

NORTH SHORE DISTRICT



Leader's Guide

Alien Invasion Camporee

April 22-24, 2022

Smilin V Scout Ranch

250 County Rd 286 Spur

Liberty Hill, TX 78642



Welcome to North Shore District's Alien Invasion Spring Camporee!

On behalf of Capitol Area Council and the North Shore Chapter of the Order of the Arrow, we welcome you to this spring's event at Smilin V Scout Ranch in Liberty Hill. Your staff has been working hard to plan a fun event that will showcase your troop and enjoy our North Shore scouting community.

The event is scheduled for April 22-24, 2022 at Smilin V. If you've been to one before, you know that spring camporee is an annual event, hosted by the Order of the Arrow, inviting all North Shore District older scout units - troops, crews, and ships - to camp together in spaces assigned for each unit. Each unit is asked to sponsor a station for the rotations on Saturday. Units may camp overnight Friday and/or Saturday or come out for the day on Saturday.

During the day on Saturday, scouts will rotate through the unit stations and compete in a camp-wide challenge. Additional competitions will be held for campsites, campfire performance, entryways, Scout spirit, food and the traditional Top Troop. Troops are encouraged to bring your favorite campfire skits and songs with an Alien Invasion twist to share in the evening campfire.

Take Me to Your Leader!

Cost

The registration link in Black Pug will be sent directly to the unit leaders. We ask that **everyone register as soon as possible** so that we can plan appropriately.

\$10 per Scouts BSA attendee (youth and adult)

The proceeds cover the cost of campsites, camporee supplies, and a patch.

Schedule

Friday

6:15 PM Staff arrival and setup

7:00-8:30 PM Units check in

9:15 PM Senior Patrol Leader Meeting (Scoutmaster attends)

10:00 PM Lights Out

Saturday

7:00-8:00 AM Check in for Troop Saturday arrivals

7:00-8:30 AM Troops set up activity station

8:30 AM Opening Assembly

9-11:30 AM Station rotations (approx. 20 minutes each station)

11:30 AM Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM Station rotations

3:00-4:30 PM Camp-wide Competition

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Food submissions due,

7:00 PM Campfire submissions due (skits, songs, stunts, stories)

7:45 PM Flags, campfire, awards, Call Out (~9:00PM)

Following Call Out- OA Social

Following OA Social - Brotherhood Ceremony

10:30 PM Lights Out

Sunday

7:00 AM Wake up and breakfast

8:30 AM Flag Assembly and Scouts' Own Service

Following Scouts' Own Service - Clean up, check out, and get patches

10:30 AM Last departure

District Camporee Contacts

- Camp Health Officer: Connie Michaels (512) 784-7201
- Smilin V Ranger: PJ Brown (512) 484-9814
- NCAP Short-term Camp Administrator: Bev Roddy
- OA Staff Advisor: Heather Spencer (512) 627-0139, hspencer112@gmail.com

SAFETY

Camp Health Officer

The Camp Health Officer on site is Connie Michaels (RN). The designated Medical Lodge is the kitchen area of the Smilin V Ranch. The health officer will oversee routine cleaning and sanitation of medical facilities and equipment. She will typically be available in the staff camping area or the Pavilion if not in the Medical Lodge.

Bathhouse Cleaning

Bathhouses will be cleaned by the staff according to the established Council procedures. Please alert the staff if attention is needed in any stall.

Face Coverings

Following the COVID-19 Council Guide for Events, face coverings are not required when:

- 1) A person has been fully vaccinated for COVID-19,
- 2) Physical distancing of 6 feet is possible from others that are not in the same household, or
- 3) Eating or sleeping

The Council recognizes that some participants may feel more comfortable maintaining social distancing from others, whether the person is wearing face covering or not.

Temperature Checks

Temperature checks will be conducted upon arrival.

Closest Emergency Services

Liberty Hill Fire Department, 301 Loop 332, Liberty Hill, TX 78642;
Non-Emergency Phone +1-512-515-5165

Inclement Weather Plan

See the Emergency Action Plan.

Accessibility

The event should allow for inclusion of all scouts and leaders. If you have any in your unit who may need extra assistance, please let us know in advance so we can address your concerns.

GETTING TO CAMPOREE

Who can attend

- **Troops/Crews/Ships: Full Weekend, Overnight, or Saturday only:** Registered members of North Shore District troops, crews, or ships. Adults must have completed the YPT course since April 24, 2020. Register and check in as a unit.
- All attendees must be pre-registered for the event.
- Visitors are allowed for Campfire only at the discretion of the Event Coordinator. Please contact Heather Spencer in advance of Camporee.

What must be done prior to Camporee

- Register in Black Pug. Each troop/crew/ship should register together as a unit.
- Units will need to prepare a Scouts BSA appropriate activity in which. There are continuous BSA safety updates, so please consult the latest information on Scouting Safely (Guide to Safe Scouting, SAFE Checklist, and the General Health and Safety FAQs)
- Scouts BSA units will need to plan for:
 - At least one Adult Leader with current Hazardous Weather Training.
 - Attendance Roster
 - OA Call Out list and Brotherhood Induction list
 - Linked troops should plan to arrive together
 - Water. Coolers may be refilled by the potable water at Smilin V.
 - Hand washing station. May be a designated cooler with soap.
 - First Aid Kit to be readily available during unit activity hours.
 - Food for your unit for patrol cooking, as you would on a normal campout.
 - Trash haul out. There is no dumpster at Smilin V.
- Gather forms and plan transportation. Scouts and adults who do not have complete forms will not be able to enter camp. Units should compile all documents in one folder or binder with a unit roster for those attending. Please sort the AHMR forms alphabetically by last name. Binders will be available for pick-up at departure. Forms will be required for every person upon entry:
 - Parent Consent to Transport (youth only)
 - BSA Annual Health and Medical Record parts A & B.
 - Youth Protection Training Certificate or Unit print out with YPT dates from my.scouting.

Troop Unit Supplies to Bring

- Individual Scout: their unit's regular weekend camping gear including tents
- Food and cooking equipment
- Dining flies / shelter
- Materials for Troop activity station
- Troop Flag
- Materials to construct troop campsite gateway/entryway
- Note: Hammocks are not allowed to be used on Council property.

Check-in Times

- Staff Arrival: Staff should arrive by 6:15 PM, Friday April 22.
- **Units Friday** Arrival: Scouts and adult leaders may arrive between 7:00 and 8:30 PM pm on Friday, April 22.
- **Units Saturday** Arrival: Scouts and adult leaders may arrive between 7:00 and 8:00 AM Saturday morning, April 23.

All staff and attendees must check in at the main pavilion upon arrival.

Check-in Procedures

Upon arrival, vehicles will be guided to parking spots. Once the entire group has arrived, units may proceed to the main pavilion to check-in. Each unit is allowed one vehicle and attached trailer to enter the campsite area. Only one adult driver is allowed in the vehicle that goes to the campsites. Trailers will be directed where to park alongside the unit's campsite area. Drivers return to the main pavilion for check-in with their unit.

Each attendee will have their temperature checked. If any temperature is over 100.4°F, then the person will be asked to have a re-check in about 15 minutes. They will be sent home after a second failed temperature check.

At check-in, all required paperwork will be reviewed. Each participant who passes screening will be provided a wristband that must be worn while at Camporee.

Unit Leaders will be asked to review their OA Ordeal candidates and Brotherhood candidates. Those eligible for Brotherhood are invited to participate in the Brotherhood ceremony following the OA Social on Saturday night. They will need to be current in their OA dues and pay \$20 for their new sash.

Nobody will be allowed into the camp without being screened and approved by the Camp Health Officer and checked in by Staff. Anyone that does not comply with this rule will be sent home.

Units may leave at any time but must inform the staff and record their departure at the main pavilion. If you have individuals leaving before the unit, the scout or adult should check out with their unit's Scoutmaster and then check out at the main pavilion.

Getting to Camp

Smilin V Scout Ranch is located at 250 County Rd 286 Spur, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Check Out - Scouts/Crews/Ships

When your campsite is clean, your Senior Patrol Leader (or Crew President) should report to the Staff in the main pavilion. Staff will assist with check out of each unit after the area has been confirmed clean. The staff will confirm with the Scoutmaster that the entire troop is departing. At the completion of check out, the Senior Patrol Leader will be given patches and any paperwork that can be returned.

Parking

Parking for non-trailer cars will be limited to the standard parking lot. Only one trailer per Unit will be allowed to enter at the north entrance and will park in the designated area as directed by staff.

Campsite

There will be designated campsites for each unit. The staff will communicate the exact location upon arrival. Reminder: adults and youth do not share tents. Please keep your campsite clean throughout the event.

Linked Troops: Please arrange to travel together. If your partner troop arrives at a different time, have the driver of the campsite vehicle alert the campsite set up staff that more room will be needed.

Note: Ground fires, including charcoal, are not allowed. If you plan to cook with fire or coals, you must bring your own off-the-ground fire pit.

Entry/Exit:

The intention is for all to stay the duration of the event. Special circumstances may be pre-approved by the unit's Scoutmaster and Event Director. All arrivals and departures must be recorded by a staff member.

Visitors

Visitors must have pre-approval from the Event Director. Visitors may attend Campfire only. They must check-in and out at the pavilion with a staff member.

ACTIVITIES

Senior Patrol Leader Meetings

There will be one SPL meeting on Friday night in the main pavilion. SPLs may bring one Scoutmaster. Any updates for Sunday departure will be given to OA Unit Representatives at the OA Social on Saturday night.

Flag Ceremonies

Flags will be held Saturday and Sunday morning.

Unit Competitions

Each troop is requested to host an activity for other units. Units will rotate through stations during activity times. Each activity should be able to be completed within 10-15 minutes. Activities are highly encouraged to follow the Camporee theme (Alien Invasion) and scout-related activities, such as fire building, knot tying, Scout trivia, First Aid, Pioneering, rope making, games, team building, etc. Get creative, with the idea of reinforcing scout skills while having fun. All activities must have staff approval before Camporee. If common tools or devices are used, they must be wiped down with disinfectant, such as bleach water, between each use.

The unit should have a method of scoring the units that visit their station. The results should be point-based 0-50 and turned into the Staff at the conclusion of the rotations.

Camp-Wide Challenge

On Saturday afternoon, the staff will host a separate Alien Invasion competition. The event will be made up of several challenges that may include an obstacle course, orienteering course, and relay. Each portion of the challenge will be scored to name a winner for the entire camp-wide event. More details will be provided at the Friday night SPL meeting.

Campfire

Campfire will be held with skits/songs managed by the staff program team. Each unit and staff will be allowed to perform one skit or song, pre-approved by the staff. An award will be given for the best performance that fits the theme Alien Invasion. If a unit has visitors, the unit may decide if the visitors should sit with the unit or separately. All current OA members should wear their OA sashes.

Saturday Campfire Awards

Highest score for Camp-Wide Challenge
Best Scout Spirit
Best Campsite
Best Entry/Gateway
Best Activity Station

Best Dinner (Youth and Adult categories)
Best Dessert (Youth and Adult categories)
Best Campfire Performance

OA Call Out

Following the Campfire, the OA Call Out will begin. Please remain quiet and still until the end of the ceremony. The Scoutmaster should confirm expected candidates and the pronunciation of the names with the staff prior to the campfire.

OA Social

Following the Call Out, OA members wearing their sashes and new candidates are encouraged to join in a social in the main pavilion. The Chapter officers will share Lodge and Chapter information including Ordeal opportunities.

OA Brotherhood Induction

Brotherhood candidates, including Scouts and Scouters, will register upon check-in to participate in the Brotherhood walk late Friday night following the OA Social at approximately 10:00pm. The cost is \$21 and needs to be paid at check in. It is expected that all candidates will be familiar with the OA obligation and other information that was included in the Ordeal packet. In recent years, the induction has changed from an interview format to a discussion. As a reminder, Brotherhood candidates must have completed the Ordeal before October 22, 2021 and must have demonstrated a commitment to their units since the Ordeal to be eligible and be current in their OA dues.

Chapel

Sunday morning scouts will gather at the assembly area for closing flags and a Scouts' Own Service.

AROUND CAMP

Communication

During the weekend, communications will be handled by the staff using megaphones or air horns to let groups know to move from station to station. The staff will carry radios to allow for remote communications.

Building Use

All building use will follow the established and approved council procedures. The only structures in use by participants will be the pavilions and the bathhouse.

Water Stations

Units must supply water dispensers for their participants. No ice will be available, but potable water is available from spigots available on the exterior of the bathhouse, on the front of the stable, on the exterior of the office, in campsite 4, and campsite 5.

Food

Meals will be handled by the patrols within each unit campsite. Camporee staff will have its own quartermaster team to manage their meals. During food preparation times, dining, and cleanup, scouts should remain in their campsites.

Main Pavilion

The staff will maintain a presence in the pavilion at all times from morning until lights out. An area will be designated for the camp health officer. Participants will be allowed to enter for questions but will not be allowed to stay in the area for more than a few minutes.

Staff

Please ask any staff member if you have a question or need help. Running camporee is a full-time job over the weekend and please remember the scouts are learning leadership! The staff will be camping and dining as a group at and near the main pavilion.

Facilities

There is a bathhouse with individual stalls and potable water is available for refilling coolers.

Trash

Units are required to collect and haul trash offsite after the event. There are no trash receptacles at Smilin V.

Portapotties

Depending on total attendance, there may be portapotties available at the camp.

Wi-fi service

none available

Electricity

none available

CAMPER SECURITY

Make sure all forms are filled out prior to arriving at Camp please, think of those waiting to be checked in after you. A Scout is courteous.

All fields on the online unit registration form for each camper must be filled out and a current attendance roster turned into the admin staff upon arrival.

Standard AO-804 No youth camper can leave camp without the unit leader first bringing the camper to admin and meeting the person signing the camper out in the presence of an admin staffer. All adult participants will sign out if leaving the event before the end.

Standard AO-804 Wristbands will be used throughout the event, any person who is not wearing a wristband should be reported to an adult camporee staff member right away.

Standard AO-804 Any unauthorized person in camp who may pose a possible threat should be reported to 911 and camporee staff notified right away.

Standard AO-804 Page 14 Per BSA requirements, at least two registered adult leaders who are 21 years of age or older are required to attend with each unit, and to be present during the entire Camporee. Units bringing female youth must bring at least one registered adult female who is 21 years of age or older. All leaders must have a current Youth Protection Training certification.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Smilin' V Scout Ranch
250 County Road 286 Spur
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

EMERGENCY: Medical, Fire, Sheriff: CALL 911.
Address of camp is 250 County Road 286 Spur, Smilin' V Scout Ranch.
Notify camp headquarters immediately after calling 911. I

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Camporee Coordinator: Heather Spencer 512-627-0139
Camp Health Officer: Connie Michaels (512) 784-7201

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

In case of dangerous weather, proceed to the main pavilion. If you cannot reach the main pavilion the campsite pavilions may be used as an emergency shelter. If you cannot get any of these buildings, the following standard safety procedures should be followed:

LIGHTNING:

1. Adults keep your car keys with you at all times
2. When lightning and thunder are less than 30 sec apart, seek shelter in an enclosed vehicle or building.
3. Do NOT seek shelter under a lone tree.

TORNADO:

1. All campers will seek shelter in a ravine or other low area.
2. Lie flat with hands/arms shielding head and face.

Best Campsite Award Inspection Sheet

Objective: To set up a model campsite.

Procedure: As a Troop/Patrol, decide the best way to set up your camp in the area you have been assigned. Take into consideration all the things the completed campsite will be judged on.

Rules: Staff will be allowed in the campsite during judging. Any scouts and adults in camp at the time of the inspection are asked not to interact with the judges unless asked.

Judging Criteria:

Overall Campsite	Points
Tents arranged neatly with patrol areas easily identified	10
Tents assembled correctly, including ground cloths and	10
Troop identification prominently displayed	5
Grounds clean, free of all debris and hazards	10
Well defined camp perimeter	10
Camp gadget or entryway	10
Subtotal	55
Kitchen Area	Points
Mess gear properly washed and stored	10
Vivable provisions made for trash/recycling	5
Menu and duty roster posted	5
Fire pits meet Smilin V requirements	10
Hand washing station	5
First Aid Kit readily available	5
Stoves safe and operating properly	5
Subtotal	45
Grand Total	100