



## West Point Camporee Trip May 1-3, 2015

On-line registration  
available

**Who can come:** All scouts and adults who enjoy the challenges and comradery of a military-style Camporee at one of our nation's premier leadership institutions. This event is open to all scouts & adults in Troop 119, including any new scouts who will be crossing over from Webelos in March. There is a max limit of 35 scouts and 8 adults on this trip. Be prepared for the challenges of a 2.5 mile hike into and out of the Camporee, as well as several competitions on a range of events during the Camporee.

**The Trip:** The West Point Camporee (<http://www.usma.edu/scoutmasters/SitePages/Camporee.aspx>) is an annual invitational event at Lake Frederick, NY hosted by the West Point Cadet Scoutmasters' Council. Around 6500 Scouts and Scouters from approximately 200 Boy, Girl, and Venture Scout Troops/Crews along the East Coast will be participating at this 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Camporee. Our Troop was designated as "Lightfighter", which means that with backpacks on, we'll be hiking all of our gear the 2.5 miles over Bull Hill into and out of Lake Frederick. The hike to Lake Frederick is followed by a safety briefing & accountability formation after we set up camp. Saturday begins with reveille at 6:00 A.M., followed by Cadet/Scout PT. After breakfast, we'll attend the opening ceremony which will be followed by a UH-60 helicopter fly-in demonstration. The competition events run from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. at various sites, and may include: Camouflage, Litter/First Aid, Knot Tying, Leadership Reaction Course, Drill, Fire Building, Wilderness Survival, Ranger Challenge, Swiss Seat/One-Rope Bridge, Fitness Challenge, Zodiac (raft) Challenge, etc. On Sunday, we'll break down camp and then hike back on the march out. Awards begin at 9:00 A.M. followed by a pass and review on the parade field. Troops will begin leaving starting around 10:30, and the trail is closed at 2:00 P.M.

**Cost:** \$21 for the cost of attending the Camporee (financial assistance is available). **Bring a sack lunch on Friday and a small amount of money for buying lunch on the way home on Sunday. There is also a Trading Post at the Camporee, where various items will be available for purchase.**

### **Registration and payment due Friday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> (Note: This is a hard deadline!)**

All registration is online: <https://troop119.wufoo.com/forms/2015-west-point-camporee/>.  
Contact [michael.e.amirault@gmail.com](mailto:michael.e.amirault@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Accommodations:** There are no accommodations at the campsites around Lake Frederick, so we'll be carrying in our tents, sleeping bags, clothing, personal items, camp stoves, food, etc. Porta-potties will be provided. Additional Camporee Rules are included in the "Information Packet" e-mailed separately.

### **Equipment required:**

- Scouts are REQUIRED to bring both Class A and Class B uniforms!
- Gym clothes and shoes are the uniform for Saturday morning PT. Be prepared to get them dirty and not be able to use them for the rest of the weekend.
- Undergarments to change into after hiking (it's important to change clothes after sweating to avoid wet clothing).
- Hiking boots.
- 3 pr of warm wool or synthetic socks & liners.
- Sleeping bag (30 degree should be adequate).
- Warm, insulated jacket.
- Backpacking backpack (not school backpack). Must have padded, adjustable hip belt. Some backpacks are available from Troop or through rental.
- Additional items may be required depending on the weather the closer we get to the Camporee.

**Equipment recommended:**

- Hat & gloves for chilly mornings/nights.

**Other Items:**

- Medical / Liability forms will be distributed closer to the Camporee date. No participant will be permitted within the Camporee without these turned in upon arrival.
- **Please note that Scouts will need to be released from school early on May 1<sup>st</sup> for this trip.**
- The Camporee staff asks that Scouts NOT wear elements of a military uniform, such as physical training pants or military style camouflage while at West Point.

**Departure/Return:** ~12 Noon Friday, May 1st, from Hancock Church (exact departure time is still TBD).  
On Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> **we will return to Lexington / Bridge School in the mid to late afternoon.**

*Questions? Contact Mike Amirault: 781-862-8999.*