

# LEADERS' GUIDE



Pioner Express District Camporee  
Golden Empire Council, Scouting America  
6852 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**The Dry Creek Ranch House is located at 6852 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673.**  
**Driving Directions from Sacramento, CA:**

1. Start by heading north on I-5 N toward Woodland.
2. Take exit 525B for Garden Highway toward CA-99 N/Yuba City.
3. Keep right at the fork to continue on Exit 525C, follow signs for Garden Highway.
4. Turn right onto Garden Highway and continue for approximately 1 mile.
5. Turn left onto El Centro Road and drive for about 2 miles.
6. Continue onto Rio Linda Boulevard for another 2 miles.
7. Turn right onto Elkhorn Boulevard and proceed for 1 mile.
8. Turn left onto Dry Creek Road.
9. The Dry Creek Ranch House will be on your right after approximately half a mile.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **Event Purpose and Philosophy**

Camporee is an event using patrol competition to encourage fellowship between Scouts. The competitions assess basic Scouts skills and the patrol method. When in doubt, consult the Scout Oath and Law and Trail to First Class Scout skills. There will be select individual events, but patrols are encouraged to focus on operating at the highest ideals of patrol spirit.

## **Patrol Composition**

For the purposes of Camporee, a patrol is composed of at least four Scouts and preferably no more than eight. In order to encourage competition and fun for all Scouts, patrols will be placed in four age/skill level categories. Event rules may be adapted to accommodate different age levels and overall awards will be presented in each category.

- Webelos: All Webelos dens
- Standard Patrols: Most competing patrols that don't fit into either the Elite or New Scout categories.
- New Scout Patrols: Any patrol where every Scout has been in a Troop for less than one year and is less than 12 years old, including LDS unit 11-year-old patrols. Patrol Guides may advise new Scout patrols, but cannot participate.
- Elite Patrols: A Boy Scout patrol whose members have an average age of 15 or above, or who at least half of their members are 16 or above. Also includes any Venture Patrols, Venturing Crews, or Varsity Teams.

Special cases, including special needs Scouts, will be reviewed by the event co-chairs.

## **Theme**

The youth leaders have selected a **Mystery** theme this year. Scouts are encouraged to get into the theme of the weekend, incorporating it into their flags, campsites, gateways, and yells.

## **Leadership**

Two adult leaders must arrive with the unit and be on site at all times. The Camporee Committee wants to remind all adults that this Camporee is for the youth. The Camporee is a time for all to enjoy. Let youth leadership lead by using the patrol method.

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## **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.

## **Unit Tour Plan**

To follow the best recommended practices for BSA events, we are suggesting that a unit Tour Plan be filled out

## **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 for each person attending. As this is a short term camping experience, you will only need Parts A & B. We will not be collecting these items, but you may be asked to show them when checking in.



## **Check In**

Friday evening (Troops, Teams, and Crews)- 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday late arrival and Webelos Scouts – 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Check-in procedures must be performed by an adult unit leader.

## **Check Out**

Sunday check out time is 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Campsite must be clear by 10:30. Leadership can contact Camporee staff when their campsite is clean and ready for inspection. No trash or fire materials may remain. You must contact the Camporee staff prior to leaving the Camporee site for a final approval.

Early check out (Saturday night) – Units planning to leave Saturday evening must check out prior to 7:30 p.m. All troop equipment and gear must be loaded and the campsite ready for check out inspection by 7:30 p.m. Units leaving on Saturday night are encouraged to stay for the campfire and Order of the Arrow call-out.

## **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. Scouts will be asked to hike personal gear in from the parking area, approximately a quarter mile hike.

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

Fires and charcoal cooking are permitted in unit campsites in portable fire pits. There are no fire rings in the unit campsites. Fires may not be built on the bare ground surface. No gathering of wood is allowed. A shovel, rake and fire bucket must be present if a fire or charcoal is used to prepare a troop or patrol meal. There is always fire danger. Please be safe!

## **Water:**

Several water spigots available in the campsite area. Bring appropriate containers to transport water back to your campsite. Spigots are available for filling water containers only. Rinsing of dishes and washing of hands are not permitted at the shared water sources.

## **Garbage:**

There is limited dumpster space available at the campsite, and it is likely to be filled before the weekend. Please be prepared to haul out your trash.

## **Service Project:**

A Scout is Helpful. Please allow time during your day on Saturday to participate in the service project. Scouts may want to bring work gloves. Additional equipment is probably not needed.

## **Uniform**

Flags- Field Dress (Class A) uniform must be worn including Scout pants.

Events- Activity (Class B) uniform or field uniform if preferred. FYI, events judging patrol spirit may take uniformity into account.

Dangling things such as awards, merit badge sashes and pins should be left at home

Uniform Inspections may be held at morning flags

## **Clothing**

The 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 cold, and rain is always a possibility. Pack smart and Be Prepared!

## **Equipment**

Each unit must provide its own camping gear and event materials. Grills, barbecue pits, etc. will not be provided. Competition runners will assume each patrol will be carrying the 10 essentials.

## **Food and Preparation**

Units will be expected to prepare four meals, three Saturday and one Sunday. Units are encouraged to plan simple meals using common sense, nutrition and onsite preparation. Suggested Friday night sack dinner. No food available at site.

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**

There will be a campfire program Saturday night. 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.

### **Visitors:**

Family and friends are welcome to join the Camporee for Saturday night's campfire. This is a good opportunity to observe the "Fun of Scouting"

### **Cracker Barrel**

There will be a cracker barrel get together for the SPL, Team Captain, Crew President, patrol leaders, and one adult leader for each unit Friday night after check-in. Camporee staff will review the weekend's schedule, advise units of any changes, and answer questions at that time. Patrols will be need to register for the event at that time as well.

There will also be a cracker barrel after Saturday night's campfire. This will be for OA members only (youth and adult).

## **WEBELOS CAMPOREE PROGRAM**

Welcome to Camporee 2025

### **Attendance:**

Webelos and their adult partners are invited to camp overnight and to participate in Camporee events. A separate camping area will be available for Webelos units wishing to spend the night. Webelos units may come for Saturday only, or may camp Friday and/or Saturday nights. BSA policies and Guidelines must be observed regarding adult supervision. Participating Webelos will need to make their own arrangements regarding tour permit, meals, and water.

### **Benefits:**

Camporee is a good opportunity for Webelos to see Boy Scouts in action and an opportunity for the adult partners to meet Scout leaders. Scout leaders will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the BSA program and their unit.

### **Registration:**

The same registration form, parent authorization form, tour permit, and registration deadlines apply to Webelos. Look over the complete packet and get your forms and money in on time. This is an event your boys will remember forever.

### **Events:**

Webelos are invited to participate in the scheduled competitive events. A separate Webelos division with its own awards is included as part of the Camporee program.

### **Uniform:**

Webelos are expected to attend and participate in full uniform

Flags - Class A (Field) uniform should be worn including Scout pants

Events - Class B (Activity) uniform or official Scout event tee shirt

Uniform Inspections may be held at morning flags

# **SCHEDULE of EVENTS**

{Subject to Change}

## **Friday**

4:00-9:00 Check in  
9:00-10:00 Cracker Barrel (for youth and adult leaders) at staff camp area  
11:00 Lights out - quiet please

## **Saturday**

6:30 a.m. Reveille  
7:00-8:00 Late Check-in  
7:00-8:45 Breakfast  
8:45-9:00 Flags and Opening Ceremony  
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  
3:00-5:00 Cooking Competition  
5:00-7:00 Dinner  
7:00-8:00 Free Time + Early Check-Out  
Skit Approval {Demonstrate or Provide Script}  
8:00-8:30 Closing Flags  
{Be Prepared to go to Campfire After Flags}  
8:30-10:30 Campfire, Award Ceremony, and Order of the Arrow Call-Out  
10:45-11:00 Cracker Barrel (OA Members Only)  
11:00 Lights Out

## **Sunday**

6:30 Reveille  
7:00-8:30 Breakfast  
8:30-9:00 Flags and Scouts Own  
9:00-10:00 Break Camp and Check-Out

# **EVENT CONTACTS**

## **Event Co-Chairs**

Steve Carter, pg5577@gmail.com, (916) 813-3778

# CAMPOREE EVENTS

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Each Patrol is responsible for having the 10 essentials with them at each event. Please consult the Scout handbook for more information.

## Patrol Competitions

There will be seven patrol competitions during the day on Saturday with the following themes: First Aid, Lashings, Knots, Physical Fitness, Problem Solving/ Team Work, Fire Starting, and Orienteering. Each event will total 100 points: 60 for skill, 30 for patrol method and spirit, 10 for leadership. If you wish to operate an event, please contact the event co-chairs.

## Flag Ceremonies

All units are to participate in the two flag ceremonies on Saturday. Be in Field (Class A) for flag ceremonies. Troops should bring their unit flags. Volunteers for the color guards will be solicited at the cracker barrel on Friday night. There may be a uniform inspection during flags. Scouts should wear their full Field Dress (Class A) uniform at flags, but may wear activity (class B) uniforms during patrol events. Out of respect to the Flag and to the other Scouts, proper etiquette is requested including prompt arrival.

## Campsite Inspection

Campsites will be inspected and judged during events time. Think clean & neat! Extra credit points will be given for incorporating the event theme.

## Cooking contest - The Golden Spork!

Patrols who wish to participate in the OA cooking contest Saturday at noon should review the rules. Winning patrols will receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Points will be awarded for creativity and originality (20 points), taste (20 points), and appearance and presentation (10 points). Categories include entree, dessert, stove top, and dutch oven. Judges may combine categories depending on the number of entries. Cooking may take place in patrol campsites.

## Patrol Flag Competition

Patrols entering the competition are to have their flags at the Camporee staff area at 3 pm. Flags may be retrieved at 4:30 pm, prior to the awards ceremony. Winners will be announced at the ceremony. Scoring will be 20 points for creativity and originality, 20 points for clarity of message (including patrol name and unit number) and readability, and 10 points for craftsmanship. Extra points will be given for incorporating the camporee theme.

## Gateway Contest

Units are encouraged to construct a gateway that identifies their unit. Each unit must bring their own supplies to construct the gateway. The American flag and the unit flag should be displayed. Judging will be during Friday evening set up and Saturday (judging will be competed prior to lunch). Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony. Points will be awarded for set up, workmanship, display, safety, and scouting theme. No adult "assistance" in construction! Extra credit points will be given for incorporating the event theme.

## Individual competitions

Camporee *may include* a few individual competitions, including BB gun shooting and tomahawk throw. Individual awards will be given, and points won't be added to overall patrol competition.

## Costume contest

Incorporating the Mystery theme, there will be a costume contest immediately prior to the evening flags on Saturday.

## Secret competitions

A Scout is Mentally Awake! Does your patrol pay attention? Do you follow the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code? Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to earn extra credit points throughout the weekend.

## Awards ceremony

Competition winners will be recognized at the Saturday night campfire.

## Campfire

There will be a campfire program Saturday night. 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, which must be pre-approved by the campfire chairman prior to the campfire....Only short, clean, practiced skits need apply. And new skits incorporating the Mystery theme are encouraged.

Sunday Service (Scouts Own) All youth and adults are invited to attend our youth run non-denominational immediately following Sunday morning flags.

## **Leaders Guide update log**

April 10, 2016: Original edition

April 30, 2016:

- Language edited to be more inclusive of Varsity Teams and Venturing Crews.
- Friday night Cracker Barrel now includes patrol leaders.

March 16, 2023: Edited edition

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- Camporee theme edited.

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- Camporee theme edited.
- Event location and map edited.