



Westmoreland-Fayette Council  
Spring 2022 Camporee – Wilderness Survival

Camp Conestoga

Leader Guide

As of April 11, 2022

Leaders,

Welcome to the 2022 Spring Camporee for the Westmoreland Fayette Council. We are excited to welcome you to this fun-filled weekend camporee focused on the fundamentals of Wilderness Survival.

Throughout this weekend, Scouts will learn and test their skills in the various requirements of Wilderness Survival and, with proper preparation and planning, should complete the Wilderness Survival merit badge.

This guide is intended to provide leaders with the information necessary to advise your units and prepare them for a fun weekend and to be successful.

Thank you for your support of this council-wide camporee and for all you do for scouting! We hope that your Scouts have fun, learn some new skills, and ultimately earn the merit badge!

Have a great camporee!

2022 Council Camporee Planning Committee

#### Helpful Information:

- Units from each district will camp in the same area of Camp Conestoga (Hill, Valley, Grove). Campsites will be assigned during check-in at Rohrbacher Lodge.
- Units are responsible for providing their own meals during the Camporee.
- Units wishing to participate in Camp Colors on Saturday morning should volunteer during check-in.
- The shower houses will be open at Camp Conestoga during the Camporee weekend.
- The schedule of events for the weekend is included below. The camporee is organized so that Scouts will rotate between stations to accomplish the various requirements of the Wilderness Survival merit badge.
- Payment should be made to the Council Service Center in advance. Units may also pay on site.
- **Early bird registration fee – \$10/scout if registered by May 6, 2022.** Registration after May 6 is \$12/scout. Adults -- \$5 each.
- **Pre-registration is required and should be completed at the following link NO LATER THAN MAY 13, 2022 – [REGISTRATION LINK](#)**
- **IMPORTANT:** Units will require 2 adult leaders 21 years and over to stay in the woods on Saturday night with scouts from their unit for youth protection. Tents are permitted for leaders. Conestoga tents will be available for those leaders on Friday night in the campsites.
- **Shelters MUST be knocked flat before departure on Sunday morning.**

#### PACKING LIST and PREREQUISITES:

- Every scout needs a completed and signed blue card turned in at registration on Friday evening. Scouts without blue cards will not earn the badge.
- Prerequisite – Put together a personal survival kit for requirement 5.
- Scouts should bring fire starting tools for requirement 6. Limited amounts will be available.
- Units should bring signal mirrors for completing requirement 7.
- Units should bring water purification resources for completing requirement 10.
- Scouts may bring a tarp for use as ground cover in their shelters – tarps MAY NOT BE USED for overhead cover.

**Agenda for the weekend:**

**Friday, May 20, 2022**

|                       |                            |             |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 5:00-8:00 pm          | Unit arrivals and Check in | Rohrbacher  |
| 8:00 pm               | SPL meeting                | Rohrbacher  |
| 9:00 pm               | Guest speaker              | Barclay     |
| Immediately following | Cracker Barrel             | Dining Hall |

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

|                        |                         |              |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 7:45 am                | Camp Colors             | Parade Field |
| 8:00-9:15 am           | Station 1               | Location TBD |
| 9:30-1045 am           | Station 2               | Location TBD |
| 10:45a-12:00pm         | Station 3               | Location TBD |
| 12:00-1:00 pm          | Lunch                   | Campsites    |
| 1:00 pm - 2:15pm       | Station 4               | TBD          |
| 2:15 pm until complete | Build Survival Shelters | Various      |
| At Unit Discretion     | Dinner                  | Campsites    |

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

|                                  |                                |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 6:00 am (unit discretion)        | Wake up/Knock Shelters Flat    |            |
| 8:00 am                          | Checkout and Pickup Blue Cards | Rohrbacher |
| No later than 9:00 am Departures |                                |            |

## Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Requirements:

1. Do the following:
  - (a) Explain to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter while participating in wilderness survival activities, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, or lessen these hazards.
  - (b) Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur in backcountry settings, including hypothermia, heat reactions, frostbite, dehydration, blisters, insect stings, tick bites, and snakebites.
2. From memory, list the seven priorities for survival in a backcountry or wilderness location. Explain the importance of each one with your counselor.
3. Discuss ways to avoid panic and maintain a high level of morale when lost, and explain why this is important.
4. Describe the steps you would take to survive in the following exposure conditions:
  - (a) Cold and snowy
  - (b) Wet
  - (c) Hot and dry
  - (d) Windy
  - (e) At or on the water
5. Put together a personal survival kit and explain how each item in it could be useful.
6. Using three different methods (other than matches), build and light three fires.
7. Do the following:
  - (a) Show five different ways to attract attention when lost.
  - (b) Demonstrate how to use a signal mirror.
  - (c) Describe from memory five ground-to-air signals and tell what they mean.
8. Improvise a natural shelter. For the purpose of this demonstration, use techniques that have little negative impact on the environment. Spend a night in your shelter.
9. Explain how to protect yourself from insects, reptiles, bears, and other animals of the local region.
10. Demonstrate three ways to treat water found in the outdoors to prepare it for drinking.
11. Show that you know the proper clothing to wear while in the outdoors during extremely hot and cold weather and during wet conditions.
12. Explain why it usually is not wise to eat edible wild plants or wildlife in a wilderness survival situation.