

SPOOK-O-REE 2018: *Yesterday's* *Monsters*

Unusual sightings have been reported at Camp Decorah and strange tracks have been found in wooded areas. Deep in the night, unearthly howling has echoed across camp, leading us to believe that camp has some new residents. We are not certain whether these new residents are hostile. Yet, we must be prepared, they may have brought others. Will Your patrol be able to figure out what is going on at camp?

When: October 19-21, 2018

Where: Camp Decorah

Cost: \$12.00 per Scout

Includes: Events & competition

2018 Patch



Spook-O-Ree Boy Scout Leader Information

New for this year --- Saturday and Sunday breakfast provided

Each patrol will need the following items:

- Fire starting kit (flint and steel—no lighters or matches, tinder but no magnesium or accelerants.)
- Blanket
- First Aid kit including splints and larger bandages.
- Clipboard and writing utensil
- A pumpkin for a Jack O' Lantern carving contest

What is expected from my troop on the haunted trail?

These guidelines need to be followed.

- A Scout is Kind. Thrill but do not terrorize. Try to keep it PG and without gory imagery.
- **Scouts must not be on the road**--Do not allow scouts to jump on the wagons or touch riders in any manner as such actions may lead to accidents and injuries.
- **Scouts must not be on the road**--Do not allow scouts to stand, sit, or lie in the road as such actions may lead to accidents or injuries.
- **Scouts must not be on the road**--Scouts should be no closer than six feet from the path of the wagons.
- **There must be two deep adult supervision always.**
- There must be scouts present and spooking until the hayrides end—Rotate scouts if needed.
- Reflective tape and lights on costumes will help drivers see your scouts.
- There are sites for electricity along the trail to power lights and fog machines.
- Unless other arrangements are made in advance, all decorations must be taken down before your troop leaves camp.

Frequently Asked Questions About Spook-O-Ree 2018

Q. When do we have to be there?

A. Registration begins at 5:00pm to 6:30pm on both Friday and Saturday Night. There will be a senior patrol leader meeting at 10 pm Friday night.

Q. Can we park our vehicle in camp or drive up into camp to drop off our gear?

A. Unfortunately, due to the volume of cars on camp we are unable to allow any vehicles into camp during the evening program. Troops may bring up their trailers the weekend prior to the event with the camp ranger's approval.

Q. When does evening program kick-off?

A. The evening program will kick-off at 7:00pm. If your troop has scouts not spooking, please have them check in at the carnival to help run a game. The evening will wrap up approximately 10:00pm.

Q. What is going on for Boy Scouts the following morning?

A. We will gather for an opening flag ceremony at 8:00 am. We will register patrols. Lone scouts or troops with too few youths may form a temporary patrol with other scouts for the weekend. At each station, Scouts, will need to complete a challenge testing their scout skills and ability to work as a team. There will also be a pumpkin carving contest after the patrol challenges. There will be a recognition of high performing patrols at the pumpkin contest.

Q. Who is staffing this event?

A. The Spook-O-Ree is a large-scale scouting event for the Gateway Area Council. Volunteers are the driving force of the event. A volunteer committee plans the event. **Additional volunteers are always needed to help ensure a quality program for our Cub Scouts and their adult leaders.** The Council's Boy Scout Troops have a significant role in creating the spooky fun. Many troops complete service hours during this event. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact the Scout Service Center (608) 784-4040 or Tim Mading trzebshel@gmail.com

Q. What about meals?

A. Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be provided. Troops will need to plan and prepare a trail lunch for Saturday, and Saturday supper.

Q. How can my troop get involved with the haunted trail event?

A. If you want to add some chills and thrills to the haunted hayride, think of a good story to tell the riders. Think of a scary story of past monsters that the riders can experience as the hay wagon passes your spot. Your troop could be some beasties howling at the moon or humans dealing with the completely bizarre. Get involved and get creative. Maybe, watch a classic monster movie or two for ideas.

Patrol Challenges

The Patrol Leader will be tested on clearly communicated instructions and patrol cohesion, all while coaching their patrol through the challenges below.

Patrol members will be tested on how well they understand directions, respond to instructions, support each other, and work together as a team.

Escape

There have been several reports of unearthly howling in the backwoods of Camp Decorah. There may be a werewolf pack looking for tasty scouts to feed its growing numbers, although no scouts have been reported missing yet. Teamwork and cooperation are your only hope for survival.

Crossroad Demon

Your patrol will need to satisfy the curiosity of the crossroad demon to pass. Be prepared to answer questions about the American flag, monster movies/television programs, and soccer.

Vampire nest

Your patrol is investigating the rumor of a vampire nest tucked into a corner of Camp Decorah. Search and destroy the nest without being bitten.

Track that Beast

Your patrol has received a report of a missing scout. Investigate this report and find the missing scout. Logic, tracking skills and teamwork will be essential.

Friend or Foe

Your patrol has discovered an unusual creature. Using your observation skills, you must find a way to communicate with this unusual lifeform. Is it a threat or can it help your patrol survive?

Monster munching

You have discovered the victims of an unusual attack. Your patrol will need to assess the situation, treat any injuries they may have suffered, and transport them to the evacuation point.

Totally Lost

After being held captive by a very mad scientist your patrol has escaped. Without map or compass, use your navigation skills to return to civilization.

Fire is your only defense

Help is hours away. There is something coming from every direction. A signal fire is your only hope. Use your knowledge to build a fire without matches.

Sky Defense

Knock down the insect hoard before your patrol is infected with a life-altering virus.

Scouts BSA Registration Form

This needs to be returned to the Gateway Area Council office by October 8th. Rosters will be collected at check-in upon arrival. Troops must have medical forms for all youth and adults on site.

No phone call registrations will be accepted.

Registrations will not be processed without payment and this form.

Unit: _____ City: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

of Tents: _____

Trailer Drop off Date: _____

Unit Arrival: (Circle one) Friday Saturday

#Scouts _____ X \$12 = _____

#Adults _____ X \$0 = 0

Registration Fees Total _____

(Optional) Spook-o-ree t-shirts S, M, L, XL @ \$14 each 2XL, 3XL, 4XL @ \$16 each

Please list scouts and sizes on the back of this sheet

\$ _____ (t-shirts) + \$ _____ registration = \$ _____ total enclosed

Payment Method (Circle one):

Check Account

Debit/Credit Card

Card Number- _____

Security Code: _____

Exp. Date; _____

Extra patches will be available on a first come basis at the cost of \$5.00 per patch.

Registration Forms can be sent to:

Gateway Area Council, 2600 Quarry Road, La Crosse, WI 54601,

Phone: 608-784-4040