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Camporee Guide



CAMPOREE OVERVIEW

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

When: September 13th to 15th, 2023

Check-in Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., September 13th

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

North Carolina's second Muslim Camporee is being held at Camp Durant Scout Reservation, from September 13th to 15th, 2024 with the collaboration of Occoneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America. It is being led by Triangle Muslim Scouts adult male and female leaders. 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 - adults and school going girls and boys. Participants will get the opportunity to enjoy traditional scouting activities typically seen in a summer scout program including Aquatics, Camping, Climbing (Closed Toed Shoes / No Crocks), Campfire, Fishing, Hiking, Shooting sports and Islamic Science Exposition. On Saturday evening, you'll enjoy a camp fire program that is hosted by Troop 99 Muslim scouts. Participants will be sleeping in **their PERSONAL TENTS** pitched on existing wooden platforms or suitable tenting sites in designated campsites (Note: There are NO electrical outlets available for the tent sites). 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 flushing toilets. One shower and toilet will be designated as Sisters Only. Camp Durant 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

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prayers and khatira's led by both Troop 99 Chaplain and Religious Scholars. All food served will be Halal.

Through this outreach effort, Triangle Muslim Scouts in partnership with the community youth and adult leaders is making a strong commitment to 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, high adventure and camporees provides a unique opportunity for Muslim youth to learn about their faith, develop a sense of community, citizenship, 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 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 enjoy 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 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, night time low is expected to be mid 60 degree 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. The trails are NOT paved and will be dusty.

What to Bring

- **Completed Medical Forms** (Download-from <https://muslimcamporee.org/loc/nc/>)
- Sleeping Bag (summer rating), Pillow, Sleeping pad or air mattress or thick blankets

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- 2-day Clothing (one set extra clothes), Light Jacket, Clothing for water sports
- Toiletries (Toothpaste, toothbrush, Soap), Towels (washcloth & hand towel), Hand sanitizer
- Flashlight/Headlamp (battery operated)
- Plastic Tarp (10' x 10')
- Closed-toe shoes, such as gym shoes or sneakers or **hiking boots (recommended)** & flipflops
- 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
- Water bottle (one for every member of your family)
- Hat, Sunscreen, Sunglass, Camera
- **Bug repellent** – non-aerosol
- Spending money – snacks & scout items at Troop trading post
- Personnel Tents- if camping as a large family (**NO** Tents are pre-installed at camp sites)
- **Prayer Rug**
- 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. 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.**

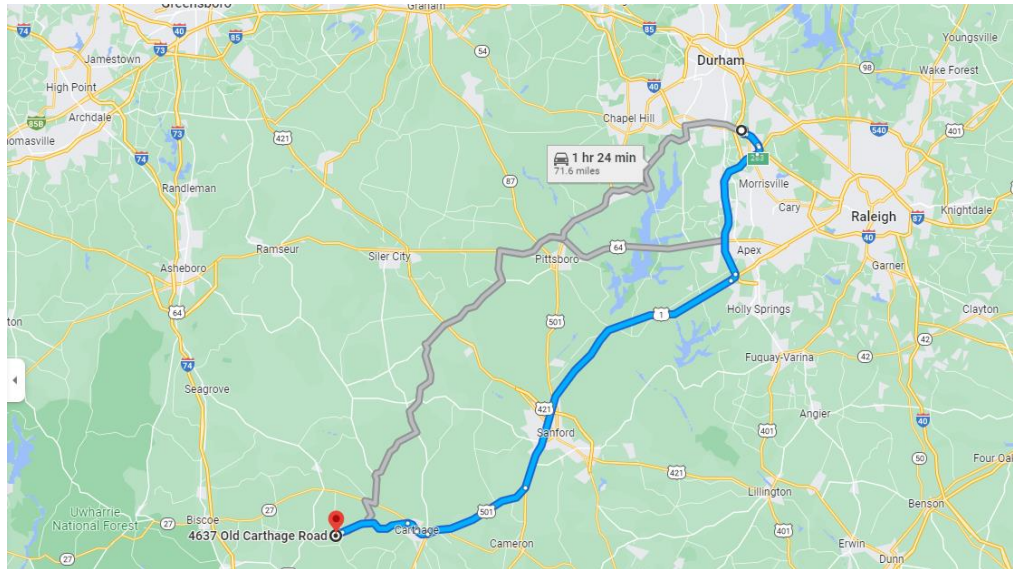
Note: cell phone coverage is limited near administrative locations or non-existent in the campsite.

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Driving Directions

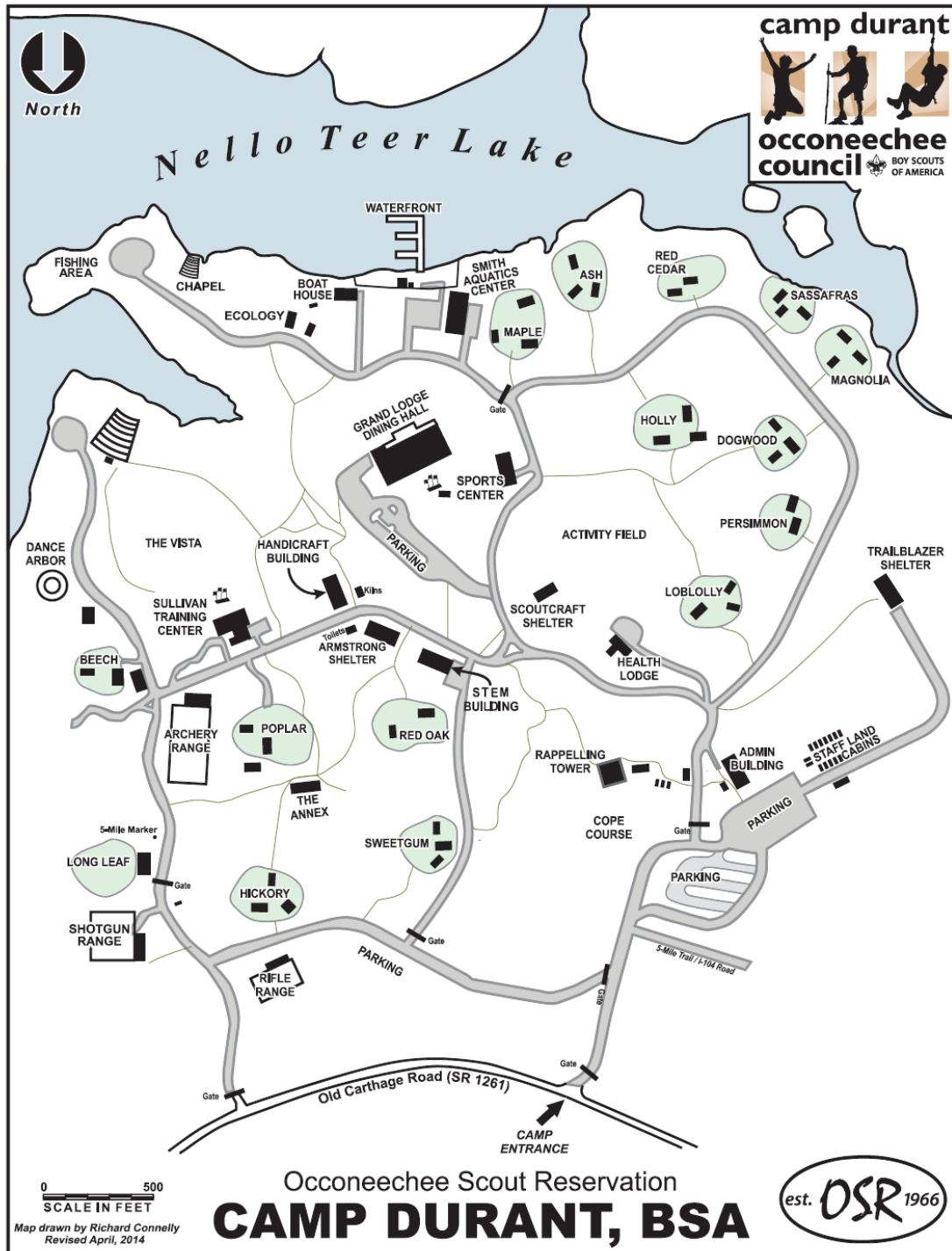
From your starting point, get to the town of Carthage, which is on Highway 501 S about 1.25 hours south of RTP. From RTP get on I-40 E or NC 540 W (Exit 56B to Sanford S) to get on to US-1 S to US15 S [42 min (47.1 mi)]. Continue on US-15 S/US-501 S and take Bethlehem Church Rd to Old Carthage Rd in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



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Camp Durant Ground Map & Activity Locations



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Arriving at Camp Durant

Plan to arrive on Friday between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Dinner will be served starting at 7:00pm. If you arrive later than 7:00pm, please plan on having dinner on the way (Please arrive on time to allow time to check-in, setup your tent area, pray Asr prayer and head to the Dining hall before it gets dark)

1. When you arrive at Camp Durant, please register your arrival at canopies setup and receive instructions about the designated overnight parking lot (marked PARKING on the map) that you will be informed about right after entering the camp gates (follow the signs for Registration).
2. If you do not have the completed registration documents proceed to 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, arrive at your campsite to transfer your belongings to the tent. Once you've unloaded your belongings and have settled in soon, **you are required** to move your vehicle back to the **designated overnight** parking area (Administration building near the entrance).

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 wash stand, shower house, complete with three hot/cold showers and three flushing toilets. A flag pole, 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 faith/Imaan. Your campsite should reflect that. The site should be kept free from litter (important). **Do not** leave candy, food, or anything smelly in tents or campsites. This will attract unwanted attention from animals around camp.

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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 risk of poison oaks and other critters that do not expect you there.

Poison Oak



Poison Oak is easy to identify, they typically have a group three leaves and have no thorns or hair on the stems.

The oil from the plant can give a person a nasty red rash when it comes in contact with the skin. The oil can also be transferred from 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”.**

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 speed limit of 5mph on Camporee grounds.

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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.

Shower facilities

Camp Durant has three shower houses with private shower stalls. Remember this is a camp ground, 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, 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	Light Snacks Setup / Dinner on your Own
7:00	–	8:00	Snacks (@ Grand Lodge) – ALL 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's Reminder About the Outdoors
9:30	–	10:00	Isha Prayer @ Outside Grand Lodge
10:00	–	11:00	Back to Campsite & Quiet Time
11:00			Lights Out until 5:30 AM
Saturday			
5:45			Adhan @ Campsite
6:15		6:45	Fajr Prayer & Khatira @ Outside Grand Lodge
6:45		7:00	How to make Tayammum – A brief reminder by Imam Manzar ul Islam
7:00	–	8:30	Morning Guided Hike (~ 5 miles)
8:30	–	8:45	Flag Ceremony Outside Grand Lodge – Troop 99
8:45	–	9:30	Breakfast @ Grand Lodge (ALL Volunteers to help clean) / Troop 99 Trading Post Open
9:30	–	12:30	Saturday's Morning Activities @ Respective Stations
12:30	–	12:45	Getting ready for lunch @ Campsite
12:45	–	1:00	Lunch Setup (ALL Volunteers to help setup, serve)
1:00	–	2:00	Lunch @ Grand Lodge (- Assigned Volunteers to help clean) / Troop 99 Trading Post Open

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2:00	–	2:30	Dhuhr & Asr Prayer @ Outside 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			Flag Down @ Grand Lodge
7:30		7:45	Maghrib and Isha Prayer @ Outside Grand Lodge
7:45	–	8:00	Walk to the Campfire
8:00		9:30	Campfire @ across The Vista
9:30		9:45	Back to Campsites /Quite Time/ Lights Out 11 pm until 5:30 AM
Sunday			
5:45	–		Adhan @ Campsite
6:15		6:45	Fajr Prayer & Khatira @ Outside Grand Lodge
6:45	–	7:00	Walk to the Chapel by the lake
7:00	–	7:30	Imam's Corner @ Chapel by the Lake
7:45	–	8:30	Meet & Greet the Scouting Leaders @ Grand Lodge – T-shirt & Muslim Family Camp Patch Pickup
8:30	–	9:30	Grab & Go Breakfast (ALL Volunteers to help setup, serve & clean)
9:30		10:30	Clean Campsite & Checkout

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, 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, at their discretion, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America 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.

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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.

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.