



# J4E 2025

## The James Elliott Memorial Patrol Competition Camp

**Date:** May 2-4, 2025  
**Location:** Camp Manitou, Milton/Burlington  
7484 Twiss Rd, Milton, ON L0P 1B0



### Costs:

#### **\$20 per Youth Participant**

(camp site fees, badge, and Saturday dinner basics included – more later!)

#### **\$35 per Leader/Venturer/Senior/Rover** (catered meals)

(camp site fees, badge, and all meals, dishes and cutlery, from Friday night snack through to light Sunday lunch)

#### **\$15 per Volunteer, for Day Only Saturday**

(two meals, badge, no camping)

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### Greetings!

<https://www.1stbinbrook.org/j4e>



This is the general information package for the J4E Patrol Camp, located this year at Camp Manitou, in Milton, just north of Burlington.

Supported by the Volunteers and Senior Youth, in groups from Hamilton, Haldimand, Niagara, Toronto, and beyond! – AND -- everyone is most welcome. ☺

Many topics, let's get to them.

### Purposes:

1. Support each other as Scouters, in delivering good quality, challenging program, to the youth in our care.
2. Present the youth with enough opportunities for real hands-on challenge, independence, and leadership, in an environment where a safety net exists if needed.
3. Learn from each other, and take home new ideas to our own groups and areas.

### Cost:

\$20 per youth participant, includes camp site fees, camp crest (as pictured), and their primary dinner ingredients for Saturday night.

We're trying to keep costs low, please help us with as accurate estimates and updates as you can. If there is leftover, we will return it.

### Format:

This is an excellent opportunity for Scouting Patrols to demonstrate their ability to work as a team while participating in challenging activities, and to learn new twists to old ideas.

**Open to Patrols of 4-8 members, all aged 10-14 years old, at December 31, past.**  
*(basically, they either registered for a program last fall, 3 or 4 year program, or came up early from the pack in the last month or two)*

By achieving certain standards, patrols can win a Bronze, Silver or Gold award title, and the top patrol wins the trophy as well. Needless to say, a patrol that doesn't make an effort in the various challenges may win nothing... it's theirs to choose, to win or lose.

The camp will be organized as it has been in previous years. That is, the camp will be divided into a number of camp "Troops" consisting of four or five patrols each. Patrols will be assigned to their camp troop upon arrival at camp. Each troop will have a resident "Scoutmaster Team" that is available for help, challenges, or to keep a watchful eye on patrol campsites.

Campsites will have trees, to assist with sleeping shelter construction, or dining flies.

A visiting guest (unrelated to the patrol) will judge the Saturday night meal preparation, presentation, service and clean-up. The patrol will be given enough food provisions for the Guest's meal and each patrol member.

### **The Challenges:**

Each Patrol will participate in a round robin of events.

They don't require specific Scoutcraft skills, but do need imagination, teamwork and adaptability.

*Thinking before doing is often a winning strategy.*

### **Points Scoring:**

Patrols receive points for each challenge, arrival, campsite orderliness/improvements and for "Invite a Guest to Dinner", Iron Chef Challenge.

Patrols should carefully review the score sheets so they will know what is expected of them and they can perform to the best of their ability. *(past years versions of these will be posted on the website, always subject to minor change, seeing them will give you an idea - we're scoring points, and competing, but setting them up to succeed in more ways than one)*

### **Arrival**

Each Patrol is to arrive and depart from camp in uniform shirt and necker. Check in is at the main parking lot. Each Patrol is to come fully quipped and self contained, including a Patrol-sized dining shelter with ropes. The Patrol will transport all personal and camping equipment between the parking lot and its assigned campsite. A Patrol should bring a flag/sign/banner to place on its site. No other signs are necessary. No points will be awarded for signs or deducted for their absence. Function and use of campsite improvement should be self-evident. Water jugs and food/drink coolers will prove useful, certified and tested drinking water is available onsite.

The goal... would be to make "one trip", but we do understand that not every group has the same gear. Lightweight Scout camping, is the GOAL.

## **The Iron Chef Invites a Guest to Dinner**

For Saturday's "Invite a Guest to Dinner" meal, you will have a choice of limited meal choices, and all campsite items will be supplied by you for the guest and each member of the Patrol. (dishes, cups, etc)

A draw system on Saturday, will set your ingredients, and recipe card support may be available. (*you have the day to dream up how to use them, Iron Chef Style!*)

By omitting the meat items the recipe can easily be made vegetarian.

Any defined allergies should be made apparent, well in advance of the camp.

(*we will avoid the obvious ones*)

Each Patrol will still have to provide beverages, dessert and other extras as they see fit! Advanced planning is a great idea... be creative!

### **Flexibility:**

Have some new youth, or leaders who are apprehensive?

Only have 2-3 youth, and one Leader? We can work with this..

Talk to us, ahead of time. Let's talk through the system, and the possibilities.

We'd like to see them all on a level playing field, but we're totally human about this. 😊

Have a medical need that requires special attention?

Not a problem, please get in touch. You will not be alone. 😊

### **Fires:**

Fires are permitted only in either existing installed fire rings, or in raised fire drums/devices of your own design. There are to be no ground fires.

Each Troop site, has a shared communal fire pit, work together, and get to know your neighbours!

### **The Small Print:**

Site Scouters will be camped adjacent to the youth sites and will provide guidance, safety, and assistance to patrols as required.

Any assistance provided to a Patrol by one of their own Scouters once they have checked in at the parking lot will result in deduction of points.

A site "Court of Honor" consisting of Patrol Leaders and the site Scoutmasters, manage the campsite and settle all situations that might occur.

### **Event Champions/Leaders/Spearhead – WE WANT YOUR CHALLENGES!**

If you have a challenge you want to run, and need some help, please get in touch ASAP. We also have a list of potential events, that we're happy to share and let you look through, if you want to pick one and take it on.

Other leaders will be around for the weekend, and willing to help. We usually have a surplus, so it's not hard to be the spearhead, and pick up some help Friday night at the leader's meeting.

## **Schedule**

An initial schedule is also enclosed, and final versions of it and the rotation will be handed out at PL and Leaders meetings on Friday evening.

## **Registration:**

Please email [J4E@1stBinbrook.org](mailto:J4E@1stBinbrook.org) with the following information:

- Group Name, and full contact info of Key Leader for the weekend. (with cell# if possible)
- Number of Adults/Vents/Seniors/Rovers looking for food
- Number of Patrols (and patrol names), and number of youth.

## **Email this information, ASAP. (even with a guesstimate)**

Update it by email, as you have updates to provide.

If we haven't heard from you by April 27<sup>th</sup>, we'll assume you're not coming. ☺

FINAL NUMBERS due by Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, end of day please.  
(we have to buy food, and set rotation plans)

Payment may be made at camp, at the leader's meeting, either by cash or group cheque. Or by Interac, either onsite or in advance, sent to: [info@1stBinbrook.org](mailto:info@1stBinbrook.org)

Please try and be accurate, and think of the fact that we're buying a fair amount of food, up front. We want everyone to be able to eat well, but we also understand that demanding huge deposits up front, and paying for people who don't come, is painful for small Scout Group budgets. ☺

Keep the channels of communications open, and we'll all be good!

## **Things we Missed?**

The memo doesn't change much, year to year, but we probably missed something... so ask.

Any changes will be posted to the website (above) as a separate note to this file, an update memo sort of idea. (if any)

Lastly, we're all here to help each other. It's the Scouting way.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

See you at camp!

## **Scouter Andy, et al, on behalf of the team.**

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