



## Pioneer Express District 2024

# Camporee

**April 26 – 28, 2024**  
Dry Creek Ranch  
6852 Dry Creek Road  
Rio Linda, CA 95673  
(38.6923°N, 121.4381°W)



(Previous camporee, not actual location)

## Leaders Guide

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Leadership

A minimum of two (2) adult leaders must arrive with the unit and be on site at all times. All female units must have at least female leader present at all times. All adults that attend Camporee must be current with their Youth Protection.

### Location

Location: Dry Creek Ranch House, 6852 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673

### Weather

Be prepared. Camporee will go on rain or shine. Check the weather forecasts leading up to the event often. Please have your scouts prepared.

### Campsites

Campsites are assigned with unit size and special needs considered. Specific campsite requests are not honored. One vehicle per unit will be allowed one trip into the campsite area to transport gear in and out. No vehicles will be allowed to remain in the camp area. Vehicles must be left in the parking areas.

### Fires (subject to change based on conditions at time of event)

Fires will be allowed in the campsites in raised pits that do not leave a burn on the ground. Units will need to provide their own fire pits. Units will need to remove all ash and charcoal when they depart the site.

### Water:

Potable water will available from the water buffalos in the campground.

### Garbage:

Each unit will be expected to remove all of your garbage from your camp site when they leave. Please be prepared to haul out your trash.

### Permission Slips and Unit Medical Records

All units must have the appropriate permission slips and consent to treat forms for each Scout. Each unit must also have in their possession a BSA Health Form (A and B) for each person attending. Camporee Staff will not be collecting these items; they should stay with the unit.

### Check In

- Friday evening (Scouts) – 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Check-in must be performed by SPL and adult leader (only). Directions to check-in location will be given in the parking lot.

### Check Out

- Sunday check-out will start after the Scouts Own (see schedule)
- When unit is read SPL can request checkout inspection. Campsite area must in the same condition as when unit arrived, and all gear packed in vehicles and ready to

leave.

**Uniform** – Appropriate Scout dress shall be worn at all times. Scouts and Unit leaders shall wear the appropriate uniform throughout the weekend:

- **Field uniform** (Class A) - shall be worn for flag ceremonies, evening campfire, and Scouts Own.
- **Activity uniform** (Class B) is appropriate at all other times.
- OA members should bring their sashes for the Saturday night campfire.
- Shoes with closed toes will be worn at all times by all participants.

### **Clothing**

This District Camporee is expected to be a 100% uniform event. As in every camping environment, Scouts must be prepared for good and bad weather. Days may be hot, nights may be cold. Watch the weather, pack smart, and **Be Prepared!**

### **Equipment**

Each unit must provide their own camping gear and event materials. Campsites are undeveloped; there are no tables, food storage lockers, or fire pits.

### **Food and Preparation**

Troops/Patrols will be expected to prepare four (4) meals, three (3) on Saturday and one (1) on Sunday. Suggested Friday night sack dinner. No food available at site except bugs and other crawly stuff.

Meals should be planned so that cooking, dining, and cleanup can be finished within the scheduled time period. A written menu and food list should be posted by each patrol in its own campsite. The menu should be followed. A duty roster should be posted by the Patrol as well.

### **Saturday Night Campfire**

- All units are asked to bring firewood to contribute to the fire.
- All units are expected to participate in the campfire program with a skit, song, story, or other type of Scout-appropriate entertainment.
- OA callout will take place at the end of the Camporee.

### **Medical Issues**

- All units are expected to bring a properly equipped first aid kit for use in their campsites. Units are expected to treat all minor injuries within their unit.
- All illnesses and injuries shall be reported the Camporee staff.
- Camporee staff will have first aid assistance available at the Camporee staff area.
- Phone service is available for 9-1-1 calls in the event of a life-threatening medical emergency.

### **BB Guns and Archery – Not Confirmed Yet**

We intend to have BB guns and archery ranges at Camporee. All youth choosing to participate will be required to have a completed permission form in their possession to participate in these activities; a blank form is attached to this Leaders Guide.

## **SCHEDULE of EVENTS** **{Subject to Change}**

### **Friday – April 26:**

5:00-8:00 Check in  
9:00-10:00 SPL and SM meeting with Camp staff (staff campsite)  
10:30 Lights out

### **Saturday – April 27:**

7:00 Reveille  
7:30-8:15 Breakfast and cleanup  
8:45-9:00 Flags  
9:15-12:30 Patrol Competitions  
12:30-1:45 Lunch, Early Skit Approval  
1:45-3:00 Patrol Competitions Completed  
3:00-5:00 Camp Wide Events, signoffs (in your camp)  
3:00-5:00 Cooking Competition  
5:00-7:00 Dinner, Free Time, Skit approval  
7:00-8:00 Flags and Awards Ceremony.  
8:00-10:00 Campfire and OA call-out ceremony  
11:00 Lights Out

### **Sunday – October 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 Reveille  
7:30-8:15 Breakfast and cleanup  
8:30-9:00 Flags and Scouts Own  
9:00-10:00 Break Camp and Check-Out

## **CAMPOREE EVENTS** **{Subject to Change}**

### **Flag Ceremonies**

All troops are to participate in the flag ceremonies on Saturday and Sunday. Be in Field uniform and bring troop and patrol flags. Every effort should be made to be on time. Troop chants and yells are appropriate while waiting for the ceremony to start. There will be a uniform inspection during flag ceremonies. Each patrol or den will be judged on their uniforms during the inspection, and this is considered part of the Camporee.

### **Campsite and Gateway Inspection**

Campsites will be inspected and evaluated for organization and tidiness. Think clean & neat! Campsites will be evaluated starting Saturday morning after the patrol competitions have started. Each patrol or den will be judged on their campsite during the inspection, and this is considered part of the Camporee.

Troops are encouraged to construct a gateway that identifies their unit. Each troop must bring their own supplies to construct their gateway. The American flag and the unit flag should be displayed. Gateways will be evaluated for set up, workmanship, display, safety, and scouting theme. No adult assistance in either the design or setup of the Gateway, please!

### **Cooking competition:**

Food preparation and cooking will be conducted in the patrol's campsite, with the finished product delivered to the location designated by Camporee Staff for judging. Scouts will be on their honor to follow all completion guidelines while preparing and cooking their meals.

### **Patrol Flag Competition:**

Each Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader will present their flag at the Camporee staff area at 3 pm. Flags may be retrieved at 4:30 pm.

### **Awards ceremony:**

Awards will be handed out after flags on Saturday evening.

### **Campfire:**

There will be a campfire program Saturday night, with or without an actual fire depending upon the conditions during the Camporee. All troops are encouraged participate in this program; skits **must** be Scout-appropriate and be **pre-approved** by Camporee Staff. Come prepared for fun and fellowship. Order of the Arrow NOT have a call out ceremony as part of this Camporee or the campfire.

### **Leadership Meeting:**

Friday night - SPL and Scoutmaster only  
Saturday night – OA will meet with new inductees after callout.

**CAMPOREE EVENTS (Continued)**  
**{Subject to Change}**

**Scouts Own:**

All youth and adults are invited to attend our youth run non-denominational immediately following Sunday morning flags.

**Patrol Competition (Subject to change based on participation by participating units):**

- Troop 22 – attendance not confirmed
- Troop 53 – attendance not confirmed
- Troop 55 – attendance not confirmed
- Troop 99 – attendance not confirmed
- Troop 107 Plank Race and Knots
- Troop 114 – Gaga Ball and Flagpole Raising
- Troop 215 – attendance not confirmed
- Troop 217 – String Burn
- Troop 310/311 – Octa Ball and First Aid
- Troop 328 – attendance not confirmed
- Troop 386 – Orienteering
- Troop 447 – Lashing
- Troop 806 – attendance not confirmed

**Remember Your Uniform and Patrol Flag! Points will be deducted for Patrols not in uniform. Points will be deducted if a patrol receives adult assistance with an event. Patrols should carry their Patrol Flag to the competition events and be prepared to give their patrol cheer at each station.**

## Camporee 2024 Gateway Competition Score Sheet

Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Possible 100 Points)

Gateway      Obvious Entrance to Campsite      10 Points      \_\_\_\_\_

Set-Up	Youth Only	20 Points	20 Points	_____
	Youth & Adults	0 Points		
	Adults Only	-100 Points		

Workmanship	Rope ends whipped	10 Points	20 Points	_____
	Knots Tied Correctly	10 Points		

Display	American Flag	5 Points	15 Points	_____
	Unit Flag	5 Points		
	Unit Number	5 Points		

Safety	Structure is Secure	5 Points	15 Points	_____
	Ropes are Secure	5 Points		
	Hazard Free	5 Points		

Style	Looks Good	5 Points	20 Points	_____
	Originality	5 Points		
	Functionality	5 Points		
	Troop Pride	5 Points		

## Camporee 2024 Cooking Contest Score Sheet

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Points (Out of 125): \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Member Names:

- |  |                               |           |       |  |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|--|
| 1. Qualify   | Meet OA Qualifying Guidelines | YES       | NO    |  |
| 2. Leaving Area  | Immediate Disqualification    | YES       | NO    |  |
| 3. Cooking Heat Source   | Wood fire                     | 25 Points | _____ |  |
|  | Charcoal Briquettes           | 15 Points | _____ |  |
|  | Propane Stove                 | 10 Points | _____ |  |
| 4. Additional Project (5 Point Ea. - Tie Breaker If Necessary) |                               |           | _____ |  |

<i>Judging Item</i>	<i>Bad</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>	
5. Unique Cooking	1	2	3	4	5	
6. Time Limit	All or Nothing Points				5	
7. Quantity of Food	1	2	3	4	5	
8. Price	All or Nothing Points				5	
9. Lists	All or Nothing Points				5	
10. Balanced Meal	1	2	3	4	5	
11. Hygiene	1	2	3	4	5	
12. Cooked Bread	1	2	3	4	5	
13. Cooked Dessert	1	2	3	4	5	
14. The Meal						
Main Dish	1	2	3	4	5	
Vegetable	1	2	3	4	5	
Bread/Cereal	1	2	3	4	5	
Beverage	1	2	3	4	5	
Dessert	1	2	3	4	5	
15. Patrol Box	Optional - No Points Awarded					
16. Scout Uniforms	1	2	3	4	5	
17. Scout-built racks, tripod, etc.						YES NO
18. Unique cooking method						YES NO

**TOTAL POINTS**      \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_



## **Cooking Competition**

### **(Subject to Change)**

1. The cooking team shall consist of regular members of the Patrol. Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader are expected to exercise leadership during meal preparation. SM, ASM, SPL, ASPL, JASM or other leadership corps members may not participate or assist.
2. The Stove - Use only one category to cook your entire meal.
3. Troop built tables, chairs, stools, and other pioneering projects may be used. This type of project will only enhance the team's appearance. The lack of projects will not lower a team score but may be used as a tiebreaker.
4. Unique cooking methods such as reflector oven may be used to enhance a team's score. A unique method of cooking does not mean rare or exotic foods.
5. The meal must be prepared within 1 hour and 30 minutes of the announced starting time. Washing and general preparation of vegetables (slicing and dicing) may be done prior to the starting time or at home.
6. Each team will prepare 7 to 10 servings—three (3) for the team members and four (4) for the contest judges. Make sure there is enough food to go around. The lack of food will hurt the score.
7. The price per serving will not exceed \$8.00. The team may prorate the cost of ingredients of the meal. If a team purchases a pound of sugar and only uses a quarter pound, only that portion is used in calculations. Units should be prepared to show their costs (including receipts).
8. Each team must draw up duplicate lists showing the menu, prices, duty roster and recipes. [One set of these lists will be turned into the judges.]
9. Each team must have a balanced menu, as stated in the Boy Scout Handbook and Cooking MB pamphlet.
10. Hygiene - The cooks must be physically clean; that includes the hands, which shall have been cleaned with soap and water prior to beginning preparation and after handling raw protein (meat or fish). All equipment and food must also be clean. Prep surfaces must be properly protected and cleaned. Utensils used to cut or process raw meat will not be used for other prep work without being cleaned first.
11. Baking Bread – This does not include canned or powdered mixes, but instead bread or biscuits made from scratch. Dry ingredients may be

prepared in advance by the cooks but must be cooked at the contest.

12. Cooked dessert – No pre-manufactured products or mixes. The cooked dessert must be made from scratch.
13. Menu – Points are awarded for quality. The meal should include a main meal, vegetable, bread or cereal, beverage, and dessert (see item 9 above).
14. Because this is a test of camp cooking, it is permissible to bring and use a patrol box. An ice chest may also be used to keep the food cool. Portable tables or artificial surfaces may not be used during the competition, unless the table, etc., is made as a pioneering project, which will receive extra points.
15. Activity uniform may be worn during preparation and cooking. At a minimum, the PL and APL will deliver the meal to the judging area and shall be in full Field uniform. If other patrol members assist in transporting and presenting the meal, they should also be in full Field uniform. Patrol/Pack flag will accompany the meal to the judging area – failure to bring it loses points.

**Hints for the competition:**

- Know your resources. Be sure all necessary equipment is brought to camporee.
- Get hints from Boy's Life, Cooking MB book, Scout Handbook, Fieldbook, etc.
- Plan your actions.
- Practice preparing your meal at home before coming to camporee. Remember, practice makes perfect.
- Get advice when preparing (before the contest, not during)... you can use the internet at home only!

**Please Reproduce:** The following **Authorization Form** must be completed for every Scout (under 18 years of age) participating in BB gun or archery events. Each form must be completed and signed by a parent. Each Scout will be required to have this form in their possession to participate.



**Parental or Legal Guardian Permission and Release Form for a Minor  
to Use Firearms, Ammunition, BB Devices, & Archery Equipment**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Type & Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number Home ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
CHILD'S NAME

a minor, do hereby give my child express permission and consent to be furnished and be in possession of a firearm(s) and ammunition provided by the BSA Golden Empire Council or by staff or members of the BSA Golden Empire Council, for the purpose of allowing my child to engage in lawful, recreational sport, including participation in instruction in the safe handling and shooting of firearms, target shooting, or in related firearms activities conducted under the supervision of the BSA Golden Empire Council Shooting Sports Director or under the supervision of NRA-certified Instructors and range staff retained by the BSA Golden Empire Council for purposes of providing such a program to my child and other BSA scouts. (Cal. Penal Code §§ 27945, 29615, 29650, & 29655; and 18 U.S.C. § 922(x)).

I understand that for the purposes of this consent, "firearms" includes any handguns, or long guns that may lawfully be possessed by a minor under state and federal law, based on the age appropriate programs in the BSA Shooting Sports Manual, Guide to Safe Scouting and Sweet 16 publications. I also give my child express permission and consent, pursuant to California Penal Code section 19915, to possess a "BB device" as defined in California Penal Code section 16250, based on the age appropriate programs in the BSA Shooting Sports Manual, Guide to Safe Scouting and Sweet 16 publications.

I also give my child express permission and consent to be furnished BSA approved archery equipment, slingshots, and ammo, based on the age appropriate programs in the BSA Shooting Sports Manual, Guide to Safe Scouting and Sweet 16 publications.

This form must be signed for all minor scouts, even if their parent or legal guardian is on the range with the scout.

This consent will remain in effect for my child, during the dates of this event from \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_. I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by notifying the Golden Empire Council in writing. This consent will only apply to firearms, ammunition, BB devices, archery equipment and sling shots furnished to or possessed by my child during any BSA Golden Empire Council event where a firearm, ammunition, sling shot or archery equipment and BB device is used as part of a program provided by BSA scouts, and will not be valid for any other firearms related activity conducted during any time-period this consent is otherwise valid. A photocopy or facsimile of this written consent will serve as an original. This written consent form will be in the possession at-all-times of the Golden Empire Council staff /instructors for safekeeping.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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