

Medieval Fair Family Camp 2026



LEADER GUIDE

Introduction

Welcome to the Medieval Family Camp at Camp Shands on February 6-8, 2026. The excitement begins on Friday with the arrival of Scouts and adult Scouters. There will be a number of events for everyone to enjoy. Events will open on Saturday morning and continue through the afternoon. A Campfire Program complete with skits, songs, and fun. Sunday morning we will have a Scout's Own Service.

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LOCATION/DIRECTIONS

Camp Shands, 1453 Baden Powell Rd, Hawthorne, FL 32640 (352) 475-5080

1. Drive North on 301 for approx. 29 miles
2. Turn right onto Highway 20 in Hawthorne
3. Go @ 4 miles then turn left on County Rd 21 (At the Kangaroo)
4. Go @ 4 miles then turn right onto Baden Powell Rd.
5. Go 3 miles, Camp Shands is on the right @ 35 MPH area

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 6th

- 5:00 - 8:00 Check-In with Team on Camp Road for Campsite information and directions (Each Unit is responsible for your own Friday Dinner)
- 7:00-8:30 Dance Party and Fair at Meninak Field
- 8:30 Mandatory Unit Leader, Staff, and all Troop members Meeting – Meninak
- Staff Meeting Immediately Following

Saturday, February 3rd

- 7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast at Campsites
- 8:15 Flag Ceremony at the Meninak field
- Events**
- Session 1 8:00 – 8:50
- Session 2 9:00- 9:50
- Session 3 10:00- 10:50
- Session 4 11:00- 11:50
- 12:00 -12:50 Lunch Provided – Locations will be set at Leader's meeting
- 1:00 - 5:00 **Events**
- Session 5 1:00- 1:50
- Session 6 2:00- 2:50
- Session 7 3:00 -3:50
- Session 8 4:00-4:50
- 5-6:30 Dinner at Campsites
- 6:45 Campfire program at Council Ring
- Movie in Meninak after Campfire
- 10:00 Lights Out/Quiet Time

Sunday, February 4th

- 7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast at Campsites
- 8:30 – 9:00 Scouts Own Service– Meninak
- 9:00- 9:55 Begin Campsite Breakdown
- 10:00 Check-Out/Depart (Leave No Trace-All Units Must Check-Out at the Ames)

***All trash from campsite to be put in dumpsters behind the Meninak*

Check-In/Check-Out

- Please Check-In Friday between 5 – 8 PM before setting up camp. Be prepared to show Medical Forms for your unit at this time. At check-in you will receive your campsite assignment, information package and other pertinent information.
- Check-Out: Each Unit must Check-Out with Camporee Staff prior to leaving Sunday morning! Patches and medical forms will be passed out when you check-out.
- Adult Leaders must have current Youth Protection Training (Youth Leaders should have current Adult Protection Training).

Health and Safety (Medical Record)

All participants (adult and youth) are required to have a completed Annual Health and Medical Record forms (Part A and B) at Check In. Completed forms will be returned to the Unit Leader upon Check Out.

Meals

Meals are the units responsibility. Saturday Lunch is provided.

Attire

Class B uniforms or themed attire should be worn at morning flag assemblies and during all events.

Cub Scout Events

BB, Archery and Climbing.

Outside vendors are providing educational programs for the Scouts: woodworking, Rain Guter Regatta, and other exciting activities

Troop Den Chiefs

Each group will have at least 2 members help with each group to be sure they get to each session in a timely manner.

Cubmaster Guidance

CUBMASTERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS THESE REGULATIONS WITH THEIR UNITS PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE CAMPOREE/CUBOREE!

- Be Prepared! The event will go on to the best of the Staff's ability no matter what the weather conditions. Unit Leaders and Scouts should be prepared for rain or shine. Some events or activities may be cancelled if the event Staff determines it to be in the best health and safety interest of all involved
- All units are required to carry a first aid kit. There will be a First Aid station at headquarters should a need arise. Emergency medical personnel may be available on site to administer any first aid needed. Major medical needs will be addressed using 9-1-1 or local emergency response as required.
- Unit Leaders are invited to the meeting Friday night. Program details will be discussed there.
- Trailers are allowed at campsite. Please park all vehicles in designated areas nearby. If there is a Disability, a Campsite Permit for Disabilities will be issued with a Disabilities Tag or Hanger for that vehicle. All other vehicles are to be parked in the Parking lot in front of the Meninak lodge or overflow parking
.THE PARKING LOT NEXT TO THE AMES LODGE IS FOR EVENT STAFF ONLY!!!
- All BSA events require "Two Deep Leadership."
- Scouts are to use the "Buddy System" at all times. Do not leave and go anywhere by yourself and keep your buddy informed of your activities. Unit Leaders are responsible for their units at all times.
- All scouts in possession of a knife must have their Totin' Chip or Whittling Chip on their person. Otherwise, if you cannot produce your Chip card on request, your knife will be confiscated.
- Cutting or pruning live trees is not permitted.
- The following items are PROHIBITED and will be confiscated: fireworks, firearms, pets (Except for properly documented therapy animals).
- Confiscated items will be returned to the Scoutmaster or Unit Leader.
- Illegal drugs and alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED. Users will be turned over to proper authorities.
- Electronic entertainment devices (TVs, radios, CD/MP3 players, Gameboys, etc.) are strongly discouraged and should be left at home or in the car. GPS are permitted for camp activities; cell phones needed for emergency purposes should be left with Scoutmasters.
- Campsite fires are permitted only in designated fire rings – BRING YOUR OWN FIREWOOD!
- Destroying, trashing or defacing the property of others or the facilities will result in the offending Scout's automatic dismissal from the camp.
- All Scouts and their units will be required to follow the "Leave No Trace" policies and the "Outdoor Code" of the BSA. If trash receptacles are full, don't leave your trash on the ground, take it to a dumpster. Trash bags will be provided to each campsite. Contact the Ames Lodge if you need more

- Toilet areas must be kept clean. Please use proper etiquette and cleanliness with this property. A scout is, after all, courteous and clean.

Volunteer Information

Please contact a member of the Camporee Staff if you would like to volunteer for any particular event.... All volunteers must provide proof of Youth Protection Training!

Event Cost

Early registration is \$45 per person. \$55 per person after early bird.

Early Registration ends after January 9th, 2026. No registrations will be accepted after January 30th. Online registration is available through the North Florida Council Website. No "Walk-ins" – all participants must pre-register.

T shirts are available for order with the early bird. You must order a T shirt, they will not be in the trading post for sale at the event.