

1st North Carolina Annual Muslim Family Camporee Guide



Where: 4637 Old Carthage Rd, Carthage, NC 28327 (Camp Durant Scout Reservation)

When: August 25th to 27th, 2023

Check-in Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Aug 25th

Fees: \$70/person

Event registration & Information: <https://muslimcamporee.org/loc/nc/>





Camporee Overview

North Carolina's First Muslim Family Camporee will be held at Camp Durant Scout Reservation, from August 25th to 27th, 2023 with the collaboration of Boy Scouts of America Occonechee Council and the National Association of Muslim Americans on Scouting (NAMAS). It is being led by Triangle Muslim Scouts and Scouters. The camporee's goal is to showcase scouting methods and spirit to the growing Muslim population of the Research Triangle Park Area (Raleigh, Cary, Morrisville, Durham, Apex) in North Carolina.

The three-day camporee will feature activities for the WHOLE FAMILY. Participants will get the opportunity to enjoy traditional scouting activities typically seen in a summer scout program including Aquatics, Camping, Climbing, Campfire, Fishing, Hiking and Shooting sports. On Saturday evening, you'll enjoy a campfire program that is hosted by local Muslim scouts. Participants will be sleeping in canvas tents on wooden platforms in designated campsites (Note: There are NO electrical outlets available in the tents). Each campsite is divided into two sides, and both sides feature a permanent shelter with electricity and lighting. Each campsite also has a shower house, complete with three hot/cold showers and three individual private flushing toilets. The camp has been wired with fiber-optic cable, which allows for both wired and wireless high-speed internet connections at designated locations. In addition, time will be set aside for the five daily prayers, and you'll be served Halal food.

Through this outreach effort, Triangle Muslim Scouts in partnership with the community youth and adult leaders is making a strong commitment to the local Muslim community. Muslim camping is a unique experience for Muslim youth, particularly those who are part of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). These camps provide an opportunity for young Muslims to not only participate in outdoor activities but also learn about their faith and its teachings. One of the main objectives of Muslim camping is to instill in the youth the love for nature, and to teach them how to protect and care for it. Islamic scouting, camping and camporees provide a unique opportunity for Muslim youth to learn about their faith, develop a sense of community, build leadership qualities, and engage in outdoor activities.

Muslim camping is not limited to just BSA Scouts but also includes various camporees where Muslim youth from different parts of the country gather to enjoy outdoor activities and engage in

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Islamic learning. These camps offer a unique opportunity for young Muslims to bond with other Muslims and develop a sense of community. American Muslim youth, in particular, benefit greatly from Muslim camping as it provides them with an opportunity to explore their identity and connect with their faith. Many camps for youth offer separate accommodations for males and females, halal food options, and prayer facilities. This ensures that Muslim youth are able to fully participate in the camping experience while also observing their religious obligations. These camps are a testament to the rich and diverse Islamic tradition in America, and they provide American Muslim youth with an opportunity to explore their identity while connecting with their faith.



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What to Expect

Camporee will provide you with a weekend of outdoor activities typically enjoyed by scouts during their summer camps. These activities are staffed by trained personnel and require participants to follow guidelines and published timeline to keep camporee running smoothly.

Please read the entire guide, it'll help you prepare for the camporee. Being prepared is the first step to enjoying the Camporee.

The registration fee covers the cost of meals, tent accommodations, payments to the support staff, insurance, and program materials (including arrows, ammunition, targets etc.). Prepare to take your turn to volunteer at the dining hall (Campsite specific schedule), setting up for prayer and offering Adhan at your respective campsite.

Weather

This year the Camporee is being held in late summer and the weather is forecasted to be warm/mild. The daytime high temperature is expected to be mid-80s, nighttime low is expected to be mid 60 degrees and it always rains in North Carolina! Please come prepared with light loose clothes for the daytime and during the night. You'll be spending a lot of time outdoors walking. Wear outdoor shoes as the trails are NOT paved and will be dusty.

What to Bring

- Sleeping Bag (summer rating), Pillow, Sleeping pad or air mattress or thick blankets
- 2-day Clothing (one set of extra clothes), Light Jacket, Clothing for water sports, prayer rug
- Toiletries (Toothpaste, toothbrush, Soap), Towels (washcloth & hand towel), Hand sanitizer
- Flashlight/Headlamp/Lanterns (battery operated)
- Plastic Tarp (10' x 10')
- Closed-toe shoes, such as gym shoes or sneakers or hiking boots (recommended) & flip flops for the toilets.
- Any prescription & OTC medication
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Daypack (a small backpack you can carry with you during the day) with room for a water bottle & your **prayer rug**.
- Water bottle (one for every member of your family)
- Hat, Sunscreen, Sunglass, Camera
- Bug repellent – non-aerosol
- Camping mosquito net (per cot)
- Spending money – snacks & scout items at trading post
- Personal fishing gear. (There are some available for those who do not have any)

Optional

- Personnel Tents - if camping as a large family (Tents and cots are pre-installed at camp sites)
- Most Important – a great attitude!



Do Not Bring

- Stoves
- Non-battery-operated lamps or flashlights
- Propane/gas-powered anything
- Tobacco
- Electronic Games
- Laptops
- iPods/iPads
- Firearms
- Alcohol
- Fire Starters (matches, lighters, flint kits etc.)

Registration

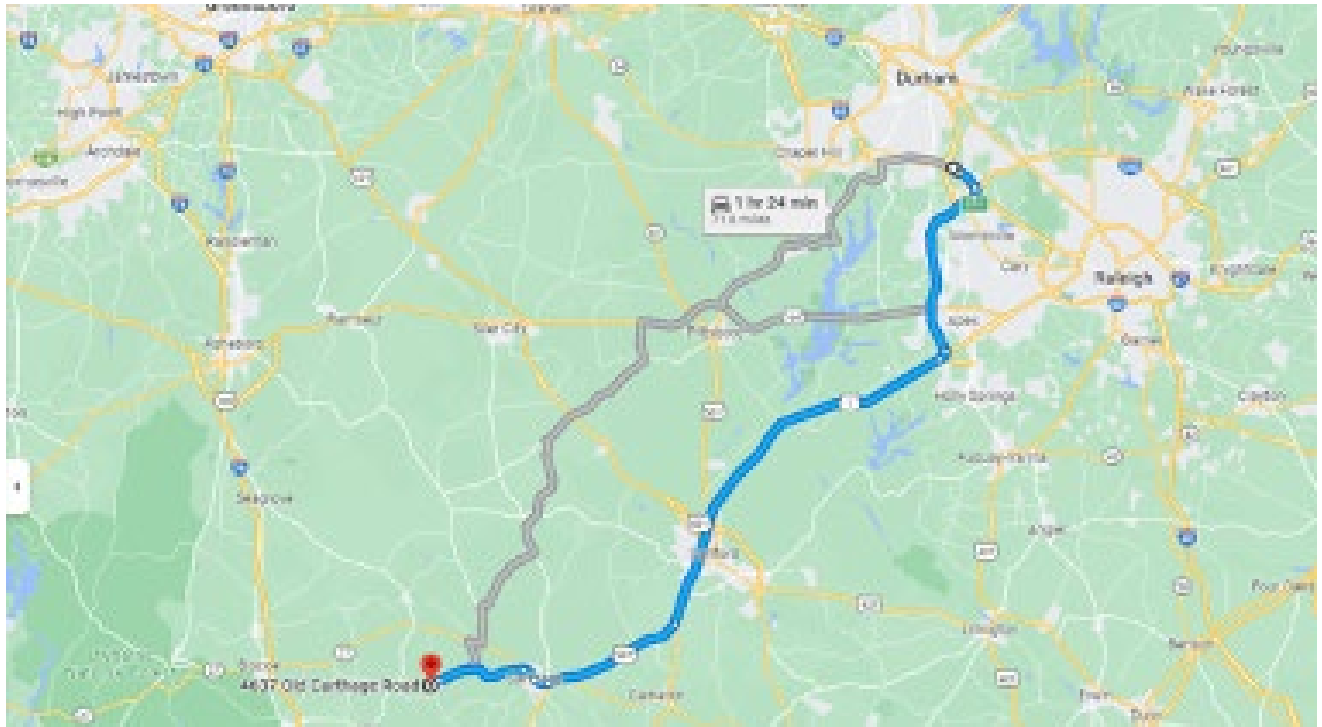
Registration must be completed in advance. The deadline for registration is Aug 10, 2023. On-site registration will merely confirm arrival and will give attendees their tent location and program details. **There will be NO on-site new registration.**

Note: cell phone coverage is limited to near administrative locations or non-existent at the campsites.



Driving Directions

From your starting point, get to the town of Carthage, which is on Highway 501 S about 1.25 hours south of RTP. From RTP get on get on I-40 E or NC 540 W (Exit 56B to Sanford S) to get on to US-1 S to US15 S [42 min (47.1 mi)]. Continue US-15 S/US-501 S and take Bethlehem Church Rd to Old Carthage Rd in Moore County [26 min (20.7 mi)] to arrive at Camp Durant @ 4637 Old Carthage Rd.





Camp Durant Ground Map & Activity Locations





Arriving at Camp Durant

Plan to arrive on Friday between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Please arrive on time to allow for check-in, setup of your tent area, pray Asr and head to the Dining hall before it gets dark.

Friendly reminder, it would be great if you could plan on grabbing dinner before you make it over, as light bites will only be served from 7pm until Maghreb.

1. When you arrive at Camp Durant, please park at the parking lot (marked PARKING on the map) that you find on your right after entering the camp gates (follow the signs for Registration).
2. Park in the parking lot as directed and walk to the registration area which is in the building marked Admin Building on the map. **It is mandatory to check-in first** when you arrive at the camp. At check-in you will be provided with all the necessary information regarding your campsite and instructions to settle in before dinner.
3. After check-in, walk back to your vehicle to take the vehicle near your campsite to transfer your belongings to the tent. Once you've unloaded your belongings and have settled in, you are required to move your vehicle back to the designated parking area.

Parking

Parking is permitted at the designated parking area **ONLY**. No trailers will be permitted to be parked inside Camp Durant parking area. Vehicles parked in the unauthorized locations will be towed. Luggage (sleeping bags etc.) must be carried in person from your car to your camping area.

Your Campsite

You'll be directed to your assigned campsite on arrival.

Camp Durant has **15 campsites**, each divided into two sides, and both sides feature a permanent shelter with electricity and lighting. Each campsite also has a washstand, shower house, complete with three hot/cold showers and three private individual flushing toilets. A flagpole, trash bin (located in the shelter) and a fire pit.

Leave No Trace

Take only photographs – leave only footprints.

Remember: A Scout is clean, and for a Muslim, cleanliness is part of the faith/Imaan. Your campsite should reflect that. The site should be kept free from litter (important). **Do not** leave

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candy, food, or anything smelly in tents or campsites. This will attract unwanted attention from animals around camp.

Please respect the privacy of other campers, the camp staff and stay out of staff living areas and respect the campsites of others by staying out unless invited. ALL campsites will practice lights out at 11 pm.

When hiking, stay on the trails, it is safe. Remember, the camp is surrounded by wilderness, be cautious, do not pick up anything from the floor. There is a risk of poison oaks and other critters that do not expect you there.

Poison Oak, Ivy, & Sumac



Poison Oak & Poison Ivy is easy to identify, they typically have a group of three leaves and have no thorns or hair on the stems. Poison Sumac on the other hand usually has clusters of 7–13 leaves.

The oil from these plants can give a person a nasty red rash when it comes in contact with the skin. The oil can also be transferred through clothes and other equipment. When exposed, **wash the affected areas with soap and cold water as soon as possible**. If a rash has developed, please see the staff at the first aid station immediately, next to the administration building.

Remember “**Leaves of three, leave it be. If it’s hairy, it’s a berry**”. For more information visit <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/plants/>.

Campsite Garbage

All campsites have to be cleaned up and no garbage can be left behind. Place all garbage in the dumpster located on the western most side of the Dining Hall. Each campsite has a designated camper lead who with help from other campsite members discard the trash in the bins located at the Sullivan Center along the road or the back of the Grand Lodge.

Fire

No Campsite Fires – there will be a camp-wide campfire on Saturday night. No other campfires are permitted, due to fire danger.



General Rules

1. Leave No Trace Camping is in effect for the Camporee. Please do not dig into the ground. Remember: "Take only photographs, leave only footprints"
2. If you must drive temporarily, observe the speed limit of 5 mph on Camporee grounds.

First Aid

The First Aid Crew will be able to assist with any first aid needs at the First Aid Station, location identified upon your arrival and check in. The medical center has access to a phone to call an ambulance for emergencies.

Trading Post

There is a Trading Post, a commissary/shop that sells souvenirs, sodas, ices and sweets. It is located on the floor below the Grand Lodge

Shower facilities

Each campsite at Camp Durant has three shower houses with private shower stalls. Remember this is a campground, small insects are attracted to the bath area's cooler conditions during the day and the lights during the night.

Check-out

Once all activities are complete on Sunday, please go to your campsite and pack up, ensuring the site is clean. A staff member will visit the campsite to sign you out, after which you will be given your 2023 Muslim Family Camp Patch for each attendee.



Schedule of Events

Friday			
4:00	–	6:00 pm	Check-In
6:30			Asr Prayer (Individual prayer @ your campsite)
6:45	–	7:00	Dining Hall Setup (Assigned Volunteers to help setup, serve)
7:00	–	8:00	Light Bites (@ Grand Lodge) - Assigned Volunteers to help clean
8:00	–	8:30	Maghreb Prayer 8:00 PM @ outside Grand Lodge
8:30	–	9:30	A Scout is Reverent – Imam Bedawy's Reminder About Islam & Nature
9:30	–	10:00	Isha Prayer @ Outside Grand Lodge
10:00	–	11:00	Back to Campsite & Quiet Time
11:00			Lights Out until 5 AM
Saturday			
5:15			Adhan @ Campsite
5:30			Fajr Prayer @ Outside Grand Lodge
6:00	–	7:00	Morning Program - Fishing or Guided Hike
7:00	–	7:30	Getting ready for the day @ Campsite
7:30	–	8:00	Breakfast Setup (Assigned Volunteers to help setup, serve)
8:00	–	8:15	Flag Ceremony Outside the Grand Lodge
8:15	–	9:15	Breakfast @ Grand Lodge (Assigned Volunteers to help clean) / Trading Post Open
9:30	–	12:30 pm	Saturday's Morning Activities @ Respective Stations
12:30	–	12:45	Getting ready for lunch @ Campsite
12:45	–	1:00	Lunch Setup (Assigned Volunteers to help setup, serve)
1:00	–	2:00	Lunch @ Grand Lodge (Assigned Volunteers to help clean)

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2:00	-	2:30	Dhuhr Prayer @ Grand Lodge
2:30	-	5:30	Saturday's Afternoon Activities @ Respective Stations
5:30	-	6:00	Rest @ campsite
6:00	-	6:15	Dinner Setup (Assigned Volunteers to help setup, serve)
6:15	-	7:15	Dinner @ Grand Lodge (Assigned Volunteers to help clean)
7:15	-	7:30	Flag Down @ Grand Lodge
7:30	-	8:30	Campfire @ the Arena
10:00		11:00	Back to campsite & Quiet Time
11:00		5:00	Lights Out until 5 AM
Sunday			
5:15	-		Adhan @ Campsite
5:30			Fajr Prayer @ Outside Grand Lodge
5:45	-	6:00	Walk to the Meditation Area by the lake
6:00	-	7:00	Imam's Corner @ Meditation Area by the Lake
7:00	-	8:30	Meet & Greet the Scouting Leaders @ Grand Lodge
8:30	-	9:30	Breakfast (Assigned Volunteers to help setup, serve & clean)
9:30		10:30	Pack up campsite & Checkout & Muslim Family Camp distribution



Photo Release

By participating in the Camporee, you agree to the following statement:

“I understand that by attending this program, sponsored by the Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America and organized by the National Association of Muslim Americans on Scouting (NAMAS), I consent to the use of photographs, film, videotapes, electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me during that time by the Boy Scouts of America and NAMAS, at their discretion, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America and NAMAS from any and all liability from such use and publication.”

Handicap Accessibility Statement

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Occoneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at the camporee.



Overview of Scouting

Scouting is “a game with a purpose.”

Scouting is a fun program for young people to improve their character, citizenship, and fitness. Scouts learn good citizenship and develop character via activities related to leadership, planning, and outdoor skills. They strive to abide by the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan, and the Outdoor Code.

Mission of Scouting

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Vision of Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

The Scout Oath

“On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”

The Scout Law

“A scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.”

The Scout motto

“Be prepared.”

The Scout Slogan

“Do a good turn daily.”

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to

- Be clean in my outdoor manners.
- Be careful with fire.
- Be considerate in the outdoors, and
- Be conservation minded.

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Feedback

Feedback is a gift. Please provide feedback to allow us to improve for next year:

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
MUSLIM AMERICANS ON SCOUTING**



MUSLIM FAMILY CAMP

CAMP DURANT - CARTHAGE, NC

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Who is NAMAS (National Association of Muslim Americans on Scouting)?

We are Muslim Scouters composed of a diverse group of Muslims, practicing Islam in accordance with the various recognized schools of thought. Our goal is that our composition will reflect the diversity of American Muslims. To that end, our goal is to ensure that our programs, our marketing, and everything that we do accommodates the diversity of religious opinion among all the schools of thought as reflected in the Amman definition of who is a Muslim. Our aims and purposes of NAMAS is to promote Scouting for both boys and girls among Muslims in the United States and internationally. NAMAS aims to enable Muslim communities in the U.S. establish and maintain Scouting units and facilitate the membership in Scouting among Muslim-American youth wherever they might be.

NAMAS seeks to promote the practice and sharing of the universal values of Islam through the aims and methods of Scouting and as reflected in the Scout Law. Towards this end, it shall:

- Represent and serve the interests of Muslim Scouts in North America, as well as serve society at large, in keeping with Islamic values and the ideals and methods of Scouting.
- Demonstrate the principles and values of Islam and promote just and peaceful co-existence and understanding among all people.
- Develop guidance, publications, institutions and procure necessary resources for achieving NAMAS's aims, as well as establish appropriate plans, priorities, and policies to carry out its activities.
- Serve as a conduit to register Muslim Scouts in existing or new Scouting units, including through direct chartering.

Mission of NAMAS

The mission of NAMAS is to promote Muslim-American identity, leadership, and service through Scouting in America.



The NAMAS Logo



Behind every logo is a story. Our logo is no exception. Our logo is composed of distinct colors, the World Scout Emblem, and the Mishkah.

The Colors (America): The colors are meant to represent America. Red, White, and Blue – We used the Official Web Colors of the US Flag.

The World Scout Emblem: This is an Internationally recognized logo for Scouting. It is typically set against a purple background. We are using it because NAMAS is in support of Scouting programs that are consistent with the World Scouting movement.

The Mishkah: Meant to represent the Islamic aspect of the organization, a mishkah is a niche mentioned in the Holy Quran. In relationship to NAMAS, NAMAS is the niche where the Muslim Youth will be placed. They are the “Nur” of our deen and through Scouting and Islamic Values, we hope to keep that “Nur” bright.

﴿ اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ مِثْلُ نُورِهِ ۖ كَمِشْكَاةٍ فِيهَا مِصْبَاحٌ ۚ الْمِصْبَاحُ فِي زُجَاجَةٍ ۚ الزُّجَاجَةُ كَأَنَّهَا كَوْكَبٌ دُرِّيٌّ يُوقَدُ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ زَيْتُونَةٍ لَا شَرْقِيَّةٍ وَلَا غَرْبِيَّةٍ يَكَادُ زَيْتُهَا يُضِيءُ ۖ وَلَوْ لَمْ تَمْسَسْهُ نَارٌ ۖ نُورٌ عَلَى نُورٍ ۗ يَهْدِي اللَّهُ لِنُورِهِ ۖ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۖ وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَلَ لِلنَّاسِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ۝ ٣٥ ﴾

Allah says in the verse: “Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The example of His light is like a niche within which is a lamp, the lamp is within glass, the glass as if it were a pearly [white] star lit from [the oil of] a blessed olive tree, neither of the east nor of the west, whose oil would almost glow even if untouched by fire. Light upon light. Allah guides to His light whom He wills. And Allah presents examples for the people, and Allah is Knowing of all things.”

[Holy Qur'an 24:35](#)