



Covered Wagon Derby
Camp Workcoeman
April 25-27, 2025

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

Soar High Scouts!

The Camp Workcoeman Staff, in collaboration with the Charter Oak District is excited to once again host the Covered Wagon Derby at Camp Workcoeman, coming up on April 25th-27th. The goal for this program is to provide Cub Scouts of all ages with the opportunity to camp outdoors, learn and practice outdoor skills and build teamwork and community with Scouts both from their pack and packs from around the area.

The program includes the Covered Wagon Derby and all related activities, plus two nights of camping, three meals on Saturday in the dining hall, and a Friday night campfire. Our theme for this year's event will be 'birds of prey,' culminating with a special presentation from 'Wingmasters,' a Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Center in Massachusetts.

Pre-Camp Information Session

Tuesday, April 22nd, 7:00pm

Zoom Teleconference

Program information, campsite assignments and more!

Please carefully read through this program guide so that you are informed about all details concerning this event—from what to bring, to medical form requirements, programs and much more.

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

Yours in Scouting,

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Weekend Program Schedule

Friday, April 25th

6:00pm–8:00pm: Check-In Begins–Camp Chapel

8:00pm: Cubmaster Cracker Barrel– Dining Hall

9:30pm: Taps & Lights Out– Campsites

Saturday, April 26th

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

8:00am: Breakfast– Dining Hall

9:00am: Opening Ceremonies–Parade Ground

9:15am-12:00pm: Program Area Stations

12:00-1:30pm: Lunch and ‘Siesta’

1:30-3:00pm: Program Area Stations

3:15pm: Birds of Prey Presentation by Wingmasters Rehabilitation Center

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

5:45pm: Flag Retreat

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Campwide Campfire and Awards Ceremony

9:30pm: Taps

Sunday, April 28th

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

9:00am: Campsite Checkout, Depart Camp

Covered Wagon Derby Information

Do we need to bring a wagon?

No, however; it is an enjoyable activity for you to do with your den or pack in leading up to the Covered Wagon Derby and Scouts always seem to enjoy pushing it through the 'boom towns' (stations) during the event.

Options related to the covered wagon itself are as follows...

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.

What items do we need to participate in the stations?

We ask for dens to bring around the items listed below to use when participating in the stations. Please know that as a camp we will have 'back up items,' so all Scouts will be able to participate—regardless of whether your den or pack has all the supplies.

How many Scouts make up a 'team?'

It is really up to each pack whether you would like to participate as one team, divide into den teams or make other arrangements. The activities themselves will be designed for approximately ten scouts, however; if you have more we would divide your pack when you arrive at a station so everyone can participate. For packs with multiple 'teams' you can have multiple wagons or just one.

Will the Scouts actually be competing against other packs?

No, Scouts will earn nuggets based on their teamwork and scout spirit during a particular activity—they will not directly compete against each other—we will provide superlative prizes at the campfire on Saturday night.

Other Program Related Information

Will the 'Birds of Prey' Presentation feature actual birds?

Yes, this presentation will feature actual birds of prey, all cared for by Wingmasters, a birds of prey rehabilitation center based out of Massachusetts. Our presenter will be Julie Ann Collier, a licensed birds of prey rehabilitator who will present and hold the birds and teach about their lifestyles, eating habits and what we can do to help preserve our environment so these animals will live on in the wild. Julie has presented at Camp Workcoeman on several occasions and works well with both the birds and the Scouts.

Birds featured in this presentation will include the Great Horned Owl, Peregrine Falcon, Red-Tailed Hawk and many more.

Will the Scouts be able to perform songs, skits or cheers in the Saturday evening campfire?

Yes, we encourage dens and packs to practice beforehand. Sign ups to participate in this special event will be open throughout the weekend, up until Saturday afternoon.

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

Yes, however; you must be signed up to participate in Baloo Training—it is a separate registration. Adults participating will take part in the training on Saturday, then camp on Saturday evening with their pack.

What happens if it rains?

This program runs 'rain or shine.' We certainly make accommodations so that we can run an enjoyable and safe program in rainy conditions, however; we ask that all leaders and parents check the weather beforehand and prepare with your Scout accordingly.

Can siblings attend?

Yes, any Scout age siblings should be registered as 'Cub Scout Youth' in the online registration.

Clothing and Gear

What should we pack for this event?

- Tent
- Class A Field Uniform (For Saturday Dinner and Campfire)
- 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

What should Scouts wear during this event?

- 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.

Will it get cold during the weekend?

Possibly, temperatures in late April can get into the 40s at night. It is recommended that participants bring a winter hat, long clothes and winter socks to sleep in. Please check the weather forecast prior to arrival and prepare accordingly.

Administrative Information

How do we register?

All registrations, either youth or adults, must be processed through the online registration available through ctscouting.org or campworkcoeman.org. Registration will close on Monday, April 21st at 11:59pm. No new packs will be accepted after this date.

When will we know our campsite?

Campsite assignments will be announced during the pre-camp meeting on April 22nd. These campsites are rustic in nature and include platforms for tents to be set up on, a fire ring and latrine. Personal tents will be required for those staying overnight, the canvas tents used during summer camp will not be available.

Do we need medical forms?

Yes, all participants, both youth and adults, will need to have either the short term camp medical form or parts A, B & D of the traditional BSA health form on file. These forms can be turned in at check-in on either Friday evening or Saturday morning. These health forms can be picked up at the end of the event, otherwise they will be disposed of properly.

Will a health officer be on site during this event?

Yes, there will be a registered nurse or licensed EMT on site for the duration of this program. They will be stationed at the health lodge both during the day and overnight.

How can I communicate my dietary needs with the commissary staff?

Please fill in any dietary restrictions in the designated area included with the online registration. Otherwise, contact Jeff Seiser by Tuesday, April 22nd with any needs you may have.