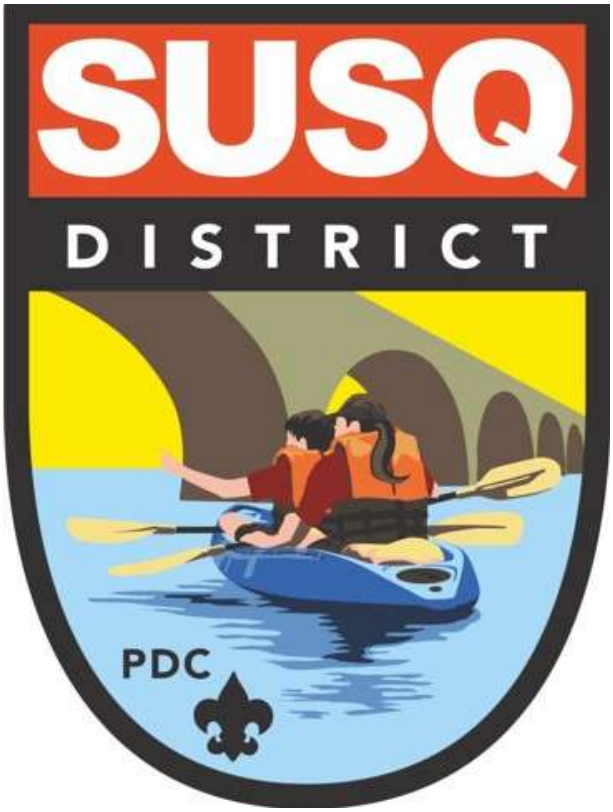
SUSQUEHANNA DISTRICT
2026 FALL OUTPOST
LEADERS GUIDE



October 16-18, 2026

CAMP MACK

Overview

The 2025 Susquehanna District Fall Outpost will be held at J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation on October 16-18, 2026. The event is designed for Cub Scouts and their parents. Troops and Crews will be helping to run the stations for the Cub Scouts. After the stations are finished for the day, all Scouts and participants will have the opportunity to participate in an afternoon program. This year, all Cub Ranks will have their own adventure trek to follow – similar to summer camp at Mack.

The main purpose of the Fall Outpost is to expose young scouts to activities in which they will participate throughout their years in scouting. Cub Scouts will participate in stations revolving around the theme of Celebrating America 250. This is also an opportunity for Cub Scouts to meet some of their outdoor requirements while having fun. Cubs also have an opportunity to engage with the older Scouts and for the older Scouts to practice leadership.

No matter how long you are staying, the price of attendance per person is:

- Cubs (youth and adults): $18 per person (includes Saturday lunch)
- Troops/Crews: $10 per person (includes Saturday lunch) or $6 per person (no lunch)
    - The entire unit must choose lunch or no lunch.
- Staff (Non-unit Volunteers): $10 per person (includes Saturday lunch)
- Extra patches: $3 each

Make sure to register through your Unit's Tentaroo account! You MUST register by 10/9/25 to ensure we can get the proper supplies.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHEN REGISTERING:

Tentaroo will open September 1st. Registration will close on October 9th.

All Cub Scout youth attending must be registered in a class. This will allow us to adjust stations to accommodate various ages. This year station rotation will be based on rank, not Pack. This is similar to how Camp Mack runs its summer camp sessions.

- **Lion Rank Class** – Kindergarteners
- **Tiger Rank Class** – 1st graders
- **Wolves Rank Class** – 2nd graders
- **Bear Rank Class** – 3rd graders
- **Webelos Rank Class** – 4th graders
- **AOL Rank Class** – 5th graders. Note that this group will be in its own area and does not go through the stations. There will be range time at 2:50pm. There should be at least one adult from your pack with any youth who are participating in this class.

Unregistered siblings attending – must be of Scouting age and should be registered in the class they will be rotating with to make sure we know how to divide groups for rotation.

Uniforms are encouraged but not required. An event patch, all activities, and lunch on Saturday are included in the cost. The trading post will be open during the event.

Troops and Crews are welcome to arrive on Friday night, beginning at 6:00 PM. You must provide all camping equipment, as tents and cots have been removed from the campsites for the season. You may use any available space in your assigned campsite, however, please try to stay close to one another, as other units may be sharing your site with you. It is strongly suggested that you arrive **BEFORE DARK**. Arriving while it is still light will help with finding your site and setting up camp.

Packs will be checking in Saturday morning and are welcome to camp on Saturday night. Each Pack will be partnered with a Troop or Troops in their campsite**. AOLs and their adult Leader(s) are allowed to camp Friday night with a Troop.** Just a reminder that each unit is responsible for cleaning up their campsite and taking any trash to the dumpster.

Parking & Vehicles in the Campsites

It is recommended that you carpool, as parking is limited. All vehicles **must** be parked in the main parking lot. This will be strictly enforced.

Parked vehicles must not block any roadways.

For Friday night check in you will be allowed to drive to the campsite to unload gear. Please try to consolidate into fewer vehicles. Unload then remove the vehicle to the parking lot. No vehicles will be allowed in campsites. Unit trailers may remain in campsites.

For campers arriving on Saturday, you will only be allowed to drop gear in the campsites prior to 8:30 AM (when there will be a lot of people in camp). **Unload then remove the vehicle to the parking lot** – no vehicles are allowed in campsites. If you are not able to unload and move vehicle to parking lot before 8:30 AM, you will need to wait until 4:00 PM when event stations and program are completed.

Scouts BSA Troops and Crew activities during the Fall Outpost

Each year we ask the Troops/Crews to volunteer by running Cub stations at the fall event. We ask the Troops and Crews to sign up for their station through a Google doc that will be shared via email. Station specifics are outlined on the Google doc.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registration – Registrations must be submitted **as a unit** in Tentaroo. This helps when assigning campsites and reduces the confusion when you sign in at camp. Please note if there are any late registrations, we will not be able to guarantee that an event sponsored lunch will be available.

Proper Ratios – The proper ratio for adults to Lion and Tiger Cubs is 1-1. The proper ratio for adults to all other Cub Scouts is 1-4. Please ensure that you always maintain these minimum ratios.

Arrival –
If you have signs and symptoms of any communicable illnesses, PLEASE stay home.

If you are camping Friday night, you may arrive any time after 6:00 PM. Check-in will be at the dining hall. Check-in is until 9:00 PM, if you plan to arrive after that time, please reach out to the District Executive. **YOU MUST HAVE PART A & B OF MEDICAL FORMS FOR ALL PERSONS ATTENDING!** The current BSA medical form can be found at https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/. Unit leaders are to bring these to check in for verification but will be asked to keep them available if there is an incident during the weekend.

Registration materials will be given to the first adult from your unit to arrive at check-in. If families arrive later, they will need to find their group leader to get the materials. It is suggested that you have a way to contact your unit if you are not arriving as a group. Cell phone service is very limited.

Saturday Pack Check In – Check-in will be held at the Dining Hall porch. In the past, parents and cubs arrived and did not know what pack they were in or who their leader was. **Packs must arrive as a group and it is suggested your unit gather at the main parking lot, then come to check in together.** If this is not possible, please be sure all of your families know your pack number so that they can be directed to you. It might also be helpful to provide them with a cell phone number of the leader who will be at camp. **Leader checking in should have a copy of Parts A & B of Medical Form for ALL PERSONS ATTENDING** – this will be verified against roster at check in. The Unit Leader will be asked to keep these available in the event of an incident.

Campsite Assignments – Campsites are assigned based on the number of registrants, as certain sites will hold more people than others. Please keep in mind that this is a large event - room is provided for everybody. Multiple units may be sharing each site. Please be courteous to other units. Also, the layout of the camp is such that you will be walking uphill at some point in time. Platforms can comfortably accommodate tents 8'x8'. Larger tents should be placed on the ground. When stations are taking place, please be aware of heavy foot traffic. No vehicles should be in movement while stations are switching, unless it is an emergency. Cabins will NOT be available for camping at this event.

For those using CPAPs, most sites have electric service available at the latrine, but you will need to provide your own extension cord. Please include CPAP needs in Tentaroo registration.

Event Headquarters – Camp Headquarters will be in the dining hall.

Meals – Lunch on Saturday will be provided to all Cub Scout participants and staff. Scouts BSA/Crew units have the option of purchasing or preparing their own lunch, however, the entire unit must choose a single option (lunch or no lunch). Lunches will consist of a choice of sandwich (ham/cheese or turkey/cheese, until each runs out) plus chips, applesauce, drink, and a dessert item. Units camping are responsible for all other meals. **If you have someone with dietary restrictions (vegan, dairy free, gluten free, etc), make sure that those are listed in their Tentaroo registration.**

Rotations – Groups and rotations are planned based on the number of registrants. It is understood that certain stations may be more popular than others, and that is considered during the planning. Please stay in your assigned groups and rotations, which will assist with a smoother flow. Your assignments will be in the packet your leader receives at check-in.

Clothing – Ensure that your scouts are prepared for the weather, including rain, cold, and wind. For those who are camping, proper sleeping bags and clothing make a great difference in comfort. Just a reminder that jeans and other cotton clothing are not recommended in wet weather. Remember – this is camping!

Restrooms – The main restrooms and shower house will be available for the entire weekend. Adults should be familiar with the principles found in the Safeguarding Youth Training, especially regarding the use of the restrooms. At no time are adults permitted in a restroom with a scout; therefore, the restrooms are clearly marked with "Male Youth," "Male Adults", "Female Youth" and "Female Adults." The restrooms by the main parking area and latrines are designated as individual use. Please respect these designations.

Day Pack – Each participant should have a day pack with a full reusable water bottle.

Buddy System – The buddy system must always be utilized. Please review this with your scouts before arriving at camp.

Siren – There will not be a siren drill. **If the siren sounds, an emergency exists. Everyone in camp must report to the Dining Hall.**

Alcohol – <u>Alcohol is strictly prohibited.</u> Those found with alcohol will be asked to leave the camp immediately.

Smoking and vaping – Smoking or vaping is not permitted within view of the scouts. The only designated area in the camp is behind the kitchen (near the main pavilion). Anyone found smoking or vaping outside of the designated area will be asked to leave the camp immediately.

Electronic Devices – Scouts should not bring cell phones or electronic devices to camp. Adults should not use their phones in view of the scouts.

Campfires at Sites- Campfire rings are provided at the sites, and you are more than welcome to enjoy a fire at your campsite, please remember to use extreme caution when building a fire and not to use accelerants and watch for the safety of small children. Don't forget to bring your fire buckets! **<u>Fires must be attended by an adult at all times, and must be completely extinguished before leaving the site. No liquid fuels are permitted in camp.</u>**

EMERGENCIES

In the event of a camp-wide emergency, we will activate the siren. **EVERYONE IN CAMP MUST REPORT TO THE DINING HALL** if the siren sounds.

There will be medical personnel in camp on Saturday during the event. If you have a medical emergency, please contact a staff member immediately.

Event Schedule

(Subject to change)

Note: The district event runs on Saturday 8:00 AM to 4 PM. All other activities are hosted by the unit.

Friday

6:00 – 9:00 PM – Troop Check In

10:00 PM – Quiet Time / Lights Out

Saturday

6:30 AM – Reveille

7:00 AM – Troop/Crew Breakfast (Unit provides meal)

8:00-9:00 AM – Cub Check-in at the Dining Hall and campsite set up for Cubs

9:15 AM – Flag Ceremony at Flagpole outside Dining Hall

9:30 AM-11:30 AM – Stations (follow assigned rotation)

Lunch A: 11:30 AM-12:10 PM – Pick up is at Dining Hall cafeteria style with many stations. There will be tables in Dining Hall, but there is plenty of room at the Campfire Circle and Chapel to spread out and enjoy your meal.

Lunch B: 12:10 – 12:50 PM – Pick up is at Dining Hall cafeteria style with many stations. There will be tables in Dining Hall, but there is plenty of room at the Campfire Circle and Chapel to spread out and enjoy your meal.

12:50-2:50 PM – Stations (follow assigned rotation)

3:15-4:00 PM – Abracadabra America 250 show afternoon program for all at dining hall

4:00-7:00 PM – Pack/Troop/Crew units on their own and unit dinner (Unit provides meal)

7:00 PM – Camp-wide Campfire Program

10:00 PM – Quiet Time / Lights Out

Sunday

All units should be out of the camp by 10:30 AM. **Just a reminder that each unit is responsible for cleaning up their campsite and taking any trash to the dumpster.**

Suggested Weekend Packing List

This list is provided as a simple guideline to plan what you will need for a weekend campout. Please adjust as necessary. We suggest you pack your clothing items in plastic bags to keep them dry.

Clothing and personal property should be permanently marked with your name and Pack/Troop number. There is a lost and found located at the Camp Office.

Medications should be in original container, clearly marked with patient's name, medication name and dosage. It should be secured at the campsite in the possession of a responsible adult. For medication that needs to be refrigerated, please contact the Health Officer.

Official BSA Uniform:

- ☐ Short sleeved shirt (Blue or Khaki)
- ☐ Neckerchief and slide

Clothing:

- ☐ Sock (4 or 5 pair)
- ☐ Tee Shirt (4)
- ☐ Underwear (4)
- ☐ Pair of long pants (2)
- ☐ Pair of Shorts (2) (optional)
- ☐ Sweatshirt and/or Jacket
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes (2 pair) *(No open-toe sandals or shoes)*
- ☐ Raingear/Poncho (No umbrellas)
- ☐ Baseball style cap

Toiletries:

- ☐ Soap in a plastic bag
- ☐ Towels and washcloth
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Comb and/or brush
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Tissues

Camping Gear:

- ☐ Tent and set up equipment
- ☐ Cooking gear / plate, cups, utensils
- ☐ Food in plastic tote
- ☐ Supplies to wash cooking tools
- ☐ Duffle bag for clothing, toiletries, etc.
- ☐ Backpack for water bottle, sunscreen, etc.
- ☐ Flashlight (extra batteries)
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Dirty laundry bag

Bedding:

- ☐ Sleeping pad
- ☐ Sleeping bag and/or blankets
- ☐ Pillow and pillow case
- ☐ Sheet

Other Items:

- ☐ Insect Repellant
- ☐ Sunscreen and sunglasses
- ☐ Medications (original packaging)
- ☐ Folding chair
- ☐ Board/Card Games
- ☐ Cub Scout handbook
- ☐ Notebooks and pencils
- ☐ Spending money (for Trading Post)
- ☐ Camera

PLEASE LEAVE THE FOLLOWING AT HOME:

Electronic devices, Game systems, radios, etc.
Knives, axes, saws, fireworks, etc.
All aerosol products