

INFORMATION SHEET

For the Mercer Area District's

Chuck Wagon CAMPOREE

April 20th to 22nd, 2012

Rosedale Park
414 Federal City Rd.
Hopewell Township, NJ

For updated information, check <http://mad-bsa.org/spring2012>

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Summary: The Chuck Wagon Camporee will follow an old West theme of living from your Chuck Wagon. All troops will need to make a Chuck Wagon for the Stations and to race them at the end of the day. Make your Chuck Wagon from wood just like they would have in the old West and come prepared for a weekend full of fun with your fellow Boy Scouts. We will be having a contest for the best build Chuck Wagons.

A lake is on site for fishing contest. Anyone 16 or over is required to have in their possession at all times a valid NJ fishing license. We will be running a fishing derby. The scouts that catch the largest (by weight) fish will earn a trophy at the campfire.

Saturday's Events Require all Scouts to be in Full Class A Uniform

Location: Rosedale Park is part of the Mercer County Park Commission. The park is located at 414 Federal City Rd, Hopewell Township,

Parking: Units May park trailers on the campsites with the hitch of the trailer facing the road. All vehicles must park along the tree line by the dumpsters and Porta-Johns. No parking of any vehicles in the split rail fence parking lot.

Webelos Camping: Troops are encouraged to invite Webelos Scouts to come camp with them for the weekend on April 20th through April 22nd. The Webelos will be able to participate in many (however not all) of the activities the Boy Scouts are doing. Webelos dens must register with and camp with a Boy Scout Troop. This is a great opportunity to introduce Webelos to your Troop and for the Webelos to have the opportunity to see what Boy Scouting is all about. All Webelos Scouts must attend the entire Camporee with a parent or guardian. Webelos and their parent/guardian are to register with the Troop they are attending with and NOT through their Pack's registration.

Registration: The early registration fee for this event is \$18 for all participants attending the Camporee (this includes Webelos camping for the weekend with a Troop). Early

registration ends at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 30, 2012, and payment must be received in the office by this day with the list of Scouts and leaders attending. After March 30, 2012, the regular registration fee of \$23 will apply. Registration for the event closes at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 13, 2012. Everyone registered for the event in advance will receive a patch made especially for this event.

Check-in: Scout Troops may arrive no earlier than 5:00 pm on Friday. When the units enter the park they will be greeted by an adult Scout representative. You will then be escorted to your site with your vehicle for unloading and trailer drop off. Check in will be at the campsite. Only the Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader, or the leaders acting in their capacity, can check in their unit. Leaders should have their tour permit available, a roster, and final registration numbers at check-in.

Campsite: Troops will be camping on flat to slightly sloping mowed grass. Access to the campsites is via paved roads. No vehicles will be allowed at campsite and trailers staying in campsites must not block the road when parked and must have the trailer hitch facing the road. The campsites are large enough to accommodate dining flies and shelters. Each campsite must be identified with a Troop banner, sign or gateway. Propane and liquid fuel stoves are allowed.

Water: There is a potable water spigot at the rear of the first red roof pavilion. Bring with you water jugs to transport your water to your campsite.

Prohibited Items: The following items are strictly prohibited: real or toy firearms; sling shots; B-B guns; bows and arrows; "paint ball" guns; crossbows; real or toy throwing or stabbing weapons (except for pocket knives) or items which could be used as such; explosives; sheath knives; fireworks; model rockets; alcoholic beverages; narcotics; hazardous materials. Scouts will not be allowed to bring electronic entertainment devices such as: gameboys, CD players, Mpeg players, radios and tape players.

Campfires: All camp fires must be in raised half barrels or copper fire pits. Do not dump the campfire ashes on the ground. They must be totally out and cool to the hand so that ashes can be disposed in the dumpsters.

Chuck Wagon Dutch Oven Cook-off: Each Patrol/Troop may participate in the Dutch Oven Cook-off. There will be two classes of entries 1) Beef or Venison Main Course and 2) Desert. You may enter either or both contests. Your entries should be based on meals that would be served off of the Chuck Wagon in the old West and are cooked in the Dutch oven. At least ONE portion of the dessert and/or meal must be brought to the headquarters at 5:00 PM on Saturday for judging. Each entry must be marked with your Troop number and patrol name. The Dutch oven desserts and meals will be judged based on working within the theme, taste, appearance, and presentation. Participants may not be present during the judging

Campfire and Awards Ceremony: Every Troop should come prepared with a skit or song and a cheer to contribute to the campfire. Winners of the Chuck Wagon Design, Chuck Wagon Race, Dutch oven cook-off and fishing derby will be honored.

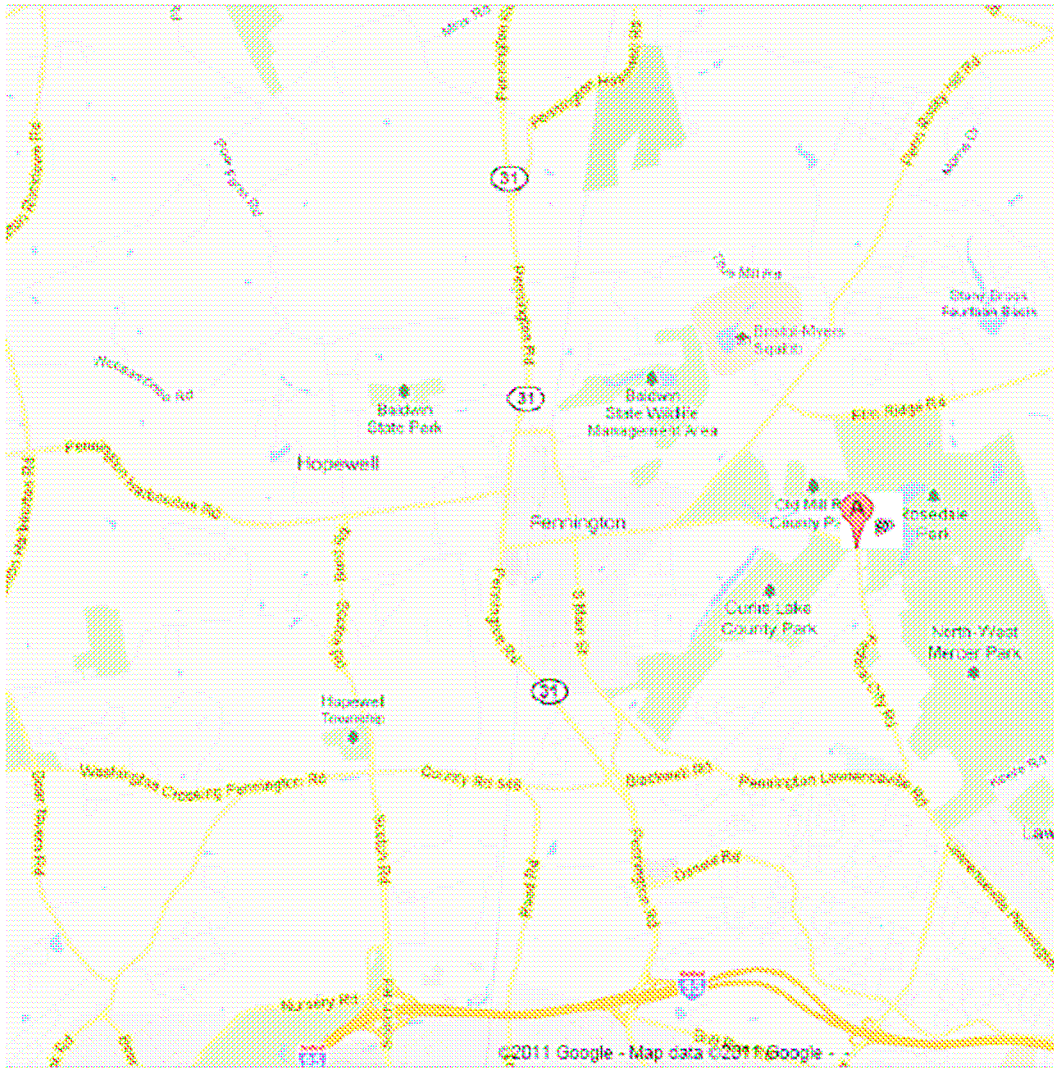
Check-Out: Troops may stay no later than 10:00 AM on Sunday. All campsites will be inspected prior to check out. Each Troop must send a representative to the headquarters tent when they are ready for inspection. Once inspected, units will be checked out and given their patches. There is no closing ceremony on Sunday morning.

Refund Policy: Refunds can only be made within the guidelines of the Council's refund policy. The complete refund policy can be found at:

http://www.cnjcsouting.org/Council_online_resource.aspx

Note: It is the policy of Mercer County Park Commission to not close the park to the general public even during private events. Therefore, non-Scouts may be present during the Camporee. The Buddy System MUST be enforced at all times. Flush toilets in the Bathroom Building are for Adults only. Scouts are to use the Porta-Johns provided.

Map of the area around Rosedale Park



2012 Chuck Wagon CAMPOREE Schedule
(AN OFFICIAL SCHEDULE WILL BE ISSUED AT CHECK IN)

FRIDAY, April 20th

5:00 – 9:30 PM Registration & Camp Set up
9:30 PM Leader’s Meeting (SM, SPL & Station POC) @ Covered Pavilion
11:00 PM Taps – Quiet in camp

SATURDAY, April 21st

7:00 AM Reveille & Breakfast
8:30 AM Flag Ceremony and Announcements (Full Class A Uniform
in Parade Field)
9:00 AM Fishing Contest Opens
9:00 AM-12:00 PM Camporee Activities
12:00 PM–1:00PM Lunch-(All Activities Closed)
1 PM-4:00 PM Camporee Activities Continue
4:00 PM Fishing Contest Closes
4:15 PM Chuck Wagon Judging & Race
5:00 PM Dutch Oven Submissions due
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Catholic Church Services at Pavilion
7:30 PM Non Denominational Service at Pavilion
8:30 PM Campfire Ceremony & Awards – Lower Field Below the
Pavilions (Bring Camp Chairs)
11:00 PM Taps – Quiet in Camp

SUNDAY, April 22nd

7:00 AM Reveille & Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 AM Break Camp & Prepare for checkout
8:30 – 10:00 AM Site Inspection, Check Out and patch distribution

PRELIMINARY CAMPOREE STATIONS

- **CALF ROPING**
- **BRANDING**
- **FLINT AND STEEL**
- **TOMAHAWK THROWING**
- **JERKY MAKING**
- **QUESS THE SPICE**
- **OUTDOOR COOKING**
- **FISHING CONTEST (CATCH & RELEASE and YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN POLES)**
- **CHUCK WAGON LUNCH ALL TEAMS MUST MAKE LUNCH FROM THEIR CHUCK WAGON HOT OR COLD**