



**Covered Wagon Derby**  
**Camp Workcoeman**  
**April 26-28, 2024**

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

## ***I've Got a Snake In My Boot!***

The Camp Workcoeman Staff, in collaboration with the Charter Oak District is excited to host the 'Covered Wagon Derby' coming up this April 26th to 28th 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.

This program features two different registration options—the first being the '**Full Weekend Option**' that includes two nights of camping, the Covered Wagon Derby, a Snakes & other Reptiles presentation, and a campwide campfire. Meals will be served in the dining hall, Saturday Breakfast through Saturday Dinner. Another is the '**Derby Only Option,**' which includes the Covered Wagon Derby and lunch on Saturday. Registration is conducted online via the Camp Workcoeman and Connecticut Rivers Council Websites.

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 Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00pm via Zoom Teleconference to review the schedule, campsite assignments and answer any questions.**

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

Yours in Scouting,

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# 'Full Weekend' Program Schedule

This 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 26th***

6:00pm–8:00pm: Check-In Begins (Full Weekend Participants)–Camp Chapel

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

9:30pm: Taps & Lights Out– Campsites

## ***Saturday, April 27th***

8:00am: Breakfast– Dining Hall, & Check In (Derby Only Participants and 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: Snakes & Other Reptiles Presentation–Parade Ground

4:00-4:15pm: Covered Wagon Derby Parade

4:15-5:30pm: Open Camp Activities–Fishing, Sports, Gaga Ball, Den Time

5:45pm: Closing Ceremony

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Campwide Campfire

8:00pm: Closing Ceremonies

9:30pm: Taps

## ***Sunday, April 28th***

7:00am: Reveille, 'On the Go' Breakfast

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' --Knot Tying & Lasso**

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

### **Station 2-- 'Deadwood' -- Fire Building & First Aid**

*Scouts will learn about the process connected with building a successful fire (Webelos will have the chance to light it themselves), Scouts will also practice basic first aid skills.*

### **Station 3-- 'Silverton' -- Scout Knowledge and Map Reading/Hike**

*Scouts will test their knowledge related to the promises of Scouting--Oath, Law and Outdoor Code and discuss what each of these mean. Scouts will learn how to use a map to take a short nature hike.*

### **Stations 4 & 5-- 'Dodge City' -- Shooting Sports (BB & Archery Ranges)**

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

## ***Special Programs***

### **Flag Raising and Lowering**

Scouts will honor America, as we raise our flag in the morning and bring it down slowly at night. Scouts will learn to properly salute our flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as the Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor Code.

### **'In Cold Blood' Presentation by Roaring Brook Nature Center**

See, touch and learn about living reptiles including snakes. Learn about how they live, what it means to be 'cold blooded' and what they eat--from educators who take care of these animals on a daily basis. This activity connects with the theme for this event and will be a memorable experience for everyone involved.

### **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
- Tinder, Kindling and Small Pieces of Firewood
- Personal or Den First Aid Kit
- Map of Camp Workcoeman for each Scout in den/pack (available on the Camp Workcoeman website [campworkcoeman.org](http://campworkcoeman.org))

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

## ***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.

## ***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. There are certain medical forms that will be required when checking-in.

For 'Full Weekend' AND 'Derby Only' Participants (Scouts and Adults)

- Camp Short Term Medical Form OR Traditional Medical forms parts A, B & D (No physical required)
- One medication authorization form for each medication that needs to be dispensed at camp

\*All medical forms can be picked up at the health lodge at the conclusion of the event.

## ***Dining Services***

'Full Weekend Participants' will have the chance to enjoy Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Sunday Breakfast should be an 'on the go' breakfast brought by families or the pack leadership. Meals served in the dining hall will be 'kid friendly,' healthy and filling. Saturday Lunch will be served to 'Derby Only' participants as well.

***Any/All dietary needs must be communicated to the camp leadership by Tuesday, April 23rd—there is a section on the registration where this can be communicated.***

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

Please read through the following questions and answers. Please email Jeffrey Seiser at [jseiser@campworkcoeman.org](mailto:jseiser@campworkcoeman.org) with any further questions.

### **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 only?**

Yes, please still register for the 'Full Weekend Option.'

### **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!

### **If I am participating in the Baloo Training taking place that weekend, will I be able to camp with my pack?**

Yes, there is an overnight requirement to Baloo Training—this will be satisfied when camping overnight with your pack.

### **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.