

SAVE THE DATE ...



BUCKEYE DISTRICT TURTLE CAMPOREE 2017

APRIL 29-30

Scoutmasters:

We strongly recommend that you plan one or two short day hikes and one 5-10 mile shakedown with full equipment and boots for your Troop prior to the Buckeye District Turtle Camporee. This will let your Scouts get use to hiking and learn what to take and how to pack it. It is also important to work on keeping your Troop together.

There is no provision for Webelos Dens on this Camporee. Webelos who want to go should join a Scout Troop early enough to participate in the training and practice hikes.

Hiking Option:

The hike will follow township roads (dirt and gravel) with the final section cross-country. Each Troop will be under its own adult leadership. (This means that Scouts should not be scattered beyond the control of the adult leaders.) There will be several checkpoints along the trail for water fill up and First Aid. All Scouts should be able to complete the hike. However, a new 80 pound 10-1/2-year-old can't carry as much as an adult or older Scout. Troops will need to split their equipment and food accordingly. The key is to travel light.

Biking Option:

A Biking Option is available for Troops with qualified Scouts and Leaders. Bikers must provide their own equipment including a multi-gear mountain bike (wide tires), gear rack, bicycle helmet, spare inner tube and other trail equipment as required. Bikers will carry all their personal equipment, tents, food, etc. on their bike. Each Unit is responsible for transporting its own equipment to the starting point and providing one adult to bike with the unit. The District Biking Contingent Chairman will provide additional planning and detail information in upcoming Bulletins.

Canoeing Option:

The Canoeing Option is available for Troops with qualified Scouts and Leaders. Crews will consist of up to 8 Scouts and Leaders (an even number) under the leadership of a qualified adult crew leader from the Troop who will be assisting the District Turtle Canoeing Chairman. There will be two Scouts or Leaders and their gear in each Canoe. The DTC Chairman will provide overall Leadership, Planning and Safety.

Crew Leaders must be over 18 and have completed the Simon Kenton Council Canoe Clinic, River School or the ACA River School. Scouts must be 13 years old with the Canoeing Merit Badge. The number of Council Canoes that we can use will limit the number of crews. We are currently estimating this option will be limited to first 32 qualified participants. There will be an extra charge for the use of Council Canoes and equipment for the Canoeing Option Participants. Troops may provide their own canoes. They will need to provide one canoe for each two Scouts and Leaders with paddles and approved PFDs (type 2 or type 3). They will also need to provide transportation to the put-in point and from the take-out point.

Additional information will be provided in future Bulletins and at the Scouting Round Tables beginning early next year. Finally, don't forget to have your Scouts participate in the "Turtle" Naming Contest.

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