

SHOOT -a- Palooza

October 16 - 18, 2026

LEADER GUIDE

WHERE: H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation
WHEN: October 16-18, 2026
WHO: TROOPS AND CREWS
CHECK IN: Friday from 6:45-10:00 PM
CHECK OUT: Sunday 8:00-11:00 AM

FEES*: $35 per youth participant by August 1st,2026 * **
*includes facility use, memorabilia, and program features
**This is a youth activity, adults will only be participating in Night Shoot activities.
All Program Activities occur on Saturday
Registration: ONLINE @ www.hoac-bsa.org/shoot-a-palooza

Safety Briefing: after the morning flag ceremony and, for late arrivals, at 11:45 AM also at the flag mall.
Registration opens May 1, 2026.

Shoot-a-Palooza is an excellent opportunity to expose your Scouts to the fun and adventure of Range and Target Activities in the Heart of America Council. This event will provide various range and target opportunities for your Scouts outside of summer camp. The event is located at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation where there are numerous range and target facilities available. All participants who sign up on time will receive Shoot-a-Palooza event memorabilia.

Is your troop or crew new to Range and Target Activities? No worries. **Heart of America Council will be providing all the necessary gear and training as well as experienced leadership to ensure your Scouts have a safe and enjoyable weekend.** If you or your unit have personal hearing and eye protection, please bring it. If you need eye and hearing protection we will provide it. Eye protection must be ANSI Z87.1 compliant (include facial side guards) or participants will be asked to use HOAC provided equipment.

Outdoor activities will include multi-target presentation shotgun shooting, precision rifle shooting, paint ball accuracy shooting, archery, slingshots, pellet rifle and several other shooting opportunities. This year we will have a 3-skill competition with special prizes for the top participants. The activities will be announced at the leader's meeting Friday evening.

Are you a NRA certified instructor or just want to help? If so, volunteering to staff one of our activity areas. We will need many hands to keep equipment provisioned, ammunition distributed, arrows recovered etc. Registration for Volunteer Staff will open on May 1, 2026. NRA and USAA certifications are NOT required however all volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Personal Firearms Policy – BSA policy specifies that no personal firearms, ammunition or archery equipment be allowed on BSA property. All required firearms and ammunition and other shooting equipment will be supplied by Heart of America Council BSA.

REGISTRATION

HOAC would prefer that all units sign up via the website www.hoac-bsa.org/shoot-a-palooza. Early registration fee is only $35 per youth, if received by August 1, 2026. Afterwards the fee will increase to $40 per participant. Fees go toward the use of our facilities at Camp, event memorabilia, and most importantly to help maintain your Council Range and Target Actitivies equipment.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Shoot-a-Palooza is an excellent opportunity to expose your scouts to the fun and adventure of range and target activities in the Heart of America Council. These programs are designed for experienced as well as novice participants. There will be buses available to transport youth to the various venues as soon as the Safety Briefing is complete. Activities will go on rain or shine. Thunder and lightning conditions will require that activities are shut down until those conditions pass. Please be prepared to eat and camp as a unit. No meals will be provided with your registration. Shower house facilities at Piercing Arrow may be available for use depending on temperature and weather conditions.

Activities are scheduled to operate from these program sites:

Site	Program Sites	Activities
PA1	Piercing Arrow Rifle Range	● Accurate Rifle Shooting
PA2	Piercing Arrow Archery Range	● Precision target presentations
PA3	Piercing Arrow Top Shot Range	● Paint ball shooting with an accuracy twist
PA4	Mountain Man Village	● Tomahawks and Knife Throwing with game entwined
PA 5	ML Rifle Range	● Muzzle Loading Rifle Experience
PA6	On the road to Topshot	● Shooting challenges that are harder than they look
PA7	Dynamic Darts	● Atlatl dart throwing at fixed targets
SM1	Sawmill Rifle Range and Archery Range	● 3 Skill Shooting for Score Top Gun Prizes!
BC1	Briley Creek Shotgun Range	● A multi target presentation and fun -competition if you want
BC2	Briley Creek	● It's all in the wrist
BC3	Riley Creek (LR22)	● How far?

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Check-in will start on **Friday evening at 6:45 PM at the turn in to Camp Piercing Arrow in front of the Reservation Headquarters .** Units are expected to have Medical Record parts A, and B, for each of their attending members.

At check in, unit leaders will receive the unit's campsite location, information regarding shooting locations, and confirmation of start times or changes to program due to weather conditions.

Please make sure you have **at least one adult leader** attend the leader meeting **Friday evening at 9:00 PM** to receive important updated information regarding site openings and procedures for the day. This meeting will be held at the Piercing Arrow Dining Hall beginning at 9:00 PM and expected to take about an hour.

Immediately after flag ceremony Saturday morning there will be a mandatory safety briefing. All youth who will be participating must attend this activity. Arm bands will be passed out to all who attend the briefing. Anyone without an arm band will not be allowed to participate at any venue. There will be a second safety briefing at 11:45 AM to catch any late arrivals and they will receive arm bands then.

Please note that HOAC Activity Directors at each program site have the authority to disqualify any piece of hearing or eye protection gear for use *at any time* during the event. For example, an instructor running a program site the next day feels that there is a problem with the eye protection, they have the authority to require use of council owned equipment for that site or the duration of the weekend. This policy is for the safety of participants and instructors providing program.

PARTICIPANT GEAR LIST

Here is a list of personal items that each participant should bring with them to the event:

- ✔ Water bottle filled with water
- ✔ Food or snacks to eat while waiting in line or hiking between sites
- ✔ Rain jacket for inclement weather or fleece
- ✔ Laced up closed toed shoes
- ✔ Small first aid kit for scrapes or blisters on the trail
- ✔ Flash light or head lamp for return to campsite after program end
- ✔ Personal hearing and eye protection equipment if available

PROGRAM AGENDA

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY AND WEATHER CONDITIONS)

Friday

6:45-10:00 pm Unit Check-in at Piercing Arrow Dining Hall.
6:30 -7:00 pm Shoot-a-Palooza Staff meeting in the Lonestar Dining Hall.
9:00-10:00 pm Leader's meeting at the Piercing Arrow Dining Hall.

Saturday

7:50 am Opening Flag Ceremony at Piercing Arrow flag mall circle.
7:55 am **Mandatory Safety Briefing**
8:00 am Program sites open – please see attached site map.
PA1 – 22s Can Pack a Wallop – Piercing Arrow Rifle Range
PA2 – William Don't Tell the Scoutmaster – Piercing Arrow Archery Range
PA3 – Paint Ball Ain't All – Top Shot Range
PA4 – It's Mr. Thomas-A-Hawk to You – Mountain Man Village
PA5 – Flash and Smoke – PA Mountain Man Rifle Range
PA6 – Pie Pan Alley – On the road to Topshot Range
PA7 – Dynamic Darts – Near the Camp Baseball Field
SM1 – 3 Skill Scored Shooting – Sawmill Rifle Range/Archery and In Between (Prizes for Top Shot)
BC1 – You Can't Shoot Jack – Briley Creek
BC2 – It's All in the Wrist – Briley Creek
BC3 – How Far? – Briley Creek (LR22)

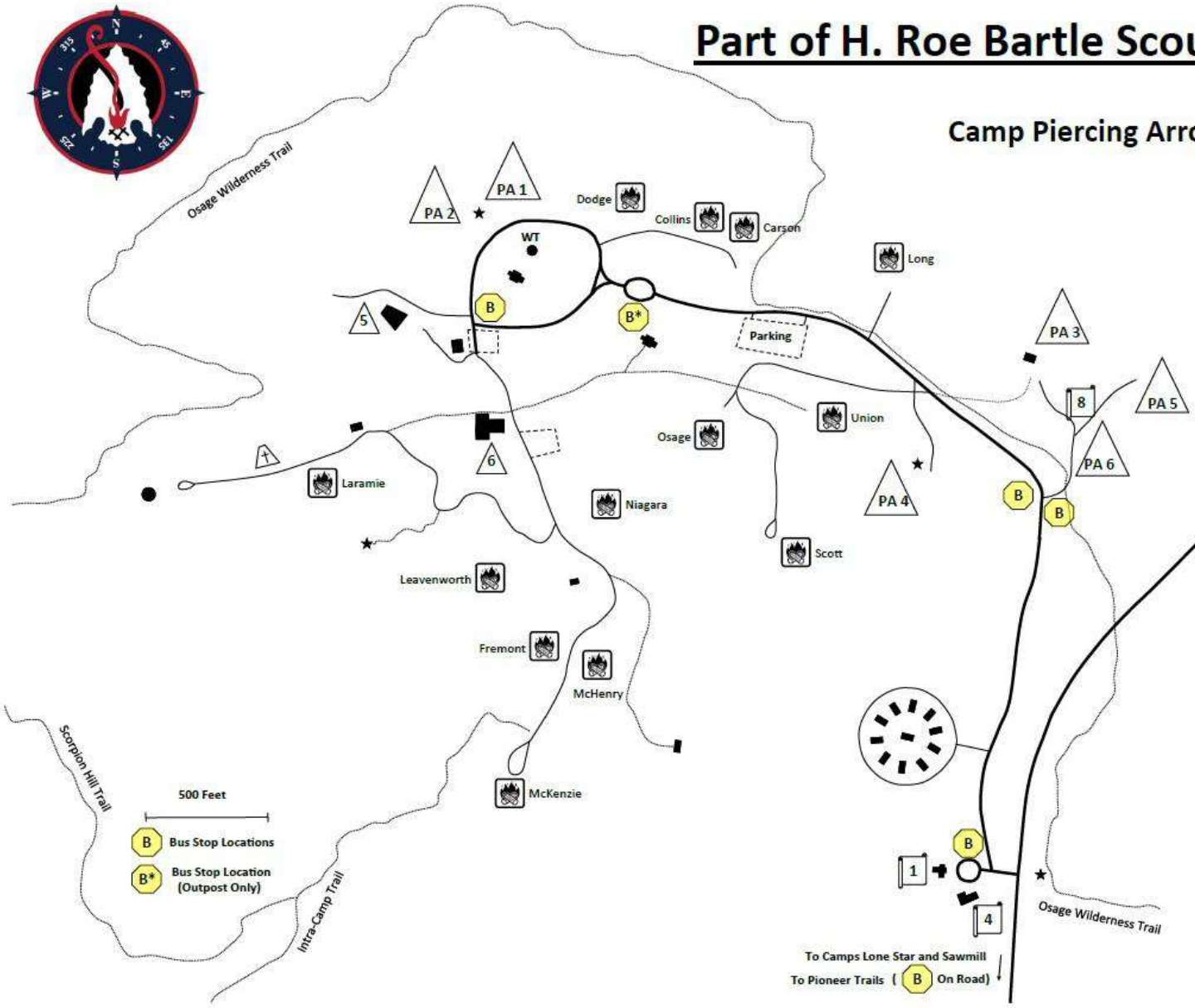
11:45 am **Make-up mandatory safety briefing** at the Piercing Arrow Flag Mall
12:00 pm Units can eat lunch at camp or at program sites.
Instructors will eat lunch at program sites. Activities may be briefly paused while staff eats lunch.
3:30 pm All activity areas will be shut down.
6:00 pm Closing Flag Ceremony at Piercing Arrow Flag Mall.

Sunday

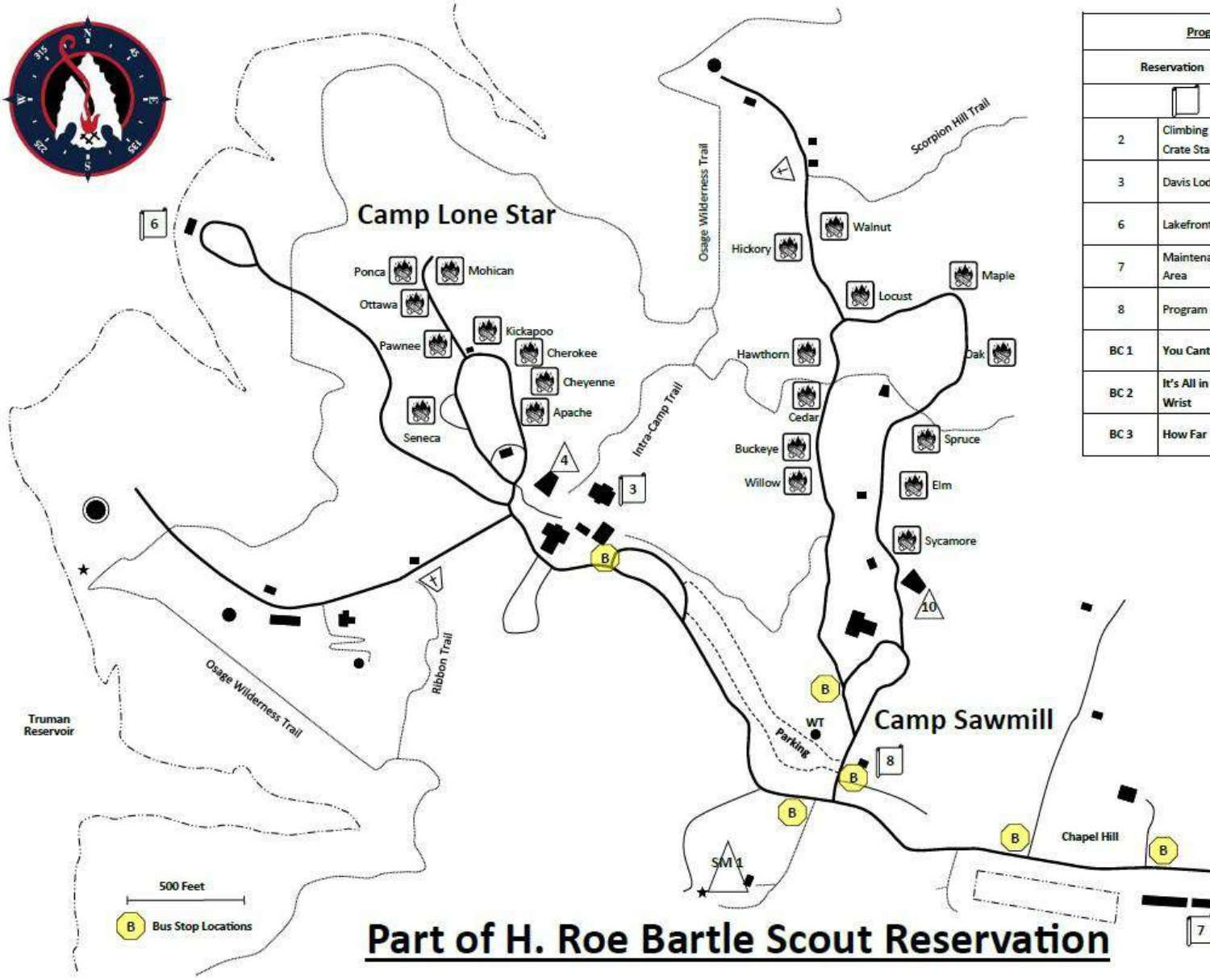
8:00-11:00 am Unit check-out at Bartle Reservation Headquarters (RHQ).

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