

Kootaga District

Scouting Skills Spring Camporee

May 2–4, 2025

• Leader Guide •

Location: Camp Kootaga

Hosted by: Troop 203

Questions: Call Shaun Harris, 740-525-4640

EVENT OVERVIEW

Kootaga District Scouting Skills Spring Camporee

Join us for a weekend of fun out at Camp Kootaga, hosted by Shaun Harris and Butch Hawkins of Troop 203. Prepare to show off (or brush up on) your scouting skills such as knots, rescues, tent-work, and more! You will “knot” want to miss it!

WHO

All Scouts BSA members may participate. Arrow of Light cub scouts may also participate if camping with your patrol or with a parent/guardian.

WHEN

May 2–4, 2025. Check-in is at 6 pm on Friday, at the lodge.

COST

\$20 per youth, \$10 per adult.

This fee covers insurance, patch, program materials, cracker-barrel, and awards. Meals are on your own.

DIRECTIONS

From the North

Travel south on I-77 to Parkersburg. Take the WV-47E / Staunton Ave Exit. Head East on 47. Camp is approximate 13 miles. Crossroads General Store is just 1 mile West of the camp entrance on State Route 47.

From the Northeast

I-79 south to Route 50 – west to I-77 South. Take the WV-47 E / Staunton Ave Exit and head east on 47 to camp.

From the South

Travel north on I-77 to Parkersburg. Take the WV-47 E / Staunton Ave Exit.

Camp GPS coordinates: 39.1473° N, 81.3640° W

Camp address of 79 Camp Kootaga Rd, Walker, WV 26180 should come up on Google Maps.

Registration Process and Deadlines

Online (only) registration begins on 3/11/25 at 12 AM. Deadline dates for registration: 4/21/25 at 11:29 PM.

Registration Website: <https://www.buckskin.org>

You will need to complete the online registration and pay by debit/credit card or e-check.

Each Troop should designate one adult leader to handle all the details for the entire unit. Individuals will not be able to register on their own. Please register any Arrow of Light cub scouts with your troop.

**Please note that you must enter every attendee's name (Unit Roster) on the website when you register. **

Scout/Leader Ratio: Please note – Units with female scouts must have at least 1 BSA registered adult female in attendance at all times during the weekend.

Campsites

Units can select their campsite when they register. Units that will be bringing boy and girl Scouts will need to be prepared to follow all Youth Protection requirements and provide separate tent areas.

Note : In tent sites, stacked platforms from summer camp are NOT to be used.

Check-In

Check-in will be at the Lodge from 6 PM to 8:30 PM on Friday night. The Designated Adult Unit Leader must check-in for their entire unit.

To expedite the check-in process Leaders are required to bring the following items with them to check-in:

- Registration paperwork (Roster).
- Invoice and Payment receipts.
- Any unpaid fees for add on scouts.

Unit leaders will be required to have copies of parts A and B of the Personal Health History form for everyone in attendance at the Camporee. These will not be requested from you at check-in, but units should have these available at their campsite.

Program Notes

Each Scouts BSA troop should provide one adult to help with a station on Saturday. This will be discussed at Cracker Barrel (9 pm Friday evening).

If you would like to coordinate helping with a station beforehand, that is greatly appreciated. Call or text Shaun Harris, 740-525-4640

What to Bring

Five 8-foot lengths of rope, a first aid kit, camping gear, appropriate clothing for the weather, food, cooking gear, completed health forms (parts A & B), a water bottle, close toed shoes.

Equipment Drop Off – Unit Trailers

No personal vehicles will be permitted in the camp sites. Two vehicles will be allowed to transport all personal gear and Troop equipment. No passengers in back of truck or trailer. Vehicles limited to main roads and parking areas only. We recommend that Scouts be dropped off at the parking lot and hike into camp.

Check-Out

On Sunday morning, Units are responsible for picking up all trash and cleaning the latrines in their respective campsites (Leave No Trace). Trash bags will be provided and should be left at the road for pickup by the Camp Ranger.

Staff

Staffing for this event will include registered adult volunteers, and Scoutmaster approved Scouts age 13 and older.

Program Schedule (Tentative)

An updated schedule will be provided at check-in on Friday evening.

Friday, May 2

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Check-in (at Lodge)

9:00 PM Leaders' meeting and Cracker Barrel held at the lodge. Details of weekend and emergency plans will be discussed.

Saturday, May 3

7 AM - 8:45 AM **Breakfast – on your own**

9:00 AM Opening Flag Ceremony

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Programming

12 – 1:30 PM **Lunch – On Your Own**

1:30 - 5 PM Programming

5:00 - 5:30 PM Judges will tally results to be announced at campfire

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM **Dinner – On Your Own**

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Flag Retreat, Campfire and Awards, Vespers

11:00 PM Lights Out

Sunday, May 4

7 AM - 8:45 AM **Reveille and Breakfast – On Your Own**

9:00 – 9:30 AM Interfaith Worship Service (Chapel) Led by Troop 203. Please wear class A uniforms.

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Clean-up, check out (Site Inspection), and departure