

# **2020 Albemarle District Freez'On**

## **Star Gazing**

### **Leader's Guide**

***February 7-9, 2020***

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## **WELCOME**

We are camping IN THE WOODS again! This weekend, the Scouts will participate in activities that are decided **by their troop**. No program will be conducted as a district, so units can focus on their needs, fellowship with other district units, and try to stay warm in the woods.

## **PARTICIPATION**

All troops are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

## **LOCATION**

The camping location is Camp Maple, located in Currituck Co. off Rt.158. The turn in road is next to Central Elementary School.

## **REGISTRATION**

You must register online at <https://tidewater.tentaroo.com/> using your unit's Tentaroo account. Payment must be received within 5 days of registration or your reservation will be cancelled. Registration deadline is February 5, 2020. A \$2.00 late fee will be applied to all of those registering after January 31, 2020. You may pay at Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America Scout Shop, or by mail to:

*Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America Service Center  
1032 Heatherwood Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455*

## **COST**

The cost for Scouts and Scouts BSA leaders is \$10.00 per person.

## **ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN**

Check-in starts at 5:00 PM at the District Campsite. Please bring your roster when checking in.

## **PARKING**

Details on parking will be provided at arrival.

## GENERAL RULES/GUIDELINES

1. All Scouts, Scouters, and visitors must adhere to the Boy Scout Oath and Law and The Outdoor Code.
2. Sheath knives, fireworks, pets, firearms, electronic games, phones, radios, TVs and other electronic entertainment ARE NOT permitted.
3. Personal firearms, ammunition, bows, and arrows are not permitted in camp.
4. Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the campground.
5. The buddy system shall be used, always, during the Camporee.
6. Unit leaders are responsible for their Scouts and visitors.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

1. According to BSA policy, all Scouts and leaders should complete an Annual Health and Medical Record form (*parts A&B only*) for all Scouting activities. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIT** to obtain and maintain copies of these forms for members of their unit for all activities they conduct. Medical forms will NOT be collected at check in.
2. All prescription drugs are kept and administered by the unit. It is to be kept in a secure location out of the reach of Scouts. By law, medications must be in a container with a typed label from the pharmacy. Medications should be given only in accordance with the label. Handwritten changes cannot be accepted.
3. All units should bring a unit first aid kit and treat injuries within their capabilities. Units must report all injuries and other medical situations to the Camporee staff, even those they treat themselves.
4. Registered leaders and Scouts in Tidewater Council are covered by accident and sickness insurance. The unit is responsible for completing an incident report.
5. Alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Radios, cell phones, CD players, video games, and other personal electronic devices distract from the camping experience and provide an inviting target for theft. **Do not bring them into camp.** Youth campers are not permitted to have two-way radios or pagers in camp, as these have proven to be highly disruptive of the camp routine.

## **INITIATIONS, HAZING & MILITARY TRAINING**

Corporal punishment, hazing, initiation of any sort, and military training/drill are not permitted in the Boy Scouts of America.

## **LEAVING THE CAMP**

Anyone leaving the camp **at any time** during the event must sign out with your troop and sign in upon their return. We strongly discourage Scouts from leaving camp during the event. Scouts may only leave with a parent, guardian, or other individual designated in writing by a parent. Photo IDs are required. Adults leaving camp must ensure that the unit still has two-deep leadership.

## **MONEY & VALUABLES**

Each Scout and adult are responsible for the safeguarding of their money and personal property. It is recommended that expensive cameras, watches, etc. be left at home. Regardless, all items should be clearly marked with name and unit number.

## **PETS**

**No pets are allowed in camp.** Please ensure that anyone planning to visit your unit during the weekend is also aware of this rule.

## **SMOKING**

Anyone under 18 years old is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at camp. Adults who smoke must do so out of sight of any youth members. Smoking is prohibited in any tent or building. Cigarette butts must be placed in a trash receptacle.

## **STAFF**

**Weekend events are staffed by volunteers.** The Boy Scouts of America is a volunteer run program. Every unit that participates in an event is expected to provide adult leaders to help facilitate their troop programming, cracker barrels, etc. as needed.

## TRAILERS

Due to the possibility of changing weather, trailer parking will be addressed at check-in. Only one vehicle with troop gear or pulling the unit trailer will be allowed in the campsites. All other vehicles will be parked in the parking area across the street from the campsites.

## FIRES & COOKING

Fires are allowed only in the campsite fire rings and are subject to the status of the State, City, and campground fire prohibitions in effect on the weekend of the Camporee. *LEAVE NO TRACE* guidelines should be used for all fires. Troops must post fire buckets or a fire extinguisher in the fire area. Fire extinguishers are also required in cooking areas.

## WATER

Be prepared with sufficient water for consumption and sanitary purposes.

## TRASH DISPOSAL

All participants should practice Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent possible. Place all trash in cans and recycle as much as possible. If you packed it in –you pack it out! Clean up all trash – even if it is not yours.

## LATRINES

The site will have port-a-jons. These facilities are to be kept as clean as or cleaner than your bathrooms at home. **A SCOUT IS CLEAN.**

## LEADERSHIP

All unit leaders are responsible for the conduct of Scouts and any visitors. Two-deep leadership in compliance with Youth Protection Guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting is required. You know your Scouts. If they need chaperones to go to the bathroom, then provide them.

## BAD WEATHER

Be Prepared. There is no rain date. All units should prepare for foul weather.

## **PHOTO RELEASE INFORMATION**

During the weekend, photographs or video footage may be taken for promotional purposes. If a parent does not wish for their child to be photographed, the unit leader must notify the camporee staff at the time of check-in on Friday night. Unit leaders should have a signed letter or form from a parent stating that permission is not given for the Scout to be photographed or filmed.

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH PARENTS.**

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

There will be ***no set schedule of events***. Troops can start arriving after 5:00 pm on Friday and stay the entire weekend. There will be an astronomy club in attendance Saturday evening for those interested in viewing the winter night sky. The merit badge may be worked on during the event with a blue card signed by your unit leader. Please review the merit badge prior to camp for items that may require some pre-requisite information completed. This is an optional part of the event.

We will also have a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday.

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**Unit Registration Form**

**Unit:** Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Contact Person:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Position: \_\_\_\_\_

On Time Registrations:	Number	Individual Fee	Total Fees
YOUTH SCOUTS		X \$10.00	\$
ADULTS		X \$10.00	\$
LATE FEES		X \$ 2.00	\$
Total			\$

**Make Checks Payable to: Tidewater Council, BSA**

**Account Number 1-6801-154-20 SW # =6154**

## Unit Roster

This form is to be turned in at check in.

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Patrol Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Patrol:</b>	<b>Patrol:</b>
<b>Patrol:</b>	<b>Patrol:</b>
<b>Adults:</b>	<b>Adults:</b>