2023 BLUE ELK
DISTRICT CAMPOREE

Friday, Oct 20 - Sunday, Oct 22, 2023
Scouting Olympics
At Odessa Lake

Unit Leader Guide
2023 Blue Elk Camporee Registration & Policies

• ALL ATTENDEES AND STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE PARTS A AND B OF THE BSA ANNUAL
HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD – INCLUDING Webelos coming out for the day.
• Units should reinforce frequent hand washing and are expected to provide their own
handwashing stations along with appropriate soap and hand sanitizer

REGISTRATION

The 2023 Blue Elk District Camporee will be held Friday, Oct 20 – Sunday, Oct 22, 2023, at Odessa Lake, Missouri. Approximate attendance figures are required for planning the proper number of campsites, activity participation, patches, and materials.

★ DIRECTIONS TO ODESSA LAKE ★

From I-70:
Take I-70 East to MO 131 Highway (Exit 37B).
Follow 131 Highway to 2nd Street. Turn RIGHT on 2nd Street (MO 131 Highway South).
Follow 2nd Street through town to OO Highway. Turn RIGHT on OO Highway.
Follow OO Highway for 1.2 miles to Odessa Lake Road.
**DO NOT FOLLOW GPS DIRECTIONS VIA EDS ROAD – ENTRANCE IS INACCESSIBLE**
Turn left onto Odessa Lake Road (**BEWARE OF BLIND CURVE AT TURN**). Follow Odessa Lake Road for ¾ of a mile to Camporee. Staff will be on hand to direct you.

From US 50 Highway:
Take US 50 Highway East to MO 131 Highway
Turn LEFT on 131 Highway to OO Highway. Turn LEFT on OO Highway.
Follow OO Highway for 1.2 miles to Odessa Lake Road.
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, Oct. 18th at 6:00 PM
See Unit Registration Form on Page 12 of this guide for FEE SCHEDULE

EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST PRE-REGISTER

Each Troop, Crew and Ship MUST either register on-line at
https://www.hoac-bsa.org/blue-elk-activities-and-camping by Oct. 18th or submit a Unit Registration Form
and payment at roundtable by Oct 5th (see Page 12). Webelos attending for Sat Oct 21st Must be
registered by the troop they are spending the day with.

Payments may be sent to:
Heart of America Council – BSA
Attn: 2021 Blue Elk District Camporee
10210 Holmes Rd
Kansas City, MO 64131

REGISTRATION FORM AND ROSTERS

Each Unit must complete both the Youth and Adult Attendance Rosters. A completed Youth and Adult
Registration Rosters must be submitted to the Camporee Main Headquarters upon check-in (see pages 13 and
14)
CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE

All units must check in and out of camp with the Camporee Director or Registrars and sign the attendance form. Camporee Administration Staff will be located at Camporee Main Headquarters.

Unit check-in is Friday, Oct 20th from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, Oct 21st from 5:00 AM to 6:00 AM at Camporee Main Headquarters. Any later and you will miss the first events!!

ALL UNITS AND INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE SHOULD CHECK OUT AT CAMPOREE MAIN HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

Per the Guide to Safe Scouting, Webelos may only attend during the day Saturday, including evening campfire. Webelos Dens will NOT be permitted to camp overnight at this event.

CAMPSITE ACCESS & SELECTION

Campsites will be open at 4:00 PM on Friday, Oct 20th, and available on a first come, first served basis. There is no advance access to the park.
Questions regarding camping should be directed to Marlene Curtis at (816)215-8180 or cmar0469@gmail.com

PARKING & MOTOR VEHICLES

Upon arrival, please select your campsite and park your trailer. All other vehicles will park in the grass off the road.

NO RIDERS (YOUTH OR ADULT) IN THE CARGO AREA OF ANY VEHICLE, INCLUDING PICK UP TRUCKS AND SUVS WITH OPEN LIFTGATES – NO EXCEPTIONS!!

LEADERSHIP

All Scout groups must be supervised by a minimum of two REGISTERED Scout leaders who are at least 21 years of age and Youth Protection Trained. Female units must have at least one REGISTERED female leader on site. (Refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting)

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

All open fires must be contained in a barrel or equivalent with a minimum ground clearance of 12 inches. Units should bring their own firewood.
All charcoal and wood ashes must be properly disposed of prior to breaking camp.
RESTROOMS

The Camporee will have portable restrooms. We recommended you bring your own toilet paper…just in case. Each portable restroom will be equipped with hand sanitizer.

WATER

Please bring your own water supply as you would on a regular two-night overnight. There will be a very limited water replenishment supply available.

TRASH

Please place all trash in bags and pack them out when you leave. There are no trash containers or dumpsters on site. Do not bury any refuse.

FIRST AID

Each Unit should attend to minor injuries. Injuries requiring more serious medical attention should be immediately reported to Camporee staff. First Aid is available at Camporee Main Headquarters.

_CONTRABAND

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, FIREARMS, AND FIREWORKS ARE NOT PERMITTED – VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. If the violators are adults in charge of a unit, leaders not in attendance will be notified and suitable interim leadership will be provided until replacement registered leaders arrive.

_DITCHING and DIGGING

Absolutely no digging or trenching for any reason - Leave No Trace

WEBELOS

Troops are encouraged to invite AOL Dens to the camporee. all events should be Webelos-friendly. If they are interested,

_Scout Spirit

_Scout Spirit is the core of everything we do as Scouts and Scouters. It is the embodiment of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and it is the cheerful and positive attitude displayed in all we do. Scout Spirit is the beacon that sets Scouting apart from other youth activities. It is an expectation that all those participating in the Scouting Olympics be ambassadors of the Scouting Spirit in all we do.
Emergency Procedures:

Listen for 3 horn blasts. It will signal an emergency. Specific directions will follow.

Severe Weather

- Electrical Storm: Stay away from trees and buildings, take shelter in a low area. Take scouts quickly to cars or vans.
- Severe Rain or Hail: Take cover using the best and nearest shelter available.
- Severe Winds: Stay away from trees and get into an open area.
- If your Camp cannot take place because of severe weather Camp Staff will do their best to contact you with a change of date or location. This is one reason it is important to have accurate and legible information on your Pack Registration Form.

Lost Scout

- Send an Adult to contact the Camp Director.
- Search in the most likely places: restrooms, vehicles, favorite stations.....
- Ask others in the Pack if they know where he/she could be.
- Follow Directions of the Camp Director.

Health Emergencies

- Stop life-threatening dangers to keep victims from further harm.
- Notify the Camp Health Officer and the Camp Director.
- Get proper medical help.
- Contact parents/guardians

Fire

- Clear area of campers.
- Suppress fire, if able.
- Notify the Camp Director and follow their directions.

Child Abuse

- Separate victim from abuser.
- Notify the Camp Director immediately.
Welcome to the Scouting Olympics!

We would like to welcome all Scouts, Scouters, and parents to another great Blue Elk District Camporee event. The theme for 2023 is “Scouting Olympic Games”. This year’s events will concentrate on competitions centered around the core skills and disciplines that lay at the heart of the Spirit of Scouting. I have all confidence that we will have another fun and safe Camporee weekend that will embrace all that has drawn us to Scouting and all that it offers. This packet will provide our Camporee participants with the registration forms needed for the event. It will also provide our Patrols with descriptions of the competition events so that they may Be Prepared for the events. In closing the Camporee Staff are excited to be putting on another great event for you and cannot wait to see you all there. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer to help staff the event, please feel free to contact me at cmar0469@gmail.com (816)-215-8180. We will do our best to help however possible.

Yours in Scouting,

Marlene Curtis, Blue Elk Activities Chair

Garrett Curtis, Camporee Lead

We hope your unit will have a great time at this year's event.

We will be having a food drive !!!
PLEASE BRING CAN GOODS ONLY.
2023 Blue Elk District Program Activities

Your Camporee Staff has a variety of activities planned for your enjoyment and enrichment. We encourage your troop to participate in all of these fun events throughout the weekend.

*Scouts will need to show up 10 min early to sign to events they are participating in!!!*

*All activities are for youth only unless otherwise specified.*

*Events will be broken down into age groups as follows unless otherwise specified:*

- **Webelos**
  - 1st & 2nd Years
  - 3rd & 4th years
  - 5th years to 17 years olds
  - Adults 18+

**Gateway Competition Rules**

Gateway construction is a fun and traditional way of kicking off Camporee. Please let your Scout’s mind run free and encourage their creativity with regards to the Olympic theme. The gateway judges will use the following guidelines when evaluating each Troop’s gateway. All construction should utilize knots and lashings as defined in the BSA Handbook. Judging will take place after breakfast on Saturday Morning.

- Unit clearly identified on gateway
- Use of the Olympic theme in gateway
- All guidance and construction conducted by youth leadership and Scouts
  - Flags properly displayed
  - Gateways are safe and of sturdy construction
- Gateways are of appropriate dimensions to comfortably allow entry and egress
  - All knots and lashings used are correct as defined by the BSA Handbook
  - Creativity and originality

Reference pages 382-400 in the BSA Handbook for examples of knots and lashings.
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EVENTS

Opening Games Torch Run - Youth Only (08:15 - Camporee Main Headquarters)

Each Troop, Crew or Ship will have one scout participate in the torch run to open the games.

This scout will be running and passing the torch to the next Unit. PLEASE HAVE THIS SCOUT WEAR A TROOP, CREW OR SHIP UNIT T SHIRT!!

Discus Throw - Youth Only (8:30-11:45)

Each scout is given three throws. Only the best throw will count. In the event of a tie there will be a throw off to determine the winner. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In each age group.

Archery - Youth Only (8:30-11:45) Jim Hinton

All safety rules apply. Each Scout has five arrows. Scoring is by Accuracy and then by time incase of a tie. Time limit is 5 minutes. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In each age group.

B B Guns - Youth Only (8:30-11:45) James VanBibber

All safety rules apply. Each Scout has five shots. Scoring is by Accuracy. In the event of a tie there will be a shoot off to determine the winner. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In each age group.

Push ups - Youth Only (8:30-11:45)

Scouts will do as many as possible in 1 minute. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In each age group.

Sit ups - Youth only (8:30-11:45)

Scouts will do as many as possible in 2 minutes. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In each age group.

Tomahawk Throwing - Youth & Adult (8:30-11:45) Doug Yancey

All safety rules apply. Each Scout has three throws. Scoring is by Accuracy and then by time incase of a tie. Time limit is 5 minutes. In the event of a tie there will be a throw off to determine the winner. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In each age group.

Golf Drive - Youth & Adult (8:30-11:45) Chris Gross

Each Scout will have three swings. Scoring is by distance. In the event of a tie there will be a drive off to determine the winner. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In each age group.
Shot Put - Youth Only (8:30-11:45) Stacy Yancey
Each Scout will get three balls. Scoring is by distance. In the event of a tie there will be a throw off to determine the winner. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In each age group

Relay Race - Youth & Adult (10:00 am)
A team of 4 - 1st - Adult and 3 - youth will do one lap each around a marked path, passing the baton each time. Units may have multiple teams participating if they choose (no one will be allowed to run on multiple teams for the same unit unless they are an Adult) If the baton is dropped, a 30-second penalty is added. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Tug of War - Youth & Adult (11:00 am will continue after lunch @ 1:15 pm)
Units will get a team of 6 (no more than 2 adults). Units will compete against other units. This will be a bracket event. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

100m Race - Youth Only (no age group in this event) (2:00 pm)
Scouts will run 100m. Scoring is by time. The top 3 scouts will advance to the next heat. We will continue until we have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Thread the Needle - Youth & Adult (3:00 pm)
Units will get a team of 6 (no more than 2 adults) join hands in a circle with a hula hoop hanging from one person's arm. When the horn is sounded the team begins, the person with the hoop must step through it and pass it to a neighboring scout without letting go of their teammates' hands. The next scout then does the same thing. 30 second penalty for breaking the circle. When the team gets the hoop back to the starting scout time will stop. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Pentathlon - Youth Only (no age group in this event) (4:00 pm)
Scouts will be timed and counted for accuracy to determine winner 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Scouts will:

- Run
- Shoot B B Gun (5 shots)
- Run
- Archery (5 arrows)
- Run
- Discus Throw (3 discs)
- Run
- Shot Put (3 balls)
- Run
- Throw Tomahawk (3 axes)
- Run To Finish Line

Scout Trivia - Youth Only (6:30 pm)
Each Troop, Crew or Ship will have a team of three scouts participating in scout trivia. The 3 scout team must consist of 1st-1st or 2nd year, 1st-3rd or 4th year and 1st-5th year or higher. If your Unit does not have the required scouts please come see HQ with your proposed team. The team of 3 will answer trivia questions as a team. Writing their answer on a white board. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
2023 Blue Elk District Camporee Event Schedule

**Friday, Oct 20**
4:00 PM – 9:00 PM Troops Arrive and Set Up Camp
4:00 PM – 9:00 PM Registration – Camporee Main Headquarters
9:00 PM Scoutmaster/Senior Patrol Leader Meeting (Camporee Main Headquarters)

**Saturday, Oct 21**
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration – Camporee Main Headquarters
7:00-8:00 AM- Breakfast in Campsites
8:30 AM- Torch Runners to Camporee Main Headquarters
9:00 AM- Gateway and campsite Judging
8:15 AM- **Program Starts**: Please see Events List for the Time of events and instructions
12:00- 1:00- Troop Lunch in campsites
**1:15 PM- Program Starts**: Please see Events List for the Time of events and instructions
4:00 PM- Pentathlon Event Starts
5:00 PM- 6:00 PM Dinner in Campsites
6:30 PM- Scout Trivia Event Starts
**8:00 PM-** Troop Awards
10:00 PM - Lights Out

**Sunday, Oct 22**
7:00 AM- Breakfast in Campsites
8:30 AM- Duty to God/Interfaith Religious Service(Camporee Main Headquarters)
**10:00 AM-** Units Break Camp and Departure
2023 Blue Elk District Camporee Unit Registration Form

Unit Type (circle one): Troop / Crew / Ship / Webelos Den Post

Unit Number (4-digit): __________

Unit Contact:_____________________________________ Phone:_____________________

Event Leader:____________________________________ Phone:_____________________

Payment Date: ____________________________ Please Note: NO REFUND OF FEES

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***Registration Deadline is Friday, Oct 18th, 2023 at 6:00 PM***

Please submit this form along with payment to:

Heart of America Council – BSA
Attn: 2021 Blue Elk District Camporee
10210 Holmes Rd
Kansas City, MO 64131

**Please retain a copy of completed registration for your records and to your unit’s check-in at the event**
### 2023 Blue Elk District Camporee YOUTH Roster

Unit Type (circle one): Troop / Crew / Ship / Webelos Den Post

Unit Number (4 digit): _______  Chartering Organization: ______________________________

Event Leader: ______________________________ Phone: ______________________

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Total Number of Youth: _____

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2023 Blue Elk District Camporee Adult Roster

Unit Type (circle one): Troop / Crew / Ship / Webelos Den Post

Unit Number (4 digit): ______  Chartering Organization: ________________________________

Event Leader: ________________________________ Phone: __________________

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2023 Blue Elk District Camporee

FEEDBACK FORM

Your feedback is a valuable tool to help us provide a better experience for our Scouts. Please complete and return this form to Camporee Main Headquarters prior to departure on Sunday morning or email to Marlene Curtis at cmar0469@gmail.com.

1. Please rate your unit’s overall experience at the 2023 Blue Elk District Camporee.

   1 – Poor 2 – Fair 3 – Good 4 – Excellent

2. Which event was most useful?

3. Which event was the most fun?

4. Which event was the least useful or fun?

5. Please rate the following:

   a. Registration Process

      1 – Poor 2 – Fair 3 – Good 4 – Excellent

   b. Event Organization

      1 – Poor 2 – Fair 3 – Good 4 – Excellent

   c. Program Variety

      1 – Poor 2 – Fair 3 – Good 4 – Excellent

   d. Location and Facilities

      1 – Poor 2 – Fair 3 – Good 4 – Excellent

   e. Program Skill Level Appropriateness for Troops/Crews/Ships

      1 – Poor 2 – Fair 3 – Good 4 – Excellent

6. Other Comments or Suggestions?