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Five Rivers District

FALL Camporee



Pre-Event

Leader's Guide

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Camp Maubila

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Welcome to the Galactic Heist Boy Scout Camporee!

Greetings, brave scouts of the galaxy! 🚩

We are thrilled to extend a special invitation to the elite among you, the best of the best, to join the RESTANCE on an extraordinary mission. This is no ordinary camporee; this is a call to arms, a secret mission to fight the Empire and restore peace and justice to the galaxy. Your courage, skills, and dedication are needed now more than ever.

Mission Briefing

As you embark on this thrilling adventure, remember that timing is crucial. Arrive promptly to be greeted by fellow RESTANCE members who will guide you through the initial stages of your mission. Be on high alert at all times to avoid detection by the ever-watchful Imperial Guards.

To ensure you are recognized as a fellow resistance fighter, you must display a discreet secret signal. Each troop is required to bring a Star Wars-themed can of Spaghettios. Carry it in a way that is visible yet subtle, as you will be meeting in plain sight of the Imperial Guards. This signal will allow RESTANCE members to identify and approach you safely.

What to Bring

1. Star Wars-Themed Can of Spaghettios: This is your secret signal. Make sure it is visible but not too obvious. (available from Walmart.com and Amazon.com for about a dollar)
2. Health Forms: To ensure everyone's safety and well-being, please bring your completed health forms.
3. Star Wars Costumes: Embrace the spirit of the mission by dressing up in your favorite Star Wars costumes. This will add to the fun and excitement of the camporee.
4. Chewbacca Chewie Cookies: Participate in the contest for the best Chewbacca Chewie cookies. Troops can earn spirit points by presenting these on Friday night.* See below
5. Compass
6. Small portable battery-operated FM radio (hand-held), if possible

Arrival and Registration

Upon arrival, troops will park and leave their gear in their cars or trailers. You will be met by RESTANCE members who will process your registration and assign you to your barracks. During registration, patrols will need to present the items listed above. Scouts will have time to set up their sleeping quarters before the general secret meeting.

At the secret meeting, you will put on your RESTANCE shirts and receive detailed instructions about your mission. This is where the adventure truly begins, and your role in the fight against the Empire will be revealed.

Stay Vigilant

Remember, there are always spies lurking around. Stay vigilant and trust only those who display the secret signal. Your mission is of utmost importance, and the success of the RESTANCE depends on your bravery and discretion.

We look forward to seeing you at the Galactic Heist Boy Scout Camporee. May the Force be with you as you embark on this epic adventure!

Join the RESTANCE and Fight the Empire!

Prepare yourselves, scouts. The galaxy needs heroes like you. Together, we will overcome the Empire and bring peace to the galaxy. See you at the camporee!

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IF you read this ... need to read the whole thing. NOTES added to the bottom.

The overall theme of 2024 Mobile Area Fall Camporee will pull from Star Wars

This year's annual fall camporee will take place at Maubila on September 27-29. This event has sold out only room for more staff.

Goals at this camporee are to have scouts-

- Have FUN.
- To work together – with in their own units and other units.
- Use scout skills to save the world.
- Not get sick or need to see a real medical doctor.

This is another Mark Brown creation camporee – a one of a kind. Your great grandchildren will remember you for saving the world.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this Camporee. IF any reason your unit has issues with funds, gear or supplies please reach out to the event committee through the scout office. WE need everyone at this event.

Key to success:

- The Scouts have come to Maubila to join the resistance and fight the Imperial Forces.
- Keep this fun – by playing along in a safe way.
- This Camporee will be a unique – we have pull many from all over the Galaxy to make this all happen at Maubila.
- Scouts should be ready to learn to work the system to get out of the system while fighting the imperial forces.
- There is no prize greater than help everyone escape alive. But do not be fooled by those watching you.
- We want to install a sense of absolute fun, while having the pressure of the safety of the galaxy from the dark forces.

Key Outline:

Friday

Arrive **BEFORE 20:00**

- Meet your fellow comrades in the resistance and get settled.

21:00 dining hall mandatory meeting all scouts and all scout leaders

Training to fight the empire before your mission.

Cracker barrel will be severed during this time.

Back to your assigned camp area and get sleep.. YOU will need it.

Saturday *(need to check times)

06:00 Scout are to get their day started

08:00 Flag ceremony – Update on mission and days events

08:15 start of training sessions (5 AM total)– 40 minutes each. Groups will be assigned order of attending each.

Activity card will be given to each group to make sure they are attending the correct activity/session in the order assigned. – this needs to be enforced with the number of people attending.

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12:20 report to dining hall for lunch – no time to waste. Updates on training

1230-130 Lunch at dining hall... do not have time to stop collecting data, learning the mission, while getting good nourishment. (Taco Bar for all to eat)

14:00 afternoon sessions – more of the same as in the morning.

17:15 return to campsite. Scout eat their dinner on their own at their camp site.

TBD Evening Activity

TBD Campfire time – AWARDS, skits, news, OA tap out

TBD dining hall – cracker barrel

Sunday

Eat/breakfast and clean up campsite before 0900

9:00 – Service/Awards @ arena (bad weather dining hall)

10:00 Breakdown, check out and hit the road.

TIMES – are Subject to change. Your SPL will be briefed for times and reminders

Location

The Camporee will be held at Camp Maubila

Boys Scout Road off County Road 19, Grove Hill, AL

Check-in

Check-in will be held in front of the Parking Lot and then Trading post at 6pm on Friday.

Units should check in all at one time with paper work on hand and all scouts in Uniform.

-all scouts and leaders must be active/current in BSA. Health forms AB must be on hand. Health check list on each scout must be filled out – temp check will be needed at check in.

-orders of where unit is to report will be given at check in.

Vehicles

Vehicles are not allowed in campsites. BSA is having us enforce this rule more. If you have a truck towing a trailer. Let us know if you would rather keep it connected at camp site. No vehicles movement to after Sunday Service.

-Parking of all others will be limited. Hope we have the least number of vehicles per unit as possible.

Main parking lot is restricted to EAST end. On the south side of Shawnee next to the road is additional parking. Do block roads or drives. We may have to park some cars across main Maubila road from Ocoee.

Patches

Patch design is on the cover page of this guide (with a bit more info). They will be given out before Sunday.

Campfire

weather permitted we plan to have a Saturday night campfire. And follow what we think is a normal song and skit time IF the mission is completed....

Religious Service

A short all-faith service will be held Sunday morning. Scout in uniform.

Awards

Many awards of recognition will be given. At campfire

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Senior Patrol Leaders Meeting -

There will be no SPL meeting – all information will be given at check in and updated through event. Adult leaders who are not already assigned to a mission or working on a training session please give you information at check in and be prepared to help through the weekend.

Adult Leadership -

Current registered BSA leaders, are required to be current on YPT and follow 2-deep leadership. Remind your scouts about the buddy system.

- Guide your scouts but let them Lead.
- We need your help – the more adults we have the more fun for everyone to have.

Campsite-

will be assigned by how much we can squeeze into each camp site. We want each site used to have water and not be too far from a working bathroom. It is going to be cozzzzy
LNT & Outdoor code are part of taking care of Maubila and scoring. Units with special need scouts should contact Ward Faulk let him know.

Fire

Campsite --- follow BSA guidelines (again keep LNT and the Outdoor code in mind).

First Aid

each unit should have basic first aid. For any emergencies – contact the Camporee director/staff and seek professional aid. Grove Hill Memorial Hospital, 295 S. Jackson St. Grove Hill, AL 36451. 251-275-3191

Bathrooms

Take care of it and if you need help ask for help from staff. Flushing the toilet after use is mandatory... that means holding the handle down till it is out of the bowel.

Food

Each unit is responsible for their own meals – posting menu will help scoring. * Saturday lunch will be provided by BLIND MULE - A Taco Bar

Garbage/Trash

Bag it up and take it home or put it in the dumpster before you leave camp on Sunday (blue dumpster near dining hall)

Hazardous Weather conditions

- Steady ringing of the bell means a hazard is imminent. Come to dining hall at once.
 - air raid siren– seek shelter in place – prepare for bad weather and find closest walled shelter near you.
- + these are to be followed and will not be part of any act +
-short bell ring is reminder to meet at assembly area per schedule

DO NOT BRING

Boys with knives will be spot check for their Totin' Chip. Knives carried should be folding or with a fixed blade shorter than 4.5". No alcohol or illegal substances. Tobacco is a habit that we do not need scouts seeing. No fireworks. No chainsaws, no generators, ...

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Electronics

We encourage you to limit your scout's use of electronics. Any use of electronics for entertainment or non-scout use has a negative impact. Solving problems/codes/puzzles without AI and internet will make it more fun and challenging. But the phone can be used as a tool.

Check-out

Scouts leave things better than they find them. SPL **must** do a camp site evaluation and sign unit out of camp in Eagle Room before departure. In the past we have had campsites with hot fire pits. Let this not be your unit.

Check out is a MUST.

IF anyone must leave Maubila before Sunday, **please** inform staff of departure.

TIPS and Notes –

Costume – is encouraged but Scouts cannot wear during regular sessions time. They may put on 8:30pm Saturday. We will have BEST costume award. As well as many other Best of and place awards.

New comers to the area. GPS mapping may give rough directions to drive in the dark without 4-wheel drive. You can start your map search with "Maubila Scout Reservation" Grove Hill, AL It is best to come in from East via Allen Walker Road (county 19) and turn on to Boy Scout Road (the 1000 feet of the road is very narrow but opens).

HEALTH forms are required on EACH PERSON – (A&B)

- If your unit has a person that is coming with special medical needs or cannot hike the trails, please reach out to Ward Faulk to see if we can help make things go smoothly.
- In advance of the event – contact me if you have questions that were not answered above
Ward Faulk wardiii@wthree.org

A couple days before the event and during the event you can reach me at 251-406-1631

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Calling all Star Wars fans! Join us for Chewbacca's Chewy Cookie Contest and show off your baking skills. Here's your mission:

Objective: Bake and bring 10 delicious cookies to earn spirit points.

Guidelines:

1. **Theme:** Your cookies should be inspired by Chewbacca or the Star Wars universe. Get creative with shapes, decorations, and flavors!
2. **Quantity:** Each participant must bring exactly 10 cookies.
3. **Presentation:** Make sure your cookies are presented in a fun and Star Wars-themed way. Extra points for creativity!
4. **Judging Criteria:** Cookies will be judged on taste, creativity, and presentation.

Spirit Points: Earn spirit points for participating and impressing the judges with your chewy creations.

May the Force be with you and your cookies! 🍪

Be sure to write your troop number on it!