

BACKWOODS COOKING COMPETITION

The Event

Open to the Scout section, this challenge aims to test the backwoods cooking skills of scouts from each district within Merseyside against each one another.

Scouts will be tasked with cooking a two-course meal using backwoods cooking techniques, with food being cooked on an open fire. Scouts will be scored on how well they complete the challenge with the winning patrol being awarded the County Trophy.

Entries

We invite each District to put forward and enter one Patrol of 4-6 scouts. (There may be an opportunity for District to enter a second patrol if other districts do not take up their allocated space).

The allocated District Scout section lead should enter the patrol, not individual leaders.

Entries can be made by emailing
gary.allwood@merseyidescouts.com

Selection

Districts may wish to hold their own District backwoods competition in order to shortlist their District representative. However, this is not essential and districts may choose to select in an alternative, open and fair way.

5th
July
2025

10am
to
3pm

Tawd
Vale
Activity
Centre

Cost

There will be a charge of £30 per patrol entry (it is anticipated that this cost will be covered by District funds and not passed onto the scouts representing the district).

The entry fee will cover the cost of day visitor fee at Tawd Vale, ingredients to cook the meal, prizes and event administration.

What to Bring?

- Uniform for presentations.
- Suitable activity clothing
- Suitable footwear for using an axe
- Knife, axe and saw.
- Packed lunch

14th June is the
deadline for initial
entries to allow us to
offer additional
places to districts!





(Some fire drum and stands are available at Tawd Vale but cannot be guaranteed to be available so if Districts can bring their own then that would be very useful)

Patrols may wish to bring prepared tinder, kindling or firewood. Scouts will be given sufficient time to source firewood and prepare their fire. Firelighters / liquid accelerants should not be used.

What is Provided?

- Matches
- Ingredients to cook the meal
- Cooking utensils and equipment
- Cutlery, plates bowls, cups.

Rules/Scoring

- Two plates of food should be produced for each course of the meal. One for the judges to taste and one for the patrol members.
- The aim is for patrols to use backwoods cooking methods. This means pots, pans, foil, should ideally not be used. Patrols will lose 'lives' for using such items.
- Wooden utensils, including skewers are allowed as are knives.
- Scoring will include – taste, teamwork, attitude, presentation (food, site and person), backwoods techniques.
- Leaders are not allowed to assist the scouts during this challenge.

We would love to see troop and district leaders attend this event. They are welcome to encourage and support their scouts from a distance and socialise/catch up with other leaders.

Refreshments will be provided.

Administration

Once districts have selected their representative patrol they must email Gary Allwood (gary.allwood@merseysidescouts.com) and include the following information:

Name of the Scout District



Name of the Scout Group



Name of Scout Troop Leader and Contact Details



Name of District Leader and Contact Details

Payment

Payment of £30 should be made on entry and can be made in two ways:

VIA CHEQUE

(Payable to Merseyside Scouts) by sending it to Backwoods Cooking Competition, Merseyside Scouts, 3rd Floor, Stanley Buildings, 43 Hanover Street, Liverpool, L1 3DN

OR BY BANK TRANSFER To Merseyside Scouts, CAF Bank
Sort Code: 40-52-40
Acct No: 00011183
(Reference Backwoods Cooking Competition 2025)



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