

**ISTROUMA AREA COUNCIL
WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CAMPOUT
WEEKEND**



**CAMP AVONDALE
SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2019**

Dear Scoutmaster,

The 2019 Istrouma Area Council Wilderness Survival weekend will be held at Camp Avondale on September 6-8, 2019. The cost is \$25.00 per youth and \$10.00 per adult. The theme for this weekend is Wilderness Survival, and all Scouts attending that participate in all activities will earn that merit badge. To make this event a success, we need your Troop to participate. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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**** Scouts that participate will earn the Merit Badge ****

General Information

Fees and registration: Registration is \$25.00 per youth and \$10.00 per adult. This will cover Saturday dinner, Sunday continental breakfast and program supplies. Register online at www.iacbsa.org/wilderness_survival1

Type of Campout: The Wilderness Survival weekend is based on fun, outdoor activities and learning. The day will be filled with hands-on training. Scouts will leave with a basic knowledge of how to survive in the Wilderness through training and practical exercises.

Description: Troops will be participating in an outdoor learning environment and will put what they know to practical use in survival situations.

Materials: Each Scout should bring a small day pack (Survival pack) containing water bottle, compass, flashlight, small first aid kit, pocket knife, whistle, raingear, and any other small personal items needed. You will be carrying this daypack for training. See survival kit list in the Merit Badge pamphlet. (See packing list)

Check-in: 4:00pm-8:30pm on Friday, September 6th at Camp Avondale. Proceed to the summer camp parking lot where you will be greeted by Camporee staff.

Parking: All vehicles will park in the summer camp parking lot. Each troop will be allowed to drive one vehicle with the trailer to the campsite and unload equipment. Troops can leave the trailer by the road, but the vehicles must be parked in the parking lot.

Campsites: Campsites will be assigned by the number of persons in your troop attending. You will be given your campsite location upon check-in. Troops will camp in tents in the summer camp area on Friday night.

Fires: All fires must be built in the established fire rings and must not be left unattended.

Food: All units will be responsible for their own food for the weekend except for dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. There will be a Hotdog Special

(hotdog, bag of chips, and drink) for sale at the Trading Post Friday night for \$2. Bring spending money.

Water: Water is available in all campsites.

Garbage disposal: Pack it in - pack it out. Dumpster is located near the silver gate.

Latrines: Located in each campsite and around the summer camp area.

First aid: Each troop is to have a first aid kit in their campsite at all times. Each unit is responsible to have a copy of a medical form for every adult and youth attending.

Cracker Barrel: There will be a Cracker Barrel Friday night at the Dining Hall from 7pm-9pm. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and hot cocoa will be for sale for a small charge. We will hold a Leaders/SPL/Staff briefing at the Dining Hall from 8pm-8:30pm to give instructions for Saturday's activities.

Uniforms: Wilderness survival attire can be worn.

Headquarters: HQ will be located at the Administration building.

Check out: Sunday morning, September 8th after breakfast.

2019 Wilderness Survival Weekend

Schedule of activities

FRIDAY

4pm-8:30pm- Arrive and set up camp. Scouts will camp Friday night in their campsite and Saturday night in their shelter at Woodbadge Hill.

7pm-9pm- Cracker Barrel at Trading Post. Food will be sold.

8pm-8:30pm- Leaders/ SPL/ Staff briefing at Administration building

9:30pm- Trading Post/Return to campsites

10:30pm- Lights out

SATURDAY

7am-8am- Wake up and breakfast in your campsite.

8:15am- Assemble at the Dining Hall. Flag rising and event instruction. There will be adult training available from 9am-12pm.

8:30am-12pm- Wilderness survival training. A schedule will be provided to each Troop.

12pm-12:30pm- Lunch in your campsite.

12:45pm- Assemble at Central Lodge (old Dining Hall).

1pm- 1:30pm- Move to Woodbadge Hill.

1:30pm-5pm- Wilderness Survival training; Build shelters.

5pm-7pm- Eat Wilderness Survival food.

7pm- Assemble at Woodbadge Pavilion.

7pm-9pm- Night-time Wilderness training- Land Navigation, Signaling, etc.

9pm- Assemble at Woodbadge Pavilion.

9:30pm- Return to shelter and sleep in it the night.

10:00- Lights out

**** All are approximate times ****

SUNDAY

7am- 8:30am -Wake up and hike back to Dining Hall for breakfast.

9am- Break camp and depart.

Packing list

- You can bring a hammock (shelter must be built over it)
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Raingear
- Compass
- Flint and steel
- Flashlight
- Bug spray
- Mosquito net (optional)
- Water bottle
- Pocket knife
- Para cord for shelter building
- Duct tape
- Small first aid kit

Wilderness Survival merit badge requirements



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.

From memory, list the seven priorities for survival in a backcountry or wilderness location. Explain the importance of each one with your counselor.

Discuss ways to avoid panic and maintain a high level of morale when lost, and explain why this is important.

Describe the steps you would take to survive in the following conditions:

- a. Cold and snowy
- b. Wet
- c. Hot and dry
- d. Windy
- e. At or on the water

Put together a personal survival kit and explain how each item in it could be useful.

Using three different methods (other than matches), build and light three fires.

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.

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.

Explain how to protect yourself from insects, reptiles, bears, and other animals of the local region.

Demonstrate three ways to treat water found in the outdoors to prepare it for drinking.

Show that you know the proper clothing to wear while in the outdoors during extremely hot and cold weather and during wet conditions.

Explain why it usually is not wise to eat edible wild plants or wildlife in a wilderness survival situation.