



Lake Minnetonka District 2012 Fall Camporee River Valley Ranch September 28-30, 2012



Information Packet

Registration is available on the LMD Website.

Registration Deadline: September 21, 2012

Camporee Description

Come join your fellow Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, and Webelos Scouts from the Lake Minnetonka District for our Fall Camporee 2012 at the River Valley Ranch, September 28 - 30, 2012.

Venue - Located on 480 private acres in Carver, Minnesota on the shores of the beautiful Minnesota River. This location is fantastic! There are dense woods, open fields, and secluded areas. In fact, it is considered one of the best trail ride locations in the Twin Cities!

Unit-managed Format - We are changing our typical program venue to what we call a 'Unit-managed' format. What that means is each unit is allowed the flexibility of choosing from the activities provided at the event by the district and/or running their own specific activities. In other words, a unit can schedule a trail ride and blacksmith activity and/or run your own unit activity such as fishing, hiking, and orienteering. The possibilities are almost endless.

Professional Horse Show – A professional horse show is scheduled Saturday evening, along with a closing campfire program!

Theme - This is a western-themed event, so dress and cook appropriately. In other words, cowboy hats, boots, and lots of beans in the Dutch oven is expected and appreciated.

Register online: Deadline is September 21, 2012

http://www.lmdbsa.org/lmd_024.htm

Questions? Contact...

Lake Minnetonka District Activities Chairs:

Mike Herbst at Mike.Herbst@LakeMinnetonkaDistrict.org or 612-296-2655

District-directed Activities Offered:

- **Blacksmithing/Metalworking Merit Badge** – Limited space. You must register online. We will complete a portion of the Metalworking merit badge
- **One-hour Trail Rides** - Limited space. You must register online. Starting times begin Friday night.
- **Horsemanship Merit Badge** – Limited space. You must register online. Professional trainers host this merit badge.

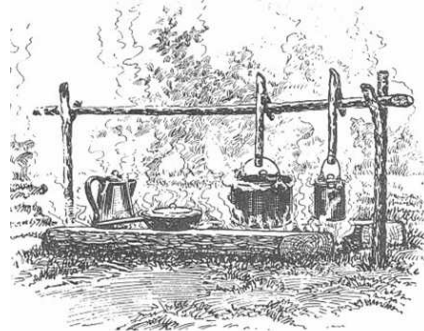
Volunteers Needed: We are seeking additional blacksmith volunteers

Volunteers Needed: Seeking Horsemanship merit badge instructors to help sign blue cards

- **Horsemanship Webelos Sports Belt Loop** – Limited space. You must register online. Webelos please review the requirements the requirements for this belt loop before you arrive at camp.
<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/advance/cubscout/sports/horseback.asp>

Important: Webelos must attend the horsemanship demonstration and complete the written requirements with their den leader.

- **Games** – Western themed
- **Trick Horseshow** – presented by professionals
- **Campfire Program** – a classic!
- **Cooking Contest** – Western, Cast Iron Cook-Off



Unit-directed Activity Ideas (to do on your own):

- **Fish along the river** – Bring your own bait, nets and poles.
- **Hiking/ Backpacking** – There are miles and miles of trails (get that 10-miler done).
- **Orienteering** – Bring your own equipment.
- **Wilderness Survival** – Build a shelter and sleep in the woods.
- **Webelos loops** - Naturalist, Outdoorsman, Fishing, and Hiking loops as a self-directed den program.



General Information

Attendance	All Lake Minnetonka Boys Scouts, Venture Scouts, Webelos, and their parents are invited to participate.
Address	16480 Jonathan Carver Parkway, Carver, Minnesota.
Map	http://www.lakeminnetonkadistrict.org/lmd_024.htm
Directions	Take MN Highway 169 South to Jordan, MN. Turn right at the stoplight County Road 9. Go 2.5 miles and take a left into the River Valley Ranch Driveway. The check-in location is south of the main entrance. Watch for signs.
Check-in	Friday evening starting at 5:00pm, or Saturday morning 8:00am - 8:30am, see schedule.
Fees	Please see registration for pricing.
Registration	Online registration is required. There will be no on-site registration.
Registration Link	http://www.lmdbsa.org/lmd_024.htm
Deadline	September 21, 2012 at 5:00pm.
Merit Badges	See activities offered – page 2 – you must register online.
Webelos Pins	See activities offered – page 2 - you must register online.
Campfire event	Saturday night
Horse Show	See activities offered – page 2
Cook off	Theme is Cast Iron Western - you must register online See 'Camporee Update' for details - http://www.lmdbsa.org/lmd_024.htm
Camping	Two camping options (designate during registration) 1. In field with vehicle access 2. Pack in, ½ mile hike to field, location by river Note: Camping is rugged. There will be no picnic tables at either location. Please remember to bring the appropriate gear.
First Aid	Please have the proper medical form and permission slip ready for everyone at check-in. Medical forms available here http://www.lmdbsa.org/lmd_024.htm
Boy Scout Medical	The BSA medical form is available on the camporee registration page of the website. http://www.lmdbsa.org/lmd_024.htm
Cub Scout Medical	The BSA medical form is available on the camporee registration page of the website http://www.lmdbsa.org/lmd_024.htm
Camp Fires	Campfires are allowed. However, you will need to collect your own wood from the woods, and build your own fire ring. You will need saws and axes. Please follow all BSA rules. All wood gathered must be burned prior to departure.
Uniforms	Scouts and leaders are expected to wear Class A uniforms for group events and evening programs. Class B uniforms can be worn for activities.

Bring

Tents, food, sleeping bag, cookware, stoves, plates, cups, silverware; walking shoes work gloves and dress for the weather.

Camporee Policies

The following rules were made to help us have a successful and safe camping experience. It is the responsibility of the adults in charge to see that Scouts know and understand these rules. Anyone violating these rules may be asked to leave the camporee.

Behavior: The Scout Oath and Scout Law applies to all Scouts, Scouters and guests. Please emphasize the “good sport” and “Do Your Best” aspects of Scouting. We’re here to have fun first and foremost.

Vehicles: Speed limit is 15 mph in the park. The park has limited parking spaces so carpools are encouraged on Saturday. Vehicles are limited to main roads and parking areas only. Trailers, if brought, must stay with vehicle parking in the designated parking areas.

Firearms: Personal firearms, ammunition (live or expended), explosives, fireworks and toy weaponry are prohibited.

Camouflage: No camouflage pants, shirts or jackets.

Conservation: Please conserve our natural resources. No cutting of brush or standing timber is allowed.

Adults: At least one responsible adult (21 or older) must be in camp at all times. You must observe the BSA Leadership Requirements of “two-deep leadership” and the youth/adult ratios, which can be found on the camporee page at http://www.lakeminnetonkadistrict.org/lmd_024.htm. For Webelos, **each** Webelos Scout at the camporee must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (a 1:1 ratio).

Knives: NO straight-bladed knives are allowed in camp.

Lights out: Please respect others during lights-out.

Electronics: No radios, iPods, iPads, iPhones, MP3 players, headsets, gaming or related electronics are allowed. Cell phone use by youth should be kept to a minimum, and under the discretion of their unit bylaws.

Send a Scout in Need to Camporee

Scholarships are available for Scout families in need. Unit leaders, please contact Allie Lodden at alodden@northernstarbsa.org. Your requests will remain confidential.

Saturday Activities

Groups	All Scouts will be divided into groups of approximately 20-30 Scouts and adults. We will try and keep troop members together. All Scouts will rotate through six (6) activities.
Transportation	Bikes are allowed. Please wear a good pair of hiking shoes/boots.

Schedule of Events

Friday

5:00 - 8:00	Check-in and set-up camp
6:00 - 8:00	Trail rides
9:00	Cracker Barrel for Staff, SPL's and SM's at HQ
	Get schedule for Merit Paddges and Belt Loops
10:00	Taps/Lights Out

Saturday

7:00	Reveille
7:00 - 7:45	Breakfast at your camp
8:00 - 8:30	Check-in for units arriving Saturday
8:30 - 9:00	Flag rising, divide into groups, staff briefing
9:00 - 5:30	Activity Time – Plan time for your lunch
5:30 - 6:00	Colors retired. Cook Dinner
6:15 - 6:30	Cast Iron Cook-Off awards
6:30 - 8:00	Dinner – Troops cook and eat at site (free time)

Sat. Webelos

Prior to 8:00	Pack gear if you have a Saturday departure
8:00 - 8:45	Horse show
8:45 - 9:30	Campfire Program and Vespers
10:00	Taps/Lights-out

Sunday

7:00	Reveille
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Closing at HQ for Staff, SPL's and SM's
9:00 -12:00	Additional trail rides, if needed
9:00	Break camp and check-out with HQ



Lake Minnetonka District

2012 Fall Camporee at River Valley Ranch Sept 28-30, 2012

Unit Attendance Form – Registration is available online. Deadline Sept. 21, 2012

Please bring this form AND your health forms with you to the event.



DISTRICT (Circle one): Lake Minnetonka District Other District _____

UNIT (Circle one): Troop Crew Team **NUMBER:** _____

Name (Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor/Team Advisor): _____

Name (SPL/Crew President/Team Captain): _____

Name (of adult leader onsite at all times): _____

Cell Phone: (of adult leader on site at all times): _____

Where will medical forms be kept while at camp? _____

Note: Health forms are required. Please bring one for every person attending the camporee. If you do not have forms, you may print them at http://www.lakeminnetonkadistrict.org/lmd_024.htm Do not mail in health forms. Bring them with you to check-in and give to staff.

Scout Youth + Adult Participants	Webelos + Adult Participants
Enter Total # Attending:	Enter Total # Attending:

Youth Attending - First and Last Name Circle W if the Scout is a Webelos - (Please type or print)

1	W	12	W
2	W	13	W
3	W	14	W
4	W	15	W
5	W	16	W
6	W	17	W
7	W	18	W
8	W	19	W
9	W	20	W
10	W	21	W
11	W	22	W

Adults Attending - First and Last Name (Please type or print)

1	4
2	5
3	6

Webelos Parents - If you registered on your own, enter the names of your Webelos above and complete the questions below:

My son(s) will be camping with Unit _____ **My son(s) is/are registered with Pack** _____

Name (of Webelos parent or guardian on-site at all times): _____

Cell Phone Number (of parent or guardian on-site at all times): _____

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