

Fall Camporee 2011

September 23-25
Pirates of Rum River

RUM RIVER SCOUT CAMP



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Fall 2011 Camporee
Northern Lights District
Run River Scout Camp
September 25th, 26th and 27th

August 8, 2011

Dear Scouts and Adult Leaders

Your troop is invited to attend the annual Northern Lights District Fall Camporee. This year's theme is "Pirates of Rum River". Our Camporee dates are Sept 25th to 27th at Run River Scout Camp. This year's theme hails from the concept of Movie Trilogy "Pirates of the Caribbean" and is based on scouts having fun and using some new and old scouting skills.

This registration package should help you understand what is happening at the Camporee so you can help your experienced scouts select, plan and execute the event they choose to pass along to younger scouts. Activities include patrol sprint competition, a campfire and many other fun, challenging activities. If you aren't careful, you may also learn something.

This year we are not incorporating Webelos in the plan. Troops are encouraged to contact the packs near them and invite the Webelos for the weekend. This unique time can be used for Webelos recruitment, and to help the Webelos scouts prepare for Scouting.

In addition to helping your experienced scouts plan their station, we need your assistance in helping with campsite judging, contest judging, score keeping, event timing, and co-coordinating vespers. We also need you to provide one adult to stay with your experienced scouts at their station, and adults who will lurk in the background with your younger scouts as they travel through the event stations.

Call Don Peterson, Fall Camporee Chairman at 763-425-1187 (h) or 763-354-4576 (cell) or e-mail drpeterson63@gmail.com if you need more information, or are interested in serving as a volunteer in any capacity.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Run River Scout Camp!

Fall Camporee Committee

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General

First Aid

All troops are responsible for minor First Aid for their troop members. Major injuries should be reported to and attended by the staff at Colbert Shelter. Please have proper medical papers for each person if possible.

Uniforms

Scouts should be in Full Field uniforms upon arrival. With the theme of the Camporee all scouts and Leaders are encouraged to wear their pirate best dress during the entire day. Scouts and Leaders have to wear the Official Scout Uniform at Church services, Flag Ceremonies, Campfire program and when leaving. During the day on Saturday, if scouts are not dressed for the camporee theme please have them wear a scout related activity shirt, Troop T Shirt, Sweat Shirt, or camp related shirt.

Fees

The cost this year is \$10.00. This includes a nifty patch, camp fees, cracker-barrel and other refreshments, supplies etc. Not too bad for a great weekend.

Lunch Period

Saturday lunch is on the trail. Each patrol should prepare a bag lunch that can be carried throughout the morning, or kept at their event station. Water is available at standard Camp water sites. Patrols may want to bring something extra to drink for lunch.

Campfires

As of Wednesday, _____, there is no ban on camp fires. However, please make sure they are in a fire ring, not on the ground.

Campsite Inspections:

Campsite inspections are voluntary this year. There will be three prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place troops. Signup is at the Cracker Barrel Friday night. Campsite judges are also needed. These can be adult scouters or older (16+) Scouts. This is an excellent way to explore the camp and see how other troops operate.

Chapel Services

There is a single chapel service at 7:50 pm in the OA Amphitheatre. Please ask your Chaplains Aides to step forward and help lead the chapel Service. Have the Scouts contact Don Peterson at drpeter63@centurylink.com. or 763-425-1187.

Setup Time

In order for our experienced scouts to have ample time to setup coordinate each event station, Troop running a station should set up Friday night, become familiar with scoring and other logistics to avoid any kinks and other logistics.

Patrol Spirit Beads

We believe the idea of encouraging patrol spirit is a worthy one. We will again be awarding beads to the patrols based on the event judge's opinion of Patrol Spirit. This year, it is possible for all patrols in an event time slot to earn all blue (1st place) beads. Also available to the judges are Red (2nd Place) beads for those patrols that do not work well together, and white (3rd Place) beads if there is no patrol spirit at all.

Webelos Event

There will not be a separate Webelos event this year. Troops need to invite the Webelos to the Fall Camporee and make them a part of the troop for the weekend.

Cracker barrel

Please invite your Assistant Scout Masters, Senior Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader to the cracker barrel. This is an important time for discussing Saturday's (and the rest of the weekend's) schedule.

Cracker barrel is at 9:30, Friday Night.

Station event meeting at 9:00 p.m. Friday night, Troops running a station should send one adult and one youth to this meeting to cover the events on Saturday and other items.

Troop Requirements

Here is information that is useful for the entire troop:

Event Selection:

By Sept. 14th, each troop will register (along with an alternate choice) the event station they choose to help their experienced scouts plan and execute (from the list provided, Choice of event stations are FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, and return confirmation/approval must be received. Troops should involve the experienced scouts in the selection, planning and execution of the event. Provide a short description, and list of supplies a patrol should carry with them to your event. Event selection should be made to drpeterson63@centurylink.com. or contact Don Peterson at 763-425-1187 (h) or 763-354-4576 (cell). Don't wait until the last minute.

Pre-registration and Registration:

By Sept. 21st, each troop will pre-register the number of adults and scouts by emailing drpeterson63@centruylink.com. this will be used for assigning campsites.

Formal Registration should be made to West Council Office or upon arrival at camp Friday night. with exact counts, names, health forms and funds due at that time. Bring the fees with you to Rum River that evening.

Campfire:

Each troop should be prepared with at least one skit and optionally one song for use at the Campfire Event Station and the Campfire itself. These should be age and Scout appropriate. All skits and songs must be approved by the Campfire MC's before they are used. Please remember our "Pirate" theme. It would be great if the skits and songs revolved around this.

Parking:

This is always a controversial subject. Please move **ALL** vehicles to parking areas. Do not park in campsites. When unloading, please stay on the road, just off onto the shoulder. You may drop a trailer off at the campsite. Please unhook from the tow vehicle and move the tow vehicle to a parking area.

Chapel:

Please see the note in the general section and provide a Chaplain's Aide for the chapel service. (By helping with this it will work towards communications merit badge).

Campsites:

Campsites will be assigned based on pre-registrations. Have a clean and professional campsite available for inspection by our campsite inspectors.

Patrol Requirements

Patrols have at least 4 members and no more than 8.

Each patrol will participate in all events, except for the scouts involved in producing an event. The patrol will be issued an Event card indicating the location and times of each event. Patrols must follow the schedule. Please ask all patrol leaders to follow the schedule. If a patrol finishes an event early, please stay in the vicinity of the event until the appropriate passing time.

Please make sure all Patrol Spirit Beads colors are marked on the patrol card and the card is turned into to the staff at Colbert Shelter by 5:45 PM Saturday.

Patrols must bring the following:

- A patrol Staff flying the Patrol Flag, Remember the theme

Each event leader will have a supply of patrol spirit beads to hand out to patrols. Patrols showing extreme patrol spirit will receive a blue bead, a lot of patrol spirit a red bead, otherwise a white bead. Be the patrol with the most blue beads at the closing flag ceremony to receive special recognition.

- A skit and song for the campfire (that must be approved by the Scoutmaster and campfire staff).

Our campfires keep getting better and better. This is due, in most part, to the patrols having songs and skits at the ready. We are also trying to impress Webelos scouts, so work extra hard on the songs and skits. Encourage Scouts to learn new skits or songs.

Other Items the Patrol will need:

- Your Own Cup
- Toilet Paper
- GPS unit and compass
- A ship built from light weight material
- Troop Meals

Troop meals should be quick and easy. Think high adventure trips you have taken. Some suggestions, breakfast on Saturday morning needs to be a meal that is quick and easy to clean up. Oatmeal, breakfast bars. Dinner options, hot dogs and beans or my favorite tacos in a bag.

- Lunch

Each patrol should plan on a **"Trail Lunch"**. That is, a lunch that can be packed through all the activities and eaten on the trail. Camp Water will be available throughout the camp, but you may want to bring your own refreshment.

- Event Station Supplies

As noted in the event sections, Scout Handbook, Trail Lunch, Patrol Flag, Patrol Yell, and Water for drinking.

Event Schedule

Friday:

5:30-8:00 p.m. Check in at Colbert Shelter, Rum River Scout Camp
9:00 Event Station meeting
9:30 Cracker-barrel for SPL and Scout Masters - Colbert Shelter
10:30 TAPS
11:00 Lights Out - Have a restful night

Saturday: (Boy Scout Troops)

6:30 a.m. Reveille
6:45 - 7:15 Breakfast at your site - Prepare trail lunch
7:17-7:30 Clean up breakfast
7:43 Assemble at Colbert for opening flag
7:47 Opening Flag Ceremony
7:50 Announcements and event schedule
8:00-11:00 First Round of Events - Use Patrol Card for sequence
11:05-11:45 Lunch - On the trail
11:50-3:00 Second Round of Events (For scouts)
3:15-5:30 Patrols look for treasure
5:45 Campfire MCs screen skits. Chaplain Aides meet plan service both at meet at Colbert. Patrols turn in patrol cards
6:00-7:30 Evening Meal - At your campsite
6:45 Colors Retired at Colbert Shelter
6:59 Sunset
7:45-8:15 Non Denominational Chapel Service - Hosted by Chaplain's Aides
OA Campfire Ring
8:15-9:15 Campfire - OA Campfire Ring, Patrol Songs, Patrol Skits, Awards
9:30-10:30 In Site Troop Time
10:45 Lights Out

Sunday:

7:00 a.m. Reveille
7:00-8:30 Breakfast
9:00 Closing Flag Formation, Comments, Thanks, Patches
9:30 Break Camp and Head home
12:00 Camp Closed - See you at Klondike Derby

Pirates of Rum River

Scout Activities, Saturday, Sept 24th

The Scout Activities consist of 6 stations that patrols rotate through during the course of the day. The patrols move from station to station in an assigned sequence with a "shotgun" start. These stations include Scouting Skills, Patrol/Team Building, and some just plain fun events. The activities run from 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. with a lunch break. Lunch consists of the trail lunches that the patrols bring with them. Each Station is one hour and each activity in the station is 25 minutes long with 5 minutes to travel between activities and stations.

There will be multiple opportunities at each station to allow all 250+ scouts to attend. Troops have the opportunity to provide a mission to their experienced scouts to plan, prepare and teach a station event. We expect 8 troops to have stepped forward and accept this challenge.

Each patrol needs to carry supplies for the events. See the list of patrol requirements on page 5. Patrols should be ready to give their patrol yell at any time to show Scout Spirit and win patrol beads.

A preliminary description of the Scout Stations, how they may be scored, and advancement opportunities for each is listed on the following pages. Patrols will be judged on completing the objective, patrol involvement, and cleanup for each activity

<p>Station 1a Sink the Ship</p> <p>Patrols will use tennis ball cannons to shot at ships and score points</p>	<p>Station 2a Board the Ship</p> <p>Patrol members must scramble up the cargo net.</p> <p>Timed to get the whole patrol up and back down</p>
<p>Station 1b Run out the Canons</p> <p>Patrols will use their lashing skills to secure cannons onto their ship.</p>	<p>Station 2b Rescue yer Matte's</p> <p>Patrol members must pass everyone through the spider web- a mesh of rope with different openings</p>

Volunteers Needed

Campfire Builders

We need a scout troop to volunteer to build, extinguish and clean up Saturday night's campfire. Please contact Don Peterson.

Chaplain's Aides

Need four to six scouts to help planning and presenting the non denominational church service in the evening.

Flag Ceremony

Need two sets of two scouts in the full Official uniform to raise and lower the flags.

Bugler/Trumpeter

Need a bugler to sound taps, reveille and mustering calls.
May be called upon to provide fanfare sounds at campfire and flag ceremonies.

Supplies

Thanks to Craig Lewis and crew for cooking for the Camporee Staff.

These are just the people I know about before hand. I know there are many of you that will help as the Camporee gets going. Thanks in advance for your hard work. Our goal is 100% for the Scouts and we can only pull it off with all your help.

Camp Fire MC's

Looking for a couple of scouts to be this years Camp Fire MC's. Put list of skits together and run Saturday nights Camp Fire. If interested contact Don Peterson.

Remit registration form to:
 Northern Lights Fall Camporee
 Northern Star Council, BSA
 5300 Glenwood Avenue
 Minneapolis, MN 55422

Questions: Don Peterson
 at 763-425-1187 or
 drpeterson63@centurylink.com

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Troop _____ Scoutmaster _____ Phone _____

Total Participants	_____	Payment Method:	_____
Registration Fee	X 10.00 each	Check	_____
Total Paid	_____	Cash	_____

Please attach roster of those participating.

Code 152

Registration
 Northern Lights Camporee 2011

Code

Troop _____ Campsite _____ Senior Patrol Leader _____

Number of Patrols _____

1 _____	12 _____	23 _____
2 _____	13 _____	24 _____
3 _____	14 _____	25 _____
4 _____	15 _____	26 _____
5 _____	16 _____	27 _____
6 _____	17 _____	28 _____
7 _____	18 _____	29 _____
8 _____	19 _____	30 _____
9 _____	20 _____	31 _____

10 _____ 21 _____ 32 _____

11 _____ 22 _____ 33 _____

Adults

1 _____ 4 _____ 7 _____

2 _____ 5 _____ 8 _____

3 _____ 6 _____ 9 _____

Total Participants _____
Registration Fee \$10.00
Total Paid _____

Payment Method

Troop Check _____
Personal Check _____
Cash _____

Camporee Policies

The following rules were made to help us have a successful and safe camping experience. It is the responsibility of the adult in charge to see that their Scouts know and understand these rules. Anyone caught violating these rules maybe asked to leave camp.

- Vehicles** Speed limit is 15 mph.
No passengers in the back of an open truck or trailer, Vehicles limited to main roads or parking areas only. Please, no parking in campsites. Vehicles in campsites can deduct points from the troop's campsite inspection form.
- Fires** Campfires are allowed in designated spots.
Please conserve our campsites by not creating new spots.
- NO FIRES MAY BE LEFT UNATTENDED - CAMP RULE.**
- NO FIRES OUTSIDE OF FIRE RINGS**
- All liquid fuels and propane must be used under adult Supervision.
- Firearms** Firearms, explosives, and fireworks are prohibited.
- Conservation** Please conserve our natural resources.
No digging, trenching, or raking is allowed.
- ABSOLUTELY** no cutting of brush or standing timber is allowed. A minimum of \$1.00 per foot up to the maximum value of the tree will be assessed for cutting timber.
- Adults in Camp** A responsible adult (age 21 or older) must be in camp at all times. You are responsible for your Scouts
- Camouflage** Camouflage pants, shirts, and jackets and/or toy weaponry are not allowed.
- Knives** NO straight bladed knives are allowed.

Lights out Scouts are not allowed out of their site after lights out except to and from the latrine.

ALL QUIET PLEASE

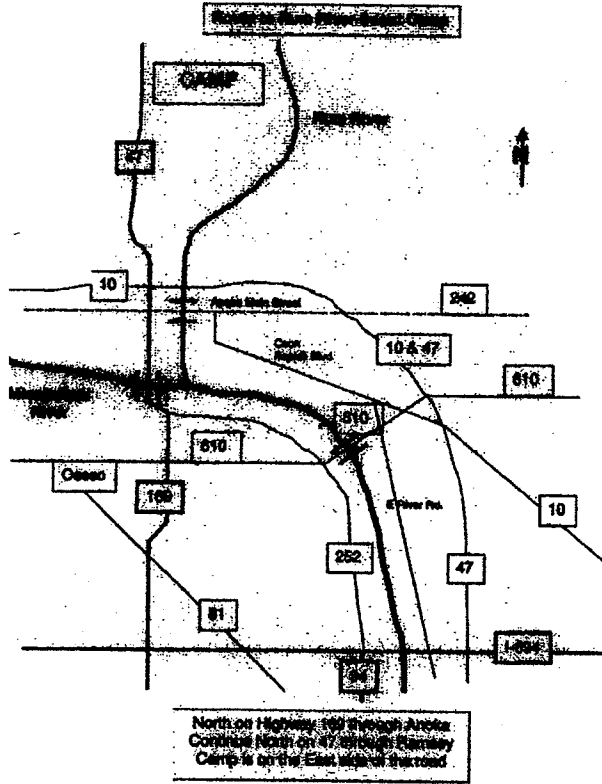
Scouters are asked to bring roaming Scouts to the staff headquarters.

Radios No radios, stereos, tape players, headsets, etc. are allowed.

Swimming Any Scout caught swimming or wading in the river will be asked to leave the camp.

Property Any person caught stealing or causing damage to automobiles, Scout Camp property, or Scout Troop property will be turned over to the proper authorities. REMEMBER WE ARE SCOUTS.

Maps



Northern Lights District
Fall 2011 Camporee Evaluation

Unit # _____

Please have the SPL and ASPL fill out

- 1). What did you like best about this Camporee and why?
- 2). What did you like the least and why?
- 3). What things do you think could have been done differently to improve this Camporee?
- 4). Which event did you like the best and why?
- 5). Which event did you like the least and why?
- 6). How were the campfires, skits, songs, length, location?
- 7). What would you like to do next time for events?

(Turn Over)

- 8). Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 low and 10 super), how was this Camporee?
- 9). Did you like the campground? Should we use it again for Camporee? Where else could we have a Camporee?

Please Rank the Events from 1 to 10 with 1 being the lowest (never do that again) and 10 being the best (Everyone learned a lot and had a great time). Remember, we are here to learn as well as have a great time. (Lunch does not count)

Rank	Name	Description
	Station 1	
	Station 2	
	Station 3	
	Station 4	
	Station 5	
	Station 6	

Thank you - Please turn this in Sunday morning at Flag Raising

Northern Lights District
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Unit # _____

Please have the Adult Leaders fill out

- 1). What did you like best about this Camporee and why?
- 2). What did you like the least and why?
- 3). What things do you think could have been done differently to improve this Camporee or improve the organization?
- 4). Were you given enough information to come to this Camporee prepared? To prepare your scouts? If not, what should we do different in the future?
- 5). What could the staff have done during this weekend to help you better?
- 6). What is your feeling on campsite judging. Should we do it a) All the time, b) Sometimes, c) Never or d) Other _____
- 7). What would you like to do next time for events?
- 8). Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 low and 10 super), how was this Camporee?

- 9). What is your opinion of the Webelos visitation time. Should we have next year?
- 10). Anyone in your troop that would like to work on planning a Camporee? Please write down the name and address.

Please Rank the Events from 1 to 10 with 1 being the lowest (never do that again) and 10 being the best (Everyone learned a lot and had a great time). Please try to gauge the usefulness of the events in your overall troop program.

Rank	Name	Description
	Station 1	
	Station 2	
	Station 3	
	Station 4	
	Station 5	
	Station 6	

Thank you - Please turn this in Sunday morning at Flag Raising

NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE 2011

Pirates of Rum River

Boy Scout Campsite Inspection

TROOP NO. _____

Gateway	_____	20 points
Flags displayed properly US on correct side	_____	20 points
Campsite layout proper and practical	_____	20 points
Campsite embellishments (lashings)	_____	5 points/embellishment
Tents pitched correctly with ground covers	_____	20 points
Personal gear stowed sleeping bags airing	_____	20 points
Campsite clean (-1 for each piece litter)	_____	20 points
Duty roster posted and chores checked off	_____	20 points
Menu posted and meals balanced	_____	20 points
Food stored properly	_____	20 points
Garbage stored effectively	_____	20 points
Cooking gear clean and stored correctly	_____	20 points
Fire ring location and area safe	_____	30 points
Fire in campsite left unattended	_____	(500) points
First aid kit available	_____	20 points
Ax yard located and in safe location	_____	10 points
Ax yard tools stored correctly	_____	20 points
Fire buckets or Fire Extinguisher	_____	20 points
Vehicles in campsite	_____	(50) points/car

Maximum total score _____ **325 points**

Judges discretionary points awarded _____

Explanation:

Total Score _____