



# Troop 72

## Camping Skills Weekend Campout @ Camp Spirit

(2026 Edition)



Drop off: Friday, May 29 @ 5:30pm  
Pickup: Sunday, May 31 @ 10:00am

Permission form + \$16 due Monday, May 11

While this event is primarily offered for first year Scouts, all Scouts are welcome. If you have already earned First Class rank, consider coming along to meet the new Scouts, build your leadership skills, and hone your scouting skills by helping teach the younger Scouts.

### Itinerary Summary

Mon. 5/11	Backpack Demo and Distribution @6:30pm (Prior to Troop Meeting)
Thur. 5/21	Food shopping @ 7:00pm – Weis, Fogelsville
Fri. 5/29	Advancement work ♦ Sleep inside @ Camp Spirit
Sat. 5/30	Breakfast ♦ Hike ~5 miles on Appalachian Trail (AT) ♦ Lunch ♦ More advancement work ♦ Dinner ♦ Camp fire
Sun. 5/31	Breakfast ♦ Pack up camp ♦ Hike out ♦ Unload gear @ Camp Spirit and hang tents

Please see the attached list of requirements that will be covered over the course of the weekend. We will meet during Troop meetings a couple of times prior to the weekend to discuss what to bring and how to pack for backpacking trips.

**Note:** Tenderfoot requirement 4d must be completed at home prior to weekend.

### THINGS TO BRING (a more complete list to follow)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack              | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass               | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 quarts of water    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen / Pencil          | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean / dry socks     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Matches               | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean / dry underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kit             | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight / headlamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries           | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping clothes      |

Contact Mr. Kocher (484-695-5757) or Mr. Hanna (406-270-1846) with any questions.

**Any adult attending a BSA/Troop 72 overnight event must be a registered BSA Leader.**

## **Key**

We will offer an opportunity to complete requirement and get sign-off during the event.

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## **Scout Rank Requirements**

4a. Show how to tie a square knot, two half-hitches, and a tautline hitch. Explain how each knot is used.

## **Tenderfoot Rank Requirements**

1a. Present yourself to your leader, prepared for an overnight camping trip. Show the personal and camping gear you will use. Show the right way to pack and carry it.

1b. Spend at least one night on a patrol or troop campout. Sleep in a tent you have helped pitch.

1c. Tell how you practiced the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace on a campout or outing.

2a. On the campout, assist in preparing one of the meals. Tell why it is important for each patrol member to share in meal preparation and cleanup.

2b. While on a campout, demonstrate the appropriate method of safely cleaning items used to prepare, serve, and eat a meal.

2c. Explain the importance of eating together as a patrol.

3a. Demonstrate a practical use of the square knot.

3b. Demonstrate a practical use of two half-hitches.

3c. Demonstrate a practical use of the taut-line hitch.

4d. Assemble a personal first-aid kit to carry with you on future campouts and hikes. Tell how each item in the kit would be used.

5a. Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and where you live. Use the buddy system while on a troop or patrol outing.

5b. Describe what to do if you become lost on a hike or campout.

5c. Explain the rules of safe hiking, both on the highway and cross country, during the day and at night.

5d. Explain why it is important to hike on trails or other durable surfaces and give examples of durable surfaces you saw on your outing.

## **Second Class Rank Requirements**

2a. Explain when it is appropriate to use a fire for cooking or other purposes and when it would not be appropriate to do so.

2d. Explain when it is appropriate to use a lightweight stove and when it is appropriate to use a propane stove. Set up a lightweight stove or propane stove. Light the stove, unless prohibited by local fire restrictions. Describe the safety procedures for using these types of stoves.

3a. Demonstrate how a compass works and how to orient a map. Use a map to point out and tell the meaning of five map symbols.

3b. Using a compass and map together, take a 5-mile hike (or 10 miles by bike) approved by your adult leader and your parent or guardian.

# Troop 72 Permission Slip

## 2026 Camping Skills Weekend

Friday, May 29 to Sunday, May 31

Form Due Date: May 11

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend the event listed above.

During the event I can be reached at (Phone): \_\_\_\_\_.

If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person should be contacted:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** It is the parent's responsibility to see that their son takes any medication on troop events. If it is important that the medication schedule not be disrupted, notify one of the leaders attending of the required dosage and schedule.

Medications and dosage: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any health concerns, allergies to medication, etc. that would be helpful in an emergency:

Please list any food restrictions, allergies or dietary concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency, the adult in charge is authorized to act on my behalf.

If your Scout will be leaving early, please indicate day and time: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult who will pick up and take your Scout home after event:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 16.00

- Payment from Scout Account
- Pay by Check
- Pay by Cash

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Scout's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature

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