

# Boy Scout Rail Camp FAQ

## When is this event?

February 23-25, 2018

## Where is it?

North Carolina Transportation Museum  
411 S. Salisbury Ave.  
Spencer, NC 28159

## What does it include?

- Two nights of camping on our 60-acre historic site
- Hands-on transportation activities facilitated by museum educators to complete the Railroading Merit Badge
- A 25-minute ride around the museum on our historic train
- A scavenger hunt throughout the museum
- A scout-led skit about railroads
- Flag raising/lowering and campfires

## How much does it cost?

Registration before January 1 costs \$21.40 per person (scout or adult).

Registration from January 2 to February 18 costs \$26.75 per person.

## Where do we camp? Do we have to “backpack” our gear in?

Camping is in a grassy field adjacent to our historic buildings. The parking lot is close by, but you are welcome to practice packing in and camping from backpacks.

## Can we keep trucks/cars/trailers in the campsite?

Not during the camp, but you may bring one vehicle and one trailer into the campsite area during setup and pack up. Parking is very close to the camping area.

## Is there access to water or electricity?

There will be a water spigot nearby the camping area. We recommend you bring your own water cooler to keep at your campsite.

Electricity is available in a central location (to fill air mattresses, etc) but will only be available at campsites to power medical devices. If you need electricity, please note this on your registration.

## What about food?

We do not have a dining hall and will not be providing food. The schedule allows at least an hour at meal times to prepare your own food at camp. We also have a couple restaurants and a Food Lion within a reasonable walk of the museum.

## Are there adequate restroom facilities?

Yes. We have two sets of indoor restrooms within a short walk of the camping area.

## What about showers?

We do not have showers available.

## What if it rains?

This event will be held rain or shine. Our activities are indoors and you can still attend them if you choose not to camp.

## Do we have to camp overnight?

No. You are welcome to attend Saturday's activities without actually camping on site. Please note this in your registration form. You will check in Saturday morning at 8:30 am. The price is the same as for overnight campers.

## Where and when do we check in?

Check in on Friday evening is at the Barber Junction Visitor Center adjacent to the parking lot, from 4 pm to 9 pm.

## Are scouts allowed in the gift shop?

That's up to parents and scout leaders. It will be open to all visitors, including scouts, from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

## When do we leave?

Camp sites must be empty and clean by 11 am Sunday morning.

## How do I register?

A web form is available at [nctrans.org](http://nctrans.org).

## Does someone at the museum sign scouts' Blue Books to earn their merit badge?

No. Scouts will learn and complete the worksheets during Rail Camp, but our instructors are not certified to sign Blue Books. Your council can provide a list of merit badge counselors who will sign off on the worksheets completed during Rail Camp.

## I have a question that isn't answered here.

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