!

*** Note on Scout Essentials. Scout Essentials should be with the Scout at all times when they are on any outing/trip. They are “essentials” for a good reason. Should the need or an emergency arise Scouts will be better equipped to deal with the situation at hand. Having any/all of their “essentials” back at the campsite or in the car is not helpful in the least.*

BADGEWORK & AWARD INFORMATION:

Scouts that wish to earn the Wilderness Survival merit badge at the camporee must come prepared with:

- A pre-filled out blue card.
(The requirements for this merit badge are found here:
<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mb117.asp>)
- Pre-requisite: Requirement #5 – Survival Kit must be brought
- Some knowledge of requirement(s) #2, #3 and #11.
 - Scouts will need to light a fire 3 different ways with NO matches or lighter. Our staff member for this station has provided the following suggestion(s): fire by friction (bow drill), flint and steel, hot spark, magnesium bar, magnifying glass or flashlight lens (if the weather cooperates), steel wool and a battery, fire piston.
 - Scouts should also bring along tinder suitable for the method of fire starting they choose. Some suggestions include: dryer lint, cotton cloth or char cloth, cotton balls soaked with Vaseline, very fine steel wool, shredded natural fiber rope.
 - Scouts need to come prepared to sleep in the shelter they build at the event (NOTE: the shelter will **not** be in the troop’s campsite.

ADULTS

Don't forget the ingredients for your entry into the "Disaster Dessert" Cooking Contest!!

DISASTER GAMES

From 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. we hold "Disaster Games" at the Reiter Shelter. Contests will include the two man Fireman's carry race, Bucket Brigade, Memory Game and Timber Hitch Race. Equipment for these contests will be available or you can bring your own.

MEALS

Meals are as follows: Friday dinner – unit responsibility; Saturday breakfast – unit responsibility – eat in site; Saturday lunch – unit responsibility – eat in site; Saturday dinner – unit responsibility – eat in site; Sunday breakfast – unit responsibility – eat in site.

CAMPFIRE

Each Patrol should plan to prepare one skit, song or cheer to be performed at the Saturday night campfire. Come to the campfire rehearsed and ready to perform. The performance must be appropriate for the occasion (no vulgarity, violence or other gray areas will be permitted). Also units should be prepared throughout the day to give their troop/patrol cheer for motivation.

ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA) CALL OUT

Annually at Shelter Rock District's Spring Camporee the Matinecock Chapter of the Order of the Arrow performs a tap out for Scouts & adults that have recently been elected to the Order. If your troop has any candidates that will be called out, please fill out the space provided on the pre-registration form. Additionally, remind all OA members in your troop to bring their OA sash to the weekend.

Note: All members of the Order of the Arrow should bring their sash to the Spring Camporee weekend & be ready to participate in the call out.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Shelter Rock District will hold a Scout's Own service Saturday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Additionally, all Roman Catholic Scouts and Scouters are invited to Mass to be held in the New Dining Hall at that time. All units are expected to participate. Dress in Class A (Field Uniform). Anyone not attending religious services is to remain respectfully quiet in their respective campsites.

UNIT LEADER/REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS

A mandatory informative meeting will be held for unit leaders or an adult representative for the unit on Friday night. Please see the schedule given at unit check-in to find out the time of this important meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

CRACKERBARREL MEETINGS

Senior Patrol Leaders/Youth Leadership. At this meeting we discuss the day's events & theme and get input from the youth. Information that units need to know is also communicated.

Scouts are encouraged to give ideas & suggestions for themes, ideas & skills for future camporees. Input from the youth is imperative for the success of future events. Note that this meeting is for the youth leadership & camporee committee to communicate. Other adults present should remain silent and allow the Scouts to speak.

Unit Leaders. The crackerbarrel for Unit Leaders immediately follows the SPL crackerbarrel. The same structure is used as was with the youth. Again, this input is imperative for the Shelter Rock District to continue to give quality programming to the youth we serve. Additionally, information that units need to know for Sunday is disseminated.

SCOUT SPIRIT & SCOUT SPIRIT AWARD

This is a very important part of **YOUR** weekend and Unit Pride should be at its best. Be sure to have your unit wear their uniforms at all appropriate time. Ceremonies will be carried out in formation; they will not begin until the entire camp is standing in order. Also, if any unit has a Scout who like to play Taps at the closing ceremony, please indicate as such on your registration or let us know when you register. We may also like a Scout to play Taps if/when we have flags to retire at the campfire. Please feel free to bring flags to retire.

Note: All patrols participate in the Scout Spirit Award. Conduct of the Scouts during activities is taken into account as well as how they function as a patrol within a unit in their campsite. Camporee staff will visit your campsite on Saturday and rate the patrols on how their campsite should be set up per Scouting “methods.” Scout Spirit ribbons will be awarded to each patrol at the closing ceremony on Sunday morning and may be hung on their patrol flag.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

COST

Unit pre-registration is a non-refundable fee of **\$10.00** per unit (**due by April 30, 2019**), plus **\$15.00** per participant (both Scouts and adults). After midnight April 30, 2019 per unit fee increases to \$20 and per participant (both Scouts and adults) increase to \$20.

STAFF HELP

The Camporee Committee is asking units to provide a minimum of one (1) **mandatory** staff member to help with activities on Saturday and Sunday. Staff is vitally needed to continue to run quality programs for our Scouts. If your unit is able to supply more than one staff member, we truly appreciate it and ask that you please forward their names to us as well. In an effort to communicate and plan in advance, the *mandatory* staff member’s name and contact information must be on the pre-registration form. Any unit staff members that wish to eat with staff are more than welcome as long as we know at least a week in advance. Please note that there is sometimes a small fee (under \$20.00) to help offset the cost of the food.

MEDICAL FORMS

Units must have a copy of a current BSA medical form for all participants at the event to be available upon demand.

LEADERSHIP

All units must satisfy the leadership requirement as established by the Boy Scouts of America national policy. Should a unit not be able to satisfy the two-deep leadership requirement but has one trained, qualified adult that will attend with the troop, please let the camporee committee know so we can place you in a campsite

MEALS AND SUPPLIES

Units are responsible for the preparation of all meals, to be eaten in their respective campsites. All food should be locked in lockers.

CHECK-IN

Units will check in at the main parking lot either Friday evening or Saturday morning, **however, it is expected that all Troops will be checked in and ready to participate in time for the opening ceremony on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. Check-in Friday evening will be open from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.**

Unit leaders/adults should come prepared to check in with a completed copy of the attached roster that lists all participants (both Scouts and adults) at the camporee.

PARKING

Parking of all cars will be at the direction of the staff. NO cars may remain in camp unless specifically approved by staff.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS ARE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED!

Nothing else needs to be said.

ATTENDANCE

Once checked in, all Units and individuals must remain in camp. The administrative staff must be directly notified if **anyone** must leave camp for any reason.

UNIFORMS

Class A uniforms are to be worn during religious service and at all ceremonies. At other times, an appropriate Class B uniform is expected to be worn (this does not mean **no** uniform).

CAMP RULES

As always, all rules established by the camp must be followed. Copies of camp rules will be distributed at check-in if needed.

ACCIDENTS

All accidents must be reported to the EMT/nurse serving on staff. An accident report must be completed by the Unit leader and forwarded to the EMT/nurse

SERVICE TROOPS

There will be various responsibilities for the Camporee, ranging from the FUN (building the Council Fire) to the more mundane (policing the central areas for garbage, cleaning latrines, etc.). We would appreciate it if each troop would volunteer to take one of these responsibilities. Please note that units that do not volunteer will be assigned a task for the weekend. Also, in an effort to keep the camp cleaner than in the past, we request that units collect garbage during the weekend. The policies of Leave No Trace camping will be strictly enforced.

FIRE SAFETY

Ground fires will be allowed barring a drought (the wood supply may be limited). All fires should be properly supervised and kept at a reasonable level (knee-high). **NO BONFIRES!!** Filled fire buckets should be near all fire pits. There should never be any incendiary devices used that are not allowed. Only existing fire rings may be used.

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Burnables are to be properly burned. Cans and other non-burnables should be cleaned out, crushed and properly disposed of.

VANDALISM

Vandalism will not be tolerated. The camp should be treated with the same respect that a person treats his own home. Scouts and their units will be held strictly liable for any damage they cause, and in some cases a Unit could be asked to leave camp.

TAPS

After Taps and before Reveille, all Scouts should remain in their campsites and remain quiet, so as not to disturb others.

SCOUT COURTESY/SCOUT SAFETY

All Scouts and Scouters must be respectful to the others in the camp. Use common sense. Do not enter another Unit's campsite unless invited to do so. Treat others the way you would expect to be treated. Any intentional act by a Scout that injures another Scout or causes damage of any kind will result in that Scout and his Unit being asked to leave immediately. *Quiet time during religious services is to be respected as well.*

RECOGNITION

Participants will receive a commemorative patch specially designed for the weekend.

CHECK-OUT

Before a Unit may leave, it must check out with the administrative staff. All units should be out of camp by noon on Sunday. Each campsite will be inspected and, in the Spirit of Scouting, it is expected to be in a better condition than it was found. Remember, leave no trace.

DIRECTIONS TO SCHIFF SCOUT RESERVATION

Long Island Expressway to Exit 69. Turn North (left) and follow Wading River Road for six miles.

Entrance to Schiff is on the right side of the road, immediately after the trailer camp.

OR

Long Island Expressway to Exit 68 (William Floyd Parkway) north to Route 25. East on Route 25 to Wading River Road (at intersection with traffic light and Schiff Scout Reservation sign). Left turn onto Wading River Road. Continue for about one mile.

Camp entrance is on right immediately after the trailer camp.

SHELTER ROCK DISTRICT

THEODORE ROOSEVELT COUNCIL, BSA

Questions? Call:

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Or

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!

*Shelter Rock District
Camporee Committee*

THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN AT REGISTRATION
“Wilderness Survival, Does Your Troop Have What It Takes To Survive . . . In The Wild?”
ROSTER SHEET

Troop # _____

Adult Leader in Charge (at the event): _____

Other Adult Leaders: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Other Members: _____

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

We recommend you register on line. However, you may use this form if you wish to personally deliver your pre-registration to Council. Please fill out completely and return ASAP.

Troop # _____

Expected Arrival Time (check one)
 Friday Evening____ Saturday Morning ____
 EXPECTED DEPARTURE TIME: _____
 We want to camp jointly with the following:

Estimated Participation
 Friday Evening____ Saturday Morning ____
 EXPECTED DEPARTURE TIME: _____
 We want to camp jointly with the following:

Adult Leader in Charge of Unit (at the event) – Please Complete entirely

Name: _____
 Address: _____ Town: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Adults or Senior Scouts available to Support Staff During Activities

Name	Phone
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Registration Fees (with check made payable to: “Theodore Roosevelt Council, BSA”

Registration Fee (\$15.00 per person) _____

On Site or Late Fee (\$20.00 per person after 10/26/2018) _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Spring 2019 Shelter Rock District
Wilderness Survival Camporee Weekend Schedule

Friday

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Check In and Site Assignment at Camp Office
9:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Cracker Barrel Adult and SPL Unit Leaders Meeting – Reiter Shelter
9:30 pm	Staff Meeting – Reiter Shelter

Saturday

6:30 am – 7:00 am	Reveille and Flag Raising In Site
7:00 am – 8:15 am	Breakfast and Clean Up Preparation for the Day's Activities (Late Arriving Units – Check In and Site Assignments)
8:30 am – 9:15 am	Opening Ceremony at COPE field
9:30 am – 12:15 pm	Activity Session
12:15 pm – 1:10 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Disaster Games
2:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Scout: Build Shelters (MB requirement #8)
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner and Recipe Preparation, Dinner & Clean Up
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	OA Call Out – Outside New Dining Hall
6:30 pm	“Disaster Dessert” Judging – Outside New Dining Hall
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Religious Service/Scouts Own Ceremony (R.C. Mass at New Dining Hall)
8:30 pm – 9:45 pm	Campfire at the stone ring
10:00 pm	Adult Leader and SPL Wrap Up at Reiter Shelter

Sunday

8:30 – 9:15 am	Awards and Closing Ceremonies at COPE field
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