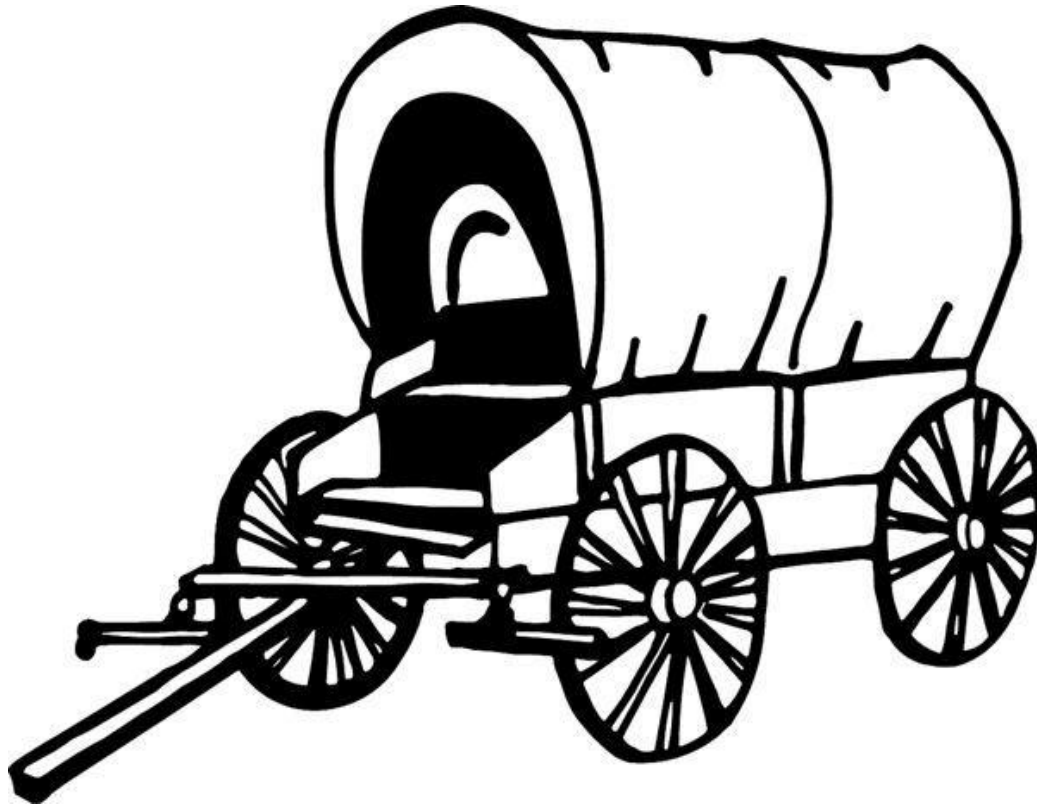


Covered Wagon Derby



Camp Workcoeman

April 28th-30th, 2023

*A Collaboration between
The Charter Oak District
and the Camp Workcoeman Staff*

Westward, Ho!

The Camp Workcoeman Staff, in collaboration with the Charter Oak District is excited to host the 'Covered Wagon Derby' coming up this April 28th to April 30th at Camp Workcoeman. Our goal for this program is to provide the opportunity for Cub Scouts to come out to camp, practice their outdoor skills, learn new things and have fun together.

Registration for this program is conducted online via the Connecticut Rivers Council registration system. The cost for the 'full weekend' is \$35 per Scout and \$15 per adult, while the 'Day Only' option is \$20 for Scouts and \$10 for adults. The 'full weekend' option includes two nights of camping, the Covered Wagon Derby itself, a birds of prey presentation, religious service and campwide campfire. Meals are also included with the fee—Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner. The 'day only' option includes Saturday lunch, and the Covered Wagon Derby itself.

Please carefully read through this program guide so that you are informed about all details concerning this event—from the activities themselves, to medical form requirements, meals and more. **There will be a pre-camp meeting for parents and leaders on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00pm via Zoom Teleconference to review the schedule, attendance by pack and answer any questions.**

Thank you for your attention to this information and interest in this program.

Yours in Scouting,

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Program Schedule

The weekend program promises to be ‘packed’ with quality activities. Please review the schedule below, so that you and your Scouts do not miss out on anything!

Friday, April 28th

6:00pm–8:00pm: Check-In–Camp Chapel

8:00pm: Cubmaster/Den Leader Cracker Barrel– Dining Hall

9:30pm: Taps & Lights Out– Campsites

Saturday, April 29th

8:00am: Breakfast– Dining Hall, (Check In for Saturday Arrivals)

9:00am: Opening Ceremonies–Parade Ground

9:15-10:00am: Station #1

10:15-11:00am: Station #2

11:15am-12:00pm: Station #3

12:15-1:15pm: Lunch and Trading Post

1:15-2:00pm: Station #4

2:15-3:00pm: Station #5

3:15pm: Covered Wagon Derby ‘Wagon Parade’ and Awards–Parade Ground (Day Only Program Ends)

3:30-4:30pm: Birds of Prey Presentation–Parade Ground

4:45–5:15pm: Religious Service–Amphitheater

5:15-5:45pm: Prepare for Dinner

5:45pm: Flag Retreat

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Campwide Campfire

8:00pm: Closing Ceremonies

9:30pm: Taps

Sunday, April 30th

8:00am: 'On the Go' Breakfast–Provided by Pack in Campsite

9:00am: Campsite Checkout, Depart Camp

Station Description

The following is the list of stations that Scouts will be participating in during the Covered Wagon Derby. The focus of these activities will be teamwork, learning and Scout Spirit–Scouts will participate in various challenges, yet be encouraged, led and taught by staff members along the way.

Station 1– 'Cody'--Indian Lore

Scouts will learn about Native American culture and regalia–this program will include learning about tribes of Connecticut, songs, lifestyles and more.

Station 2– 'Santa Fe'--Flag Etiquette, Folding & Handicapped Awareness

Scouts will learn about the commands relating to being in a 'color guard' then practice raising, lowering and folding our 'Star Spangled Banner.' Scouts will also learn about various handicaps and how we can all help one another!

Station 3– 'Deadwood'

Scouts will learn knots then test their tying skills to make a lasso. Scouts will then try to throw their lasso around some items stationed in this area.

Station 4– 'Silverton'-- Campsite Set Up

Scouts will learn about and demonstrate how to select a quality and safe campsite, how to set up and take down a tent, how to lay out and pack up both a sleeping bag and ground pad. These skills are essential for any successful camper!

Station 5– 'Dodge City'-- Shooting Sports (BB & Archery Ranges)

Scouts will participate in BB and/or Archery shooting during this station! Always a hit while at camp!

Special Programs

Birds of Prey Presentation by 'Wingmasters'

This organization will be bringing real live birds of prey to Camp Workcoeman. Birds making an appearance during this show may include the peregrine falcon, great horned owl, red-tailed hawk and more. In addition to simply learning about these majestic animals, Scouts will learn about what we can do to protect them in the wild.

Religious Service

'A Scout is Reverent.' There will be a non-denominational religious service held on Saturday evening. This event will affirm our duty to guide and commitment to treating others with kindness.

Campwide Campfire

After dinner Scouts will gather for a campwide campfire featuring skits both performed by the camp staff and the campers themselves. The campfire will conclude with a campwide awards ceremony.

Wagon Requirements

The Covered Wagons themselves are always a 'big part' of the Covered Wagon Derby. How 'involved' units get with this is up to the packs themselves. These Covered Wagons are traditionally used to carry necessary items from one station to another. Please know these wagons will be taken around the 'inner loop' at Camp Workcoeman.

The options related to your 'covered wagon' are as follows:

1.) Build your own Covered Wagon

This is an ambitious option where your den can make a real covered wagon. Decorate this 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.

Wagon 'Gear List'

Having the following items in your wagon, or packed in backpacks will help your Scouts have the best experience possible at the derby.

- One two foot piece of rope per Scout in den/pack
- American Flag (3' X 5' preferred)
- Personal or Den First Aid Kit
- Tent (3-4 person tent)
- Sleeping bag and ground pad
- Map of Camp Workcoeman for each Scout in den/pack (available on the Camp Workcoeman website campworkcoeman.org)

**Packs/Dens are encouraged to have a flag or banner with them showing their Pack and Den numbers*

**Scouts may also place any personal items in the wagon as well.*

Personal Gear List

Those camping overnight should come with the following items packed.

- Tent
- Class A Field Uniform (For Saturday Dinner and Campfire)
- Filled Water Bottle*
- Flashlight
- Sleeping Bag
- Toilet Paper*
- Rain Gear (Raincoat and rain pants recommended)*
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Pillow
- Sleeping pad
- Sweatshirt
- Change of clothes, socks and underwear
- Long clothes to sleep in

Scouts should wear the following items, while at camp

- Long pants
- Pack T-Shirt
- Socks
- Outdoor Hiking Shoes
- Jacket
- Hat (Optional)
- ***Items to connect with 'Wild West' Theme!--Cowboy Hats etc!***

*Notes something Scouts should put in a day pack and bring them around during the day.

Campsite Information

Scouts and families will be assigned to a campsite with other families attending from their own pack, in addition to other packs as well. These campsite assignments will be communicated prior to the Covered Wagon Derby.

These campsites are rustic in nature and include platforms for tents to be set up on, a fire ring and latrine. Packs should come prepared with water jug, lanterns and other items to make your stay comfortable. Packs should also bring a breakfast to eat 'on the go'--granola bars, fruit etc.--on Sunday morning as you take down camp.

Health Services

Medical services will be 'on site' throughout the weekend. All medications will be dispensed out of the health lodge, along with any treatments that are needed. All participants (Scouts and adults) will be required to turn in the 'short term camp' medical form—see final page of this resource. These forms do not require a physical, nor need to be signed by a physician.

Dining Services

'Full Weekend Participants' will have the chance to enjoy Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner served in the camp dining hall. These meals will be 'kid friendly' in nature, however; be healthy and filling as well. Lunch will be served to 'Derby Only' participants as well.

Any dietary needs must be communicated to the camp leadership by April 20th.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please read through the following questions and answers. Please email Jeffrey Seiser at jseiser@campworkcoeman.org with any further questions.

How do I register for this event?

Registration is available through both ctscouting.org and campworkcoeman.org. Please be sure to register by Tuesday, April 25th to reserve your spot!

Can multiple dens from the same pack compete as one group?

This is flexible and based on what is easiest for everyone to participate. Dens from the same pack can compete separately, two dens can team up, or if the pack is small enough everyone can just compete together. Please know these activities are designed for a minimum of five and a maximum of ten scouts—each ‘group’ competing should have their own set of ‘wagon items.’

If no one else is coming from my Scout’s pack or den, can they still participate?

Yes, we can place them in with another den or pack, this placement will be based on registration numbers. These ‘provisional scouts’ should come with the ‘Wagon gear’ in a backpack if possible.

What happens if it rains?

This program is ‘rain or shine,’ meaning that program still runs in the rain. Scouts and parents are reminded to bring their rain gear and wear outdoor footwear.

Can my Scout and I come for one night or Saturday only?

Yes. We will have a check-in on Saturday morning at 8:00am, then stay for through to Sunday.

Does our den need to perform a skit during the Saturday night campfire?

Although skits are not required, they are certainly encouraged! Scouts really enjoy participating and practicing a skit is a great den activity!

Do adults need medical forms?

Yes, both Scouts and adults need medical forms. Refer to page 7 for requirements.

Can siblings attend?

Yes, however; the derby itself is designed for Scouts to participate with other members of their pack or den. Any siblings should be registered as ‘adults’ in the online registration.

If we don’t have all the items listed for ‘Wagon Gear’ will our Scouts ‘lose points’ or not be able to participate?

No, our thought process for this event is ‘do you best,’ meaning we understand if dens/packs cannot gather all the items—we will make it possible for everyone to participate.