# The Hocking Hills Hike and Hog Roast Camporee

Final Bulletin Boy Scouts

When: Friday, April 27 through Sunday, April 29, 2012.

**Where:** The Hocking Hills State Park Group Camping Area. See attached map and directions. Allow 1.5 to 2 hours of travel time from Columbus.

**Directions:** Take SR33 Southeast from Columbus. Continue past Lancaster (take Bypass) almost to Logan.

Take SR664 Southwest (Right) just before Logan. It will be marked "To Old Man's Cave". Continue almost to Old Man's Cave and Park Office.

Take SR374 South (Left) following signs to Cedar Falls.

The Youth Group Camp is on the left past the Fire Tower Parking turnoff. Follow the drive to Registration.

Who: Scouts and Venture Crews of Buckeye District and their leaders are invited to attend.

Please note that BSA national Scouting rules require that all Troops and Crews must have two-deep adult (over 21) leadership.

**Registration:** Units should plan to arrive on Friday night to avoid missing out on the program on Saturday morning.

The camporee fee is \$10.00 for all Scouts, Crew members, and Scouters. This covers all activities, the Pig Roast on Saturday night, a patch for each participant and a ribbon for each unit.

**Crackerbarrel:** Each Unit should be represented at the Friday evening Crackerbarrel to get final instructions and changes and to have any program questions answered. Troop and Crew adult leaders and one or two Scout leaders should attend. There will be final information about the available hikes.

**Camping and Parking:** Camping for all units will be in the Group Camping Areas. Parking is adjacent to the camp sites. We expect that unit trailers will need to be left in the parking area.

Units should plan to use stoves for cooking. Ground fires will be allowed but in designated fire locations. No fire wood will be provided. Gasoline stoves and lanterns, under the supervision of an adult, are allowed. The Council rules must be followed. Extra fuel must be locked up.

Latrines are available near the campsites. Water may need to be hauled a short distance (bring extra water jugs). Garbage may be left in the dumpsters.

For reasons of safety, straight blade sheath or hunting knives and double-bit axes will not be permitted.

As always, the Scout Oath and Law should guide our conduct. All Scouts should remain in their own camp area after taps and until reveille.



**Program:** Units will have their choice of a number of Troop hiking options on Saturday:

- From the Campground Hikes: Units can hike out of the Campground and join the Buckeye Trail. From there you can hike to Ash Cave (about 6 miles round trip). You can also hike to Cedar Falls (6 miles round trip) or on to Old Man's Cave (12 miles round trip)
- Drive to Hikes: Units can drive to Old Man's Cave or Ash cave and hike on the Buckeye Trail to the other (about 6 miles). They can arrange to switch cars at the other end or plan to hike half their time and then return to their cars.
- Conkles Hollow: Units can drive to Conkles Hollow and hike the trails there (about 3.5 miles).
- Other: Units can review the maps of the Hocking Hills State Park and pick their own trail.

There will not be a formal service project but most units will want to collect trash along the trail and remove branches and dead trees as necessary. Bring a few garbage bags.

There will be staff in camp all day Saturday to provide security for unit campsites.

After the Units get back from their hikes, there will be a Pig Roast for supper. The District will provide the roast pig and the Units are responsible for the side dishes, drinks, and dessert for their unit. Eating details will be discussed at Crackerbarrel.



**OA Tap-out:** Saturday night's Campfire will also include an OA Tap-out.

**First Aid & Emergencies:** First Aid support will be available in the Headquarters area. Troop Leaders should have medical release/history for each Scout.

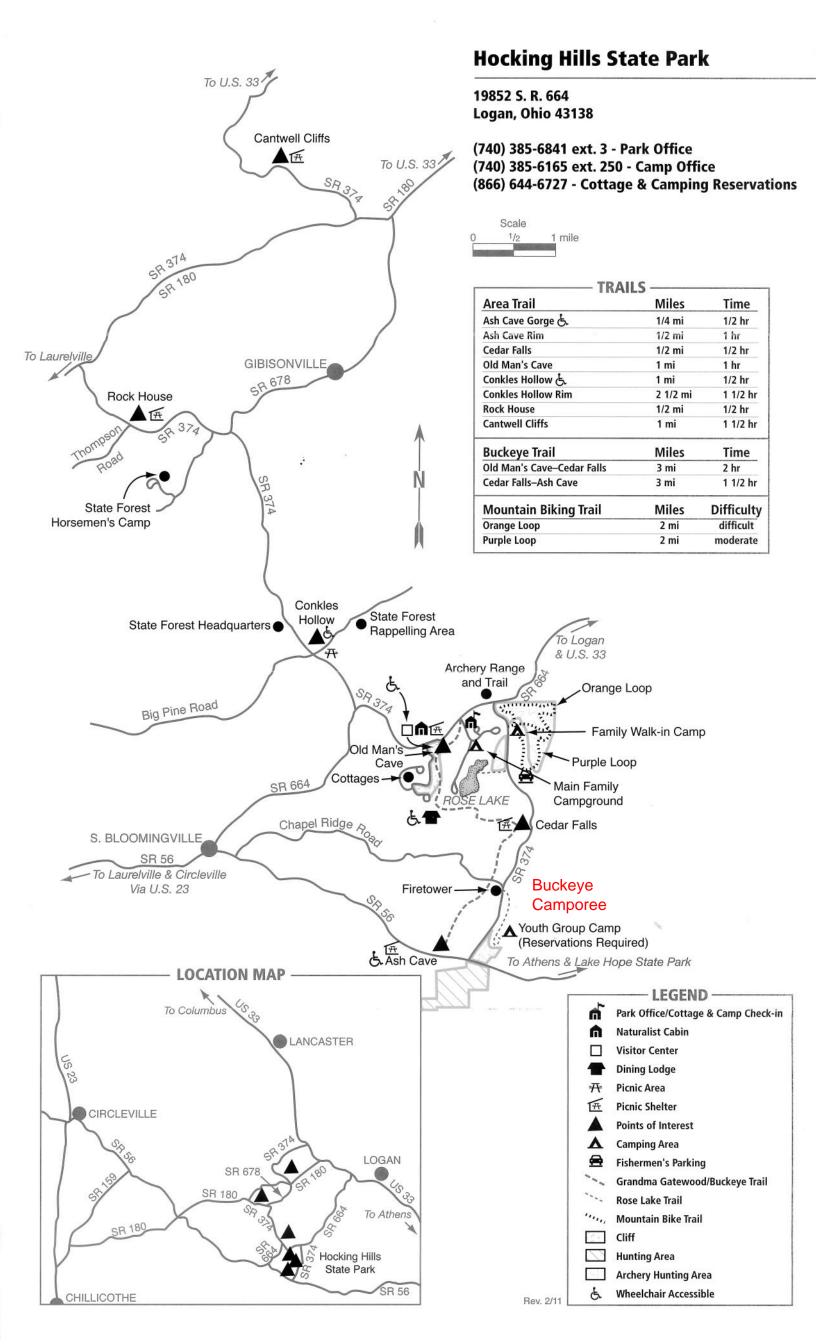
**Leave-No-Trace & Checkout:** Each Unit must check out with the Leave-No-Trace committee before leaving the camporee.

When your campsite has been completely cleaned and all equipment removed, send the Senior Patrol Leader to request final inspection. (Details at Saturday night's Crackerbarrel.) Patches and ribbons will be distributed after the Leave-No-Trace checkout.

Units that must leave early must make arrangements with the Camporee Chairman before leaving.

#### **Ouestions:**

Tom Pauling, 614-538-0234, Activities Committee Chair Bob Deis, 614-515-4204, Camporee Chair



### Tentative Schedule:

## Friday, April 27, 2012

6:00 pm 9:30 pm Registration Opens Registration Closes Crackerbarrel (Adult

10:00 pm Crackerbarrel (Adult & Jr Leader)
11:00 pm Taps, all Scouts in Unit Areas

#### Saturday, April 28, 2012

6:30 am	Reveille & Breakfast
7:30 am	Registration Opens
8:30 am	Registration Closes

9:00 am Opening Ceremony and Begin Troop Hikes

12:00 pm Lunch on Trail

4:00 pm Hikes End. All Units should be off Trail by

5:00 PM

6:00 pm Roast Pig will be served in the Headquarters

area

8:30 pm Evening Program

- Informal Scout and Adult Crackerbarrels

11:00 pm Taps, all Scouts in Unit Areas

## **Sunday, April 29, 2012**

7:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm

Reveille & Breakfast Worship Service Leave No Trace Camporee Ends

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**Unit Leader Notes:** This is a low key Camporee. Please feel free to invite 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Webelos Dens to come with your Troop and experience a fun camping trip. However, Dens must register with Troops and not individually.

There will be more information at Roundtable about the hiking options. If you have groups with different abilities, you may want to consider more than one hike.

Since we will be in public, we ask that Scouts wear at least "Class B" uniforms during the day, but proper clothing is necessary. GOOD hiking shoes are a must. Boots are preferred. Class "A" for OA Tap Out.

Creative backpack lunches are encouraged since all lunches will be away from camp. Plan accordingly.

There is not a formal service project but we ask that you pick up trash along the trail and clear broken limbs as required.

Transportation to the trailhead or end point will be required for some Unit hikes. Please take care when driving in the camping area.