



## **Sammamish Trails District Camporee 2017**

Camp Edward, Snohomish, Washington

Friday May 19th through Sunday May 21st

**The Sammamish Trails District Camporee** is here again, hurray for tradition! It is a time to come together as a District and shake hands with friends, new and old. It is a time for Scouts to try their skill at fun challenges and show their pride in their Patrol, Troop, and Scouting. So throw those packs on your back and hit the trail to the woods!

This year we will be returning to our own Camp Edward! Come on up on Friday evening and set up camp. Registration opens at 4:00 pm and will close at 8:00 pm. A little before 8:45 pm Crew 518 from Sammamish Trails Day Camp will gather the Troops and organize a campfire to get our event officially started. Bring your Skits or Songs!

Saturday morning registration starts at 7:00 am and ends at 8:00 am. Flags will be at 8:00 am followed by a leader's meeting. We should get rolling on our events by 9:00 am.

### **MEDICAL FORMS:**

Each unit must bring current and signed medical forms, Parts A and B (C not required for this), for each person in attendance, both youth and adults.

If you do not have a current form, here is the [BSA Medical Form A and B Link](#)

### **Skill Events**

- Pioneering (knots and lashing skills)
- Orienteering (map and compass skills)
- First Aid (first aid skills)
- Nature (plant / animal identification skills)
- Camp Skills (knife, axe, and fire skills)

### **Initiative Skills**

- Tomahawk Throw (therapy for the soul)
- Archery (mo' therapy!)
- The Sammamish Stampede ( a special event-wide, patrol-based Scout Skills relay race where some goodies are on the line - all the boys at once)

**Registration:** Register online at the Council website under [Events/Event Registration](#) by May 12th. We also have a link on Council Calendar. Drill down to May 19<sup>th</sup> and select the Sammamish Trails item (medium blue!) and it will point you to the registration page.

Each unit should bring at least one adult per patrol (and of course a minimum of two, following BSA requirements). The support of our adults helps us run events and is something we count on; we thank you in advance for your contribution to Scouting.

**Fees:** \$15 by May 9th, \$20 thereafter

**Payment:** Please register on the Council website under Volunteers/Scouts/Event Registration.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ➤ *Camporee goes to Camp Edward for the first time!*

- Address (GPS): Camp Edward 25600-B Monroe Camp Rd. Snohomish, WA 98290
- Directions link: [Camp Edward \(Directions\)](#)

### Patrol Method

**Keywords: Patrol Spirit - Patrol Flag - Patrol Yell - Participation - Scout Handbook - Uniform**

Scouts should operate in the Patrol Method and should be on their best Scouting behavior at Camporee. We look for Spirit during the event, and that means being example Scouts. Keep the Scout Oath and Law in mind. Trustworthy, Courteous, Obedient, and Cheerful are words that spring to mind for working with event staff.

Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, and Kind are words that spring to mind for working with your Patrols. A Scout Handbook is a Scout's best friend; it might be advisable to carry one per patrol during the day. Finally, the most obvious sign of Scout spirit is the uniform; we will be looking at how well each patrol wears their uniforms, so show us how it's done right.

### Camping and Troop Pride

**Keywords: Arrival - Vehicles - Parking - Campsite - Trash - Leave No Trace - Clean**

Units are welcome to arrive starting around 4:00 pm. At Camp Edward units will NOT be allowed to drive equipment to their assigned campsites. Please plan your load accordingly; wheelbarrows are available for use but should be returned to the lot as soon as possible to share with others. Campsites will be judged (during the lunch period) for organization, cleanliness and Troop pride. Absolutely all trash needs to be packed out and placed in the Lodge dumpsters or taken home. **Leave No Trace**

### Survival in Camp and on the Trail

**Keywords: Breakfast - Trail Lunch - Ten Essentials - Water - First Aid Kit - Daypacks**

Units must provide their own meals which will consist of breakfast on Saturday as well as a trail lunch during the day on Saturday. Patrols will not return to camp for lunch. We have a challenging day and cannot afford the down-time and disorganization inherent in going back to camp and coming back out. Backpacking-style lunches will work very well; a perfect opportunity to work on that skill. Patrols need to carry their ten essentials; stay hydrated, drink water. The patrol may carry a single patrol first aid kit if it likes (but small individual kits for each are ideal). A daypack is the perfect way to keep track of things. If you're camping with us Saturday night, plan some goodly grub for dinner and some fixin's for breakfast on Sunday morning.

## Medical Forms, and Permission

### **Keywords: Medical Forms - Tour Plans - Permission**

Under the latest BSA rules the only documents unit leaders need to provide are the medical forms for each member attending. Tour Plans are no longer required. Permission and consent is now implicit in the medical forms. Units will not be able to check-in, nor can receive patches or awards, without medical forms being filed at check-in. We encourage unit leaders to collect their forms in an envelope, binder, or suitable container for presentation at check-in. These are returned at checkout.

## **Safety, Discipline, Courtesy, and Fun**

### Safe Scouting

#### **Keywords: Supervision - Discipline - Youth Protection - Safe Scouting**

All good trained leaders know that all aspects of our program occur between the two pillars of Qualified Supervision and Discipline. Units are expected to know and follow BSA Youth Protection policies as well as abide by the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.

### Courtesy, Cooperation, and Fun

#### **Keywords: Courteous - Kind - Spirit - Pride - Helpful - Cooperation - Outdoor Code**

A Scout is courteous. Camporee is a time when our Scouts show their pride in themselves, their Patrol, their Troop, and the Boy Scouts of America. Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, and all the other youth leadership should remember to be good examples to the rest of the Scouts. Remember who the youth leaders look to, in turn, for how to act. Attitude and bearing will be part of the Spirit scoring during the events. The only four-letter word in the Scout Law is Kind.

Another major component of Spirit scoring will be patrol cooperation. Patrol leaders should try to get every patrol member involved. Some fellows just don't really want to step up and bear a hand, and that's life, but we want to promote the idea of more experienced Scouts helping their patrol members rather than pushing them aside and just getting the job done. Event judges will be looking for that kind of cooperation.

Unit Leaders should help their units remember to honor the schedule for Lights Out. Go to bed when you want but please remember the principles of Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code and be courteous to others. Keep it down please. We all need to be mindful that we are guests at Camp Edward and guests in Nature. The Outdoor Code says...

*As an American, I will do my best to: Be **clean** in my outdoor manners, Be **careful** with fire, Be **considerate** in the outdoors, and Be **conservation minded**. Let us all remember to treat the property with respect and clean up after ourselves. We are the Boy Scouts of America. Pack it in, pack it out. Units will be asked to help out by sweeping bathrooms and bringing down trash bags on their way out.*

### FUN

#### **Keywords: Youth - Life - Joy - Fun - Smile - Laugh - Cheerful - Do Your Best**

All these reminders may seem to take away from the freedom of youth and the pleasure of running wild. But there is also a certain liberation in knowing that one is acting in a way that makes living life a joy for others around us too. In every opportunity remember to smile, laugh, be cheerful, and pat the other guy on the back. The old motto says Do Your Best, not Be Perfect.

In Scouting, Russ Norman and John Campanella

***\*with a big shout out to Steve Lum for providing a template for this document!***