Spirit of Adventure Council Camp-o-Ree

TL Storer

Oct. $11^{th} - 13^{th}$



Leaders Guide

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Welcome!

2025 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Spirit of Adventure Council and we are getting ready to celebrate it. The 2025 Council Camp-o-Ree is going to be three days of adventure that you are not going to want to miss.

Your Scout's weekend will be filled with unique opportunities that they will remember for a life time. The days will be so filled, it will be impossible to do it all. They will have the chance to shoot shotguns and rifles, take boats out onto Adam's pond, catch a fish, and climb the tower. They will also be able be the first in the nation to participate in the carabiner program, earning tags at each location.

On Saturday after check in, Scouts will have the chance to earn Merit Badges, do conservation work, participate in a camp wide game, take a training, or just enjoy hanging with other Scouts. Saturday the program areas will open all day. Pennacook Lodge will be hosting the dinner and birthday cake for everyone and the stage show. The weekend isn't over yet though. Those who still have energy, will be able to participate in a 5k trail run throughout the camp.

All Scouting America Troops, Venture Crews, and Sea Scout Ships are invited to attend. Crews and ships will be able to participate in all activities, but also a few things just for them. Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to attend as guests of a Scouting America Troop

Of course we need to have something to show for the birthday as well. Every Scout will get the Spirit of Adventure 10th Anniversary Council strip. For the patch collector out there, this will be the only place where you will be able to get it. Along with special tags that will only be available at the Camp-o-Ree.

You will not want to miss this event! We can't wait to see you at Storer.

Jerry Cross
Council Vice President of Program

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Director of Program



Registration!

Unit fee - \$25.00

- Connected units only need to pay one unit fee

Camper fee (youth and adult) - \$48.00

- Fees include campsite, programming, and dinner on Sunday.
- Arrow of Light Scouts must sign up with a registered unit

Register at: www.Scoutspirit.org

Scholarships available at: 2025 Scholarship Application SOA

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Program and Schedule

The Council Camp-o-Ree is going to have more of a Jamboree feel to it than a traditional Camp-o-Ree. Scouts will still have the opportunity to compete in some activities that one would might see at a traditional camporee, but we will also have 6 different program areas that you can choose what you would like to participate in. These areas are going to be staffed by Scouts and Scouters, as well as experts in each of the field.

1. Nature Ecology and Sustainability

 Our Nature Ecology and Sustainability will be based out of two areas. Our brand new Magee Nature Lab will look at local habitats, soil testing, native plants and animals, erosion and more. Then Scouts can make their way up to Tomahawk field to learn about sustainable farming, the role cattle play in getting the land healthy, and about regenerative forestry

2. STEM

 You will see camp in a whole new way when you start to investigate the "why and how" behind camp. Scouts will explore cutting edge scientific principles, while also getting to learn the science behind programs such as archery, and climbing.

3. Shooting Sports

 Come to the shooting sports area to get to shoot traditional activities like rifle, shotgun, axe throwing, and archery. Stay longer and work on your marksmanship program. Scouts who participate in all three will get a special tag!

4. Aquatics

- Participants will have the opportunity to canoe, row, and kayak around the pond. Want to try something different, take out one of the paddleboards or round boards. Scouts will need to bring their summer swim tags to camp.

5. Scout Skills

- It would not be a camporee, without scout skills. Test your knowledge with knots, lashings, orienteering, and geocaching. Come ready to try something new to eat in our outdoor cooking area. Perhaps you want to see how high you can climb in the climbing area.

6. Ready Scout

- The motto of the Scouts is "Be Prepared" and this area will help you in your preparation. This will be the official launch of the Ready Scout program for Scouts BSA. Activities in be interactive and hands on, where you learn and participate in emergency preparedness drills and activities.

Plus we will have some traditional camporee activities spread out for patrols to take part in.

Special Events

Order of the Arrow Cracker Barrel

- Saturday night, the Pennacook Lodge will be hosting a cracker barrel for all Order of the Arrow Members. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow OA members, play some games, eat some snacks, and learn about Pennacook Lodges 10th anniversary plans for 2026!

Alumni Lunch

- Can't make the Camp-o-Ree, that is ok! We will be hosting a special lunch for alumni. Come and see what is happening around the camp, get a VIP tour of Storer, and have a steak lunch.

Eagle Ice Cream Social

 The Spirit of Adventure's National Eagle Scout Association will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for all Eagle Scouts. Come and meet other Eagles, eat a little ice cream, and celebrate being an Eagle.

Order of the Arrow Dinner

Dinner on Sunday night will be done by the Pennacook Lodge! Don't worry about dishes
and cooking after a long day of exciting program. Join 500 other Scouts for a chuck wagon
style dinner. Plus, there is birthday cake at the end.

5k Run

- Still have energy at the end of the weekend? Mondy morning, you can participate in a 5k trail run around camp. At the completion of it, you will receive a special Storer 5k patch.

Storer Conservation Award

- Participate in the Nature Ecology/sustainability program and one hour conservation project around camp to earn the Storer Conservation Award.

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Schedule

Friday:

5pm – 9pm Staff will be able to check in

Cabin/tent sites will be assigned

- Staff Cabins and Gillwell campsite

9:00 Staff Meeting

- Review Schedule for Weekend

- Hand out Staff packages

- Staff Cracker Barrel

Saturday:

8am – Noon Unit Check in with Pennacook Lodge

 Units will receive a specific time to check in. Units can request a specific time, but that time is not guaranteed.

 Units will not be allowed to drive to their campsites. Gear will be brought to the campsites and dropped off. Units should go directly to the campsite to collect gear and set up their site

1pm – 5pm Programs, Trainings, Merit Badges open

- Trainings will be available for both youth and adults to sign up for and take

- Districts to provide some traditional activities

External groups will be providing some activities

Conservation projects will be available for sign up

- Merit Badges will be available for sign up

5pm – 7pm Break for Dinner

7:30 Subcamp Campfires

10:00 Lights out



Sunday:

7am Non-Denominational Chapel Service

9am- 4:45pm Program areas open

- Aquatics
 - o Canoeing, kayaking, SUP, races, and more
 - Fishing
- Shooting Sports
 - o Rifle, shotgun, archery, tomahawks
- STEM
 - o Meet with Scientists from around New England with hands on activities
- Sustainability and Conservation
 - Go to either (or both) the Nature Lab or the Tomahawk Field to get your hands dirty.
- Climbing and COPE
 - o Come test our new low elements and climbing tower
- Ready Scout
 - o Fire, rescue, police, FEMA, Emergency Preparedness and more

5:30 – 7:00pm Dinner brought to you by Pennacook Lodge!

- To be located outside of the dining hall

8:00pm Campfire

10:30pm Lights out



Monday

7:00 TL Storer 5K

- This is weather and interest dependent

8:00 Scouts Own

To be held at the Council Fire

9:00 Check out

- Units will request check out time where the vehicles will remove equipment from the campsite and back to the parking lots

Lodging

Staff Housing

Staff will be given the option of either staying in cabins or in campsites. All youth staff must stay with their unit and are not allowed to tent without adult supervision. OA will have a dedicated campsite on location.

District

Each district will be assigned a subcamp buddy. Out of Council units will be mixed in with districts to make the size of the campsite more evenly distributed. Campsite assignments will be made

Unit

Each unit will be assigned a campsite based on which district they are a member of.

Dining

Units are responsible for all meals except for dinner Sunday night. We strongly encourage units to have a quick meal on Sunday for lunch to be able to take of the program opportunities throughout the day.

Dinner Sunday night will be a traditional cookout, with hamburgers, hotdogs, and sides. Vegetarian options will be available.

Any food allergies need to be identified and reported by Oct. 1st.

Troop and Personal Gear

The BSA health history is required for all participants and should remain in the possession on the Troop. Parts A and B are required for this weekend. A physical exam is not required.

Troop Gear

When planning on Troop gear, please be advised that no unit will be allowed to bring their vehicle to their campsite. Each unit will be assigned to a subcamp. Units staying in Subcamp B and C, will have their gear brought to and dropped at their campsite. Subcamp A will be required to carry their gear to the site.

Campsites do not have any shelter. Please come prepared for all weather!

Personal Gear

Along with traditional gear that you plan, be sure to bring a swimsuit if you are planning on doing aquatics, a water bottle, bug spray, and a flashlight!

