

# LEADER'S GUIDE

# Voyageurs Area Council Camporall

Minnesota Mining Museum

May 17-19, 2019





# **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

### Scouting Family:

The Camporall is a gathering of all Voyageur's Area Council Units. It will be held on May 17-19, 2019 at the Minnesota Museum of Mining in Chisholm, MN. This is an opportunity to bring all the youth from across the Voyageurs Area Council together to form new friendships, experience new adventure and have lots of fun.

This is the 25th Anniversary of the VAC and we are planning on going "Big" with this event. Cub Scouts\*, Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Explorer Posts are all welcome to attend.

\*Cub Scout activities will be from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, with lunch provided. Cub Scouts may stay overnight Friday and/or Saturday if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Additional meals and equipment for Cub Scout camping is the responsibility of the family or their Pack.

Included in this Leader's Guide is information to plan your participation and arrive at camp fully prepared. Our goal is to answer any questions you may have about the Camporall. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with how to prepare for the event.

Registration is by Unit only, at vac-bsa.org, and will open on March 18.

A youth's experience in Scouting is full of fun and adventuresome memories. We look forward to your joining us in making the VAC Camporall one of those memories.

## Camporall Staff

# **Program Opportunities**

The Camporall staff is working hard to provide awesome program experiences for your youth. This is a preliminary list of program opportunities we expect to have at camp, however the list is subject to change up until registration opens on March 18.

### **Cub Scouts**

Mining History Tour Obstacle Course

Craft

Games

BB Gun

Archery

Webelos will have their own Action Camp Adventure

### **Scouts BSA**

Scouts may choose one morning and one afternoon program or choose one all day program.

### More options may be added up to March 18

### Morning Program Options 8:30am - 12:30pm

Shooting Sports Adventure

Law/Fire Academy

ATV Adventure - Certification Class

ATV Adventure - Trail Ride

STEM -drones

Kayaking Adventure

Canoeing Adventure

Bicycling Adventure

Mountain Man Adventure

### Afternoon Program Options1:00pm - 5:00pm

**Shooting Sports Adventure** 

Law/Fire Academy

ATV Adventure - Trail Ride

STEM -drones

Kayaking Adventure

Canoeing Adventure

Bicycling Adventure

Mountain Man Adventure

# All Day Program Options 8:30am - 5:00pm

Photojournalism MB

Mining & Society MB

Geology MB

# **Camporall Unit Roster**

This document needs to be filled out and turned in at check in. Make additional copies if needed. Registration for all those attending needs to be done online at <a href="https://www.vac-bsa.org">wac-bsa.org</a>

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\$ 25 / Youth + additional fees for select Scouts BSA activities (activity fees listed on online registration page)

\$ 15 / Adult Leader

Unit Type:Unit #		
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# **2019 VAC CAMPORALL SCHEDULE**

# **Friday**

5:00-8:00 p.m. Check in and set up campsites- Bring own snacks for campers

8:15 p.m. Movie

9:00 p.m. Cracker Barrel for ADULTS in Pavillon (MANDATORY) -

Please leave at least two adults to supervise Scouts

10:00 p.m. Lights-out

# **Saturday**

6:30 a.m. Wake up, breakfast in campsite

8:00 a.m. Opening ceremony

8:30 a.m -12:30 p.m. Morning Program for Scouts BSA

9:00 a.m. Program begins for Cub Scouts

12:30 -1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 -5:00 p.m. Afternoon Program for Scouts BSA

6:00 p.m. Supper

8:00 p.m. Campfire

After campfire, back to camp, own snacks in camp

11:00 p.m. Lights-out

# **Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Wake Up

8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony

Catholic & Ecumenical services (all campers must attend)

10:00 a.m. Check Out

# **PREPARING FOR CAMP**

FOOD AND MENU PLANNING: Because of all the programming events scheduled on Saturday, Scouts BSA will need to have a bag lunch with them when they leave for morning programing. Cub Scouts will be provided Saturday Lunch. Keep other meals simple and easy to prepare. Simple meals will require less time and equipment, allowing your Scout to participate fully in the program.

**SATURDAY EVENING CAMPFIRE:** This will be a Friendship Campfire on Saturday evening at 8:00 PM. Before the campfire begins, Units are encouraged to spend time with another unit, perhaps sharing dessert.

Around dusk, members of the Order of the Arrow will begin the procession to escort campers to the campfire. We ask campers to follow the code of silence while traveling to the campfire.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES:** A Scout is Reverent and we all want to help each Scout do his Duty to God. All campers are required to attend service. Worship services will include a Catholic Mass and Ecumenical Service.

**TRADING POST:** Every event needs a place to get that special souvenir or snack. The Camporall and the Museum of Mining will feature a full onsite trading post to meet your needs

**TOILET FACILITIES:** Latrines are located throughout Camp in the form of portable latrines. There will be no shower facilities available to campers.

**TRASH REMOVAL:** The BSA takes great pride in keeping the camping and activity areas litter free. Be prepared to leave your camping area cleaner than when you arrived. Please recycle as much as possible. Remember: **LEAVE NO TRACE!** 

**WATER:** Drinking water will be available reasonably close to unit campsites. Units must bring their own water containers for transporting and storing water for their campsite. Units should bring their water bottles and jugs to the event filled. There will be many people using the water taps, and you may have to wait a while to fill your bottle or jugs. We encourage all participants to carry water bottles with them, as the water taps can be some distance apart. **Do not do any washing of dishes or equipment at the water tap**.

**DISH WATER DISPOSAL**: Grey water (dirty dish water) should be disposed of in a responsible Scout-like manner. Typically grey water is dumped in the tree lines surrounding your sub-camp, not in your campsite or the walking paths in your sub-camp. **Do not dispose of grey water at or near the water taps**. If you are unsure of proper disposal please, ask any staff member to demonstrate these proper techniques.

**ELECTRICITY:** Electricity is not available for use in the Sub Camps. Do not bring generators.

**COOKING, CAMPFIRES, & LANTERNS:** There will be no unit campfires allowed at the Camporall. Cooking can be done on stoves that use propane, butane and/or white gas (Coleman Fuel). Above ground charcoal grills can be used if properly attended and cleaned up afterwards.

### WHAT TO BRING:

Weather and Clothing: Remember that May weather can be warm and sunny, cool and rainy, or even freezing and snowy, so pack accordingly. Check forecasts and be prepared for surprises. You will be walking outside for the entire time on Saturday and Sunday. Wear rugged shoes or boots, and a hat with a visor.

**Uniforms:** Scouts travel and attend camp-wide events in uniform (Class A or B). Adult leaders, volunteers and parents are also encouraged to wear your uniform during these activities.

**Camping Gear:** Each unit is responsible for their own tents, ground pads, food, eating and cooking utensils, folding table, and trash bags. Make sure you have adequate tents and tarps for all campers. We have ATV's to help haul gear to your campsite.

**Cooking and Meals:** You will be cooking your own meals for the weekend. We recommend keeping food preparation simple. Allow youth to help plan and prepare meals to earn advancement.

Saturday Bag Lunch: remember to send bag lunches with your youth in the morning.

**Activity-Specific Requirements:** Youth may be required to bring additional items for certain activities. Please check during registration for a list of any additional requirements.

# **Scout Packing List**

Pack light! Each scout should be able to carry their personal gear from the main parking lot into the camping areas

	Scout uniform Shirt, long-sleeved Pajamas or sweat suit Change of Clothing Personal care items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, etc.)
_	Sleeping bag Sleeping pad Pillow Flashlight
	Mess kit Eating Utensils Water bottle
	Rain Gear Insulating layers Jacket Gloves Hat with brim Hat, warm Shoes or boots (solid support)
	First-aid kit
	Camera (optional)  Money for trading post (optional)

# **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**SUPERVISION:** Two-deep leadership is a policy of the Boy Scouts of America to ensure the safety of all youth registered in the program. There should also be one adult for every three Cub Scouts attending with a minimum of two adults per pack. Follow the buddy system for both adults and scouts! If your unit consists of two or more families, at least one adult must be registered with BSA and one adult must be twenty one years of age or older. Also keep in mind that one or more adult must be Youth Protection trained (Youth Protection training is available on-line at http://training.nsbsa.org/info/YouthProtection.aspx).

**UNIFORMING:** The Camporall is a uniformed activity for all registered youth and leaders. The uniform affects the appearance of the event and encourages good behavior. The uniform helps transform the Camporall from an ordinary event into an inspirational and thrilling Scouting spectacle.

**BEHAVIOR:** Many observers will notice the conduct and appearance of your Scouts while attending. The Scout Oath and Law are the standards of behavior for all participants. All participants and their unit leaders are responsible for proper conduct and appearance.

**MOTORIZED PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION, BIKES, ETC.**: The use of all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, bikes etc. is prohibited in camp. In addition, participants are not allowed to bring or use personal skates, or skateboards. Powered wheelchairs for persons with physical disabilities are allowed. No vehicles will be allowed past barriers of the campsite. Only staff members are allowed to use 4-wheelers or bikes to help with transportation of camping gear.

# **HEALTH HISTORY AND PERMISSION FORMS**

**IMPORTANT** – Unit Leaders are responsible for collecting and keeping all Health and Medical Forms. When registering, you will be asked to speak to the Medical Personnel for updates on medical concerns and permissions.

Scouts & Adults: The Annual BSA Health and Medical Form is REQUIRED for ALL youth and adult participants. You can find this form online at <a href="http://www.vac-bsa.org/Resources/Forms/">http://www.vac-bsa.org/Resources/Forms/</a> <a href="MedicalForms">MedicalForms</a>. Please complete both sections "A" and "B" of the BSA national form. You do not need a doctor's appointment or signature for either of these forms. If you have attended any other BSA events in the past 12 months and your information has not changed, you do not need to complete a new form. Please give a copy of your completed forms to your Unit Leader prior to this event.

# No one will be allowed to participate at the event without a completed Annual BSA Health and Medical Form.

Medical forms will NOT be collected when you check in. Be prepared to show the completed forms for ALL participants to the medical staff located at the registration table for review. If you are aware of any health or behavior concerns, please inform medical staff. We strive to make this a fun and safe event for everyone.

We recommend that you create a 3 ring binder to keep all health forms organized and confidential. If any of your participants need medical attention, you (or an adult you designate) will be responsible to bring the binder along with the person needing medical assistance to the first aid station so that the medical staff can review pertinent health information.

# **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION** –

Brian Hopkins: 218-780-3097

Michael Stauffenecker: 218-464-3458

Anyone calling the emergency number needs to be prepared to leave a message and a call-back number. It may take several hours to locate the person and have them return the call.

### MEDICAL/ FIRST AID

First Aid services will be available throughout the entire weekend and located at the caboose. All injuries must be reported to unit leaders and the medical staff. Weather can be unpredictable at this time of year. Please review safe camping practices like staying warm and dry, drinking water to keep hydrated, good foot wear, fire safety and checking for signs of hypothermia. Conditions requiring more extensive emergency medical attention will be referred to a nearby hospital and/or medical facility. The decision to transport a participant will be made by leaders and parents on-site. Every effort will be made to contact the responsible adult to accompany a minor needing medical evacuation. We will also attempt to contact the emergency contact listed for the scout on the medical history form. Should the condition of the participant require removal to a hospital, home or the care of the family physician, the related expenses are a family responsibility. If there is a need to leave the event due to illness, the participant must check out with the medical team headquartered in the lodge. Communication to parent or guardian of a youth will be the responsibility of the unit leaders.

**YOUTH MEDICATIONS** The storage and administering of youth medication is the responsibility of unit leaders.

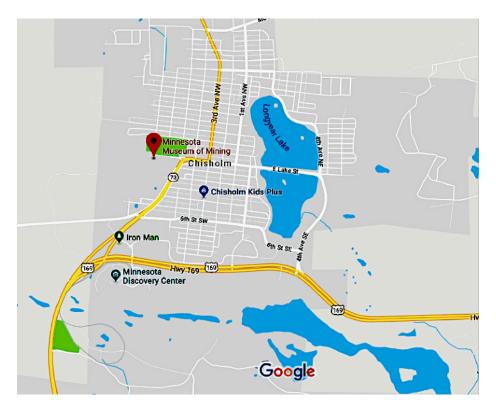
LOST/MISSING PERSON If a participant becomes lost or is missing, follow your unit buddy system process first to verify there is in fact a person lost/missing. Communicate with other leaders in your unit and re-unite unit to verify missing/lost person. Once you have determined you have a lost or missing person, contact a Staff member. Please stay in the location where you last saw the scout. Do not walk around looking for the person's group or "buddy." Many times the lost person is within 100 yards of his/her group and the group in the process of finding the lost participant.

SEVERE WEATHER If severe weather causes a need to take shelter, an alarm signal of sounding car horns in a series of three horn blasts will be used to warn participants, exhibitors and staff. If you hear this signal, take shelter in the Armory or in a low lying area together as a group. Please stay in the area or shelter area until a staff member has issued an "all clear" notice. Lightning conditions may result in the same actions taken as severe weather. In addition you may be instructed to squat with your feet close together, you then have minimal contact with the ground, thus reducing danger from ground currents. If the threat of lightning strikes is great, your unit should not huddle together but spread out at least 15 feet apart.

# **GETTING TO CAMP**

# **Minnesota Museum of Mining**

701 W Lake St Chisholm MN 55719



# **CAMP PARKING PROCEDURES**

Drive carefully and follow the directions from one of the attendants. The parking area has limited space and a lot of activity.

- 1. Enter the lot at the end of West Lake Street.
- 2. Attendants will direct you to parking spacesParking quarters will be tight so please pull forward. Be careful opening doors; vehicles will be parked close together.
- 3. An Attendant will hand you an information slip for your car asking for contact information in case of emergency, or if we need to move your car. Please fill it out and place it on the driver-side dashboard so we can read it.
- 4. Once parked, one adult should go to the registration table while other adults and scouts remain with the car. Once registered, you will receive a campsite number. Return to your vehicle and unload your gear into one pile. Staff with ATVs and trailers will help transport your gear to your campsite.

# **CHECKING IN**

We want your check-in process to be as smooth as possible. To prepare for check-in, please complete the Camporall Unit Roster indicating all Scouts and adults attending. Have the Health History forms ready to be checked by our medical staff. If the unit still owes any fees, have a check ready to hand in at this point. One leader from each unit will need to collect all of the information for every member in attendance and bring them to the check-in tent before the unit will be allowed to enter camp.

### PAPERWORK NEEDED TO CHECK IN:

Please have the following materials ready when you arrive at the check-in station:

- Unit Roster (completed with name and info for ALL participants attending)
- Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (one completed for each person attending)
- Number of participants for your unit in each program category:

#### OTHER CHECK-IN INFORMATION

After check-in, Staff will meet your unit at your vehicle to load gear into a wagon pulled by an ATV. Please make sure to have two leaders/adults help the scouts gather gear from the vehicles to prepare for the pick up while one leader/adult is at the check-in tent. Pack light! Each scout should be able to carry their personal gear from the main parking lot into the Sub-camp camping areas; ATV's will be available to help carry some of the camp gear.

The Camp gates will open at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17th. Please do not arrive before then.

### **VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Keep in mind that there is limited parking. Each vehicle that arrives should be full with either camping gear or Scouts. Please car-pool. Your name, phone number and unit number must be visible from the dash board of your vehicle so Staff can locate you, if needed.

# **CHECKING OUT**

As the Camporall comes to an end, everyone will need to pack up their equipment, clean up their campsite, have it checked by a staff member and leave in an orderly and safe fashion.

Units MUST NOT leave camp until their camp site has been inspected by staff and the staff gives the unit leader permission to leave. Patches will be given at that time.

### CHECKOUT TIME AND PROCEDURE

Checkout is at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. When you are ready to check out come to the registration area to begin the check out process.

**PRACTICE LEAVE NO TRACE** while at the camp. Your unit is expected to pick up all trash and return the site to the condition it was in when you arrived. That includes making sure there are no food scraps, sunflower seeds, etc., in the campsite when you are ready to leave. You will be required to pick such things up on Sunday before you can leave. If you take care not to make a mess, there will be no mess to clean up on Sunday morning.

### SPECIAL NEEDS PARTICIPANT VEHICLES

If one of the participants in your unit requires special needs assistance, please let Camporall Staff know and assistance will be given as needed.

# **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you have a question(s) about the Camporall that is not addressed in this guide, please talk with your District Representative or Unit Leader and check the information on the camps and calendar portion of the Voyager's Area Council Website <a href="www.vac-bsa.org">www.vac-bsa.org</a>. If you do not find an answer from any of those sources, please send the question to us to Rock Gilson- (218) 780-3539 or <a href="mailto:bsarockgillson@gmail.com">bsarockgillson@gmail.com</a>