



**Covered Wagon Derby
Camp Workcoeman
April 24-26, 2026**

Celebrating 250 Years of America!

Welcome to the Covered Wagon Derby at Camp Workcoeman! We are thrilled to have you join us for this exciting and memorable event as we come together to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

This year's Derby promises to be a truly special experience, blending the spirit of Scouting with the rich history and adventure of our nation's founding. As we mark this historic milestone, Scouts and families will have the opportunity to reflect on the courage, ingenuity, and determination that shaped America—while creating lasting memories of their own.

Throughout the weekend, participants will take part in a variety of engaging activities inspired by early American life and the pioneering spirit of westward expansion. From hands-on challenges and camp-wide fellowship, every moment is designed to encourage teamwork, creativity, and fun.

Camp Workcoeman provides the perfect setting for this adventure, offering a beautiful outdoor environment where Scouts can explore, learn, and grow together. Whether this is your first Derby or a returning tradition, we are confident this year's event will be one to remember.

We encourage all units and families to come prepared for a weekend of enthusiasm, cooperation, and Scout spirit. Please review the information in this guide carefully to ensure a safe and successful experience for everyone.

Thank you for being a part of this historic celebration. We look forward to seeing you at camp and sharing in the excitement of this unique event!

Yours in Scouting

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Camp Director

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Event Details at a Glance

Dates and Times: Friday, April 24 at 6:00pm to Sunday, April 26 at 9:00am

Location: Camp Workcoeman, 169 Camp Workcoeman Road, New Hartford, CT

Who can attend: Scouts, siblings, parents, leaders & den chiefs

Cost: \$40 for Scouts and Siblings, \$20 per adult & den chief

Registration: All registration is conducted online via campworkcoeman.org

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Ways to Participate

1.) Build your own Covered Wagon

This is an ambitious option where your den makes a real covered wagon. Decorate your wagon and fill it with what your den will need for the weekend.

2.) Use a wagon you already have at home

Radio flier wagons, lawn carts or other wagons you have at home are certainly acceptable. Certainly decorate the wagon if you would like to!

3.) No wagon—Bring around your items in backpacks

Having a wagon is not required, Packs/dens are certainly welcome to have the Scouts put items in their backpacks and bring them around camp.

Weekend Program Schedule

Friday, April 24th

6:00pm–8:00pm: Arrival and Check-In–Camp Chapel

8:00pm: Cubmaster Cracker Barrel– Dining Hall

9:30pm: Taps & Lights Out– Campsites

Saturday, April 25th

7:00-8:00 am: Check-In for Saturday Arrivals

8:00am: Breakfast– Prepared and Served out of our Dining Hall

8:45am: Opening Ceremony–Parade Ground

9:00am-11:45pm: Program Area Stations

12:00-1:00pm: Lunch–Prepared and Served out of our Dining Hall

1:00-3:45pm: Program Area Stations

4:00-5:00pm: Special Program: ‘The Gunsmith of Williamsburg’

5:00-5:45pm: Prepare for Dinner

5:45pm: Flag Retreat

6:00pm: Dinner–Prepared and Served out of our Dining Hall

7:00pm: Campwide Campfire and Awards Ceremony

8:00pm: Cubmaster Roundtable

9:30pm: Taps

Sunday, April 26th

7:00am: Reveille, ‘On the Go’ Breakfast

9:00am: Campsite Checkout, Depart Camp

Activities and Program Areas

Step back in time and experience the spirit of early America! As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States, Scouts will journey through hands-on activities inspired by frontier life, pioneering skills, and colonial ingenuity. Each station is designed to challenge teamwork, spark creativity, and bring history to life.

Station 1: Frontier Ranges: BB Range • Sling Shots • Archery

Learn safe shooting practices while building focus and confidence.

Station 2: Colonial Crafts & Toys

Yarn Dolls • Colonial Toys • Jacob's Ladder

Create and take home traditional toys from early America.

Station 3: Frontier Games

Team challenges and classic outdoor games focused on teamwork and fun.

Station 4: Shelter Survival

Build shelters and learn survival techniques used by early pioneers.

Station 5: Scoutcraft Skills

Hands-on Scoutcraft challenges reinforcing essential outdoor skills.

Station 6: Frontier Scouts

Nature exploration and observation skills inspired by early American scouts.

Special Program: The Gunsmith of Williamsburg

During this reenactor-led presentation, Scouts will explore how gunsmiths in colonial towns like Williamsburg supported communities and militias in the years surrounding the American Revolution. Participants will learn about the tools, materials, and techniques used to create and maintain firearms—essential equipment for survival, hunting, and defense during this era and see one firsthand!

Program includes:

- Live demonstrations of traditional tools and techniques
- Historical insights into colonial life and the American Revolution
- Interactive learning experience tied to the 250th Anniversary theme

Packing List

- Tent (or coordinate with your unit)
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Pillow
- Water Bottle*
- Flashlight*
- Toilet Paper*
- Rain Gear (raincoat and rain pants recommended)*
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Sweatshirt or Warm Layer
- Change of Clothes (including socks & underwear)
- Long Clothes to Sleep In

What Should Scouts Wear During the Day?

- Long Pants
- Pack T-Shirt
- Socks
- Outdoor/Hiking Shoes (closed-toe required)
- Jacket or Sweatshirt
- Hat (optional)
- Optional Theme Gear: Cowboy hats, bandanas, and other “Wild West” items are encouraged!

Day Pack Essentials (*): Items marked with an asterisk (*) should be kept in a day pack and carried throughout the day:

- Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Toilet Paper
- Rain Gear

Will It Be Cold? Possibly! Late April temperatures can drop into the 40s overnight. We recommend:

- Warm sleepwear (long sleeves and pants)
- Winter hat
- Thick/warm socks

Check the weather forecast before arriving and pack accordingly.

Campsite and Facilities

Your Home for the Weekend— Our campsites are designed to give your family a fun, safe, and comfortable outdoor experience while still enjoying the adventure of camping.

Water & Restrooms

- Clean **drinking water** is available at the latrines in each campsite
- Each campsite has its own **restroom (latrine)** for your unit to use
- **Toilet paper is provided**

Campsite Setup

Each campsite includes:

- **Tent platforms** (raised wooden areas for tents)
- **Fire rings** for cooking and campfires

You may set up:

- Tents **on platforms** *or*
- Tents **on the ground**, depending on your preference

Important Note About Tents

- Camp **does NOT provide tents**
- Units and families should bring their **own tents**

Campfire & Safety Reminders

- Use only designated **fire rings**
- Follow all fire safety guidelines
- Always have adult supervision when fires are in use

A Great Outdoor Experience

Camping is all about adventure, teamwork, and fun! While this is a more “rustic” experience, it’s a great opportunity for Scouts to:

- Build independence
- Practice outdoor skills
- Enjoy time together as a unit

Health & Safety

The safety and well-being of all Scouts, leaders, and families is our top priority. Please review the following guidelines to help ensure a safe and enjoyable weekend for everyone.

First Aid & Emergencies

- A first aid station will be available on-site
- Report all injuries or concerns to event staff immediately
- **All Scouts and parents are required to have medical forms ready to turn in upon arrival.**

Hydration & Hygiene

- Drinking water is available at the latrines in each campsite
- Scouts should carry a water bottle and stay hydrated throughout the day
- Wash hands regularly, especially before meals and after using the restroom

Restrooms (Latrines)

- Each campsite has its own latrine for unit use
- Toilet paper is provided

Fire Safety

- Fires are only permitted in designated fire rings
- Always have adult supervision when a fire is in use
- Never leave a fire unattended
- Ensure fires are fully extinguished when not in use

Campsite Safety

- Set up tents safely on platforms or level ground
- Keep walkways clear to prevent trips and falls
- Store gear neatly to avoid hazards in the campsite

Weather Preparedness

- Be prepared for **changing weather conditions**
- Rain gear should be carried during the day
- Nights may be cold—bring **warm layers for sleeping**