

Mercer Area District's Soap Box Derby CAMPOREE

April 19th to 21st, 2013
Rosedale Park
414 Federal City Rd.
Hopewell Township, NJ

For updated information, check <http://mad-bsa.org/spring2013>

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Summary: The Soap Box Derby Camporee will be all about racing – so get ready for a great time full of racing run!!! All patrols will need to make ahead of time a Soap Box Derby to race at the end of the day. All participants in the race must have a helmet long pants and gloves on during the race. For information on how to construct your soap box, go to:

Rules for the race and regulations for the construction of the soap box derby cars are posted separately at <http://mad-bsa.org/spring2013>.

In addition to awards for the race, we will also have a contest for the soap box that is the best built, designed, and decorated Soap Box. Come prepared for a weekend full of fun with your fellow Boy Scouts.

Stations: There will be many stations open for the scouts to participate in on Saturday. A listing of the expected stations is attached at the back of this document. Each scout that completes eight (8) stations may earn the 2013 Soap Box Derby Finishing Flag Pin to put on their Camporee patch.

Fishing Derby: A lake is on site for fishing. We will be running a fishing derby. The Boy Scout that catches the largest (by weight) fish will be awarded at the campfire a gift card for camping/fishing equipment. Anyone 16 or over is required to have in their possession at all times a valid NJ fishing license. All federal, state, and park fishing regulations apply while fishing. You must bring your own fishing equipment, tackle, and bait. The derby will open at 9:00 AM and close at 3:45 PM. All entries must be weighed by one of the fishing derby officials and you must give your full name and Troop. There is a separate fishing derby for Cub Scouts (this award will be given out during the Cub Scout closing).

Scout Dutch Oven Cook-off: Each Patrol may participate in the Dutch Oven Cook-off. There will be two classes of entries 1) Main Course (you choose your best Dutch Oven

main course recipe to enter) and 2) Desert. You may enter either or both contests. At least TWO portions of the meal and/or dessert must be brought to the headquarters at 5:30 PM on Saturday for judging. Each entry must be marked with your Troop number and patrol name. The Dutch oven desserts and meals will be judged based on taste, appearance, and presentation. Participants may not be present during the judging. A gift card award will be presented during the campfire to the Patrol with the best Main Course and for the patrol with the best Desert.

Scouter Cook-off: Adult Scouters attending the Camporee may enter the Scouter Cook-Off. The theme is chili – so come with your best recipe (your choice if it is spicy or mild, vegetarian or with meat - whatever style you think will win the day!!). A Prize will be given for the best tasting chili. The chili will be judged based on taste, appearance, and presentation. At least THREE portions of the chili must be brought to the headquarters at 5:30 PM on Saturday for judging. Each entry must be marked with the Scouter(s) name(s) and Troop or Pack they are from. Participants may not be present during the judging. The Award and bragging rights will be given out during the campfire.

Campsite & Troop Inspections: Throughout the day on Saturday (starting at the flag raising and going through dinner) each Troop and their campsite will be inspected and reviewed. Inspection points will be awarded based on the Inspection Sheet posted on the Camporee information web page. Awards will be given out during the campfire to the Troop(s) with the highest number of points. In the case of ties, multiple awards will be given to each Troop tying with the highest point total. We hope every troop will strive for a perfect score!!

Gateway Contest: Every troop should have a Gateway set up for their campsite. The Gateways should be based on the theme of the event (soap box derby / racing) and represent their Troop, city, and/or chartered organization. The ground in and around the Gateway may not be disturbed in any way and absolutely no holes may be dug. Judging will occur during the afternoon (between 12 PM and 5 PM) on Saturday and will not be announced. Judging will be based on the design being within the theme, something indicating the Troop for which the campsite belongs, gateway has been constructed in a prudent and safe manner, no ground disturbance or holes, and the overall look and appearance of the Gateway. An award will be given out during the campfire for the best Gateway.

Merit Badges: On Saturday merit badges are planned to be offered (based on merit badge counselor availability) only to scouts attending the Camporee. Pre-registration for the merit badges is required. An announcement will be sent out via the e-mail patrol when registration for the merit badges is open listing the merit badges available. There will only be a limited number of slots available for each merit badge, so register early. No walk-ins for the merit badges will be allowed. Some pre-requisites and follow up may be required for the merit badge and will be communicated from the counselor. COUNSELORS, we can use your help – if you are interested in running a merit badge, please contact us at program@mad-bsa.org.

Campfire and Awards Ceremony: Every Troop should come prepared with a skit or song and a cheer to contribute to the campfire. Winners of the Soap Box Derby Design Contest, Soap Box Derby Race, Campsite Inspection Contest, Gateway Contest, Scout Dutch Oven Cook-off, Scouter Cook-off and Boy Scout Fishing Derby will be honored.

Saturday's Events Require all Scouts to be in Full Class A Uniform

Location: Rosedale Park is part of the Mercer County Park Commission. The park is located at 414 Federal City Rd, Hopewell Township, NJ.

Parking: Units may park trailers on the campsites with the hitch of the trailer facing the road so long as it does not extend out into the road in any way. All vehicles must park along the tree line by the dumpsters and Porta-Johns. No parking of any vehicles in the split rail fence parking lot.

Webelos Camping: Troops are encouraged to invite Webelos Scouts to come camp with them for the weekend on April 19th through April 21st. The Webelos will be able to participate in many (however not all) of the activities the Boy Scouts are doing. Webelos dens must register with and camp with a Boy Scout Troop. This is a great opportunity to introduce Webelos to your Troop and for the Webelos to have the opportunity to see what Boy Scouting is all about!! All Webelos Scouts must attend the entire Camporee with a parent or guardian. Webelos and their parent/guardian are to register with the Troop they are attending with and NOT through their Pack's registration. TROOPS LEADERS: Please reach out to your Packs and invite the Webelos to come to the Camporee with you. This is one of the best ways to attract Scouts to your Troops and keep the boys interested in Scouting.

Registration: The early registration fee for this event is \$18 for all participants (Scouts and Adults) attending the Camporee (this includes Webelos and adults camping for the weekend with a Troop). Early registration ends at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 29, 2013, and payment must be received in the office by this day with the list of Scouts and leaders attending. After March 29, 2013, the regular registration fee of \$23 will apply. Registration for the event closes at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 12, 2013. Everyone registered for the event in advance will receive a patch made especially for this event.

Check-in: Troops may arrive no earlier than 5:00 pm on Friday. When the units enter the park they will be greeted by an adult Scout representative. You will then be escorted to your site with your vehicle for unloading and trailer drop off. Check in will be at the campsite. Only the Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader (or the leaders acting in their capacity) can check in their unit. Leaders should have their tour permit, a full roster, and final registration numbers available at check-in. Wrist bands will be given out for the number of scouts and scouters registered. The wrist bands are to be used on Saturday to participate in the Camporee. Please be sure that every Scout and Scouter wears their wrist band. This is to help know who is part of the Camporee & Cubarama.

Campsite: Troops will be camping on flat to slightly sloping mowed grass. Access to the campsites is via paved roads. No vehicles will be allowed at campsite and trailers staying in campsites must not block the road when parked and must have the trailer hitch facing the road. The campsites are large enough to accommodate dining flies and shelters. Each campsite must be identified with a Troop banner, sign or gateway (See above for the details on the Gateway Contest). Propane and liquid fuel stoves and lanterns are allowed.

Water: There is a potable water spigot at the rear of the first red roof pavilion. Bring with you water jugs to transport your water to your campsite.

Prohibited Items: The following items are strictly prohibited: real or toy firearms; sling shots; B-B guns; bows and arrows; “paint ball” guns; crossbows; real or toy throwing or stabbing weapons (except for pocket knives) or items which could be used as such; explosives; sheath knives; fireworks; model rockets; alcoholic beverages; narcotics; hazardous materials. Scouts will not be allowed to bring electronic entertainment devices such as: gameboys, CD players, Mpeg players, radios and tape players.

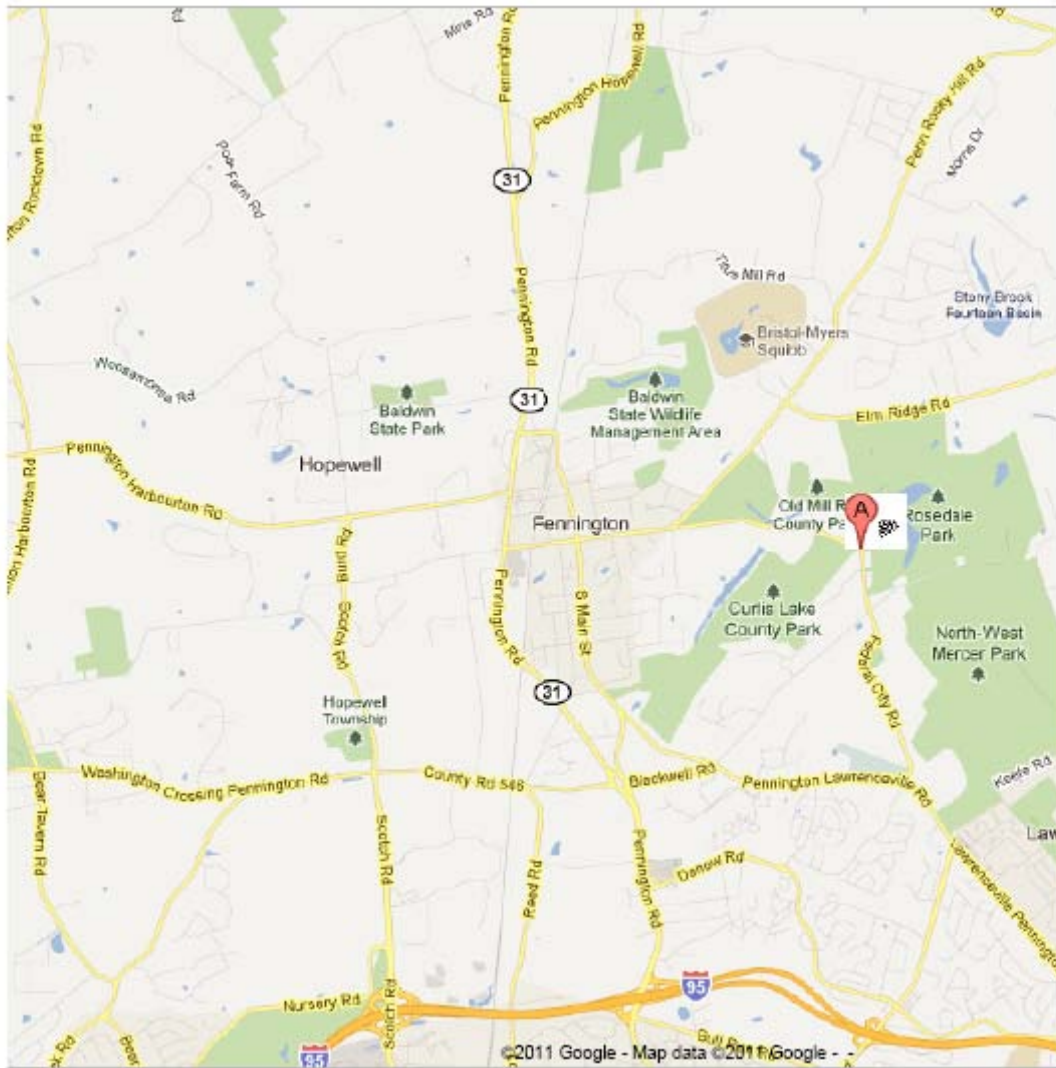
Campfires: All camp fires must be in raised half barrels or raised copper fire pits. Do not dump the campfire ashes on the ground. They must be totally out and cool to the hand so that ashes can be disposed in the dumpsters.

Check-Out: Troops may stay no later than 10:00 AM on Sunday. All campsites will be inspected prior to check out. Each Troop must send a representative to the headquarters tent when they are ready for inspection. Once inspected, units will be checked out and given their patches. There is no closing ceremony on Sunday morning.

Refund Policy: Refunds can only be made within the guidelines of the Council’s refund policy. The complete refund policy can be found at:
<http://www.cnjcsouting.org/program/refund-policy/>

Note: It is the policy of Mercer County Park Commission to not close the park to the general public even during private events. Therefore, non-Scouts may be present during the Camporee. The Buddy System MUST be enforced at all times. Flush toilets in the Bathroom Building are for Adults only. Scouts are to use the Porta-Johns provided.

Map of the area around Rosedale Park



2013 Soap Box Derby CAMPOREE Schedule
(AN OFFICIAL SCHEDULE WILL BE ISSUED AT CHECK IN)

FRIDAY, April 19th

- 5:00 – 9:30 PM Registration & Camp Set up**
9:30 PM Leader’s Meeting (SM, SPL & Station POC) @ Covered Pavilion
11:00 PM Taps – Quiet in camp

SATURDAY, April 20th

- 7:00 AM Reveille & Breakfast**
8:30 AM Flag Ceremony and Announcements - Full Field (Class A)
Uniform in Parade Field
9:00 AM Fishing Contest Opens
9:00 AM-12:00 PM Camporee Activities
12:00 PM–1:00PM Lunch
1 PM-4:00 PM Camporee Activities Continue
3:45 PM Fishing Contest Closes
5:00 PM Dutch Oven & Chili Submissions due
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Catholic Church Services at Pavilion
7:30 PM Non Denominational Service at Pavilion
8:30 PM Campfire Ceremony & Awards – Lower Field Below the
Pavilions (Bring Camp Chairs)
11:00 PM Taps – Quiet in Camp

SUNDAY, April 21st

- 7:00 AM Reveille & Breakfast**
8:00 – 9:00 AM Break Camp & Prepare for checkout
8:30 – 10:00 AM Site Inspection, Check Out and patch distribution