



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Scout-O-Rama Event program?

The event program promises to be a bold and dynamic booklet that provides our Scout-O-Rama exhibitors, scouting units, scouting families and friends all the information they need to have a great time at Scout-O-Rama 2009. This booklet provides general information about scouting and specific information like maps and schedules for this year's Scout-O-Rama. Inside you will find a record of the scouting units and individuals involved including photos submitted by area scouters. There will also be a section dedicated to recognizing our supporters and sponsors as well as local advertisements from businesses interested in supporting scouting in our community. Over 2000 of these booklets will be produced. There is every reason to expect the 2009 Scout-O-Rama Event Program will become a cherished memento of an exciting scouting experience.

Is there a fee for the public to visit and observe the 2009 Scout-O-Rama?

There is no fee for the general public to visit and observe the 2009 Scout-O-Rama.

What are Scout-O-Rama Family Sponsors?

Units may ask friends and family to help support their unit and scouting in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Friends and family interested in doing so may purchase a listing in this year's 2009 Scout-O-Rama Event Program. Units will provide the names of those to be listed with their contributions to the Scout-O-Rama committee by submitting the **Scout-O-Rama Family Sponsor Submission Form**. 55% of the proceeds from these contributions will be deposited to the units account at our council offices. The balance will be used by the committee to make this year's Scout-O-Rama an exciting and memorable experience for all.

What is a "unit display/activity" at Scout-O-Rama?

A unit display or activity is an exhibit run by a Scouting unit at Scout-O-Rama. If you submit your booth information by the submission deadline, April 13, 2009, your unit number name, booth title/activity and location will be printed in the Scout-O-Rama Event Program. In most cases the display run by a scouting unit will be included on the Chevron Activity Record Card (CARD). Cub Scouts earn Chevrons for their Scout-O-Rama Patch by participating in the various displays/activities at Scout-O-Rama run by the scouting units.

What is an "exhibitor booth/display" at Scout-O-Rama?

An exhibitor is a person or company that may or may not be directly involved in scouting that is providing an exhibit booth at Scout-O-Rama. If you submit your booth information by the submission deadline, April 13, 2009, your name or company name, booth title/activity and location will be printed in the Scout-O-Rama Event Program.

What is my exhibit booth activity/title?

Your exhibit booth activity/title should indicate the projects or activities you will be providing at Scout-O-Rama. You can do almost anything. It can be specific or general, and will be listed in the program based on categories. Any activity that is dangerous in nature or involving fire must be pre-approved through the Council Risk Management Committee.

What is a Safety Application?

All units with displays or activities as well as exhibitors must complete safety applications. Units complete a **Unit Display/Activity Safety Application Form** to be included with their **Unit Registration Form**. Exhibitors complete an **Exhibitor Safety Application Form** and turn it in with their **Exhibitor Application**. You can obtain this form from the Council website, your District Executive or at Roundtable. Any activity that is dangerous in nature or involving fire must be pre-approved through the Council Risk Management Committee.

What is a Gateway competition?

Units that are overnight camping will be provided specific sections of the park for their campsite. Each section will have a designated entrance. Units are expected to construct onsite a gateway to demonstrate their proficiency with Scoutcrafts. Various awards may be earned. A volunteer committee will be formed to view the Gateways on Saturday afternoon. Winners will be announced at Friday's night's campfire ceremony.

What is the "Green Feather" award?

The Green Feather Award certificate will be presented to each scouting unit that has obtained safety approval for their activity and established the booth according to the layout and safety plan they submitted. The plan must be posted at the booth no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of the event. The Risk Management Safety Team will visit each booth and award the certificate on the spot. There are plans being reviewed to allow exhibitors to earn this award. This will be announced in your guidebook to be mailed in April.

What are service hours?

Service hours are voluntary hours of assistance to the Northeastern Pennsylvania, Boy Scouts of America. Activities at Scout-O-Rama include distributing and setting up tables and chairs, Parking and crowd control, assist security efforts, and Scout-O-Rama event clean-up, among others. Service hour participants should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time to check-in. Service hour participation lasts 3 hours and only members who participate will receive service credit. Individual members or entire units are encouraged to contribute some time. Service hours will be assigned based on the needs of the day during Scout-O-Rama.

What is a Vendor Parking Pass?

Units and exhibitors that must keep a vehicle or trailer in the parking area designated for this purpose will be issued a Vendor Parking Permit. Only one Vendor Parking Permit will be issued to a unit or exhibitor. The SOR committee asks that all units and exhibitors do everything possible to avoid parking in the lots adjacent to or opposite Kirby Park and the Kingston Armory. These parking spaces will be needed for the public attending the event. Special arrangements may be made through Dana Kuhns at 570-207-1227. Units camping overnight may not leave Sunday morning before returning their Vendor Parking Permit.

My Cub Scouts plan to participate is there a fee to do so?

Yes, Cub Scouts attending the event will purchase a Scout-O-Rama Event Program for \$8.00 which covers their admission fee and provides them with their CAR sheet. The boys will use their CAR sheet as an admission pass to the various displays and exhibits at the event.

What is a Chevron Activity Record sheet (CAR sheet)?

Cub Scouts attending the event will purchase a Scout-O-Rama Event Program which will include their CAR sheet. The boys will use their CAR sheet as an admission pass to the various displays and exhibits operated by the scouting units at Scout-O-Rama. Each boys CAR sheet will be marked to show their attendance at each event. The CAR sheets are then turned in to the SOR event coordinator. Boys completing certain sets of activities that have also had their CAR sheet properly marked will be eligible to receive Chevrons for their SOR Patch.

What is a Chevron Patch?

The Scout-O-Rama patch is a multi-part patch. Each registered scouter operating a display or activity and each registered Cub Scout participating will receive the triangular SOR Patch. In addition boys may earn Chevrons that fit along the bottom of the SOR Patch to show what that boy accomplished at this years SOR. Boys earn Chevron Patches by having certain sections of the CAR sheet completed.

When will we receive our SOR Patches?

SOR Patches without Chevrons will be included in the confirmation packet mailed to units for each scouter registered to participate in this year's event.

When will we receive our Chevron Patches?

Chevron Patches are earned at the event. Scouters who participate will turn in their completed Chevron Activity Record sheet (CAR sheet) to the SOR event coordinator. The event coordinator will turn the CAR sheets in to Two Mountains District, who will see to it that all units receive their Chevrons in a timely manner after the event so that they maybe awarded to the participating scouts in unit ceremonies.

I am an exhibitor, when can I arrive and leave?

Exhibitors may arrive Friday evening after 5pm to set up interior and exterior displays. Exhibitors are expected to be present Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm when Scout-O-Rama is open to the public. Exhibits close for the day at 5:00 pm and exterior and interior displays are expected to be removed by 9:00 pm that evening. No unattended exhibits are allowed. Exhibitors may contact their SOR risk management team member for assistance should special needs arise during the event.

I am an exhibitor, is there anything special I need to do before leaving?

Exhibitors may remove their exhibit between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Saturday. Before leaving the premises exhibitors must meet with their SOR risk management team representative for three reasons; 1). Verify their exhibit area is free of all trash, debris and material. 2). Hand in their completed their SOR 2009 Event Survey. These surveys will help us make this event even better next year. 3). Hand in their Vendor Parking Permit.

I am an exhibitor, where may I keep my vehicle or vehicles?

All exhibitors are asked to do all they can to not keep vehicles in the parking lots immediately adjacent to and opposite the Kirby Park and Kingston Armory area. These parking spaces are needed for the public attending this event. Those exhibitors that require a vehicle be kept at the building will be issued a Vendor Parking Permit to be displayed in the vehicle. A specific portion of the parking lot will be designated for this purpose. Vendors with especially large vehicle such as trucks and trailers will need to speak with Dana Kuhns at 570-207-1227.

How long will my overnight camping unit be at Scout-O-Rama?

Camping: If you are camping units are expected to be set up before 9pm Friday night and to have departed no earlier than 8:00 am Sunday and no later than Noon on Sunday.

Displays/Activities: If you are providing a booth at Scout-O-Rama, please expect to have people working the booth during hours of operation: 9:00AM – 5:00PM.

Service Hours: If your unit is volunteering for service hours, please check-in 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time and expect to contribute 3 hours of service. Service Hour time will be assigned based on the needs of the day.

I am camping overnight, when can I arrive?

Units that are camping at Kirby Park for the weekend must arrive between 4:30 pm and 8pm Friday May 29th. All vehicles except the one issued a vendor parking pass must be removed from parking lots adjacent to Kirby Park or the Armory by 9pm that evening.

What is the fee for my Unit to participate in overnight camping?

Units camping for the weekend will be asked to pay a fee of \$8.00 for each person registered for the event.

I am camping, do I have to stay all weekend?

Yes, for safety reasons and to avoid confusion the main day of the event units camping at Kirby Park are asked to break camp Sunday morning after 8:00 am rather than Saturday night. Individuals may come and go as needed but two leaders and at least two scouts must be present at the event all weekend. Units with special needs may contact Dana Kuhns at the Scout Service and Training Center for assistance or call him at 570-207-1227.

I understand I can not break camp until Sunday, how early Sunday can I do so?

Units may leave anytime after 8:00 am Sunday. Units must do three things before leaving 1). Their site and or exhibit area is free of all debris and materials and looks better than they found these sites originally. 2). They have completed their SOR 2009 Event Survey and have given it to their SOR Risk Management Team Member. These surveys will help us make this event even better next year. 3). Their SOR Risk Management Team Member has inspected their camp site and any exhibit area and taken possession of their vendor parking permit.

I am camping, can I have my units trailer or camper at our site?

No, for safety reasons and to protect park grounds no trailers, vehicles, or wheeled equipment of any kind may be on the park grounds. If it is desired to keep a trailer near Kirby Park the units vendor parking pass may be used to keep the trailer in the parking lot adjacent to the park. All other trailers and vehicles will be removed to make as much room for attendees as possible. The vendor pass allows for one trailer or vehicle not a combination of both.

I am camping, can my unit have open fires?

No, for safety reasons and to protect park grounds no fires may be lit that rest directly on the ground or may be lit in containers or vessels that would indirectly cause damage to the ground. Cook only on traditional camp stoves.

Can I drive my vehicle around Scout-O-Rama?

No. Due to safety reasons, vehicles are not permitted on the field or grounds during Scout-O-Rama weekend. Parking will be provided at no cost for attendees in the parking lots around Kirby Park and the Armory. Please note: Each unit is issued only one vendor parking pass. Do not lose your vendor parking permit you need this to check out. Units are invited to set-up their booths the day before Scout-O-Rama and on Saturday prior to opening. Specific times and details will be included in the guidebook, which will be mailed in April. Individuals with special needs may contact Dana Kuhns at the Scout Service and Training Center at 570-207-1227 for assistance.

Are pets allowed at Scout-O-Rama?

No pets of any kind are allowed at Scout-O-Rama. Service animals are the only exception.

When will I receive a confirmation for my sign-up?

We will be mailing your confirmation packets approximately 2-3 weeks prior to Scout-O-Rama, so look for them towards the end of April.

Where can I go for more information, to sign-up or for other forms for Scout-O-Rama?

Please visit our website at: www.nepabsa.org/scoutorama2009.htm, or call 570-207-1227 and speak to your District Director or Call Ray Staudenmeier at 570-826-0777(W).