



5/26/1/2024 Final

The “Friends of Tunnel Mill Scouting Heritage Society*” cordially invites
Troops, Crews, Ships & Arrow of Light Dens to participate in the:

2024 Shawnee Camporee

At Tunnel Mill Scout Reservation in Charlestown, Indiana, November 1st–3rd, 2024

The 2024 Shawnee Camporee is the second in a series of Camporees honoring the Native Peoples of this land, annually, the first weekend in November. This Camporee celebrates the Shawnee people who lived in Kentucky and Southern Indiana (1400 - 1800 A.D.) and the third (2025) will celebrate the Legends of the Ohio River Valley. Here are some of the highlights of the 2024 Shawnee Camporee:

- Check-in Friday night for Primitive Camping (No buildings will be available) We are asking scouts and scouters to use hand torches (flashlights) and campfires. We want the youth to experience daily life as the Shawnee did. Propane use is discouraged, especially for lanterns. Cook using charcoal or open fires. **IF YOU HAVE A RAISED FIRE RING, BRING IT PLEASE.**
- Friday Night Cracker Barrel and Patch Trading with exhibits and information about the Friends of Tunnel Mill Scouting Heritage Society. All paid Scouts will receive a random bag of donated patches to trade or keep at registration.
- Make your own leather medicine pouch containing the four sacred native herbs. (Tobacco, Sweet Grass, Cedar, Sage) and seeds of The Three Sisters (Beans, Corn, Squash)
- Practice and compete in various hunting and life skills of the Shawnee during the Sessions Saturday.
- Units are encouraged to make totem poles representing the youth to be placed in camp where they prefer. *(We are fully aware that totem poles are NOT related to the Shawnee Culture. Totem Poles are a Pacific Coast Tribal Tradition.)*
- Camporee Feast of Beef Stew, cornbread and pumpkin cake served in the Dining Hall Saturday Night for all.
- Camporee Feast Adult Dutch Oven Dessert Competition with recognitions. Make your best camp cooked dessert to share.
- All participating units will receive a handmade unit flag pelt strip to commemorate the experience.
- Closing Campfire including Awards, Competition Finals, Storytelling, Dancing, Fellowship and more.
- All registered scouts and scouters will receive a handmade Camporee Totem Necklace with Shawnee colors.
- All registered scouts and scouters will receive a 2024 Shawnee Camporee patch; the second of a three-part connecting patch that celebrates all three Camporees. *Center piece FOTMSHS and 2023 Ancients Camporee patches will be available for sale.*

Per The Guide to Safe Scouting: All adults staying overnight must be registered with Scouting America. Arrow of Light Dens cannot camp overnight during Camporees, but we want Arrow of Light Dens to come and join any units who choose not to camp Saturday Morning before 9:00 for a day long program. Mark your calendar and start to plan! Join us as we travel back in time to experience the life and skills of the Shawnee People!

*The “Friends of Tunnel Mill Scouting Heritage Society” is a Not-for-profit group dedicated to preserving scouting heritage from the past and improvements of Tunnel Mill Scout Reservation. In our first 3 years we used donations and membership fees to build a shelter house at Evergreen Campsite, remove the Quonset Hut for a future shelter, and continue work to reopen the Cope Course. We removed the damaged roof of the Rietsz Priestly building after a storm for reconstruction and are currently working on rebuilding the Cliff Dwellers Site. Work continues on a safe trail to Silent Falls with the help of members and friends. You can join us as a new member at the Shawnee Camporee! More to come!

All Scouting America Units are welcome. We are honoring the Shawnee People of
Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Let’s fill Tunnel Mill with Tents!!!

We encourage period dress to honor the Shawnee People

The registration fee is \$15 per Scout and \$10 per Scouter & Staff; collected during check-in at the 2024 Shawnee Camporee.

Registration ends 10/25/2024 Contact Jerry Huffman to register at: 812-246-5106 or Jhuffscout@aol.com

Shawnee Camporee Schedule

Friday: November 1st

- 5:00 - 9:00 pm Arrival & Setup (Units must check in at the Dining Hall) (*Dinner by units*)
Tent Camping Only (No buildings will be available) We are asking scouts and scouters to use hand torches (flashlights) and campfires. We want the youth to experience daily life as the Shawnee did. Propane use is discouraged, especially for lanterns. Cook using charcoal or open fires. Weather permitting.
- 8:00 - 10:00 pm All Units Cracker Barrel and Patch trading @ Dining Hall “Beans and Cornbread” for all!!!
- 9:00 – 9:30 pm SPL and Unit leader meeting. Information for the Weekend.
- 11:00 pm Taps and quiet time.

Saturday: November 2nd

- 7:00 am Reveille (*Breakfast by units*)
- 8:30 am Flag Raising Ceremony for the **2024 Shawnee Camporee** at the Flagpoles in front of the Scoutmaster Building.
Opening Ceremonies of the 2024 Shawnee Camporee
- 9:00 am - 12:00 **2024 Shawnee Camporee** skills practice and unit competitions.
(See attached Schedule of events) (Leaders are welcome to participate in these events)
Each participating patrol in the **2024 Shawnee Camporee**
Competition must sign up during this time in the Dining Hall.
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm (*Lunch by units.*)
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm **2024 Shawnee Camporee Competition** (See attached list of patrol needs.)
- 5:00 pm - 6:00pm *Dinner Dessert Preparation by units.*
Adults in each unit are welcome to prepare enough of their best Dutch Oven Dessert for all to enjoy. Create your masterpieces and bring them, along with serving spoons, to the dining hall before 6:15. Each Chef participating will receive a special recognition. Please label your creation so we know what we’re eating and provide a way to identify your Dutch oven, lid and spoon and Chef, of course.
Special Awards will be presented for adult chefs for the following three categories:
 - Overall best Dessert.**
 - Most original Dessert. (Impress us with something new!)**
 - Most period authentic. (Only ingredients available circa 1600 for Shawnee)**
- 6:30 pm Dinner (Dining Hall) Dinner will be beef stew and corn bread. Plates, cups, utensils, napkins, and drinks will be provided. The Dutch Oven Desserts will close out our meal with pumpkin cake from the chef!
- 8:00 pm Campfire at Council Campfire Ring
Hand Wrestling Finals and Awards * Dutch Oven Dessert Awards * Archery Sharpshooter * Tomahawk Sharpshooter * Sling Shot Sharpshooter * Translation Champions * Competition Awards * Special Guests * Corn Toss Sharpshooter * Totem Pole Recognitions * Lacrosse Sharpshooter
- 11:00 pm Taps and lights out.

Sunday: November 3rd

7:30 am	Reveille
7:45 am	Breakfast and Cleanup by units in the campsites.
8:30 am	Church Service in the Chapel. Remember! A Scout is Reverent.
11:00 am	Checkout!

2024 Shawnee Camporee Practice and Preliminary Competitions Saturday Morning 9 am – 12 Noon.

- 9:00 am - 12:00** Sign up for the Shawnee Camporee Skills Competition (Scoutmaster Building Porch) - **THIS IS MANDATORY!** This is where patrols will receive information about the competition. **ALL PATROL MEMBERS MUST SIGN UP TOGETHER.** Verification of required patrol equipment, competition maps and starting event location will be distributed at this time.
- 9:00am - 10:30am** Sign-ups for Hand Wrestling (Swimming Pool)
(Finals and Recognition for top 2 patrol finalists at campfire)
- 9:00 am - 12:00** Tomahawk Throwing (Old Quonset Hut Area)
Practice for the competition. Participate when you like 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
- 9:00 am - 12:00** Slingshot (Archery Range by Reitz Priestly)
Practice for the competition. Participate when you like 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
- 9:00 am - 12:00** Lacrosse (Fort)
Practice for the competition. Participate when you like 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
- 9:00 am - 12:00** Bow and Arrow (Archery Range by Reitz Priestly)
Practice for the competition. Participate when you like 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
- 9:00 am – 12:00** Clay Animal Totem and Medicine Bags (Dining Hall)
Stop by and make Clay Animal Totems & Leather Medicine Bag with the 4 sacred Herbs and The Three Sisters Seeds. These are yours to keep.
- 11:00 am–12:00** Preliminaries for the Hand Wrestling Competition
(Participants must be present when called or forfeit.)

Shawnee Skills Competition

Saturday Afternoon 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1. All patrols must consist of at least 4 members and no more than 6.
2. Mandatory equipment for each patrol:
 - Handmade Leather Pouch for Carrying Wampum with Patrol Name & Unit Number written upon it. (Minimum dimensions 8"x 8" with drawstring)
(Warning!!! Wampum is very, very fragile! Broken Wampum will not be counted)
 - Every member **MUST HAVE A WATER BOTTLE!**
 - Fire tender suitable for flint and steel
 - First Aid Kit.
 - Patrol Yell (Mandatory at each event)
 - Scout Handbook
3. Time between events is not a factor in the competition. There will be 10 events and patrols will rotate from event to event every 20 minutes. Drums will be the signal for rotation. Units arriving early for a competition will be disqualified from that single event, so wait for the signal! Maps will be provided.
4. Remember, the competition is over 3 hours long, so be prepared to stay for the entire event. Your patrol needs you.
5. Scoring will be unique to each event and fair from patrol to patrol.
6. There will be tribal representatives negotiating treaties with patrols and awarding wampum for patrol knowledge of Scouting.
7. **NO** adult leaders should be present with the Scouting America Patrols during the competition. (Adults may accompany Arrow of Light Dens)
8. Competition Awards will be given for First, Second, & Third Place finishers for each;
 - Scouting America Patrol or Venture Crew 15 and older
 - Scouting America Patrol 14 and younger
 - Arrow of Light Den
9. Patrols must be at their assigned starting event at precisely 1:00 PM to begin the competition. No events will be repeated.

**Directions to:
Camp Tunnel Mill
3913 Tunnel Mill Rd
Charlestown IN 47111**

From Louisville (on 65): • Go North on Interstate 65 to Exit 6 (I-265) • Take Exit 10 onto Indiana 62 East • Continue for 8 miles to Monroe St. • Turn left onto Monroe St. • Continue .4 of a mile to Tunnel Mill Rd. • Turn right on Tunnel Mill Rd. • Continue for 4 miles, Camp entrance is on the left.

From Louisville (East End Bridge): • Go North on 265 across the Lewis and Clark Bridge. • Take Exit 10 onto Indiana 62 East • Continue for 8 miles to Monroe St. • Turn left onto Monroe St. • Continue .4 of a mile to Tunnel Mill Rd. • Turn right on Tunnel Mill Rd. • Continue for 4 miles, Camp entrance is on the left.

Unit Preparation for Camp

If your unit follows the steps listed below, the process of preparing everyone for an enjoyable experience at Camp Tunnel Mill should go smoothly. REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE PROVIDING YOUR OWN FOOD FOR THIS WEEKEND except for Friday night Cracker barrel & Saturday night dinner.

Upon Receiving the Leaders Guide:

- Call or email Jerry Huffman to register before October 25th, 2024**
- Inform or remind all Scouts and parents of the Camp Dates**
- Recruit two or more adult leaders to spend the weekend with your unit**
- Payment is due upon arrival.**
- Review patrol Competition requirements with youth leadership**

Finalizing plans for the outing:

- Give final notice to all youth and parents about plans for attending camp**
- See that all Scouts and Adults have a current medical form**
- Arrange for your transportation to and from camp**
- Ensure all your Scouts families have the information on the weekend**
- Arrange payments through your unit or each person**
- Review Schedule with your Scouts and families.**
- Double-check medical and health history.**
- Prepare the unit/patrol equipment to bring to camp.**
- Inspect each Scout's personal gear- we could get snow, so be prepared!**
- Finalize transportation arrangements to and from camp.**
- Review the Guide to Safe Scouting and Camp Regulations with leadership.**

Tunnel Mill Camp Policies and Procedures

Anyone participating in this event will be expected to follow Scouting America National Guidelines as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting.

The Law is the Rule: Everyone is expected to abide by the Scout Law, Oath, and Slogan.

Buddy System: Everyone will use the Buddy System. Pairs for Safety. Adults/ Leaders should be notified before Scouts leave their campsites. Scouting America may not have a buddy of the opposite gender.

Camp Security: All visitors to the camp must stop at the dining hall and check-in. Upon conclusion of their visit, guests will sign out so that camp administration will know who is on camp property at all times.

Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Substances: will not be tolerated and are against Scouting America policy. Possession or use will result in immediate dismissal from camp.

Smoking and Tobacco: SCOUTING AMERICA guidelines require a smoke-free, tobacco free, vaping free environment for our Scouts. If you must smoke, vape, or use smokeless tobacco, please do so out of sight of youth participants, youth staff, and not inside any buildings. Please “field dress” your butts and dispose of them properly remembering the ever-present danger of forest fires.

Vehicles: The Health and Safety Committee along with the Camping Committee has established a written policy and procedure for vehicles in camp.

- NO vehicles will be allowed to remain in campsites without pre-approval from camp administration.
- Weather permitting, trailers will be allowed in campsites. However, vehicles used to pull trailers need to be moved back to designated parking lots.
- One person per seatbelt and they must be worn.
- No riding in truck beds.
- No RV's, ATV's, golf carts or generators.
- Only Staff carts are permitted.

Parking:

Park in designated parking areas only. Unit leaders need to help enforce this policy.

No Plumbing Available: During winter/cold months, usually mid-October through the beginning of April, the water is NOT available throughout camp. Water for drinking and cooking will be available at the Dining Hall or Administration Building. During warmer months the water around latrines is available throughout camp. Water will be available in the dining hall.

Campsites: Do not cut trees. Bring your own Indiana DNR approved firewood, charcoal or collect dead wood from the downed trees. No pit/trench fires, fire rings provided. Never leave a campfire unattended, especially when going to bed. All campfires should be extinguished according to SCOUTING AMERICA guidelines.

Please make sure before leaving on Sunday that your campsite is completely cleaned up and all campfires are completely extinguished.

Uniforms: Field uniform also known as a “Class A” uniform should be worn at the closing ceremony and Saturday Night Dinner in the Dining Hall. Activity uniform also known as a “Class B” (Scouting appropriate) t-shirts are permitted during all other event activities.

Camp: Follow SCOUTING AMERICA guidelines for camping:

- Walk, do not run, within your campsite.
- Remember tent stakes and tie-downs.
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times.
- Stay out of the creek.
- Do not ditch or trench your tent.
- Leave no Trace.
- Trash your trash. It should be removed from all campsites.
- No pets or bikes
- Do not enter another unit’s campsite without permission.
- NO GROUND FIRES (Fires inside designated pits are okay or bring your own ring)
- Follow SCOUTING AMERICA regulations according to fuels. Keep open flames out of and away from tents.

Knives, Hatchets, Axes, Chainsaws or Firearms:

No firearms are permitted at Camp. No chainsaws are permitted. No fixed blade, sheath or survival knives are permitted. Folding or pocketknives are permitted by those Scouts that have earned their Whittlin’ Chip or Totin Chip. Axes and Bow Saws are only permitted in ax yards of Scouting America Troops / Venture Crews.

Rocks and Sticks: Although tempting, rocks must not be thrown or kicked, and sticks may not be swung. Injury/damage to property usually results from this action.

First Aid: There will be a medical officer stationed on camp. All medical treatment or emergencies should be directed to the health officer. Minor first aid treatment can be given in the campsite if first aid items are available.

Camp Emergencies: If there is an emergency, there will be 3 long blasts of the air horn, and everyone should rally in the Dining Hall. Once the emergency has passed, campers will be given instructions on where to go next. Campers should remain in the Dining Hall until the “All Clear” signal has been given. Leaders should review these procedures with their campers.

Trash: Your trash must be taken to a dumpster. No trash should remain in campsites overnight; there are skunks and raccoons that will visit your unit if this is not done.

Cleanup/Check-out: When your unit is ready to leave camp, we ask that you please clean up your area and leave it the same or better than you found it. Please take everything with you.

Trash can be dropped in the dumpster as you leave camp.

½ an hour before your unit is ready to leave camp, send 2 runners to Camp Admin.

Youth Protection: Camp will adhere to all Youth Protection Guidelines. Leaders, parents, and staff are expected to adhere to all Youth Protection Guidelines. For more information regarding Scouting’s Youth protection policy, go to: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/youth-protection/>

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November 1st - 3rd, 2024 at Tunnel Mill Scout Reservation
Please e-mail or call before October 25th to:

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Make a Totem Pole and we will put it up where you want in TMR!

We are fully aware that totem poles are NOT related to the Shawnee Culture. Totem Poles are a Pacific Coast Tribal Tradition.; however, Totem poles have been a Tunnel Mill Tradition since the 1930's. All of the poles that were on site during the 1970's, when I was a youth, are gone except pieces of one. The current poles on camp were placed in 2005 during a Camporee honoring the Lewis and Clark expedition journey to the West Coast. Several of those have been destroyed during the construction of the new council ring or have fallen. We will reset the fallen poles and add your new creations for Tunnel Mill visitors' pleasure in years to come.

Specifications:

- Please keep poles under 25 feet tall
- Poles must have 4-5 feet at the base of the pole to be buried
- Please use durable materials (Cedar, Locust, Telephone poles)
- Poles may be painted or not.
- You have to bring it to camp yourself! We will put it up where you want as approved by Camp Ranger.
- Leave a legacy that unit members can enjoy and be proud of in the future.
- Specific questions? Contact Jerry Huffman at 812-246-5106 or Jhuffscout@aol.com.