



**MONTICELLO DISTRICT
VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL**

 **HIGHLAND GAMES**

**THE 45TH ANNUAL
APPLE HARVEST CAMPOREE AND
WALK/RUN/RUCK
WITH INVITED WEBELOS**

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6-8th, 2023
CAMP SHENANDOAH, SWOOPE VA.**

**For updated information, check
<https://www.vahebsa.org/appleharvest>**

CAMPOREE INFORMATION AND LEADER GUIDE

Summary: The Monticello District Highland Games Scout Camporee will be held at Shenandoah Scout Camp on Friday-Sunday, October 6-8th, 2023. A companion Cub Scout Fun Day “Apples and Acorns” will be held on Saturday, 7 October, at the same location from 1-4pm. This event will take place rain or shine and will only be cancelled if severe weather is forecast for the area or for health concerns. A tentative schedule is included in this guide.

Highland Games is a Scottish-themed Scout Camporee and Cub Scout Fun Day. All attendees are encouraged (but not required) to come in kilts. Themed costumes are “Class-A” for this event. Actual projectile or edged weapons are prohibited.

Important Dates:

- 20 August 2023 – Registration (\$12) and T-Shirt Sales Open on the AH Website
- 22 September 2023 – T-Shirt Sales Close
- 25 September 2023 – Last Day for Station Volunteer Signup on AH Website
- 30 September 2023 – Deadline for Online Registration
- 06 October 2023 – Camporee begins, onsite registration is allowed (\$20/participant)

CAMPOREE HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2023:

- Friday Night Show
- Surprise Guests
- **.22 and Black Powder Shooting for Scouts**
- **Fresh Apple Cider**
- Camp-Wide Troop Catapult Competition
- Troop Gateway Competition
- Patrol Events Competition
- Cooking Competition
- **Trading Post**
- OA-Hosted Saturday Campfire followed by popcorn and a movie
- Service Project in support of Camp Shenandoah, Virginia Headwaters Council

Eligibility: This Camporee is open to Scouts and Scouters. All Camporee participants, whether they are camping overnight or not, must register and pay the full Camporee Fee.

Units can invite Webelos Scouts to camp with them along with their accompanying Webelos Parents and/or Webelos Adult Leaders. Units who do so must be prepared to instruct and help the Webelos Scouts that they invite.

Note that Webelos/AOL Scouts camping with a troop will register separately for the Apple Harvest Highland Games Camporee, listing their host troop on the registration form. They will NOT register for the Cub Scout Fun Day. A Webelos/AOL **MUST** be chaperoned by their parent or guardian. No other Cub Scout ranks are allowed to camp at the Apple Harvest Highland Games.

Volunteers: This event is powered by volunteers! Troops and packs need to supply volunteers to help design, construct, and/or run activity and support stations. Older youth may be able to help at many stations in addition to adult helpers. **Please sign-up to run a station before the event on the Apple Harvest website.** Your help ensures we can offer a full and exciting day program at the camporee!

Social Media/Updates:

Before the event, updates to this handout will be posted at the Apple Harvest Camporee web page and our Facebook page. At the event, a final Activities List and a final Schedule will be supplied at Check-In.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee: \$12.00

Online T-shirt order Deadline: Completed by Friday, September 22nd, 2023

Online Registration Deadline: Completed by Friday, September 29th, 2023

Late/Onsite Registration Fee- \$20.00

CAMPOREE CHECK-IN PROCESS

Check-in: Friday, 06 October 2023, 4-9pm. The **SPL and SM ONLY** should come to Check-in Tent to finalize registration and turn-in completed Unit Rosters (available on the AH Camporee website) Make sure your scouts come prepared. (There will not be Patrol inspections. SM's should make sure their scouts are prepared).

PARKING

Drivers should go to the main parking lot and follow the instructions of the Parking Staff on duty. Each troop will be permitted to drive **one vehicle** (can include Troop Trailer) at a time to drive to their campsite to drop off equipment on Friday night. For the safety of our scouts, please respect this rule!

5K WALK/RUN

ALL Scouts and Leaders are encouraged to participate in the 5K Walk/Run and Ruck. **Scouts/Scouters should be registered on the Apple Harvest Website prior to the camporee!** Last minute additions can be added on Friday. When you arrive, check in at the race table, to ensure your unit is registered for the 5k. Be sure to bring running/walking shoes and clothes. Runners will be grouped based on their expected finish time.

THE CAMPOREE COMPETITION

Awards will be presented for the 5k, the best Gateway, Cooking, Honor Patrol and the Troop Competition.

FIRST AID

First aid will be available at the camporee. Come to the First Aid Station or HQ if you have **ANY** injuries. Medics will be onsite for the duration of the camporee.

CAMPOREE LOCATION:

222 Boy Scout Lane, Swoope, Virginia 24479

GENERAL CAMPSITE INFORMATION

Troops will be responsible for maintaining a safe campsite. Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting. **Potable water is available on-site.** Any Scout, patrol or troop causing disciplinary problems will be sent home immediately. No animals will be allowed at the camporee.

SATURDAY CAMPFIRE CELEBRATION!!

The campfire program will be hosted by the OA. It will be filled with camporee slide shows, skits, stories, and songs. This a special event you do not want to miss!! Patrol skit tryouts will be Saturday afternoon at Handicraft Shelter.

CANCELLATION - BACK-UP DATE

Any decision to move to the back-up date will be sent to the leader listed on the Unit Registration Form

TRADING POST

The hours that the Camp Trading Post will be open on Saturday will be posted. Candy, chips, and soda will be available, plus other cool items!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Units are invited to participate in an on-site **Service Project**. More information will be given out at Friday Night Cracker Barrel.

CHECKOUT PROCESS

Troops should practice Leave No Trace Principles!

Please pack-out all your gear, trash, pioneering timbers, and left-over firewood/debris. Be sure to properly clean your campfire area.

Leave your campsite better than you found it!

SUNDAY MORNING VESPERS

After the flag ceremony on Sunday morning, there will be a non-denominational Vespers Service immediately followed by the Awards Ceremony.

SHOOTING SPORTS

We have exciting shooting opportunities on the range at the camporee this year!

Black Powder and .22 Rifle Shooting: This activity is only open to Scouts only. This year ammunition will be provided. Black Powder shooting is weather dependent!

BB Guns and Archery Ranges will be open as well!

PATROL ACTIVITY STATIONS

The camporee events will mimic those skills performed at Traditional Highland Games- with an infusion of Traditional Boy Scout skills, Shooting Sports, and New Events. At this time, they **may** include: Caber Toss, Stone Toss, Wellington Toss, Sheaf Toss, Lazy Stick, Golf, Kilt Run Relay, Hatchet Throw, Tug of War, Battering Ram, Welding, Flint and Steel Fire Lighting, Bow and Arrow, Scottish Cooking Competition- Entrée, Dessert, and Troop Catapult Contest. We are still refining the events and the final list will be announced at the Friday Cracker Barrel.

Scout Patrols will have the opportunity to participate in **six different stations** at this year's camporee. A Patrol Passport listing every station and a map with their locations will be provided to each patrol.

PARADE OF CLANS (UNITS)

Each patrol should design and construct a "Scottish Highland Clan Banner"- to carry to the Opening Ceremony- and throughout the day. Every patrol with a banner will receive points for the Overall Patrol Competition. Judging for patrol awards- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place - will be given based on use of the Scottish/Celtic culture, creativity, and construction.

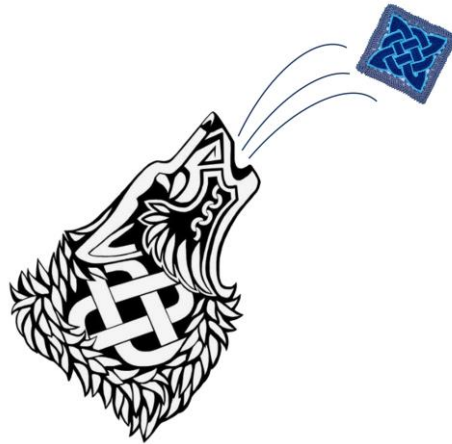
ROOT BEER FESTIVAL

There will be a Root Beer Festival Saturday Afternoon- in conjunction with the Catapult Finals. Clans should bring their banners- for a Gathering of the Clans. All scouts and scouters present should try to bring their own cup to save on waste and speed up dispensing the root beer.

SCOTTISH COOKING COMPETITION

To further promote the Scottish Highland culture, this will be a Scottish Cooking. **TROOPS AND OTHER UNITS CAN ENTER ONLY ONE DESSERT!!!** This is to ensure that the Staff has time to judge all entries prior the start of the campfire program. Troops will prepare a Scottish (or "gasp" English, Irish, or Welsh) "inspired" dessert. All food preparation and cooking must be done by Scouts with no adult help. Cooking/preparation needs to be done onsite. Entries will be submitted to Camporee Headquarters according to the times posted on the schedules. Entries will be judged for awards based on presentation and taste. All entrees must be brought to Headquarters for judging **by 7pm sharp Saturday evening**. The overall Winner will have their names added to the coveted Cast Iron Skillet Award which is proudly displayed in the Dining Hall.

APPLE HARVEST CATAPULT TROOP COMPETITION

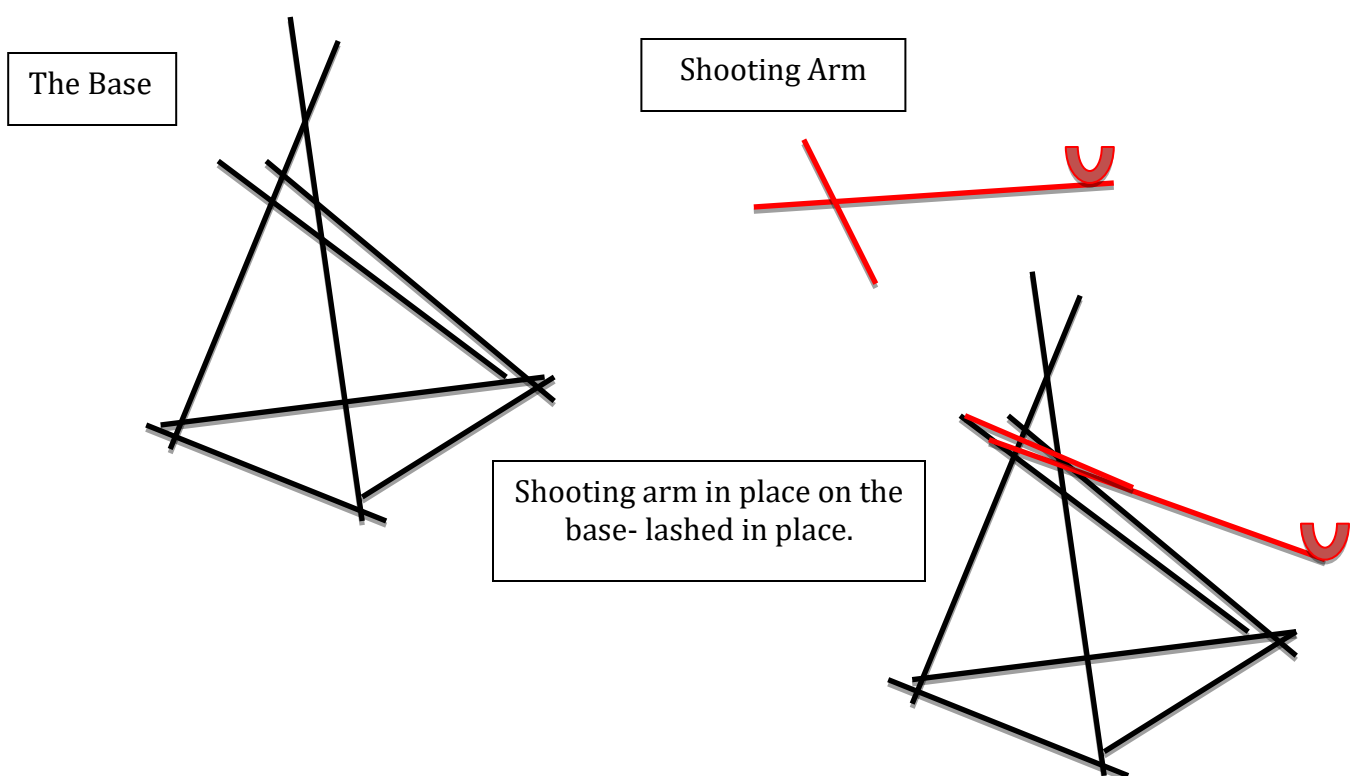


The “**Scottish Haggis Tossin’ Catapult Competition**” will take place after the field events close on Saturday. Troops will compete against each other on the parade field to launch very small, soft projectiles using a catapult for distance.

CATAPULT GUIDELINES

The catapult should be Scout-built by troops - using timbers or Bamboo- NO PVC and no bolts, only lashings. Creativity is highly encouraged when constructing the catapult, but an example of how to construct one is below.

- Patrol will have 3 launches during the day (9:45-2:00pm) at a site near the dining hall - to qualify for the “Finals” – which will be at 4pm.
- The Finals will be Head-to-Head competition– Double Elimination.
- During the Finals, should the lashings come loose, scouts will have 3 min to correct.
- The winning Patrol will receive the “Golden Catapult Trophy”.



TROOP GATEWAY COMPETITION

Troops should be prepared to construct a Troop Gateway at a spot designated for their unit around the parade field. **The Gateway should not be taller than 8 feet and should be anchored.** Judging will be based on creativity, design, and knot typing/lashing technique. Points from this competition will count toward the Best Troop Award.

Requirements:

- Each troop should have a detailed written plan (including a sketch) of what they intend to build. They should be prepared to show the plan to the judges
- Troops must bring their own pioneering poles and rope (no nails or screws)
- Must be constructed by Scouts (adults may help, but it must be scout led)
- Troops will have one hour after lunch, from 1:00 – 2:00, to construct the gateway
- No preconstruction allowed (any lashings completed prior to 1:00 must be unlashd)

Camporee staff members will be onsite to judge each troops as the gateways are constructed. Flags can be mounted on gateway but are not required.

Scoring is as follows:

Neatness/correctness of knots	10 pts	Detailed planning	10 pts
Stability of construction	10 pts	Completion of plan within the time allowed.	20 pts
Complexity	10 pts	Scout led, obvious leaders (SPL, PL, etc.)	20 pts
Overall impression on Judges.	10 pts	A cheerful attitude	10 pts
Total number of points possible: 100			

CONSERVATION PROJECT



We want to encourage every unit to help support the **Conservation Project** this year at Apple Harvest. This year we will be gathering white oak acorns on camp for the Forest Service. Details will be sent out to unit leaders prior to the event as well as given out at the Friday Night Cracker Barrel

2ND ANNUAL APPLE HARVEST RANDY SEELYE 5K "THE WEST HIGHLAND" 5K

We have had great participation in the past 5K Run/Walk/Ruck event. We would like for **ALL scouts and scouters** to participate. Register your units online prior to the camporee!!!

More information will be posted on the Apple Harvest 5k Website

CAMPOREE DAILY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 06 OCTOBER, 2023

- 4:00 PM Troop Check-in Starts
Registration for the 5K Walk/Run Starts
- 9:00 PM Troop Check-in Ends/5K Registration Ends
- 9:30 PM **CAMP-WIDE "HIGHLAND GAMES" CAMPFIRE PROGRAM**
- 10:30 PM Cracker Barrel- SM and SPL Only- Bring your own cup!

SATURDAY 07 OCTOBER, 2023

- 7:00 AM Reveille
- 7:30 AM Staging for 5K Walk/Run/Ruck
- 7:50 AM Flag Ceremony
- 8:00 AM 5K Walk/Run/Ruck Start
- 10:00 AM Scout Field Events begin
- 11:00 AM Skit Tryouts at Handicraft Shelter *TRY TO HAVE SCOTTISH THEME!
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Troops Can Begin Constructing Gateways
- 1:00 PM Cub Fun Day Begins
- 1:30 PM Scout Events Resume
- 2:00 PM Troop Gateway Competition Judging Begins
- 3:00 PM Scottish Haggis Tossin' Catapult finalists announced on Parade Field
- 4:00 PM Field Events End
- 4:00 PM Root Beer Social, Cub Fun Day Ends.
- 4:30 PM Scottish Haggis Tossin' Catapult Troop Competition Finals
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Dessert Cooking Contest Entries due to HQ
- 8:30 PM OA-led CAMPFIRE PROGRAM
- 9:45 PM Cracker Barrel- SM and SPL - Bring your own cup!
- 10:00 PM Movie and Popcorn
- 11:00 PM Taps

SUNDAY 08 OCTOBER, 2023

- 7:00 AM Reveille
- 8:00 AM Flags
- 8:30 AM Vespers at Waterfront
- 9:00 AM Awards on Parade Field
- 11:00 AM Pack, Clean- LNT, DEPART!!

UNIT REGISTRATION AND T-SHIRT ORDERS

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY September 29th, 2023

You can Register Online and Order T-Shirts Beginning 20 August at:

<https://www.vahcbsa.org/appleharvest>

T-Shirts are \$15.00, Hoodies are \$30 each and **MUST BE PRE-ORDERED**. No shirts will be sold onsite.

Stickers are **FREE** for all Scout Participants

2023 Apple Harvest T-Shirt and Hoodie



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The following are some important reminders for the Camporee (in no particular order)

Trash	Place garbage bags at site entrance. DO NOT TIE OFF BAGS!!!
Troop Gear	Large, bulky and heavy unit gear should be consolidated into one vehicle or trailer that will be allowed to pull up next to the campsites. The walk from the main parking area to the camping sites is not far.
Gear for Patrol Events	Gear and supplies will be provided by Staff. Contact Reid Watts if you have any questions.
Medical Forms (A&B)	All Scouts and Scouters should have their BSA Medical Forms (A&B). Scouters will keep their unit's forms.
Cracker Barrel and Root Beer Social	Bring your own cup to cut down on trash.

ONSITE REGISTRATION FORM

CAMPOREE UNIT ROSTER - UNIT # _____

(COMPLETE THIS FORM AND PRESENT AT ON-SITE CHECK-IN)

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SCOUTMASTER: _____

OTHER LEADERS: _____

Total Scouts Registered: _____ Total Leaders Registered: _____

TOTAL UNIT REGISTRATION: _____

