

**THUNDERBIRD DISTRICT
RAFT REGATTA and ADMIRAL'S CUP
May 17-19, 2019**
Navy Destroyers on the Cohocton!!



2019 Raft Regatta Patch Design

Unit Leaders:

The 2019 Raft Regatta and is quickly approaching. This year's theme is **Navy Destroyers on the River**. We urge to bring out your inner Navy seaman and dress up and decorate your Battleships in the theme with excitement! We once again welcome everyone to this activity and invite **all Districts** of Five Rivers Council to participate. **Please read through the packet and notice this year's changes.**

1. The Camporee will be at **Mossy Bank Park** – Bath, NY.
2. Register @ **\$15.00** per Scout and Scouter and each registrant will get a patch **AT** check- in.
3. Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors **must** remain at the river area after the Troop or Crew is in the water. It is required that he/she follow the Unit down the river and provide Raft Regatta staff with an emergency cell phone number.
4. Scouts are required to ride with Unit Leadership to the launch site. Units arriving the day of the event must register AT MOSSY BANK PARK between 7:30 – 9:00 AM.
5. Troops camping in park must remove the sod surrounding campfire and set it aside before and replace afterward (or bring an elevated rim).
6. Unit Leaders are accountable for the overall physical fitness (i.e. balance, agility, strength, swimming skills, etc.) of their Scouts. To ensure the safety of all who participate, please properly prepare youth for physical conditions.
7. All participants who go in the water **must** be properly dressed, including closed toe footwear (**all heavy boots, waders, barn boots, etc. or loose footwear are prohibited**) and all rafters must paddle on the raft down the river. No youth should just be “along for the ride.”
 - a. **All Scouts and Adults in the Regatta must be rated as a ‘swimmer’ by summer camp standards. See BSA Swim Test under Raft Race River Rules.**
 - b. **BSA SWIM TEST: “Jump feet first into water over your head in depth, swim 75 yards or 75 meters in a strong manner using one of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards or meters in an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards or 100 meters must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating as motionless as possible.**
8. Scouts should bring their Scout Handbooks for use on some campground activities for 2019.
9. The Dutch Oven Cooking contest (more details below) is a **Troop** event competition this year.
10. **Each participant MUST have completed, and submit, a medical form (BSA form parts A & B ONLY). Since this requires original parental signatures, prior planning is critical.**
11. Female Scouts are encouraged to participate, but may do so **ONLY** as registered members of a Venturing Crew or Scouts, BSA Troop.
12. Possible service project opportunities.
 - a. May include: repainting trail markers and trail construction, policing the trails, etc.
 - b. Ask about this option at the registration desk.
13. Take In / Take Out: Leave No Trace!
14. We will be collecting non-perishable food/household items for local food pantries.
15. In the event of cold weather, alternative activities and competitions are planned: we will hold the event rain or shine!!
16. If you have any questions concerning the Camporee or other Races, please feel free to contact me.

Smooth Rafting,

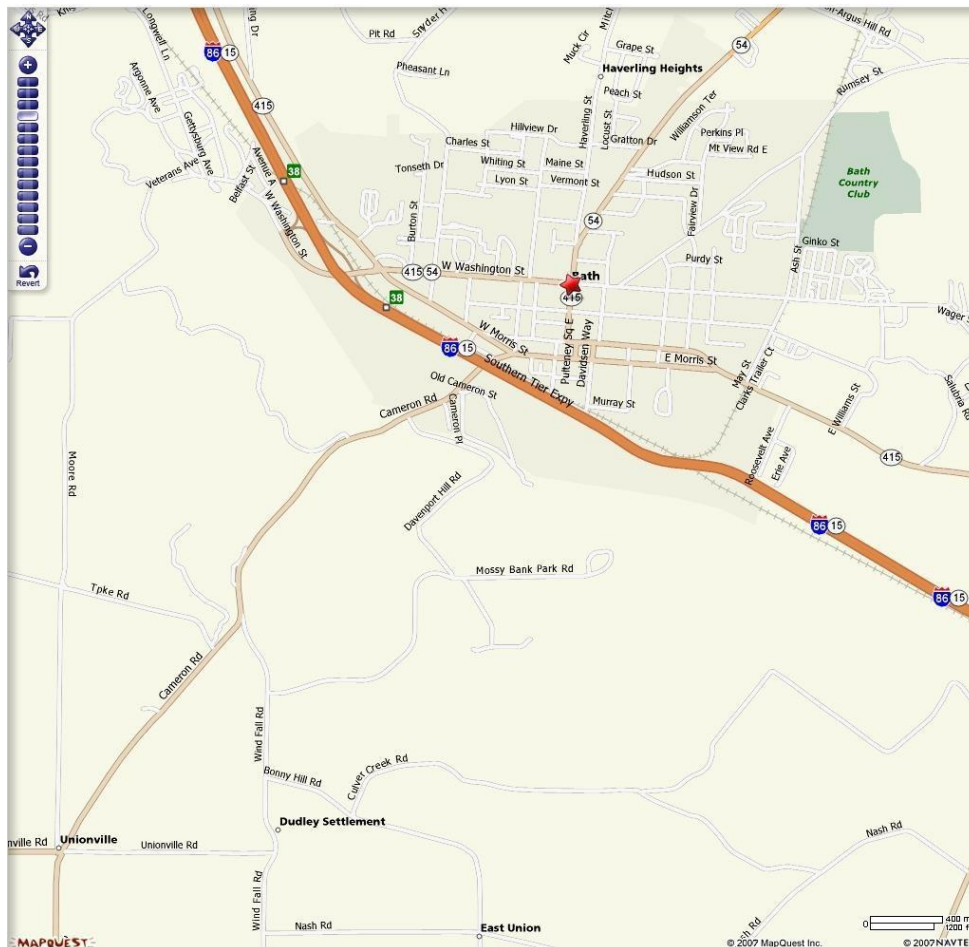
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Directions and Map

I-86 Exit 38

From the East: Take Exit 38 (Bath/Hammondsport) At the bottom of the ramp, make a right, and go .1 miles to the first light where you make a right onto W. Morris St. Go .4 mile and bear right at the “Y”. After bearing right, go .1 mi to sharp right hand turn onto Cameron Road. Travel 1.6 miles on Cameron Road to left on Windfall Road. Go .3 mi and make a left onto Mossy Bank Park Road. Follow 1.3 miles to entrance to park.

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Schedule of Events

Friday – May 17th

- 5:00 - 8:00 PM** Arrival, Check-In and Craft Registration
8:30 PM Regatta Safety Meeting: Unit Leader & Senior Patrol
(*Leader or Crew President MUST attend to meet with fire department & water rescue team*)
- 9:00 PM** General meeting and Cracker Barrel –
Scoutmasters/Crew Advisors & Senior Patrol
Leaders/Crew Presidents
- 11:00 PM** Taps - Quiet Time

Saturday – May 18th

- 6:00 AM** Reveille
6:00 - 7:30 AM Breakfast – With your Unit
7:30 - 9:00 AM
9:00 - 9:30 AM Scouts depart to Launch
10:20 AM Launch Canoes/Kayaks
10:30 AM Launch Rafts
3:00 - 5:00 PM
5:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner with your Unit and Dutch Oven Cooking.
**All Units must sign up and turn in skit or song for campfire @HQ*
6:30 - 7:00 PM Judging for Dutch Oven Cooking Contest @ HQ
7:00 - 7:45 PM Chapel – Scout’s Own, or personal services
7:45 - 9:00 PM Campfire – Competition Results – Units Skits or songs
9:00 PM Taps – Lights Out

Sunday – May 19th

- 7:00 - 8:00 AM** Breakfast – with your Unit
8:00 - 10:00 AM Clean Up
10:30 AM Camporee Closes – break camp –Units check out @HQ
and camp sites inspected – Head home.

SEE YOU AT REGATTA!

The Order of the Arrow

We are arranging for The Order of the Arrow to conduct Call outs at Raft Regatta. We encourage Units to **conduct elections prior to the Regatta and should submit their intentions to participate in the Call Out at check-in.** See the lodge website: <http://tkaendod.fiverivers.org/>, or contact Chris Theurich (607)368-4138 chris.theurich@scouting.org or John Miller (tkaendod@gmail.com) for help in conducting elections.

Raft Race River Rules

General Rules Applying to All Rafts

1. Paddles or poles must be homemade.
 - a. There is a 5-minute penalty for commercially made paddles. The paddles may be single or double ended.
 - b. Division II Canoe and kayak Races are exempted from the rule.
2. There must be a minimum of two Scouts on the raft, but no more than three.
3. All Scouts on the raft *must* have a paddle and participate in the motion of the raft.
4. All Scouts on the raft should be of the same age group. If it is impossible to do this, then the raft must be entered in the oldest Scout's age group.
5. All Scouts on the craft must have a **Type III** Coast Guard approved life jacket or better – ****inflatable lifejackets are strictly prohibited****
6. The winners will be determined by the shortest lapsed time.
7. Any raft that has won a race in the past two years is prohibited from competing this year.
8. In order to aid launching and pulling out, a raft must be constructed so that it has a 10 foot tie up rope on the bow and stern and at least two places on each side for hand grips.
9. Any Scout who does not wear their life jacket properly at all times will be taken off the river and disqualified from the race and sent home. The raft crew will not continue unless they have two remaining members on the raft.
10. All Adults and Scouts must be classified as 'swimmers' and verified as such by their Unit Leader. (Swimmer classification is achieved by completing the BSA Swimmer Test).
11. **All rafts, canoes, kayaks, paddles, etc. MUST have unit # displayed on it.**
12. Scouts - Three Trophies/Totems will be awarded in each competition consisting of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Trophies/Totems.
13. **Age groups will be: 10-13 and 14 and up.**

Division I – Tube Raft Race (two age groups)

All the general rules must be met as well as the following rules:

1. One or more of the Scouts on the raft must have constructed the raft.
2. Rafts may be constructed of any flotation material, or item, that will support the weight of two or more Scouts safely, (logs, milk bottles, pop cans, refrigerator doors, fuel bladders, etc.).
3. The Race Admiral or his representatives reserve the right to refuse any "raft" the right to participate if they feel will not "safely" finish the course.
4. Paddles must be homemade.
5. Rafts in this category **May Not** be constructed with fiberglass reinforcing materials.

Division II – Canoes/Kayaks

ONLY available for Scouts that are **14 years or older (High Adventure Regulation)*

** If you plan to use a kayak or canoe, we **MUST know by May 15th**. In order to extend the course length, we must have adequate numbers.*

General Rules 2 through 6 apply to this division with the addition of the following:

1. All Adults and Scouts are to be qualified as swimmers within the past year by completing the BSA Swim Test. Scoutmasters will be responsible for verifying the requirement.
2. Non-swimmers may NOT go into the canoes or kayaks, even as passengers.
3. There will be only two paddlers in a canoe.
4. Only canoes with two Scouts in them can qualify for the competition. Scout/adult combinations may participate but not compete.
5. Canoes/Kayaks that stop or withdraw from the race must get word to the official at the end of the course that they have withdrawn. Failure to do so will be considered a serious violations of Camporee safety rules, and groups doing so may be asked to leave.
6. Scoutmasters are responsible for picking up the canoes/kayaks and the Scouts at the end of the course.
7. This course will begin at the same starting point as all other divisions, but it will extend to Babcock Hollow Bridge, where it will end.
 - a. it is important to note that during miles 3 to 5 of this race, emergency services will not be monitoring, so units and followers are responsible for Scouts in the water during these miles.
 - b. All Scouts will be checked at the 3-mile mark to confirm ability to continue.
8. We reserve the right to pull out **any** Scout at **any** time that we deem unable to continue.

At Event Check-In/Registration

At Check-In you will need to:

- Complete the Regatta Unit Registration Form (Available Only at Regatta Check-In). This form is in triplicate and will save time as multiple copies are needed and it must reflect who is actually present.
- Complete Raft Registration/Launch Form (One per Craft)
- Medical Forms & Health Releases must be presented at check-in (One per Participant)
- **Identify your Campsite with your Unit Flag.**
- Register for the Raft Regatta Competition.
- Settle any remaining registration balances due.
- Register your song/skit/cheers for the Saturday Campfire.
- Submit your Order of the Arrow Election results for the Saturday Call Out Ceremony.
- Register for Dutch Oven Cooking contest.
- Drop off Non-Perishable food items for local food pantry.

Dutch Oven Cooking Contest

- Registering: Units entering the contest will fill out an entry form Friday night and turn it in at the Cracker Barrel.
- Category: Main Dish and Dessert.
 - Dishes must be prepared by the youth only. Dishes should be prepared as part of Saturday Dinner.
 - Meal must be made in a Dutch Oven.
 - Judging: Judging of all dishes will be done by Raft Regatta Staff. Criteria includes taste, presentation, uniqueness, and oral description. **BE EXTRAVAGANT!!!**
 - The top 3 will be awarded in this competition.

Overall Prize Awards for Troops

Prizes will be awarded to the top three Troops who participate in the Thunderbird District Raft Regatta Camporee. The Scoring will be based on the following criteria:

	POINTS	BONUS
Campsite inspection	_____/10.0	
Camp fire skits	_____/10	_____
Troop participation in:		
• Raft/Canoe/Kayak Race	_____/10	_____
• Conservation Project	_____/10	
• Scouts Own Service	_____/10	
• Campfire Skits/Songs/Cheers	_____/10	_____
• Non-perishable food donation	_____1pt/item (20 points Max.)	
• Completed Surveys.	_____/5	
Number of Scouts from Troop registered and participating in the Raft Regatta	_____ 1 point/Scout	
Percentage of Scouts from Troop registered on Troop Charter and participating in the Raft Regatta	_____/20.0	
Leader Participation in Dutch Oven Cook-off	_____/10	_____
Troop Leaders/Adults Helping in Raft Regatta	_____5 points/Leader (15 pts. Max.)	

Bonus Points:

Racing Divisions, Raft Regatta, and Dutch Oven Cook-off place finishers-

- 1st Place – 5 points
- 2nd Place 3 points
- 3rd place 1 point
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- 1point for each Scout dressed in Navy Theme.
- 2 points for each raft/canoe/kayak decorated in Navy theme.
- Skits/Cheers/Songs Minimum of 1 per Troop/Crew
- 2 points for additional Patrol/Troop/Crew skits.

Prizes will be awarded at the before the closing of the District Campfire.

2019 Thunderbird District Raft Regatta Campsite Inspection Scoring Work Sheet

(Commissioner Use Only)

Troop Number _____

Both the Scout and Adult areas should be considered when grading. Give a score of 1-5.

Section A Layout

	Layout: Is there a definitive pre-planned set up? Does the campsite have an organized format? Remember some sites will be odd shaped due to space available. Do not deduct points if layout is forced to change to meet the site requirements.
	Axe Yard: Is there an axe yard with an axe provided? Is it properly roped off with ample distance from the center of the yard to the rope?
	Duty Roster Posted: Is there a duty roster posted and is it legible for each patrol?
	Menu Posted: Is there a menu posted and is it legible for each patrol?
	U.S. Flag: Is the American Flag Displayed Properly?
	Unit Flag: Is the Unit Flag Display Properly?
	Gateway: Is there a gateway or pioneering project that shows entrance to Troop campsite?
	/35 Total Layout

Section B. Safety

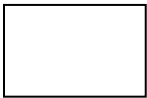
	Adult on Duty: Is there a responsible Adult on Duty (2-deep if Scouts are present)? If yes score 5 points.
	Safety Ribbons: Are there safety ribbons attached to each tent rope, any perimeter rope and the axe yard perimeter?
	First Aid Kit: Is there a First Aid Kit Visible and Accessible in Camp? If the First Aid Kit is missing score -5.
	Fire Equipment: Are there water buckets located near the campfire ring or visible fire extinguisher, and a shovel centrally located in the campsite?
	Rules: Are all fire sources at least 10 feet away from any tent? Is there a 10 foot area cleared around the cooking area?. Is all food stored in patrol boxes or a secure supply area?
	25/ Total Safety

Section C. Cleanliness

	Scouts in Camp: If there are no Scouts in the Camp except for the SPL during the Competitive events give an additional 5 points. (The SPL is not required to be in camp.)
	Personal Equipment: Is gear inside of the tents organized or in a jumble? You may not open a tent that is closed. If all tents closed score 5 points.
	Tents: Are all tents set up correctly and organized by patrol?
	Clean Campsite: No trash around all of the equipment, materials and tools stowed properly.
	Theme Items: Score 5 points if there are theme items present.
	/25 Total Cleanliness

Additional items for consideration of points

	Total Additional Items



Total Point Score

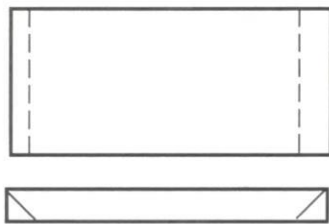
Total Point Score will be a percentage of 85 possible points and converted into a score out of 10.0 points for the overall Raft Regatta Troop Competition.

Different examples

Foam Raft

The flotation material for this type of raft is foam. The foam is often covered by fiberglass and resin to protect it.

1. Use plywood to build a box raft 4' x 8' long and 6" to 8" deep.
2. Pack the box with foam.
3. Make sure there is a non skid surface on the top as foam gets slippery in water.
4. Don't forget your ropes on either end.
5. **NO FIBERGLASS REINFORCING MAY BE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAFT.**



A Milk Jug Raft

1. Build a box 4' x 8' similar to the one above (1" x 8" sides, 1/4" top)
2. Collect a batch of milk jugs with screw tops.
3. Seal the jugs shut.
4. Pack the box full of jugs
5. Cover the jugs with a piece of 1/4" plywood

A Swimming Pool Cover Balloon Raft.

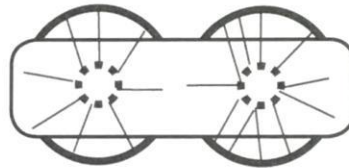
1. Build a box similar to above.
2. Use swimming pool bladders for flotation rather than jugs.

**LIFE JACKETS ARE A MUST
NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE
RIVER WITHOUT A COAST GUARD
APPROVED LIFE JACKET.**

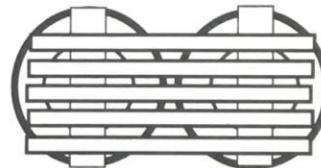
Tube Raft

1. Pick up two used tractor or semi-truck inner tubes at a tire shop.
2. Have them patched and filled
3. Find a piece of 1/2" plywood, cut it to 3' wide and 8' long.
4. Lay the tubes on the plywood and mark where the tubes sit.
5. Drill 1/2" holes in the plywood and lash the tubes to the plywood. (Boards can be substituted for plywood.)
6. Make sure you have a 10' piece of rope on either end of the raft.

A Plywood Tube Raft



A Board Topped Tube Raft



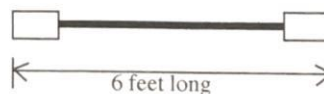
Side View



Paddles

Paddles must be home made or a 5 minute time penalty will be assessed

1. Paddles can be constructed from a broom handle, a piece of 2" x 2", or a piece of conduit with plywood **BOLTED** on the ends.
2. Double ended paddles work best.
3. Round the areas where you are going to put your hands and tape them with adhesive tape.
4. Remember, store bought paddles get you a penalty time



of types of Rafts

2019 Registration Form

Early Bird Deadline: April May 10th, 2019!!

Unit: _____ Leader: _____ District: _____

Adult Names w/Positions & Phone Numbers (Circle if Available for Staff):



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Adult Name	Position	Phone Number
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

Scouts:

1.) _____	9.) _____
2.) _____	10.) _____
3.) _____	11.) _____
4.) _____	12.) _____
5.) _____	13.) _____
6.) _____	14.) _____
7.) _____	15.) _____
8.) _____	16.) _____

Overflows on Back? (Circle One): Yes No

of Rafts: _____
of Canoes: _____
of Kayaks: _____

Payment (Circle One): Cash Check Unit Acct. (Sign): _____

Credit Card Type (Circle One): AmEx Visa MasterCard CVV# _____

Number: _____

Exp: _____ Signature: _____

Scouts _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Adults _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Total _____ Total \$ _____

Mail to: **Five Rivers Council**
3300 Chambers Road, Suite 5190
Horseheads, NY 14845

Raft Regatta Competition Totals:	
Total number of youth Registering	_____
Total number youth and adults Registering	_____
Total number of patrols participating in Raft Regatta	_____

Scout and Leader Survey:

The Raft Regatta Planning Committee would like to make the Raft Regatta fresh and exciting. We want Scouts to continue coming to the regatta because it is "fresh" each year. We will still do the race down the Cohocton River, but we need to mix it up a little bit for next year. We would like to know what the Scouts would like to see next year...and possible even this year if you can send us some ideas.

Here are some ideas to share with your Scouts:

Orienteering

- Geocaching
- Fishing Derby at Mossy Bank Pond
- Conservation Project
- Nature Hike
- Mountain Biking in Mossy Bank Park
- Hike up the Hill to Mossy Bank Park
- Canoe and Kayak Sprint Races at the Mossy Bank Park Pond
- Cardboard Regatta at the Mossy Bank Park Pond
- Nature Center Presentation
- Mini FYRE program
- Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics training
- Log raft division for River Race (like the original Raft Regatta in 1971)
- Merit Badge opportunity
- Dutch Oven Cook-off (Scouts)
- Backpacking trek preparation
- Backpacking food preparation and cooking
- OA activity
- Other

We would like the Unit Leaders to ask each of their Scouts (including those not present at the raft regatta) to rank their top 5 activities that they would like to see at the Raft Regatta. We would also like Scouts to suggest a theme for 2020.

Copy survey on next page

2019 Raft Regatta Survey

Troop/Crew _____

Age _____

Rank _____

Number of years of participation in Raft Regatta	
Years in Scouting	

Top 5 Activities that I would like to see at the Raft Regatta. #1 = most desired. See list for possible Activities

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Theme suggestion for 2020? _____

What other thoughts or comments do you have about the Raft Regatta?

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