

Welcome to York District Spring Camporee 08

“ Veteran Appreciation “

May 16, 17, & 18 -- Hosted by Troop 338

<http://www.troop338maine.org/springcamp08.htm>



Directions: Spring Hill Lodge, 117 Pond Rd, S. Berwick, ME. Driving south on Rte 4 about 5 miles past Rte 9, Pond Rd is on left just after Save On Fuel. Follow Pond Rd for 1.1 miles, Spring Hill Lodge is on left, up hill. If driving north thru South Berwick, go past The Links at Outlook golf course and the old farm with a silver silo, Pond Rd is on right.

Bring with you: A copy of current Med Forms for all Scouts & Scouters along with two copies of your Troop's roster (list of attendees with rank/position). District rules now require that the med forms be delivered in a manilla envelope with one copy of the roster taped to the outside. The envelopes will be filed for Medical personnel. The second roster is for Registration. If you do not meet the May 1st registration deadline, please also bring the completed registration form with you, along with registration & late fees. **Bring fire buckets. Carry in - Carry out!** Please bring some heavy trash bags so you can remove all trash for disposal at home. (plan camping methods that minimize waste volume by avoiding disposable cups, plates, leaving excess packaging behind, etc.) Bring makings for gray-water sump bags (tripod, burlap sack with hay inside and big heavy trash bag to pack it out)

Gateway Competition: Plan ahead to come up with the best gateway display Honoring our past & present Veterans, Patriotic Themes, etc. Can be from any U.S. time line.

Donations for Operation Uplink: We will be assisting the VFW in collecting money for for Operation Uplink, which provides special “works everywhere”, phone cards to serviceman. The VFW will be able to get nearly 5 to 1 in matching funds for the cards, so all that you give will go a long way toward helping our deployed servicemen stay in touch with family.

Please carpool - We have limited parking - Thank you. Plan on carrying your gear to the campsite, as there will be limited access by vehicle. (The main camp is approx 100yds from the parking lot) The Staff will park you. No Parking is allowed on the Driveway as another function is being held Saturday morning in the lodge. **After parking** a unit Leader must proceed to the Headquarters tent with Med forms & roster, and receive their site assignment.

Radio Traffic - On arrival, the parking scouts will be using Channel 1 on the FRS band. Any questions about where things are located start with this channel. HQ will be using Channel 3 for the weekend. Please keep your troops off this channel. If you are trying to contact staff you may come on channel 3 and request help. You will then be directed to another channel to keep this one clear of all non-staff chatter.

Set up your sites with tents along the outside of long sides, facing inward, to allow you easy access to & from your camp without cutting thru a neighbors site. All sites are required to have a gray-water sump bag, set up away from the tents and out of walking paths. (the sump is a burlap bag, lined with hay, suspended from a tripod, to filter your waste water from brushing, washing, cooking, etc.) Bring a large, heavy-duty plastic bag to secure it in for the ride home.

Drinking water will be from a public water supply and containers may be filled at any time from the faucets on the temporary water line.

Porta-potties will be available in the camping and activity areas. Please have respect for other Scouts & Scouters by keeping the toilets CLEAN.

Above-ground fires will be allowed on each site, as long as we are not under dry conditions.

Each Troop: Please plan to host an Armed Forces Guest for dinner, conversation and an overnight stay.

SPL & Scoutmasters must attend the Friday Night 9PM meeting at Headquarters for Camporee Handout Info.