

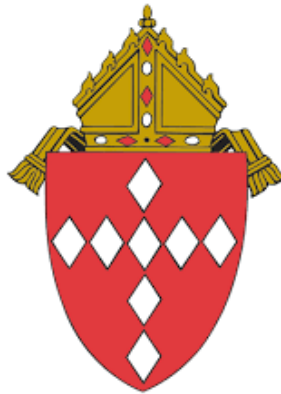


**March 8-10, 2024**

**Leader's Guide**

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## Section 1: Overview

Dear Scouters – We are excited to present the Leader’s Guide for the 2024 Catholic Scout Camporee.

Our theme for this year is **Light of the World!** The gospel for March 10<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, speaks of the light that has come into the world. We know that light to be Christ who has triumphed over darkness. We will call scouts to be that light of Christ for others as they go about their scouting lives. We look forward to renewing the fun and fellowship of Catholic Scouters, as well as those from other faith traditions (all are welcome!)



We are excited that Bishop Luis Rafael will be the main celebrant for Mass this year! The Bishop will stay for dinner following Mass. Dinner is provided.



Seminarian Robert Lane, currently assigned to Pastoral Year at St. Mary Magdelene in Apex, will be the retreat speaker.

### **People of Service**

In keeping with the ideals of Scouting and in the Camporee tradition, we will provide a service opportunity.

## Forms and more

Please take a few minutes to review this Leader's Guide and share the information with your units.

To save money, please register and pay **by February 28, 2024**. Registrations after February 28th will incur an extra charge. Activity waivers for the climbing wall will be required for youth to climb (no exceptions). The waiver can be found on the Camporee Website (see below).

Website: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/scouting/catholic-camporee>.

Come have fun with your fellow Scouters and Scouting families! Contact us with questions.

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## Section 2: Camporee Fees

(includes all activities, activity materials, lunch on Saturday and a Camporee patch)

### ***By February 28, 2024:***

\$18.00 per person – tent campers

\$12.00 per person – day campers

\$60.00 maximum for a family of 4 or more (tent or day campers).

### ***After February 28, 2024:***

\$20.00 per person – tent campers

\$14.00 per person – day campers

\$65.00 maximum for a family of 4 or more (tent or day campers).

Online registration and payment can be made at:

<https://raldioc.configio.com/go/camporee>

Checks are to be made payable to “**Catholic Committee on Scouting.**”  
Please mark the memo section “**2024 Catholic Camporee.**”

All units preferring not to use the on-line registration must send checks and the Registration Forms via US Mail to the address noted on the forms.

**REFUND POLICY: All fees are non-refundable.**

**Registration fees are NOT REFUNDABLE unless there are extenuating circumstances totally beyond the control of the Scout/Scouter, as funds are spent on food and supplies prior to the start of the Camporee to ensure success.**



## Section 3: Schedule

### **Friday, 08 March 24**

- 4:00 pm Check-In begins in Camp Bowers Admin. Building
- 8:00 pm Check-In ends
- 8:30 pm Cracker Barrel (Adult Leaders, SPLs, Advisors) in Dining Hall
- 10:00 pm Lights out/quiet time

### **Saturday, 09 March 24**

- 7:00 am Breakfast at Campsites (Note: each unit prepares its own meal)
- 7:00 am Saturday Check-In in Admin. Building
- 8:00 am Saturday Check-In Ends
- 8:30 am Flag Ceremony & Morning Prayer at Flagpole behind Dining Hall
- 8:45-9:15 am **Retreat Speaker: Seminarian Rob Lane**
- 9:30-10:45 am **Activity** (see Unit's Rotation schedule) – location varies  
Training for Religious Emblem Counselors in Dining Hall (North)
- 11:00-12:15 pm **Activity** (see Unit's Rotation schedule) – location varies  
Diocesan Safe Environment Training in Dining Hall (North)
- 12:15-1:30 pm Lunch (prepared by the Knights of Columbus, Sons of Mother Seton Council #9847) in Dining Hall
- 1:45-3:00 pm **Activity** (see Unit's Rotation schedule) – location varies  
Board of Reviews for Religious Awards in Dining Hall (North)
- 3:00-4:00 pm Free time to prepare for Mass
- 5:10-5:25 pm Flag Retirement Ceremony immediately following Mass Pole behind the Dining Hall [Note: Sunset ~6:15pm]
- 5:30 pm **Mass** (Note: Please wear Field Uniforms) in Dining Hall  
Celebrant: Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama, Bishop of Raleigh
- 6:15-7:45 pm Dinner at the Dining Hall (prepared by the Knights of Columbus)
- 8:00 -9:00 pm Campfire Program in the Campfire Area  
Recognition of Religious Award Recipients  
Camporee Closing Prayer
- 10:00 pm Lights out/Quiet time

### **Sunday, 10 March 24**

- 7:00 am Breakfast at Campsites (units prepare own meals) & Pack-Up
- 8:00-9:30 am Campsite Inspections
- 10:00 am Camp Cleared (Note: No Exceptions)

## Section 4: Unit Rotations

<i>Unit Rotations:</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>	<i>1:45 pm</i>
<b>Group A**</b>	Activity #1	Activity #2	Activity #3
<b>Group B**</b>	Activity #2	Activity #3	Activity #1
<b>Group C**</b>	Activity #3	Activity #1	Activity #2

\*\* Activity Group assignments will be listed in your check-in packet.  
All Activities take place on Saturday, March 09, 2024.

### **ACTIVITY AREA #1: Shotgun Shooting**

#### **Meet at Range**

Shotgun for youth who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade & up.

### **ACTIVITY AREA #2: Fire-building, Games and Crafts**

#### **Meet at the shelter near the Activity Field**

Group games/challenges for all ages. Larger units will be divided by patrols. Smaller units/families may be grouped together for more fun! All equipment will be provided. Activities include: Fire-building (Troop 742 assisting, First Starters (Troop 771 assisting), Survival Bracelets (pack 787 assisting) Stomp Rockets, Gaga Ball, Football Toss

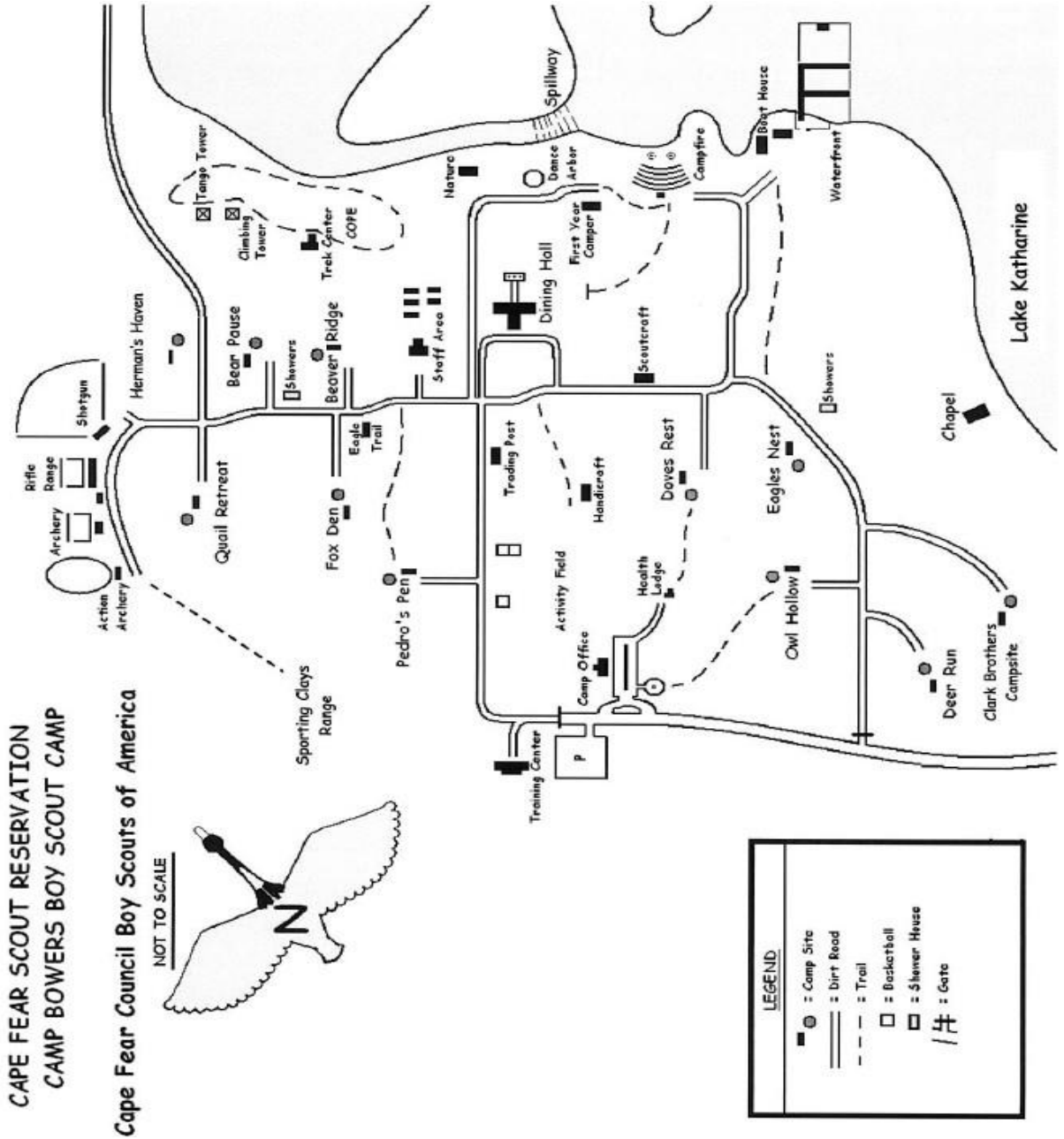
### **ACTIVITY AREA #3: Climbing**

#### **Meet at Climbing Tower.**

### **Young Scout Activities – Shelter Area Adjacent to Athletic Field**

Activities will be available for cubs, brownies, daisies, and other younger youth.

# Section 5: Map of Camp Bowers





## **Section 6: Camporee Guidelines and Rules**

**1. Campsites.** Campsites will be assigned as registration is received. Most campsites will have more than one similar unit or family group assigned. Units must camp in the assigned areas. All campsites have a shelter with picnic tables, a fire ring and a small bath house. Water is potable at campsites. Facilities are to be shared equally by all assigned units in a campsite. One larger shower/toilet facility is located on each side of Camp Bowers and is to be shared by all campers assigned to nearby campsites.

**2. Check-in.** Will begin at 4:00 pm on Friday March 08, 2024. No one can enter earlier. Upon arrival on Friday, units will check in at the Administration Building to pick up their packets and be directed to their campsites. Activity Group assignments will be listed in your packet. Camporee patches will be distributed to each unit after a successful campsite inspection on Sunday (except day campers, who will get them at check-in).

**3. Vehicles.** Only three vehicles at a time per campsite will be given a CAMPSITE PASS and permitted to drive to campsite to unload. Please unload as quickly as possible and return your Campsite Pass to the parking attendants near the Administration Building so others in your campsite may enter. Unit trailers may be left in the campsite area. Please park all other vehicles in the designated lots near the Administration Building. For the safety of our campers, absolutely NO vehicles are allowed in the campsites overnight. Vehicles driving thru camp during the camporee hours will be limited to camporee staff and handicap pass holders.

**4. Camporee Headquarters.** Once check-in on Saturday morning is complete, Camporee Headquarters will be moved to the Dining Hall (south end) for the remainder of the Camporee. Camporee staff will be there 8:00 am – 9:00 pm on Saturday and 8:00-10:00am on Sunday to respond to questions or concerns.

**5. Quiet Hours.** Everyone must be in his or her respective campsite between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. All are expected to be quiet. "A Scout is Courteous". This is each unit leader's responsibility.

**6. Health and Safety.** All safety precautions will be adhered to throughout the Camporee. Report all unsafe conditions and actions to the Camporee staff immediately. If the action is unsafe, stop the action.

*The buddy system will be in effect throughout the Camporee.*

**7. Weather.** If severe weather affects the Camporee, the Camporee staff, the Catholic Committee on Scouting representatives and/or the Camp Ranger will make the appropriate decision over-riding Unit leadership. No plans have been made for rescheduling the Camporee in the case of extreme weather or a major emergency. If the Camporee is to be cancelled, the Unit contact will be informed as soon as possible.

**8. First Aid.** Scout Leaders should "Be Prepared" to handle minor situations. Each unit is required to have a First Aid kit in their campsite. Serious injuries and emergencies must be reported immediately to the Camporee Headquarters (Dining Hall). There will be a trained Health and Safety Officer present on site during the entire Camporee. Units having additional trained medical personnel present are asked to notify our Health and Safety Officer upon arrival. The nearest full-service hospital is Bladen County Hospital in Elizabethtown, N.C. (16 miles away).

**9. Campfires.** Fire pits are available in each campsite. Under no circumstances should any trees be cut down. Use extreme caution with all fires. Keep all fires in the designated fire pit and at a reasonable size; never leave a fire unattended and always provide adult supervision for all fires. Each unit must bring its own fire extinguishers or have safety buckets (with water in them) available at a unit campfire. And please ensure a fire is completely out before leaving it unattended. NOTE: BSA prohibits liquid fire starters.

**10. Cooking in Campsites.** If there is a ban on open fires, all units need to plan for no-heat meals or use camp stoves properly. Use of liquid fuel, propane, and butane in stoves and lanterns is permitted only with knowledgeable adult supervision. This applies to all units and family campers.

**11. Water.** Water is available at the tap near each campsite latrine. Scouts and Scouters should plan to carry their own canteens or water bottles during all activities.

**12. Uniforms/Shoes.** Field (or "Class A") uniforms are to be worn during the Flag ceremony, Retreat Speaker and Mass on Saturday. Activity (or "Class B") uniforms may be worn at all other times. For safety, closed-toed shoes are required for all activities. *No flip-flops or sandals!* Sneakers or hiking shoes are best.

**13. Service Project.** Please encourage each scout and scouter in your unit to bring one or more of the following most-needed items to be donated that will be donated to the mission church of Our Lady of the Snows in Elizabethtown.

- Pasta
- Cereal
- Rice-a-Roni
- Mac & Cheese

Your donations can be dropped off at check-in or at Camporee Headquarters in the Dining Hall any time prior to Mass on Saturday.

**14. Lost and Found.** Lost and Found items should be turned in to the Camporee Headquarters at the south end of the Dining Hall. These items will be displayed at the flag ceremony on Saturday evening and in Dining Hall on Sunday.

**15. Campfire Program.** Each unit is encouraged to participate in the campfire by performing a song, skit, cheer or other entertainment. Please submit your skit/song request to Camporee Headquarters by lunch time on Saturday. The Camporee staff must approve these performances in advance! Remember the theme of “Light of the World!” keep it fun (and remember, a Scout is Clean).



**16. Liturgy.** “A Scout is Reverent”. A Catholic Mass will be held in the Dining Hall at 5:15 pm on Saturday. Celebrating the Mass will be Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. It is strongly recommended that all Scouts and Leaders participate. For the Mass and the Camporee as a whole, non-Catholics are ALWAYS welcome, and their participation enriches our gathering. **Volunteers are needed to assist with music at Mass. Scouts or Scouters wishing to volunteer to play an instrument or sing, can contact Fr. Scott McCue, Diocesan Scout Chaplain, at [smccue@stmchapelhill.org](mailto:smccue@stmchapelhill.org).**

**17. Checkout & Campsite Inspection.** Campsites will be inspected on Sunday morning between 8:00-9:30 am. As with Check-In, only 3 vehicles per campsite will be permitted to enter campsites. Car traffic will begin at 7:00 am. When your unit is packed and ready to Check-Out, please alert a Camporee staffer (in the Dining Hall HQ). Units will receive their Camporee patches following inspection. If there is more than one unit in your assigned campsite, those units are expected to clean the common areas together. Pavilions, bath houses, picnic tables and fire rings must be left as you found them or better. Leave No Trace principles apply! Fires must be completely extinguished.

**18. Trash/Garbage.** All trash belonging to your unit must be carried to the dumpsters on the road leaving camp (near the red bridge between the camp parking lot and the main road). Units should bring several large trash bags with them as supplies may be limited. Please ensure that all trash is in the dumpster, NOT piled on top.

**19. Prohibited Items.** Fireworks, firearms, sheath knives, illegal drugs, and alcoholic beverages. Anyone bringing prohibited items will be required to leave immediately with forfeiture of all fees paid.

**20. Absolutely No Pets Allowed.** Service animals and dogs used for the visually impaired are permitted.

**21. Rules Violations.** The Camporee Chief in consultation with the Camporee Staff will determine penalties for any violation of the rules.

**22. Cell Phone/Camp Phone.** Be advised that cell-phone reception at Camp Bowers can be spotty. Those with Verizon may have sufficient signal, other carriers may not. A land-line phone in the Administration Building is available for emergencies only.

## Section 7: Directions to Camp Bowers

**Address** (either can be used in GPS and Google maps):

**Camp Bowers Trail, White Oak, NC 28399**

-- or --

**13165 NC Hwy 53 West, White Oak, NC 28399**



### ***From Hwy. 53:***

- Turn into **Cape Fear Scout Reservation** (large wooden gateway at entrance)
- Follow signs along dirt access road to Camp Bowers:
  - bear left at Totem Pole, continue along dirt road, cross over red metal bridge,
  - admire Lake Katherine on your right, continue as road bends to right
  - pass by Camp McNeill on your left, enter Camp Bowers
- Administration Building will be on your right - pull into parking lot, park and come inside!

### **Map of BSA Camp Bowers:**

A map (not to scale) of Camp Bowers can be found at:

<https://www.capefearcouncilbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/updated-bowers-map-2016.pdf>



**Catholic Scout Camporee  
BSA Camp Bowers, White Oak, NC  
March 08-10, 2024**

**Section 8: Registration Form**

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Unit (Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

# of Youth Camping \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 each

# of Adults Camping \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 each

# of Family Units Camping: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60.00 (4 or more in a family)

# of Youth – Saturday only: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 each

# of Adults – Saturday only: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 each

**Total due to Catholic Committee on Scouting \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*(See REFUND Policy on page 5)*

**On-line registration and payment is preferred, however personal checks are also acceptable. Please make checks payable to “Catholic Committee on Scouting.” And in memo section of check, please write: “2024 Catholic Camporee.”**

**Mail registration form and check to:**

Catholic Camporee c/o  
Frank Jackson  
2104 Abbey Marie Lane  
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

**\*\*TO AVOID ADDITIONAL FEES, FORMS & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, 2024.**

**To help the Camporee Staff with campsite assignments and activity rotations, please complete the following to the best of your ability:**

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Youth total in your entire unit/family; and this group broken out by age:

Ages 5 and under: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 6-9: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages 10-18: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated # of **tents** your unit will be setting up:

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults participating in Religious Emblem Counselor training

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults participating in Safe Environment Training

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of scouts requesting Religious Emblem Board of Reviews

\_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated # of youth (ages 11& up or completed grade 5) for Shooting Sports (Shotgun)

