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Golden Empire Council, Scouting America.

## 2025 Spring Camporee

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APRIL 4-6, 2025

Dry Creek Ranch House

6852 Dry Creek Rd

Rio Linda CA 95673

***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

# The 2025 Camporee Information

## Questions?

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## When?

**Friday, April 4, 2025 to Sunday, April 6, 2025**

Troops, Crews, Ships may camp for one or two nights at the Scout Camporee site.

## Where?

**6852 Dry Creek Rd, Rio Linda, CA 95673**

## Who?

All Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, Ships and their adult leaders are invited to participate in the 2025 Scout Camporee.

Order of the Arrow Amangi Mayi 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 **\$20 per Scout And Adults** through March 29th, 2025. The fees cover the cost of a patch for each participant, as well as awards, miscellaneous supplies, and costs to put on the 2025 Spring Camporee.

## Late Registration after March 30th, 2025

A late fee of \$5.00 per person will be added for registration completed between March 30th through April 2nd. **Final deadline to submit online registration forms is April 2nd, 2025.** Registration fees are transferable within the unit but are NOT refundable after the deadline.

All registrations must be completed on-line.

**Registration closes 11:59 PM April 2, 2025.**

## Personal Health and Medical Records

To ensure the health and safety of everyone, all Scouts and leaders participating in the 2025 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 Scout Camporee Medical Officer upon arrival. If any special considerations are needed, please contact the Scout Camporee Director.

## Parent Permission Slips

All Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and Varsity Scouts (under the age of 18 years old) participating in the Camporee must have turned in a signed copy of a parent's 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 Camporee. Units will be asked to take turns as a service unit during the 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 courtesy 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 patrols and dens should be prepared to truck out ALL of their garbage so as to not overwhelm the camp facilities. REMEMBER: Leave No Trace!

## Weather

The 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!**

## Schedule (times subject to change)

### Friday, April 4th, 2025

4:00PM - 6:00PM	Staff Set Up
5:00PM - 9:00PM	Unit Check-In/Campsite Set-Up/Dinner
8:30PM - 9:00PM	SPL/SM Cracker-barrel
10:10PM - 10:30PM	Staff Briefing

### Saturday, April 5th, 2025

7:00AM	Reveille
7:00AM - 8:30AM	Breakfast/Cleanup/Patrol Preparations
7:30AM - 8:30AM	Unit 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 6th, 2025

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	2025 Scout Camporee Ends

## Check-In Procedures

Check-in time #1: Friday, April 4th 2025, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Check-in time #2: Saturday, April 5th 2025, 7:30 - 8:30 AM

Items needed for check-in:

Two (2) copies of Unit Roster

Record of Scout Camporee fees

Medical Forms (to be kept with each unit)

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

1. Units must check-in as a Troop/Crew/Ship.
2. Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters 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 6th 2025 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Every unit should plan to stay until the end of the 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 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 Scout Camporee Headquarters. Patches will be given to units at that time.

# 2025 Scout Camporee Program

## Senior Patrol Leaders

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

Den, Patrol, Crew or Ship

Scouts will participate in the 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.

## Staff

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

## 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.

## Dutch-Oven Cooking Contest – The theme is your Unit / Patrol Favorite Meal

### 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.

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

## 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 2025 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/Crew/Ship 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 unit 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. 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, SPL's tent easily identifiable

### Patrol Inspection Items:

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

## Participation

All youth participants are required to be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America before arriving at the Scout Camporee. Participation is limited to Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews, and Sea Scout Ships only. All units must follow all Youth Protections rules and regulations regarding tenting for male and female scouts.

## Leadership

**Adult:** Each unit registering for the Camporee is responsible for its own leadership. It is BSA's 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, Crew and Ship 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 Ranch House 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. This includes propane fire pits.

**Trash:** Units should be prepared to pack out their trash.

**Campsites:** Campsite assignment will be determined by the 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 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 Camporee site.

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

## Lights Out

All Scouts are to be in their unit area after dark, following any 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 Camporee but are not allowed to participate in activities or camp overnight. All guests must check-in with 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. ( Service Pets Excluded )

**REMEMBER: NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING FOR VISITORS!**

## Transportation

Camporee staff will not be providing any transportation nor making any special accommodations for unit member transportation needs. Camping Assignments can be arranged by 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 Camporee. **Under no circumstances are Scouts or leaders to ride in the backs of trucks, trailers or campers.**

## Parking

**NO TRAILER ALLOWED ON GRASS CAMPSITE AREA OR IN CAMPSITES.**

Parking is limited. Please carpool. The 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/Crew/Ship 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, crew or ship in case the 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 unit's overall score.**

## 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 boys 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.

However, kerosene, gasoline or liquefied petroleum fuel lanterns may be used for outdoor lighting. Strict adherence to the safety standards and instructions of the manufacturers in fueling and lighting such devices must be carried out under the supervision of a responsible and knowledgeable adult.

Both gasoline and kerosene shall be kept in well-marked approved containers (**never in a glass container**) and stored in a ventilated locked box at a safe distance (**minimum 20 feet**) from buildings and tents.

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 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 Camporee Medical Officer is available day and night at the Camporee Headquarters. If you have an emergency, please notify any 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 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:

1. Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. No flames in Tents is a rule which must be enforced.
2. Chemical-fueled stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches or other flame sources should never be used in or near tents.
3. **DO NOT** pitch tents near open flames.
4. **DO NOT** use flammable chemicals near tents.

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

**Units not following the 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.**