2018 NorthStar District
Spring Camporee
April 20 – 22, 2018
Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Indianapolis, Indiana
CAMPOREE LOCATION

The 2018 North Star District Spring Camporee will take place at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis. A map of the campus is attached at the end of this document. Please enter and exit the school property from the 75th Street entrance ONLY! The school’s main entrance off College Avenue is for emergency use only. Please note that the 75th Street entrance will be manually gated and locked from 11:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. during the Camporee. Vehicles will not be able to enter or exit the school property during these times. Smoking, alcohol use, and firearms are strictly prohibited on school property. All roads inside school property are city roads; therefore, local police can write tickets for traffic violations. Please abide by the posted speed limits.

During the Camporee, most of the school’s students will be off campus for the weekend; however, please remember to take extra care when encountering a pedestrian while driving on school property because they may not be able to see you. Scouts are forbidden to roam around the school property outside of the area designated for the Camporee. This specifically includes the buildings located on the north and east side of the school property. If caught doing so, Scouts will be escorted off property and will not be allowed to return.

CAMPOREE FEE

The fee is $15.00 for each Scout and adult leader and includes a Camporee patch. This fee must be paid by all Boy Scouts, adult leaders, and parents staying the weekend and participating in the Camporee activities. There is no fee for visiting Webelos and their leaders or parents; however, if they want a Camporee patch, they should be available at the Camporee and can be purchased for just $5.00.

REGISTRATION

All Troops are required by the Council to register and pay online for the Camporee.

FRIDAY NIGHT CHECK-IN

Friday night check-in will take place at the school’s Scout Building, located just north of the oval running track, from 6:00 until 9:00 Friday evening. The Scoutmaster (or adult designee) and the Senior Patrol Leader should report to the Scout Building for check-in and campsite selection prior to unloading. All other Scouts and adult leaders should remain outside. Campsite locations will be assigned
on a first-come, first served basis. Certain areas will be reserved for the Order of the Arrow activities which will take place during the weekend.

**TROOP ROSTER**

All Troops *MUST* turn in a completed Roster Form at the time of check-in. If necessary, more than one form may be used. If possible, please have the roster form completed prior to your arrival.

**LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Each Troop should provide two adult leaders for the first ten Scouts and one additional adult leader for each additional eight Scouts. A Senior Patrol Leader must be designated for each Troop and a Patrol Leader must be designated for each patrol. The camporee chair would also like to request that one leader assist with the afternoon emergency activities, if possible.

**SCOUTMASTER AND SENIOR PATROL LEADER MEETING**

A mandatory joint meeting for all Scoutmasters (or adult designee) and Senior Patrol Leaders (SM/SPL) will take place at 9:00 Friday evening at the Scout Building. At this meeting, Troops will receive any last minute updates/details/instructions.

**CAMPSITES**

Troops should have their campsite boundaries clearly defined with a visible perimeter and have their Troop flag or sign displayed at the campsite entrance.

**AMERICAN, TROOP, AND PATROL FLAGS**

Troops should have an American flag properly displayed in their campsites. Troops should have their Troop flags displayed at their campsite entrance or in their campsites. Patrols should bring their Patrol flags and carry it with them during the Patrol competitions on Saturday.

**VEHICLES**

Designated parking areas for vehicles will be determined Friday night, depending on weather conditions. Parking could be extremely limited, especially in the event of inclement weather. Please only bring the minimum number of vehicles needed to
transport your Scouts and equipment. Vehicles will NOT be allowed to remain parked at the campsites. All vehicles MUST be moved to the designated parking areas before midnight on Friday.

CAMPFIRES IN CAMPSITES

Ground fires are ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN! Troops wanting to have campfires in their campsites MUST bring an above-ground fire pit, stove, or fireplace. Troops must also bring their own firewood for their campfires.

WATER AND RESTROOMS

Specific information regarding potable water and restrooms will be discussed during the Friday night SM/SPL meeting.

TRASH DISPOSAL

We will not have access to the school’s dumpster during the Camporee; therefore, Troops must pack out their trash when departing the school property on Sunday. No trash whatsoever should be left behind in the campsite areas or on school property.

FIRST AID

All attendees, both youth and adult, should have a current BSA-approved health form on file with their respective Troops. The Troop’s health forms should be kept with the Scoutmaster (or adult designee) in the event of a medical emergency. Troops should have a first aid kit in their campsites to treat minor injuries. For medical emergencies, please contact the First Aid Officer at the Scout Building. The closest medical facility (emergency room) to the school is the St. Vincent Hospital, located at 2001 West 86th Street, Indianapolis.

CLOTHING

All Camporee participants should “be prepared” for the possibility of cold, wet, and windy Indiana spring weather. Scouts that are not properly dressed for the prevailing weather conditions will not be allowed to participate in the Camporee activities until they have corrected the problem to the satisfaction of the Camporee staff.
COFFEE FOR ADULTS

No promises, but Camporee Chair will do his best to have coffee available, for adults only, at the Scout Building each morning.

CAMPOREE SCHEDULE

A copy of the current Camporee schedule can be found at the end of this flyer. Any updates to the schedule will be announced during the Friday night SM/SPL meeting. Troops are asked to please follow closely to the schedule in order for the program to proceed with minimal interruptions. Cooperation with this request will be greatly appreciated by the Camporee staff.

FLAG RAISING AND OPENING CEREMONIES

All Troops should promptly assemble at the flag poles near the Scout Building at 8:15 Saturday morning for the flag raising ceremony and final instructions for the day’s activities.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MERIT BADGE/AWARD

This weekend will be different from any other camporee in that all participants will have a chance to work on or earn the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge. For those scouts who already have the merit badge, they will have the chance to earn the Emergency Preparedness Award by serving on the merit badge staff (Emergency Preparedness BSA pin, No. 00540).

PATROL COMPETITION STATIONS

Patrol competition stations will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. For optimal participation in the Patrol competitions, it is strongly recommended that there be six to eight Scouts in each Patrol. Specific information regarding the Patrol competitions, including station locations and any equipment needs, will be announced Saturday morning during the opening ceremonies.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PATROL COMPETITION STATIONS

All Troops attending the Camporee are asked to organize and operate one Patrol competition station on Saturday. The station can center on a Scout skill (e.g. first aid), something to do with Emergency Preparedness, or just a fun-filled activity (e.g.
scavenger hunt). Each station should be prepared to host twenty (16) patrols. Stations will run Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00. Competitions should not last more than fifteen (15) minutes from start to finish. If they last any longer than fifteen minutes, it may prohibit some Patrols from completing the station during the designated times of competition. Each competition should be based on a Patrol consisting of eight Scouts. Each station operator is required to maintain a record of the Patrols’ final scores and turn in their master scoresheet, with the Patrols ranked from first place to last, to the Scout Building no later than 5:30 on Saturday. It is imperative that each station utilize a tiebreaker so there are no ties at the end of the day. Make sure that you communicate your station intentions to the Camporee Chair no later than 10:00pm Friday evening. Each station operator should be prepared to give a brief explanation of their station and provide a list of any equipment needs to the Patrols during the opening gathering Saturday morning.

**PATROL COMPETITION SCORECARDS**

Scorecards will be distributed to the Patrols on Saturday morning. It is the Patrol Leader’s responsibility to: make sure their scorecards don’t get lost or damaged due to inclement weather, make sure their scores are recorded on the scorecards at each of the competition stations, and make sure their Patrol’s scorecard is turned in at the Scout Building no later than 5:30 Saturday afternoon. Scorecards will not be accepted after the 5:30 deadline – **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Patrols will not receive any points for completed competition stations if they fail to turn in their scorecards before the 5:30 deadline – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**WILLIE “BEST CAMPSITE” AWARD**

Judging for the North Star District’s Willie “Best Campsite” Award will start at 2:00 Saturday and will continue until all campsites are judged. All Scouts, except for the Senior Patrol Leader, should be outside of camp during the judging. “Bribing” of the judges by the Senior Patrol Leader with food or drink is unacceptable and will not be allowed. Scorecards for the Willie Award will be made available to the Troops, upon request, after the award has been presented to the winning Troop Saturday night.

**CAMPOREE RED HATS**

Red Hats are presented to adult leaders for their continued participation, support, and attendance at North Star District Camporees. An adult leader is eligible to receive their Red Hat after attending seven or more District Camporees. Each Troop
should provide their list of eligible adults to the Camporee Chair no later than 6:00 Saturday evening.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Brothers from OA will be conducting a Brotherhood ceremony and callout for new Ordeal members Saturday night. Specifics on these ceremonies will be given during the SM/SPL meeting Friday night.

CAMPFIRE

The Saturday night campfire will be organized and emceed by the North Star Ember of Firecrafter. All Troops will proceed directly to the campfire ring immediately following conclusion of the OA callout ceremony. Each Troop will be asked to perform at least one skit or song during the campfire.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Awards Ceremony will take place immediately following the campfire program.

SATURDAY NIGHT ROOT BEER FLOAT CANTINA

After conclusion of the campfire and awards ceremony, the NorthStar district will be putting on a root bear float cantina for all camporee participants (to hopefully celebrate the completion of the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge)!  

_**NOTE:** each participant will need to bring a mug/cup to receive their root beer float._

SCOUTS’ OWN SERVICE

A Scouts’ Own Service will be held at 9:00 Sunday morning. The location of the service will be announced during the Awards Ceremony Saturday night.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Immediately following the Scouts’ Own Service, all Troops will assist with the cleaning of the shared areas of the school property. Each Troop is responsible for making sure their campsite areas is in better condition than when they found it Friday night. Please notify a member of the Camporee Staff at the Scout Building before departing the school property to obtain your souvenir Camporee patches.
CAMPOREE POINT OF CONTACT

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Proposed 2018 North Star District
Spring Camporee Schedule

FRIDAY, April 20, 2018

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