

## SPRING CAMPOREE — REGISTRATION OPEN

### The AI Theme

In 1776, a revolution created a new nation.

In 2026, innovation is shaping a new future.

The question is — how will Scouts lead it?

Ben Franklin harnessed electricity.

Today's Scouts are learning to harness intelligence.

### ASK AI — Interactive Scout Station Scout Artificial Intelligence Lab

Ranger Station—We'll provide the computer hook up & printer.

Scouts Meet with AI to create something:

- A best program for a campout or district camporee
- A survival scenario
- A outdoor game
- A meeting plan
- Your own idea
- Points given for best concept.

### Ethical AI & Digital Citizenship

- When should you trust AI?
- How do you fact-check?
- What are the risks?
- How can Scouts use AI responsibly?



### The Next Revolution: Innovation Then and Now



If Benjamin Franklin and the Founding Fathers could see AI today, they'd likely view it the way they viewed electricity, the printing press, and scientific discovery: a powerful tool that can change society. Franklin would be fascinated by AI's ability to solve problems, share knowledge, and help communities.

But they would also urge caution. The Founders cared deeply about ethics, civic responsibility, and how power is used. They'd ask: Who controls AI? How is it used? Does it strengthen freedom—or weaken it? In that sense, AI isn't just a technology revolution—it's a responsibility revolution.

**Q: Is STEM still relevant to Scouting?** No more STEM Awards.

**A:** Yes—STEM is absolutely still relevant. It isn't less of a focus; it's just no longer a separate track. STEM is woven into today's program through hands-on skills, advancement, and merit badges like Robotics, Cybersecurity, Space Exploration, Game Design and AI—helping Scouts learn, lead, and prepare for the future.

**Q: Are you offering a gaming party?** I thought Scouting was a way for Scouts to disconnect and get offline.

**A:** Yes—we're offering a gaming party, but it's designed to stay true to Scouting. The focus will be social, team-based games (video games and board games) played offline and in groups, with an emphasis on teamwork and fun together. Troops are welcome to host a game station. We will not allow online play or solo gaming.

### Questions

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### Welcome to the Future of Scouting Saugatuck District Spring STEM Camporee May 15–17, 2026 • Hoyt Scout Reservation Hosted by A.I. • Celebrating 250 Years of America

This spring, Saugatuck District invites Scouts to step into the future at our **Spring STEM Camporee**—a high-energy weekend celebrating **250 Years of American Innovation**, from 1776 to the technology of tomorrow.

Blending science, technology, and artificial intelligence, this unique Camporee will showcase how today's Scouts are preparing to lead the next generation of discovery. Participants will choose from **nine STEM Merit Badges**, including off-site opportunities in **Railroading** (Danbury Railway Museum), **Animal Science** (New Pond Farm), and **Aviation** (Danbury Airport). In-camp options include **Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Robotics, Game Design, Electricity, and Space Exploration**.

Beyond the badges, the weekend is packed with fun. Highlights include an **AI-powered evening gaming party**, and tech challenges, plus classic Camporee favorites like **Ultimate Frisbee, gaga ball, inflatable games**, and more.

Units can camp **Friday and Saturday night** or attend for the day. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind celebration of innovation, adventure, and the future of Scouting.

**Register:**

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1558>

### AOL/Webelos WOW Returns A STEM Adventure Awaits!

**May 16–17, 2026 • Hoyt Scout Reservation**

Held in conjunction with the Scouts BSA Spring Camporee The **WOW is back!** Formerly known as the Webelos Overnight Weekend, this popular overnight returns with a STEM twist. Bears moving up to Webelos, Webelos moving up to Arrow of Light, and Arrow of Light Scouts who have not yet crossed over are invited to take part in this exciting camping experience or make it a day event.

In celebration of **America's 250th Anniversary**, Scouts will dive into hands-on science, technology, and artificial intelligence activities at Hoyt. Participants will form temporary patrols, work on advancement and America 250 awards, and enjoy classic outdoor fun like games and the Gaga Pit. Optional off-site experiences may include visits to the **Danbury Railway Museum** or **New Pond Farm**.

Lunch will be provided; dinner and breakfast will be prepared by campers. Takeout food options will also be available, and Scouts may coordinate camping and meals with participating troops.

**Fees:** \$40 for one youth and one adult (includes patch, lunch, and program) — no siblings. **Limited to 100 youth.**

**Register:**

<https://mycouncil.ctyankee.org/Event/1571>

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