

# Talak-Alypse

## Use Your Brains to Survive



**Camp Westmoreland, GAC**  
March 31 - April 2, 2023



## **Updates:**

Revision 2 of the leader's guide includes rules for zombies and participants. Note that some of the items in the patrol gear kit have moved to a recommended troop gear kit for building survival shelters in your campsite.

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### Overview

You can do as much or as little at camporee as you wish. There will be times for challenges, times for fun and games, times for ceremonies, and time for just relaxing – and ZOMBIES. Here is the general schedule showing the major activities. Final details will be provided at Friday's Leader Meeting and Saturday's Opening Ceremony.

Please be prepared to host at least one staffer for a meal. Staffer will provide their own mess kit and water bottle.

**Need troop help with the following: Troops that do not sign up prior to Camporee may be asked to do one of these tasks during the Friday night PLC**

- a. Bathhouse clean up Saturday afternoon
- b. Bathhouse clean up Sunday morning
- c. Mopping of training center
- d. Trash police of the parade field
- e. Friday night fire build, maintenance, and safety
- f. Saturday morning flag raising
- g. Saturday night flag lowering
- h. Sunday morning flag raising
- i. Sunday morning flag lowering
- j. Saturday night fire build, maintenance, and safety

### Patrol Gear

To successfully complete the Camporee, each patrol should bring the following equipment and be prepared to carry it in addition to their personal gear needed for challenges:

1. Patrol flag
2. Scout spirit
3. Scout handbook
4. One (qty 1) filled water bottle per Scout to drink
5. At least 1 folding knife with the bearer in possession of a Totin'-chip
6. Flint and steel or other means to light a fire without a match
7. Parachute cord, at least 2 pieces each one being 10' in length
8. Patrol First Aid kit
9. Paper on which to write
10. Pencils

### Troop Gear

Recommended supplies for in-camp shelter building include:

11. Two or more staves between 4' and 6'
12. Sturdy blanket or small tarp
13. Duct tape, 1 roll
14. String, twine, and/or rope
15. Make use of dead-fall limbs in your camping area

### **Zombie Play**

On Saturday, Zombies will be roaming the parade field area. They will attempt to pull a strip of surveyor's tape off of a participant.

#### **Zombie Rules**

- a. Select staff members will be zombies
- b. Zombies are allowed to roam in the field area of the Trading Post, Craft Lodge, Chapel, Training Center, Parking Lot, and Bathhouse. Zombies will not roam around the OA lodge
- c. Areas with concrete are considered "safe" from Zombies.
- d. Zombies will provide their own costume
- e. Zombies must be visible
- f. Zombies will not wait outside of the bathhouse door
- g. Zombies will wear red bandanas for easy identification
- h. Zombies are not allowed in any unit campsites – not enough brains!
- i. Zombie mobility
  - i. 9am – 12pm zombies slow
  - ii. 12pm – 2pm zombies asleep
  - iii. 2pm – 5:30pm zombies faster

#### **Participant Rules**

- j. Participants will wear strips of flagging/surveyor's tape. When zombified they will hand their tape to the zombie. Strips are not to be tied to the person or their clothing. The idea is that the tape can be easily removed.
- k. Participants will not make the camp medic's job harder.
- l. Participants cannot reflag themselves
- m. No harming of zombies

#### **Troop award categories**

- a. Top troop
- b. Activity completion
- c. Campsite cleanliness
- d. Zombie survival
- e. Scout Spirit
- f. Doing a Good Turn
- g. Best Skit Award

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, March 31, 2023

- 4:30-5:30pm Staff Arrival
- 5:30 – 8:00pm Unit Arrival and Check-In at Training Center
- 8:30pm Opening campfire!!!
- 9:15-9:30pm SPL meeting with Camporee Staff
- 9:30-10:00pm Leader Meeting and Cracker-Barrel (SM or first ASM, and SPL required)
- 11:00pm Taps, Quiet time (staffers who are required to be up past quiet time will tent away from troops in the staff camping area)

### Saturday, April 1, 2023

- 6:30am Reveille
- 6:30-8:45am Breakfast and Cleanup
- 7:30-8:30am Arrival and Check-In available
- 8:45-9:00am Colors, Opening Ceremony, and Announcements
- 9:00am-12:00pm Patrol Activities
  - No match fire building - amphitheater
  - Shelter building – adjacent to trading post
  - Wilderness first aid – trading post
  - Bears are out there – Gaga pit area
  - Signs and signals – field behind bathhouse
- 12:00-1:30pm Lunch and Break
- 2:00-5:30pm Talak-Alypse continues with activities such as:
  - Make your own survival kit
  - 9-square
  - Ultimate frisbee
  - Gaga ball
- 2:00 Native American history program
- 3:00 Hikin' History program at the War of 1812 Historic Cemetery. Gather at the Training Center flag pole and hike to the cemetery with Scouting historian, Larry Falkner.
- 3:00-5:00pm Campsite Inspections using the checklist provided in this leader's guide
- 5:30-7:30pm Dinner and Break
- 8:15-8:30pm Colors and Closing Ceremony
- 8:30-9:30pm Awards, Campfire, and Order of the Arrow Induction Callout
- 9:00-10:30pm Check-Out and Departure available
- 9:30pm Order of the Arrow cracker-barrel
- 11:00pm Taps, Quiet Time (staffers who are required to be up past quiet time will tent away from troops in the staff camping area)

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

- 6:30am            Reveille
- 6:30-8:00am    Breakfast and Cleanup
- 8:30-8:45am    Colors, Announcements, and Closing Ceremony
- 8:45-9:00am    Scout's Own Service
- 9:00-10:00am   Clean up, Pack up, Check-Out, Departure.
  - A dumpster may not be provided, therefore BE PREPARED to take out your trash.
  - Turn in Camporee Check-Out and Evaluation forms
  - Pick up health forms
  - Pick up participant patches

## General Camporee Guidelines and Rules

The following rules are the general framework around which all camporees are operated. A spirit of Scouting courtesy and brotherhood must prevail during the entire camporee if it is to be a success. The Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code are the guidelines for all behavior. Troops or individuals who do not conform to this spirit will be asked to leave the camporee.

### **REGISTRATION: DEADLINE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION IS MIDNIGHT, MARCH 28, 2023.**

All units must stop at the Training Center to process paperwork, and complete late registration, if required. A registration fee of \$17 for each Scout and adult will be charged to cover the expense of camporee supplies, patches, and awards. The registration fee applies regardless of whether or not a unit camps at the camporee. Webelos and Arrow of Light are welcome to overnight with the proper 2 deep leadership. Fee remains the same. If a family or accompanied cub scout wants to observe on Saturday, there is no fee. If they want a patch, it is \$7.00 if available. As a District Event, we must abide by the refund policy of the Greater Alabama Council. Please read the policy prior to registration.

Link for registration: <https://form.jotform.com/230324441124037>

Link for GAC refund policy: <https://1bsa.org/refund-and-cancellation-policy/>

**TOUR PERMITS:** Per Greater Alabama Council regulations “A tour permit is not required for activities engaged within the confines of the Greater Alabama Council unless such activity shall extend to include at least one overnight camping.” For this Camporee, *completion of pre-registration will serve to fulfill this requirement.* However, if you do not pre-register, you ARE required to file a tour permit to attend.

**UNIFORMS:** Troops should arrive and depart in field uniform. The field uniform is also requested for Saturday evening’s closing ceremony. For Saturday activities, Scouts may dress in activity (Class B) uniforms appropriate for the events and the weather.

**MEDICAL/FIRST AID:** Medical/First Aid assistance will be available. The first aid location will be in the Ranger House. As you enter camp, the Ranger House is located on the right before the camp gateway (Murphey Gate).

**FIRES:** Fires may be built within the established fire ring of your campsite.

**WATER:** Water will be available at the bath house, or possibly within your campsite. Each troop should bring containers for transport and storage.

**PARKING:** Troop trailer and tow vehicle may remain in the camp site. All other vehicles should be removed as soon as they are unloaded. No loitering in campsite during unloading Friday night.

**CAMPSITE MAP:** A map of the camporee grounds will be located at the camporee headquarters. Each Scoutmaster must ensure that the troop site is noted on this map as soon as possible.

**TAPS AND REVEILLE:** Taps will be at 11:00 p.m. each evening and reveille will be at 6:30 a.m. Quiet hours are to be observed between those times. Troops should plan to arrive at the camporee site in ample time to have their campsite established before Taps.

**MEALS:** Troops are responsible for providing for their own meals while at the camporee.



**VISITORS:** Visitors are welcome at the camporee. Visitors to a troop campsite must have the permission of the unit leader. Visitors are welcome to attend field events and the Saturday closing ceremony, and may bring picnic lunches and/or dinner to the camporee. Visitors must depart the camporee site before Taps. Participant patches are not available to visitors.

**TOBACCO:** The use of tobacco products in any form by Scouts under the age of 18 years is prohibited. Due to documented health risks associated with tobacco use and the need for a positive image, adults are requested to abstain from the use of tobacco at the camporee.

**WEBELOS:** Webelos may attend the Camporee and may camp overnight as the guests of a troop. Each Webelos must have a parent or guardian to stay overnight with them and will camp in the same campsite as the hosting troop. Webelos may also camp as a den with their Webelos leaders.

**CONDUCT:** The use of profane language, malicious or damaging pranks, improper use of knives, axes, or flammables may result, at a minimum, in the disqualification of a patrol from any competition. Severe offenses will result in a request to leave the camporee site. Fireworks and firearms of any type are not permitted.

**FLAGS:** Troops are encouraged to bring, display, and carry troop and patrol flags.

**SATURDAY CLOSING CEREMONIES:** The campfire program will include skits and camporee award presentations. Come prepared with your best skits and songs. Skits and songs must be approved by Chapter Chief Angelina Billig (or her Vice Chief) prior to the campfire.

**SUNDAY SCOUT'S OWN SERVICE:** A Scout's Own Service will be offered Sunday morning. All Scouts and Scoutmasters are encouraged to attend.

**SEVERE WEATHER:** Due to the potential for severe weather, the National Weather Service emergency broadcast frequency will be monitored by the Camporee Staff. Each troop will be notified in the event of a weather advisory, tornado watch, or warning.

**CHECKOUT:** ALL TROOPS MUST CHECKOUT WITH THE CAMPOREE STAFF AND HAVE A CAMPSITE INSPECTION BEFORE LEAVING THE CAMPOREE SITE. CAMPOREE PATCHES WILL BE ISSUED TO THE TROOP WHEN THEY HAVE PROPERLY CHECKED OUT. Troops may leave the camporee Saturday night following the closing ceremonies. If a troop elects to leave on Saturday, they should break camp and have a campsite inspection before dark. Please notify the Camporee Staff at registration if your troop plans to leave Saturday night.

**GARBAGE:** Trash cans and trash pickup may not be available at this site; therefore, each troop is responsible for collecting and removing all garbage from its campsite.

Senior Patrol Leader: If you have read all the way through this Leader's Guide, find Mr. Kelton at the Camporee and give him the code phrase, "Brains prepared?"



Registration fee is \$17/camper (Scout and adults); fee for WEBELOS (Sat only) is \$17.00

**Total Overnight Campers** \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ \$17 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total WEBELOS (Sat only)** \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ \$17 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT TOTAL FEE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would your Unit sponsor a Staff Member for a meal? (Please circle below)**

**Saturday:** Breakfast      Lunch      Dinner

**Camp Check-In Requirements:**      **Copy of Registration Form (filled in!)**  
**Current BSA physical for each camper**  
Approved Tour Permit (for late registrants only)

**Mail/e-mail completed registration forms to:** District Commissioner Jim Charlton at jchar295@aol.com and John Kelton at keltontdesign@mac.com

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**DISTRICT USE ONLY**

**Submitted Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time** \_\_\_\_\_ **Staff Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees Paid \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Receipt Provided** \_\_\_\_\_

## Camporee Campsite Inspection Sheet

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspectors: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Camporee Judges will judge each Troop on the following items. This inspection will take place Saturday between 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.

One hundred fifty (150) points are possible with twenty (20) bonus points for building a survival shelter with deadfall limbs, debris, and rope.

There will be awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place units. The score will factor into the High Overall Awards.

### SHELTER (10 points total)

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| Tents properly erected; trim, securely anchored. Adirondacks with tarp doors must have the tarps down  |  |     |
| 1. and secured. Adirondacks without a tarp door must have personal gear stowed neatly within.          |  | (5) |
| 2. Cover for dining facilities properly erected; trim, securely anchored, provides for run-off of rain |  | (5) |

### FIRE, FIREWOOD AND WOOD TOOLS (40 points total)

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|---|--|------|
| 1. Above ground fire site a safe distance from tents, etc.; adequately contained (5 ft. radius cleared around fire) |  | (10) |
| 2. Adequate fire buckets and/or other fire-fighting equipment available   |  | (10) |
| 3. Firewood (if any) protected from rain and dampness   |  | (5)  |
| Firewood quality shows evidence of diligent effort to provide wood for the campsite by Scouts, of as                |  |      |
| 4. good a quality for warmth and sustained burning.   |  | (5)  |
| 5. Wood tools sharp and properly stored   |  | (5)  |
| 6. Axe yard specifically located and adequately marked off  |  | (5)  |

### HEALTH AND SAFETY (40 points total)

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|--|--|------|
| 1. Proper disposal of garbage                                |  | (5)  |
| 2. Food adequately protected from contamination and spoilage |  | (5)  |
| 3. Dishwashing practices result in clean pots, plates, etc.  |  | (5)  |
| 4. Cooking equipment stored off ground and clean             |  | (5)  |
| 5. Clean water is available                                  |  | (5)  |
| 6. Location of adequate first aid kit visible to all         |  | (10) |
| 7. Campsite is clean and in order                            |  | (5)  |

### CAMP IMPROVEMENTS (20 points total)

- |   |  |      |
|---|--|------|
| U.S. and troop flags properly displayed. (U.S. flag on the right side of                                  |  |      |
| 1. the entrance to a person standing in the entrance facing out of camp.)                                 |  | (10) |
| Campsite improvements/camp craft. Created basically with natural material and put to practical use to     |  |      |
| make campsite more comfortable and convenient.  |  |      |
| Examples are gateway, built up fireplace, utensil rack, pack rack, table, seat, boot scraper, fire bucket |  |      |
| 2. holder, tripod, wash basin, etc.   |  | (10) |

### PATROL ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION (40 points total)

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|--|--|------|
| 1. Evidence of patrol method camping                     |  | (10) |
| 2. Scout meals prepared by patrols, not adults           |  | (10) |
| 3. Patrol menu posted in Patrol site and kept dry        |  | (10) |
| 4. Patrol duty roster posted in patrol site and kept dry |  | (10) |

**BONUS POINTS FOR BUILDING A SURVIVAL SHELTER FROM DEAD FALL LIMBS AND DEBRIS  
MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE INSPECTIONS ARE BEGIN AT 3PM, SATURDAY**

	(20)
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TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (150+20 bonus)

Total Points	
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## Camporee Check-Out Form

Filled out by  youth leaders  adult leaders of

Pack  Troop \_\_\_\_\_

How many adults \_\_\_\_\_, youth leaders \_\_\_\_\_, Scouts \_\_\_\_\_

After Camporee

### 1. Camp Site Check-Out

- a.  All unit equipment removed
- b.  All fire areas cleaned up
- c.  All trash taken out of camp
- d.  Water use areas cleaned up
- e.  All campsite equipment (tables, fire rings, logs) replaced where found
- f.  All vehicles removed from camp grounds (except parking lot)

### 2. Office

- a.  All payments complete
- b.  Evaluation Forms delivered
- c.  Patches picked up

### 3. Departure

- a.  All scouts have rides, following BSA standards for safety and youth protection

### 4. Resource Development

- a. Ideas for next camporee \_\_\_\_\_
- b. When should the next camporee be? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Where should the next camporee be? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Would you help on a future camporee? Name and contact info
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

5. How can we do better? [Thorns] \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What was awesome? [Roses]

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## Camporee Evaluation Form

Filled out by  youth leaders  adult leaders of  Pack  Troop  Crew/Ship/Post \_\_\_\_\_

How many adults \_\_\_\_\_ youth \_\_\_\_\_

### Before Camporee

7. How did you get the Leader's Guide?  email  Talakto email group  Scout meeting  Round Table
8. Did the Leader's Guide provide enough information for you to be prepared for the activities and events?  
 Yes  No
9. Did you use the Leader's Guide to be prepared? (skills learning, bringing equipment)?  
 Yes  No
10. Your registration:  online  no signup, just came

### At Camporee

11. When did you arrive?  Fri. night  Sat. morning
12. When did you leave?  Sat. night  Sun. morning
13. Did the Leader's Guide provide the right information?  Yes  No
14. Did the Leader's Guide provide enough information?  Yes  No
15. Were you prepared for the events and activities?  Yes  No
16. Did you participate in the events and activities?  Yes  No
17. Did you participate in the camp fire program?  Yes  No
18. Did you have an opportunity to work as a team?  Yes  No
19. Did you actually work as a team?  Yes  No
20. Did you participate in the campfire?  Yes  No
21. Did you have fun?  Yes  No

### After Camporee

22. Will you use your leadership skills?  Yes  No
23. Will you come to another camporee?  Yes  No
24. Would you help staff a camporee?  Yes  No

a. If yes, my name/phone/email is \_\_\_\_\_

25. Further comments \_\_\_\_\_

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