



September 22-24, 2023 • Ottawa, Illinois

Celebrate the **W. D. Boyce Council's 50th Anniversary**, and honor Scouting's heritage in the Founder's hometown! On February 8, 1910, William Dickson Boyce, then a resident of Ottawa, Illinois, incorporated The Boy Scouts of America. Discover BSA's origin story, visit historic sites including Ottawa's Scouting Heritage Museum, and honor W. D. Boyce at his burial site. This weekend is the W. D. Boyce Council's ultimate anniversary celebration as we go "Forward with the Founder"! Program planning currently under development includes some of Scouting's most favorite activities for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing units, as well as opportunities for fellowship with Scouts from around the region.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS OPEN MAY 1, 2023 - JULY 31, 2023!
Reserve your spot early • Payments required later

Adventure Begins on Ottawa's Riverfront

Scouting at its Best!

Camporee programs may include contests and demonstrations of outdoor Scouting skills as well as campfires, games, and field events. These activities show Scouting at its best!

A "Good Deed" Procession

Scouts and Scouters will fill the streets of Ottawa, to light the way for W. D. Boyce all the way to the founder's grave. A short dedication service to follow.

Night Time Entertainment & Fireworks!

After dusk, Scouts return to our city Camporee site for evening entertainment and illumination. Our fun-filled Saturday is capped with a "red, white and BOOM!" fireworks spectacular on the Illinois River, planned just for the Camporee through the City of Ottawa.

Activities in the Works

Cub Scouts: Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Scout skills (first aid, knots, etc.), field sports, archery, BB guns, leatherworking, arts and crafts, tour historic sites, fishing, and more!

Scouts BSA and Venturing: Camporee on the Air (amateur radio), blacksmithing & branding, Scout skills (moulage demo/first aid), fishing, kayaking, paddleboat excursions, OA Lodge Reunion, climbing wall, archery, disc golf, tour historic sites, and more!

Camping Sites

This historic Camporee and celebration is taking place in downtown Ottawa. Scouting units will be urban camping in the City of Ottawa's Central School Lot. **Enter '210 Woodward Memorial Dr., Ottawa, IL 61350' into your GPS.**

Trailers are not allowed due to severely limited parking space. Pack gas stoves/gear in other vehicles. Dining flies are permitted. Vehicles will not be permitted to drive to campsites; all gear will need to be carried up to 300 ft.

Space is limited! Tents will be assembled close together, and in tight rows. (Think National Jamboree!) Units will be separated by program (Cub Scouts vs. Scouts BSA & Venturing).

Registration Information

- **Register Online at:**
<https://scoutingevent.com/138-2023FallCamporee>
- **ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS MUST REGISTER.**
- 50th Anniversary Fall Camporee Fee is \$20.00 for camping participants (both youth and adults), and \$15 for Day Visitors (Saturday only) and staff. *All fees increase by \$10 on August 28, 2023.*
- **LEADERS** are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Pre-Registration and save your spot!
 - a. Leader Guide will be available soon.
- **Pre-Registration: MAY 1 - JULY 31, 2023**
 - a. Troops can log on, save their spot, and give an estimated number of attendees.
 - b. Starting August 1, units can confirm their numbers, and pay to attend.
- **Final Registration: AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**
- **Registration Deadline:** All registration *must be completed* by **September 8, 2023.**
 - a. **No late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted.**
- Registered participants will receive:
 - a. A commemorative patch
 - b. Wristband for free admission to area attractions & exclusive Camporee events
 - c. Collectible Scouting trading cards (while supplies last)



Tentative Schedule

Friday, September 22nd

- 4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Camper Registration Open
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Saturday, September 23rd

(Day visitors welcome on Saturday only.)

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Camper, Day Visitor Check-In Open
- 8:45 a.m. Flags / Announcements
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Program Stations
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - Public Registration Opens
- 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Program Stations
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. W. D. Boyce Procession
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Evening Campfire
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Sunday, September 24th

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Non-Denominational Service
- 9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Break Camp
- Have a safe trip home!

Get Updates on Remind

Text @wdboyce to 81010

or join the group instantly at:

<https://www.remind.com/join/wdboyce>

Remind is a free, safe messaging app that will keep leaders and families up to date on what's happening with this Camporee.

Participants are able to receive Remind messages via SMS, the web, email, iOS app, and Android app.

Participants can customize their notification preferences to determine how they want to receive messages.

Camporee Meals

Camping units should eat before arrival on Friday. You will be preparing your own Saturday breakfast and dinner, and Sunday breakfast (gas stoves only; no wood or charcoal fires permitted). Saturday lunch will be provided by the Camporee (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, fruit, and drink).

Saturday only Day Visitors should pack a lunch, and will be on your own for dinner (before the procession and evening show).

We are working with local restaurants on discounts for Scouts!

Other Things to Remember

- Every unit must have two-deep leadership.
- BSA Medical Forms Parts A & B: You MUST bring copies of individual medical history with parent approval in case of an emergency.
- Class A Uniforms Required: All participants are requested to wear Scout uniforms the entire weekend. Let's look good at this very public event!
- Leadership by Example: Adults and senior youth are reminded that we have an obligation to be role models and display a positive image to the public. Follow the Scouter Code of Conduct.
- Remember Safe Scouting: Units will follow the guidelines in the Guide to Safe Scouting, BSA Health and Safety Guide, Youth Protection, and Age-Appropriate Guidelines to Scouting. Scout conduct, youth and adult, is the responsibility of the adult leader in charge. Scouting units are responsible at all times for the behavior of the Scouts in their care. The Scout Oath and Scout Law are the best guides.
- Please discourage your Scouts from bringing, buying, or possessing any hazardous or annoying articles such as snappers, slingshots, whips, pea shooters, squirt guns, etc.
- The public is invited to many program areas on Saturday afternoon. Let's make them feel welcome!



Brag With Our SWAG!

Pre-order your Camporee T-shirt (at final registration)! Available ONLY at the Camporee, orders will be ready for pickup at camper registration and at a location TBA for Day Visitors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

50th Anniversary Camporee Web Site:
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