

Three Rivers District
Golden Empire Council, B.S.A.

2023 Spring Camporee

Surf's Up

APRIL 21-23, 2023

Dry Creek Ranch House

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Leaders Guide

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In 1908 the Captain Scout, as he called himself, published his book, *Scouting for Boys*. It appealed to all the sense of adventure and love of open-air life which is so strong in youth. But beyond this it stirred those sentiments of knightly chivalry, of playing the game - any game - earnest or fun - hard and fairly, which constitute the most important part of the British system of education.

Success was immediate and far-reaching. The simple uniform, khaki shorts and a shirt - within the range of the poorest - was founded upon that of General Baden-Powell's old corps, the South African Constabulary. The hat was the famous hat with the flat brim and pinched top which he had worn at Mafeking. The motto "Be Prepared" was founded on his initials. Almost immediately we saw at holiday times on the roads of Britain little troops and patrols of Boy Scouts, big and small, staff in hand, trudging forward hopefully, pushing their little handcart with their kit and camping gear towards the woodlands and parklands which their exemplary conduct speedily threw open to them. Forthwith there twinkled the camp fires of a vast new army whose ranks will never be empty, and whose march will never be ended while red blood courses in the veins of youth.

It is difficult to exaggerate the moral and mental health which our nation has derived from this profound and simple conception. In those bygone days the motto "Be Prepared" had a special meaning for our country. Those who looked to the coming of a great war welcomed the awakening of British boyhood. But no

one, even the most resolute pacifist, could be offended; for the movement was not militaristic in character, and even the sourest, crabbiest critic saw in it a way of letting off youthful steam.

--Winston Churchill on Baden Powell

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The 2023 Camporee Information

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When?

Friday, April 21, 2023 to Sunday, April 23, 2023

Troops, Teams, Crews, Ships and Webelos may camp for one or two nights at the Scout Camporee site. [Where?](#)

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Who?

All Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, Ships and their adult leaders are invited to participate in the 2023 Scout Camporee. Webelos are invited to come out Saturday to meet the troops from the district and to participate in most Camporee events. Webelos are welcome and encouraged to camp overnight if they choose but it's not a requirement. If a Webelos group would like to spend the whole weekend with us they are more than welcome to as well.

Order of the Arrow Teleeka Liwa Chapter are staffing the camporee and are encouraging all OA members to assist in the program. They are to sign up separately as OA staff and will camp as a chapter at camporee headquarters and their food will be provided for the weekend. Transportation and medical forms will be handled by their organic units.

Fees and Deadlines – Troops / Crews / Ships

Fees are **\$12 per Scout, \$12 per Adult** through April 9th, 2023. The fees cover the cost of a patch for each participant, as well as awards, miscellaneous supplies, and costs to put on the 2023 Spring Camporee.

Fees and Deadlines – Webelos

Fees are \$12 per Webelos, \$12 per Adult through April 9th, 2023. The fees cover the cost of a patch for each participant, as well as awards, miscellaneous supplies, costs to put on the Camporee. We encourage Webelos dens to camp overnight for 1 or 2 nights, as you choose, while at the Camporee, however, if you are planning on camping must have at least a 3:2 ratio per Webelos/Adults.

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Late Registration after April 10th , 2023

Late Registration will be available from April 10th through April 5th but the cost per person goes up \$5.00. Final deadline to submit online registration forms is **April 16th, 2023**. Registration fees are transferable within the unit but are NOT refundable after the deadline.

All registrations must be completed on-line or turned in to the council office. **There will be no on-site registration**. If your unit/scout is not registered before arrival they will not be staying in camp. Please bring payment confirmation with you.

Personal Health and Medical Records

To ensure the health and safety of everyone, all Scouts and leaders participating in the 2023 Scout Camporee must have a current, completed Boy Scouts of America Health and Medical Record (Parts A & B). Units are responsible for each Scout's medical forms and must have the forms available upon request at check-in. Any health/medical condition needing special considerations should be brought to the attention of the 2023 Scout Camporee Medical Officer upon arrival. If any special considerations are needed, please contact the 2023 Scout Camporee Director prior to the event.

Parent Permission Slips

All Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and Varsity Scouts (under the age of 18 years old) participating in the 2023 Camporee must have turned in a signed copy of the unit's usual parent permission slip to their respective adult leaders. **At check-in/registration, the adult leader responsible for the unit must be prepared to show permission slips, upon request, for all participants.**

Restrooms and Service Units

Restroom facilities will be available at the 2023 Camporee. Units will be asked to take turns as a service unit during the 2023 Camporee weekend. **SPL's will be given an opportunity to volunteer for service at the cracker-barrel on Friday evening for service scheduled beginning on Saturday morning.** Service patrols must check in at the headquarters to pick up cleaning supplies and paper products for the restrooms. Please discuss with your scouts common courtesies and clean habits. A perpetual award will be given for the best service patrol.

Water

Water is available within walking range of the campsites.

Garbage

All trash is to be deposited in the designated trash bins as will fit. All patrols and dens should be prepared to truck out the bulk of their garbage so as to not overwhelm the camp facilities. REMEMBER: Leave No Trace!

Weather

The 2023 Camporee will be held regardless of weather conditions, wind, rain or shine. Be Prepared for any weather conditions.

Note: there is no security at the site and you will assume all risks for loss or damage. No exceptions!

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Schedule (times subject to change)

Friday, April 21, 2023

4:00PM - 6:00PM Staff Set Up

5:00PM - 9:00PM Troop/Webelos Check-In/Campsite Set-Up/Dinner 8:30PM -

9:00PM SPL/SM Cracker-barrel

9:00PM - 9:30PM SPL Dinner

10:10PM - 10:30PM Staff Briefing

Saturday, April 22, 2023

7:00AM Reveille

7:00AM - 8:30AM Breakfast/Cleanup/Patrol Preparations 7:30AM -

8:30AM Troop/Webelos Check-in

8:00AM – 8:55AM Staff Set-Up

8:45AM Gathering for Flags

9:00AM - 9:15AM Flag Ceremony

9:30AM - 12:00PM Morning Session Games/Camp Inspections 12:00PM

- 1:30PM Lunch/Cleanup

1:30PM - 4:00PM Afternoon Session Games/Webelos camp Inspection 2:00PM -

5:00PM Dutch-Oven Contest

5:00PM - 7:00PM Dinner/Cleanup

7:15PM - 7:30PM Closing Flag Ceremony

7:30PM – 9:30PM Awards / Campfire Program / OA Call-Out Ceremony 9:30PM -

10:00PM Saturday Checkout

10:00PM Taps

Sunday, April 23, 2023

7:00AM Reveille

7:00AM - 8:30AM Breakfast/Cleanup

9:00AM Scout's Own Services (Non-denominational) 9:30AM Strike camp/Campsite Inspections/Checkout 11:00AM 2023 Scout Camporee Ends

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Check-In Procedures

Check-in time #1: Friday, April 21st 5:00 - 9:00 PM Check-in time #2: Saturday, April 22nd 7:30 - 8:30 AM Items needed for check-in:

- Two (2) copies of Troop/Pack Roster
- Record of 2023 Scout Camporee fees
- Medical Forms (to be kept with each troop)

Are you checking out on Saturday? Notify 2023 Scout Camporee Headquarters at check-in.

1. Units must check-in as a Troop/Pack/Crew.
2. Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters/Den Leaders will update the unit's roster at time of check-in.
3. Campsite assignments will be given at check-in time.

Check-Out Procedures

Check-out time: **Sunday, April 23rd, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Every unit should plan to stay until the end of the 2023 Scout Camporee. However, we understand that some units may need to depart Saturday night. In all cases, we encourage units to stay through the campfire. **Any unit not staying through Sunday must notify 2023 Camporee Headquarters when they check-in.**

All units must be prepared to depart by noon on Sunday.

1. Campsites will be inspected by the staff before checkout. Have their site inspected by the Camp Captain whether you are leaving on Saturday or Sunday.
2. When your site has passed inspection, send the SPL or Crew Leader with your check-out sheet to 2023 Scout Camporee Headquarters. Patches will be given to units at that time.

2023 Scout Camporee Program

Senior Patrol Leaders

SPLs may participate in events as a member of a patrol.

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Patrol or Teams

Scouts will participate in the 2023 Scout Camporee as Patrols of not less than 4 Scouts and a maximum of 8. Each Patrol should be prepared to participate in the various challenges using basic Scouting Skills and Spirit.

Webelos Dens

Webelos will participate in the 2023 Scout Camporee as their normal Dens of any size. Each Den should be prepared to participate in the various challenges using basic Cub Scout Skills.

Staff

The 2023 Scout Camporee will be staffed by OA members throughout our district. Volunteers from each Troop/Team/Crew participating will also be needed to help run stations. Please contact the 2023 Scout Camporee Camp Director to inquire how your unit and/or adult leaders may help with the 2023 Scout Camporee. **It is required that each unit run at least one 2023 Scout Camporee event.**

Den/Patrol Flag Competition

Unit number and patrol name/den number need to be affixed to their flag. Flags/apparel will be judged throughout the day at each station and points awarded based on originality, complexity and spirit. Scores will be added to the Patrol Spirit Award.

Friday Night Laser Gauntlet

Patrols take turns being the invaders and defenders. Defenders choose two people from their patrol who are then blindfolded and stand with lasers (flashlights) ready for action. Invaders must approach quietly; they are not allowed to run. If they make a noise and are "flashed" with a laser, they're dead and must sit down. Defenders win by killing off all invaders. Invaders win if they can tag defenders without being killed. Each defender is told they have ten shots. They must "shoot" an attacker with their laser (flashlight beam) to kill them. Once they have used all ten shots, they must sit down and turn their flashlight off. They have used all their energy supply and are dead. A shot consists of a single beam of light aimed at a specific target. Sweeping the light across the horizon randomly is not allowed. There is a time limit for each round. This is a game that stresses teamwork and using restricted senses for observation.

Dutch-Oven/Webelos Cooking Contest

The theme is dessert

Scout Dutch-Oven

The Camporee staff will sponsor a Dutch-Oven Cooking Contest. Scout pairs, Patrols, Scoutmasters may

enter this event. Preparation may be done in the campsite **no earlier than Friday evening**, but the cooking is to be done in a designated area. Be prepared with your own supply of charcoal. Dutch oven trays are required.

Webelos Cooking

Webelos Dens are not restricted to Dutch-ovens but may certainly use them if they have them available. Webelos Dens are allowed to use camp stoves and portable charcoal grills. Webelos Dens should be prepared to bring their own equipment and table(s) for the designated cooking area. Each Webelos Den participating should have a **minimum** of 3 Webelos and 2 adult leaders.

Submissions will be judged on quality, originality, use of the theme and presentation.

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Snack Bar

There will be a snack bar open for all scouts. All snacks will cost \$1 or less. Please inform your youth that there will be a snack bar.

Patrol Spirit Award

Patrols will be evaluated throughout the day for spirit, cooperation, apparel, patrol flags. In order to qualify for the spirit award a patrol needs to volunteer for at least one Service Patrol Duty. And yes... we said duty... Also a Spirit Award recipient needs to perform a skit at the campfire.

Order Of The Arrow

The 2023 Campfire program will be the effort of the OA chapter within the Three Rivers District. The Order of the Arrow chapter, Teleeka Liwa, will work with the SPLs to create the campfire program. To close out the campfire, the OA will host the Call-out Ceremony.

Campfire Program

Each Troop/Team/Crew/Webelos Den will be required to provide a skit or song for the Campfire Program. Skits/songs will be worked on and submitted at the competition station during the day.

Religious (Scouts Own) Services

A Scout's Own service will be held on Sunday morning, we encourage all scouts and leaders to attend. The Chaplain's Aide for each troop may be asked to participate in the service.

Campsite Inspections

The Camporee Director and his team will conduct campsite inspections on Saturday after the start of competition. Webelos campsites will be inspected after the start of the afternoon program. Up to ten points will be given for each bullet point listed below, **except as noted**.

Unit Inspection Items:

- Gateway and/or American and Unit Flags posted (Gateways will be judged on their creativity and soundness and must be constructed of wood and held together by lashings.)
- Unit roster posted

- Campsite neat and orderly
- All equipment within assigned camping area
- Camp is clean with a designated eating/garbage area for each patrol
- Unit First Aid kit location clearly displayed and marked
- Scoutmaster's/Webelos Den Leader and SPL's tent easily identifiable

Patrol / Den Inspection Items:

- Patrol box identified, neat, clean and working latches to keep out the critters.
- Patrol menu displayed
- Patrol duty roster displayed

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- Food properly stowed
- Stove properly secured
- Each Patrol has its own clearly defined sleeping/cooking area organized in a logical manner •
Patrol Leaders tent identified

Policies And Regulation

Participation

All youth participants are required to be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America before arriving at the 2023 Scout Camporee. Participation is limited to Scout Troops/Varsity Scouts/Venture Crews/ Ships & Webelos only.

Leadership

Adult: Each unit registering for the 2023 Camporee is responsible for its own leadership including the female leadership requirements. It is BSA policy that there are at least two leaders with the unit at all times. They must be available and present in camp 24 hours a day. NO EXCEPTIONS! The unit camp leader must be a registered adult leader, at least 21 years of age, and preferably should be the year round leader. If the year-round unit leader cannot attend, leadership can be recruited from Assistant unit leaders.

Youth: Troop and Crew leaders are expected to set the pace by their own examples of living the Scout Oath and adhering to the Scout Law.

Camp Uniform

The official BSA field uniform will be worn properly (e.g., shirts tucked in, neckerchiefs, etc.) during check-in, flag ceremonies and check-out. All other times Patrols/Dens should be easily recognized and are encouraged to be in BSA or unit t-shirts.

Campgrounds

Dry Creek Historical Ranch is our temporary home for the weekend for our Scouts and Leaders. Your cooperation is needed to keep it neat and clean.

Fires: No open fires in the unit area are allowed at this time. PENDING

Trash: Trash is to be deposited in designated trash bins. Units should be prepared to pack out the bulk of their trash if needed.

Campsites: Campsite assignment will be determined by the 2023 Camporee staff and will be given to you at the time of check-in. Please use the Patrol Method in your campsite layout.

Restrooms: Please respect the use of all sanitation facilities. Units will be responsible for any damages or replacements.

Water: Water is available on site.

Low-Impact: The 2023 Camporee staff is encouraging the use of low-impact camping skills. Please plan accordingly with sleeping quarters, meals, etc. No camping equipment will be furnished at the 2023 Camporee site.

Off Limit Areas: Off limit areas will be outlined at the cracker-barrel with each

unit. Lights Out

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All Scouts are to be in their unit area after dark, following any 2023 Camporee events. All noise will stop at Taps. Scouts and Leaders are responsible for maintaining quiet after Taps. Please respect the unit quiet after hours as to not bother those in the surrounding campsites.

Family/Visitors

Families and friends are welcomed throughout the 2023 Camporee but are not allowed to participate in activities or camp overnight. All guests must check-in with 2023 Camporee Headquarters at the time of arrival.

Siblings: Are welcome, but are NOT allowed to participate in activities or camp overnight. Underage siblings must be accompanied by a parent.

Pets: No pets allowed. Do not harm natural wildlife.

REMEMBER: NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING FOR VISITORS!

Transportation

2023 Camporee staff will not be providing any transportation nor making any special accommodations for unit member transportation needs. Camping Assignments can be arranged by 2023 Camporee Staff if informed in advance of specific scout needs. All unit leaders must ensure that vehicles transporting Scouts and equipment have the necessary safety and insurance as prescribed by California State Law. All units are required to provide their own transportation to and from the 2023 Camporee. **Under no circumstances are Scouts or leaders to ride in the backs of trucks, trailers or campers.**

Parking

Parking is limited. Please carpool. The 2023 Camporee site will have a designated parking lot. Limited vehicles, including automobiles, camp trailers, trucks, vans, motorcycles, bicycles, etc., will have limited access to campsites. Most will need to be parked in the designated parking lots.

Troop/Den/Crew/Team equipment trailers may not be left in the campsite. Please place a card on the dash of each vehicle identifying the driver's name and troop in case the 2023 Camporee staff needs to contact him or her.

All vehicles need to be backed in so as to allow quick and orderly exit in case of an emergency.

Camp Rules

- Do not enter any campsite other than your own without permission.
- No radios, TVs, electronic games, alcohol, firearms, CD players, MP3 players, or personal bow and arrows allowed.
- No generators.
- No profanity.
- No horseplay around water.
- No pets.
- Buddy systems should be used when out of your unit's area.

Scouts caught disobeying camp rules will result in a 200 point deduction from the troop's overall score.

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Alcohol And Drugs

"It is the policy of Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America or at any activity involving participation of youth members."

This policy will be strictly enforced for all those that use this facility. Unit Leaders will be responsible for monitoring any prescription medications for its members.

BSA Smoking Policy

Smoking is discouraged among adult leaders as a rule. Smoking is prohibited in all program areas, camp buildings. Smoking is discouraged in the presence of Scouts anywhere on the camp property.

Use Of Chemicals Fuels

For safety reasons, knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the storage of chemical fuels, the handling of chemical fuels, in the filling of stoves or lanterns or the lighting of chemical fuels.

Scouts should use flashlights or battery operated lanterns in camping activities, particularly in and around canvas tents. No chemical fueled lantern or propane stove is to be used inside a tent.

It is recommended that no liquid fuels be used. It would be best if units use propane or butane fuels only.

The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is **prohibited**. This includes damp wood, charcoal and ceremonial campfires. Solid type starters are just as effective, are easier to store and carry, and are much safer to use for this purpose.

In Case Of Medical Needs

Units are expected to handle most minor injuries but a 2023 Camporee Medical Officer is on staff to handle other injuries and illnesses. Accidents, injuries and illnesses **MUST** be reported to the Camp Medical area. The 2023 Camporee Medical Officer is available day and night at the 2023 Camporee Headquarters. If you have an emergency, please notify any 2023 Camporee staff member right away.

Fire Plan: Fire Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility!

Fire prevention is the key to any fire plan and should be uppermost in the minds of every 2023 Scout Camporee staff member, leader and Scout. A healthy awareness of the potential for injury from a brush fire, down to the touching of a hot ember should drive home the need for fire safety.

NO tent material is fireproof, and it can burn when exposed to heat or fire. If using tents, please follow these rules:

Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. No flames in Tents is a rule which must be enforced.

Chemical-fueled stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches or other flame sources should never be

used in or near tents.

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DO NOT pitch tents near open flames.

Always extinguish cooking stoves properly (police and pickup trash from fire site for disposal).

Units not following the 2023 Scout Camporee rules may be asked to leave

Modifications to this guide may be made any time between now and the event. Please make sure you check the cover and have the latest edition of this guide.

COPE and Climbing Course

Hold-Harmless/Release Agreement

I understand that the Golden Empire Council is dedicated to creating a safe environment for all participants which dictates the need for personal responsibility. Climbing is inherently dangerous and involves a certain degree of risk that could result in injury. In consideration of the benefits to be derived and after carefully considering the risk involved, I hereby release, hold harmless, and waive all claims I may have against the Boy Scouts of America, Golden Empire Council, BSA, activity coordinators, all employees, volunteers, or other organizations associated with the COPE and Climbing activities.

Participant's printed name

If signatory is less than 18 years of age, this must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

Parent Contact INFO

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian printed name

Parent/ guardian signature _____ Date _____

____ **Contact me about joining a Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop.**

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