

Las Vegas Area Council 2025 Fall Conservation Camporee



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Scouting Resource Center
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Welcome

The Las Vegas Area Council welcomes you to the Conservation Camporee! We are thrilled to bring Scouts, Scouters, and families together at Engelstad Scout Park.

The Las Vegas Area Council is hosting this conservation-themed camporee for Scouts of all ages to learn about conservation, to fulfill Adventure and Merit Badge requirements, and to participate in conservation service hours for rank advancement. More than that, the Las Vegas Area Council is committed to the principles of conservation and outdoor ethics that are central themes in Scouting, and we want to provide conservation education to area youth.

Conservation and Scouting America have been partners for a long time. The Scouting program includes the Outdoor Code, Outdoor Ethics, Leave No Trace, and conservation service projects. Many of the requirements for advancement from Cub Scouts to Tenderfoot through Eagle Scout rank call for an awareness and understanding of conservation, ecology, the environment, sustainability, and other aspects of the natural world.

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Yours in Conservation and in Scouting,

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Conservation Camporee Schedule

Friday, October 3, 2025

6:00PM	Registration opens
6:00PM–8:00PM	Troop arrival and check-in Campsite set-up (dinner on your own)
8:30PM	Cracker Barrel with Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders to discuss schedule
9:00PM	Campfire
10:00PM	All quiet in camp

Saturday, October 4, 2026

7 :00AM	Reveille Breakfast (on your own)
7:30AM	Late check-in for Troops
7:45AM	Check-in for Packs
8:15AM	Opening flag ceremony
8:30AM–11:30AM	Conservation service projects and activities
11:30AM–1:00PM	Lunch (on your own)
1:00PM–4:00PM	Educational stations and activities
4:15PM	Closing flag ceremony
4:30PM	Troop checkout and departure. All units out of camp by 5:00PM.

Rules and Information for the Conservation Camporee

These rules are the general framework around which this Camporee will be operated. The Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code are the guides for ALL behavior at this Camporee. Troops or individuals who do not conform to this spirit will be asked to leave the Camporee.

1. There is a minimal program fee to attend this Camporee due to generous grants received.
2. Troops are encouraged to invite their Arrow of Light Scouts to attend the Camporee. Troops will be responsible for supervision of the Arrow of Light Scouts at all times.
3. Camp opens at 6:00 PM Friday. Campsites will not be available prior to this time. Units should plan to arrive at 6:00PM at the earliest.
4. Scouting America has always been a uniformed body. The uniforms help to create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment. Scouts and leaders are asked to wear the Scout uniform to flag ceremonies and campfires. Other times are at Troop discretion.
5. Troops are welcome to bring their trailers to camp. A member of the Camporee staff will guide you to the area in your campsite to locate your trailer. We encourage your troop and Scouts to bring what you need to be comfortable.
6. Troops are expected to maintain their areas by keeping it both clean and safe. Each campsite will be inspected prior to dismissal from camp on Saturday.
7. If campfire skits, songs, etc. are part of the Camporee activities, they must conform to Scouting standards. Unit or youth leaders who have questions about content should ask Camporee staff.
8. Unit leaders are responsible for the supervision of their units at all times. Two-deep leadership is always required. Please enforce safety and discipline. Each troop in camp must be under the leadership of its own adult leaders with a minimum of two adults (at least 21 years of age or older) on site 24-hours per day. Adult leaders may be male or female, however, troops attending with female Scouts must always have at least one registered female adult in camp. Effective September 1, 2023, all adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement.
9. Pets are not permitted during the Camporee. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome. This applies to both campers and visitors.
10. Troops are responsible for providing their own tents. The tents provided by each troop must meet the following requirement: All tentage in camp meets or exceeds fire retardant specifications by the manufacturer (CPAI-84) and "no flames in tent" is marked on, or adjacent to, each tent.
11. Engelstad Scout Park has shower areas, open 24 hours a day, for both adults and youth. Since there are no separate facilities for adults and Scout-age campers, separate shower times will be scheduled and posted. Adults and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp. Leaders and Scouts are reminded to police these areas to ensure cleanliness.
12. Lost and found items will be at the registration table. If the item is valuable, it will be kept with the Camporee Chair or Program Director. Leaders need to remind Scouts to have their personal

items marked with name and unit number. Each Scout must take care of and safeguard his/her personal property. Do not take valuables to the program areas or leave them lying unattended around camp.

13. Alcohol and illegal drugs of any type are not allowed. Possession will result in immediate dismissal from the camp property. No tobacco use of any kind is allowed in any camp structures, including tents. No Scouts under the age of 21 are allowed in the smoking area. No knives with blades over 4" long are allowed at camp. Non-folding sheath knives, throwing stars, or martial arts weapons are not allowed. Scouts possessing these items may be sent home from camp. Privately owned guns and/or ammunition are prohibited and may not be brought or used at any time.

Check-in procedures

Check-in will be in the Scouting Resource Center Lobby. Please have the following information available when your unit checks in:

- A unit roster of Scouts and adults with addresses and phone numbers
- Fee receipt and any balance owed
- Health Forms Medical A & B for unit members and participating adults including staff. These forms will remain with the unit.
- Medical Authorization (permission forms) for treatment signed by parent/guardian

First Aid

First aid will be available at all times at Scouting Resource Center Lobby. Units should have adequate first aid supplies as part of their unit's equipment. All injuries, even if treated at the unit level, are to be reported to the health officer in a timely manner.

All medication (doctor prescribed) must be turned in to the unit leader at the time of check-in for proper distribution. All medication containers should be placed in a plastic bag with the Scout's name and Troop number on the bag for easy identification. Any special instructions, in addition to the information on the container, should be placed in the bag. It is the responsibility of each Scout to make sure they come to the unit leader to receive medications at the appropriate times. Medications **MUST** be in their **ORIGINAL CONTAINERS!** All prescription and non-prescription drugs shall be in their original containers. All medications (including those needing refrigeration) are to be locked up with the unit leaders. The only exception is for medications which must be always carried including asthma inhalants, bee sting kits, Epi-pens, and nitroglycerin pills.

Details for Saturday's Conservation Events

8:30AM–11:30AM

Conservation service projects - Meet at Picnic Shelter after the flag ceremony to walk to the project location(s)

Three hours of conservation service projects will be scheduled for Saturday morning. Scouts can use the projects for merit badge requirements, rank advancement, and conservation award requirements. You do not need to attend all three hours.

The specific projects will be determined based on weather conditions and camp needs as the time gets closer. That being said, typical projects for this time of year are erosion control work and tree/shrub planting.

Safety is a top priority, and so we will be adhering to [SAFE Project Tool Use](#).

What to wear and bring for the service projects:

Nevada's October weather can range from warm days to cool nights, with potential for rain or wind. Pack versatile clothing to stay comfortable and prepared.

Service Project Clothing (Required)

- Long pants
- Work boots or closed-toed shoes
- Long-sleeved shirt

Note: Expect these clothes to get dusty, wet, or dirty. Avoid fleece, as it attracts burrs and debris.

Additional Clothing to Pack

- Rain gear (waterproof jacket or poncho)
- Warm clothing (jacket, sweater, or thermal layers for cool evenings)
- Light clothing (t-shirts, breathable layers for warmer days)
- Ball cap or beanie (for sun protection or warmth)
- Extra changes of clothing (including socks and underwear)

Other Considerations

- Scouts may want to bring a fresh set of clothes to change into before afternoon conservation activities.
- Pack a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated during outdoor activities.

What camp will provide

LVAC will provide all tools for use on the conservation service projects. Camp work gloves will be available, but Scouts are welcome to bring their own work gloves if they prefer.

Cub Scout Conservation Adventure Activities

Meet at Gazebo after the flag ceremony to walk to Adventure locations

Activities could include: water conservation, orienteering, building a pollinator habitat, and nature scavenger hunt.

1:00PM–4:00PM

Park and/or Scouting Resource Center Conference Center

The Conservation Camporee will feature educational stations and hands-on activities to learn about the environment, nature, and sustainability. Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts can complete requirements for rank advancement and other badges or awards, including merit badges, by participating in certain stations. A spreadsheet that aligns activities with Scout requirements will be available to leaders and units as we finalize what stations will be at the event.

Anticipated station topics include invasive species identification, native plant identification, tree identification, monarch butterflies, honey bees and pollination, native bees and pollination, Leave No Trace demonstrations, vermicomposting and composting, sustainability, and more! Related hands-on activities will be offered to

reinforce the content of the educational stations. There will be a station for attendees to learn about Scout conservation awards, particularly the Distinguished Conservation Service Award (the successor to the Hornaday Award). Updates to the stations and activities will be communicated through the Council website and Facebook page, at Roundtables, and through other Council channels.

Conservation Awards

Participation in the morning conservation service projects can help Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA earn Conservation Awards, in addition to completing requirements related to rank advancement. Troops are encouraged to invite their Arrow of Light Scouts to attend the Camporee and to work on Cub Scout Conservation awards while at the Camporee. Troops will be responsible for supervision of the Arrow of Light Scouts at all times.

The World Conservation Award

The [World Conservation Award](#) provides an opportunity for individual Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts to think globally and act locally to preserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to help youth members gain awareness that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment.

[World Conservation Award- Cub Scouts](#)

One requirement for the World Conservation Award for Wolf Scouts, Bear Scouts, and Webelos is to participate in a den or pack conservation project. Arrow of Light Scouts attending the Camporee with your unit would be eligible to use the Camporee service activity toward this award.

[World Conservation Award- ScoutsBSA](#)

ScoutsBSA must participate in a conservation project as part of an approved Scouting program totaling at least three hours that addresses a conservation need common to more than one country, in addition to completing the designated merit badges, to earn the World Conservation Award.

[Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award](#)

All Cub Scouts are eligible to earn this award. Arrow of Light Scouts attending the Camporee with your unit would be eligible to use the Camporee service activity toward this award.

The relevant requirement is this: Complete a nature/conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.

Distinguished Conservation Service Award

Scouts BSA with a strong interest in significant service and leadership in conservation, the environment, or sustainability are encouraged to learn more about the [BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award](#) during the event.

For information on these and other conservation awards visit the national Scouting America Conservation Awards and Recognitions [page](#).

Leave No Trace Principles in Practice at the Conservation Camporee

Scouting has embraced the Principles of Leave No Trace to provide a framework for planning, preparing, and making good decisions for all our outdoor activities.

As with all Scouting America activities, we request that units follow the principles of Leave No Trace throughout camp and at their campsite. Also relevant is making sure that Scouts are aware of and follow the Outdoor Code and Outdoor Ethics. Scouting America has resources on Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace at [this page](#).

The Leave No Trace Seven Principles

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors



Visit Scouting America's Leave No Trace [webpage](#) for more information about each of the seven principles.

Units are responsible for all their own meals. This includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and dinner on Friday if your Scouts do not eat before arriving at camp.

A resource that units and leaders may wish to consider is a [November 2023 recording](#) (beginning just past the 12 minute mark) of the national Outdoor Ethics & Conservation roundtable. The focus of this roundtable was using the principles of Leave No Trace Cooking when planning meals for campsites or other outings. The video gives guidance for planning for low-impact meals, as well as suggestions for meals that adhere to LNT principles and that are respectful of individual diets, medical needs, religious considerations, and other food preferences.

Meal Planning and Sustainability

Meal planning can reflect long-held practices and traditions in your unit and may feature favorite recipes through the years. If your Scouts would like to consider meal planning from a sustainability perspective—in keeping with the theme of the Camporee—we suggest two angles to consider: inclusion of locally grown food and inclusion of some plant-forward recipes.

- Locally sourced foods can mean food that you grow in your yard or garden (or that you have canned, dried, or frozen from your garden), food that was hunted or foraged, or food that you purchase from a local farmer, whether you purchase that food at a farmers' market or in a grocery store. Many grocery stores identify which foods are grown locally. Here's an [article](#) from ISU on the environmental benefits of local food production and the environment.
- Plant-forward recipes means choosing recipes that have one or more dishes that prominently feature a plant-based food. [Here's](#) an article that defines a plant-based diet: *"A plant-based diet is exactly what it sounds like. The diet consists primarily of food made of plants: fruits and vegetables in addition to nuts,*

seeds, whole grains, and legumes. A plant-based diet is not a vegetarian or vegan diet; you can eat poultry, beef, eggs, fish, and dairy products, however most of your nutrient intake is coming from plant-based food sources.” For a related discussion on plant-based diets and sustainability, see this [article](#).

- Below are some ideas for how to incorporate a plant-based item in one or more meals. See also the video from the national Outdoor Ethics and Conservation roundtable for suggestions for how to provide meat on the side, so that those who want meat can add it to the main dish, and those who do not want meat can skip it. One example is quesadillas that Scouts assembled themselves from ingredients. One of the ingredient options can be a bowl of ground beef. Another example is chili. The main dish can be a chili without the meat or beans added. Meat and beans can be offered in separate bowls, and those who want either or both of those ingredients can add them.
 - Breakfast: pancakes; bagels served with nut butters; oatmeal with nuts or peanut butter for added protein; breakfast burritos with scrambled eggs, cheese, salsa, beans, and guacamole; hashbrown casserole.
 - Lunch: PB&J; grilled cheese with apple; pita pizzas with olives, mushrooms, and cheese. Serve a veggie soup on the side— think of tomato, potato, corn chowder, bean soups.
 - Dinner: bean-based chili; stews with hearty grains and vegetables; vegetable stir fry served on rice; nachos with refried beans and other toppings; tortillas with veggies and black beans; individual pizzas on pita with veggie and cheese toppings.

Outdoor Ethics

From a Cub Scout’s first hike in a local park to the thrill of our High Adventure bases, from our backyard to the backcountry, our outdoor ethics guide us to be responsible outdoor citizens — protecting our natural world for generations to come and being considerate of other visitors.

The Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace.



Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to —
Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be Careful with fire
Be Considerate in the outdoors.
Be Conservation-minded