



American River District – Greater California Council



2026 Camporee



PIRATES OF THE AMERICAN RIVER

River Bend Park, Rancho Cordova

September 25-27, 2026

Program Guide

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Registration

ALL SCOUTS, VENTURERS, AND SEA SCOUTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Registration deadline 9/20/2026

Please register on the Greater California Council website.

<https://gcc-scouting.org/american-river-district>

Scroll down to *American River Events* and locate the entry for American River Camporee

Direct Link to Event: <https://scoutingevent.com/047-120048#>

Registration Fees

A registration fee is required for all participants. Fees must be paid in advance.

Scouts and Venturers \$45.00

Adult Leader \$30.00

OA / Staff Member \$20.00

Fees cover the cost of site rental, patches, awards, and event materials.

Check-In

Check in is available at the following times.

Friday night 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday morning 7:30 am – 8:30 am

All troops must stop at registration before unloading.

Check-In Process

Note the following requirements.

- Medical forms parts A&B are required and must be in the possession of the tour leader.
- Tour leader must have a troop roster with the final number of scout and adult attendees.
- All Units MUST have at least two adults per Youth Protection guidelines.

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Attend a District Roundtable or OA Chapter Meeting

Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm

Mt Olive Lutheran Church

320 Montrose Dr

Folsom CA 95630

or

Remote Via ZOOM – Contact the District Committee Chair for current logon credentials

About the Theme

The camporee theme this year reenacts the swashbuckling pirate lifestyle, featuring friendly patrol competitions that challenge Scout skills and teamwork. Camporee themes are designed to promote fun. All camporee games and activities will embrace the pirate theme.

Creating a successful theme event requires the spirited participation of all involved. Units are encouraged to include gateways, props, signs, and decorations at their campsites. Costuming is also welcomed. All portrayals shall be approached with respect and dignity. Controversial topics should be avoided. Face painting of any type is not allowed. Firearms, real or simulated, may not be used as props.

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Camporee Activities

Opening Ceremonies

Attendance by all participants is required.

Flag presentation and opening ceremony location will be provided at the Unit Leader and SPL briefing. Expect informational bulletins and inspirational presentations to kick off the Camporee theme.

Treasure Hunt

Participation is optional.

Arts and Crafts

Participation is optional.

Patrol Games

Participation by all patrols is required.

Deserted Island / Sea Scout Knots

Learn Sea Scout knots and test your docking skills.

Tug of War

Pull the other pirate team out of their ship

Pancake Toss

How well can your crew's chef cook?

Ropes Course

Can your crew find their way through?

Captain Says

Test your nautical knowledge and listening skills.

Lashings

Test your crew's lashing skills.

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Battleship

Answer trivia questions to throw a ball over a tarp trying to hit the enemy ships (people).

Camporee Cook Off

Adult event. Participation is optional.

All adult leaders are invited to participate in the Camporee Cook Off. All cooking must be performed in camp.

Judging will be held immediately following the games. After judging, Camporee participants may sample the dishes.

Pirates of the American River Campfire Show

Attendance by all participants is required. Unit participation in skits/songs is highly encouraged.

All units must attend the campfire. Each unit is encouraged to volunteer to perform a skit, lead a song, or tell a story. All skits should be Pirate themed (traditional skits can easily be adapted by changing names, places, and props, or write something new). All skits/ songs/ stories must be pre-approved by Camporee staff.

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Camporee Schedule

Friday Activities

Time	Activity
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Check in Camp setup (unit campsites)
8:00 pm	Unit leader and SPL briefing
10:00 pm	Quiet time in camp
11:00 pm	Taps / Lights Out (unit campsites) Make sure that all FIRES ARE DEAD OUT

Saturday Activities

Time	Activity
7:00 am	Reveille Breakfast and cleanup (unit campsites)
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Check in and camp setup for late arriving units
8:30 am	Flag presentation / Opening ceremonies <i>Everyone must attend. Wear Field uniform.</i>
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Patrol games and activities begin (program areas)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch and cleanup (unit campsites)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Patrol games and activities end (program areas)
4:30 pm	Adult Camporee cook off judging
6:00 pm	Dinner and cleanup (unit campsites)
8:00 pm	Campfire Skits and songs (units). Awards and closing ceremonies <i>Everyone must attend. Wear Field uniform.</i>
10:00 pm	Quiet time in camp
11:00 pm	Taps / Lights Out (unit campsites) Make sure that all FIRES ARE DEAD OUT

Sunday Activities

Time	Activity
7:00 am	Reveille Breakfast and cleanup (unit campsites)
8:30 am	Scout's Own observation (optional)
9:00 am	Clean campsites and trails (unit campsites)
10:00 am	Break camp and pass inspection Checkout

Location and Directions

Location

River Bend Park

2300 Rod Beaudry Drive
Sacramento, California 95827

Coords: 38.5952521, -121.3302371

How to Get There

From U.S. Highway 50, take the Bradshaw Road off-ramp. Turn right at Folsom Boulevard and follow the brown-and-white signs to the entrance on Rod Beaudry Drive.

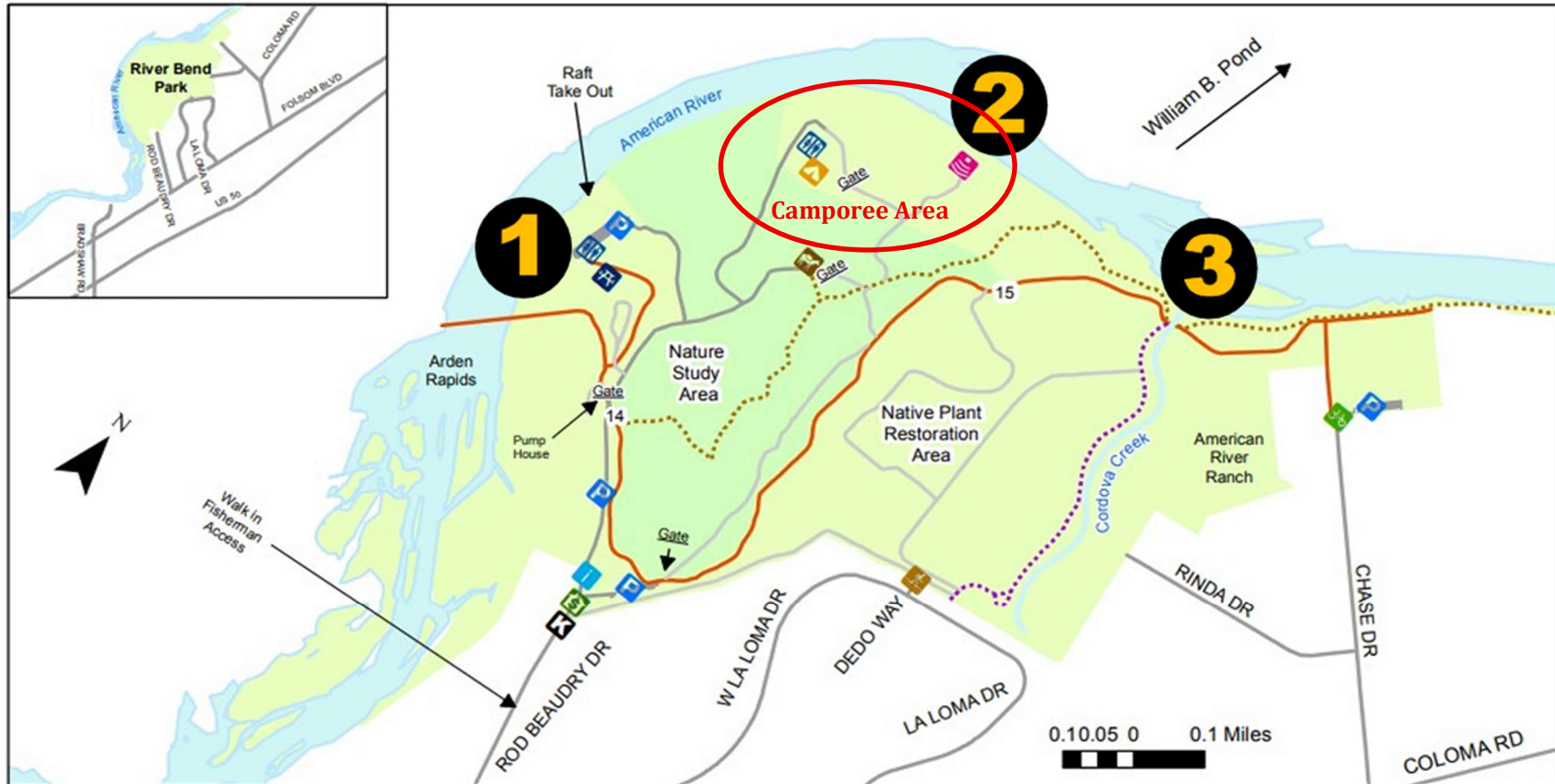


The Camporee area is noted on the River Bend Park map on the next page (the Youth Day Camp area).



River Bend Park

2300 Rod Beaudry Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827



Pay Station



Kiosk



Wayfinding Signage



Parking



Restroom



Youth Day Camp



Picnic Area



Amphitheater



Equestrian Staging



Car, Bike, Pedestrian Access



Bicycle, Pedestrian Access



Pedestrian Access

—#— Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail (with mile marker)

..... Equestrian/Hiking Trail

— Parkway Road

— Maintenance Road

Nature Study Area Guidelines:
Please stay on designated trails.
No pets.
No picnicking.

Youth Day Camp:
Reservable for Youth Group Camping Only
(916) 875-6336

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Arrival, Traffic, and Parking

- **Do not pay at the entrance/kiosk. Parking is covered for the event.**
- Carpooling is a must as parking is limited.
- Go slowly on park roads. Scouts are afoot.
- After check-in, units may proceed directly to their campsite.
- Do not move vehicles within the camp during the event (except for emergencies and staff vehicles).
- Do not block trails or park in the road.
- Vehicles must be backed into parking spots.

Check-Out

- When you are ready to check out, contact a member of the camp staff to inspect your campsite.
- After passing inspection, you will receive a packet containing your patches.
- Do not leave without informing the staff.

Rules and Regulations

Patrols

- The optimal patrol size is six to eight Scouts. Minimum for most competitions is four Scouts and maximum is eight.
- Larger or smaller patrols may be divided or combined with other patrols at the discretion of the game staff. (If patrols from different units are combined, both units will be credited with all game points earned by the combined patrol.)
- It is trusted as a point of Scout honor that a unit does not create “Dream Team” patrols for the express purpose of winning competitions.

Camp Courtesy and Supervision

- **The river is strictly off-limits.** Other off-limit areas will be outlined at the unit leader and SPL briefing.
- Observe the Scout Oath and Scout Law at all times.
- Unit leaders are responsible for monitoring their Scouts during all free-time and in-camp periods.
- Patrol leaders should take charge of the patrol during all Camporee events.
- Quiet time is observed from 10:00 pm each night until 7:00 am the next morning.
- Be a good neighbor. Do not enter or cut through another campsite without permission.

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

Water, Food, and Cooking

- **Units must bring their own food.**
- **There is one spigot/hose for the entire Camporee. Bring your own filled water containers. Water containers can be refilled at the spigot.**
- Each unit is responsible for providing its own cooking and safety equipment.
- Be prepared and bring camp stoves and folding tables for cooking.
- Secure food in patrol boxes to prevent midnight raids by wildlife or hungry staff members.
- Practice *green* camping: minimize the use of disposable plates, cups, and utensils.
- Do not wash dishes at water spigots or in the restroom facilities. Food particles may clog drains or attract vermin.
- An adult must be present when stoves or lanterns are in use.
- A fire extinguisher or fire blanket is required in each cooking area.
- Leave the area looking cleaner than you found it (Leave No Trace).

Fires and Wood

- **No fires or charcoal are allowed due to high fire hazard.**

Trash and Litter

- **All trash to be removed by each unit. Units will have to haul their own trash out.**
- Practice Leave No Trace (LNT) camping principles.
- Pick up litter when you see it. Keep campsites, trails, and activity areas clean.
- All participants are responsible for keeping restrooms clean.
- Lids must be always kept on containers to prevent redistribution by scavengers.
- Do not overfill trash containers or leave trash on the ground.
- No unwanted items (like old tents or broken chairs) may be abandoned at the camp.
- Campsites, trails, and surrounding common areas must be policed for litter prior to checkout.

First Aid

- Each unit should come equipped with a fully equipped first aid kit. The first aid kit must be readily available for use. Troops/Crews are expected to handle most minor injuries.
- First aid treatment is available. A doctor, medic, nurse, or trained first aid responder will be on site.

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- For insurance purposes, all injuries and illnesses must be reported to the first aid station, however minor they may appear.
- Each unit must have at least one standby vehicle in the parking area for use if transport home is needed.
- Inform the first aid station if 9-1-1 has been notified so that first responders can be properly directed.

Emergencies

- In case of a fire or other emergency, notify a senior staff member.
- In case of a medical emergency, seek help immediately at the first aid station.
- Report all injuries to the first aid responder.
- Inform the first aid station if 9-1-1 has been notified so that first responders can be properly directed.

Weather Conditions

- Be prepared for changes in weather.
- The Camporee will only be canceled if conditions are severe. In this case, notification will be sent out by e-mail.

Wildlife and Hazards

- Report any dangerous animals to the Camporee staff. Do not chase or handle any animals.
- Be mindful/wear gloves when using your hands to move rocks or brush. River Bend Park is home to rattlesnakes.
- Always remain in campsites, designated activity areas, or on marked trails.
- Always use caution and common sense.
- Observe the buddy system during all activities outside of your campsite area.

Camp Preservation

- Obey all posted park rules.
- Always observe the Outdoor Code and practice no-trace, low-impact camping.
- Police your area before check-out. Remove all trash and litter.

Restricted Items

- Cell phones may be used for photography, note taking, GPS navigation, educational applications, and critical communications.

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited by national, council, or district rules:

- Sheath knives, firearms, and ammunition (except during supervised range activities)

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- Electronic games, radios, and music players
- Bows and arrows, wrist rockets, and sling shots (except during supervised range activities)
- Fireworks, explosives, propellants, and spray paint
- Pepper spray, tear gas, and hazardous materials
- Squirt guns and water balloons (except during supervised games)
- Alcoholic beverages, smoking or vaping products, and illegal or non-prescribed drugs
- Laser pointers (except for supervised astronomy or surveying activities)

Lost and Found

- Turn in any found items to a senior staff member.
- Unit leaders should check lost-and-found before checking out on Sunday.
- Items not claimed by the second District Roundtable following the Camporee will be disposed or donated at the discretion of the District Executive.

UNIT CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT SHEET

To facilitate check-in, please complete sections 1-2 before arrival (†-best estimate).

A limited supply of schedules, maps, parking passes, and other forms will be available at check-in.

Arrival & Check-In

1. Unit Information				
Unit Number	Assigned Campsite	Vehicles †	Tents †	Patrols †
Unit Tour Leader:			Mobile Phone:	
2. Registrations				
Participants	Preregistered	Attending		
Youth				
Adults				
3. Verifications (by staff)				
☐ Final Headcount / Check Off Attendees ☐ Two-Deep Leadership ☐ All Fees Paid ☐ Medical Forms				

Check-Out & Departure

4. Pre-Departure Campsite Inspection		
☐ Campsite Inspected	Approved By (Staff Member):	
5. Check Out at Camp Office		
☐ Retrieve Medical Forms	☐ Pick Up Camporee Patches	
☐ Check Lost-and-Found	Quantity Issued:	Received By:

Notes ~ Issues ~ Feedback

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CAMPOREE PARKING PASS

All Vehicles must display a parking pass on the dashboard.

The staff may need to locate a driver if it becomes necessary to move a vehicle, silence an alarm, turn off lights, or respond to an emergency.

Please complete this form and place it face up on the vehicle dashboard.

Please print clearly. Additional forms are available at the Camporee registration kiosk.

Driver Name	
Unit Number	
Campsite	

Regulations

- Drive slowly. Active youth are present.
- Park all vehicles facing outward.
- All vehicles must be parked in designated parking slots or parking areas.
- Vehicles may not be parked on roads or trails, or protrude onto roads or trails.
- Vehicles may be parked in campsites as space permits, but only in designated parking slots.
- Extra vehicles must be parked in the Overflow Parking Area.
- Do not operate vehicles within the camping and activity areas except as authorized by the staff.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION SHEET

Unit Number _____ Campsite Area or Site No. _____

Inspected By _____

The following criteria are used for campsite inspections. Inspections are conducted by staff after the start of games on Saturday. A pre-inspection by the unit SPL is recommended.

Category	Inspection Item	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
Spirit & Theme	U.S. flag and unit flag posted (unless raining)	20	
	Gateway or welcome sign erected (with unit identity)	20	
	Theme-related props or camp gadgets	20	
Appearance & Security	Overall impression (neat, orderly, pride in appearance)	10	
	Grounds free of litter (including trails and surrounding area)	10	
	Personal gear stowed in tents	10	
	Tents secured (staked, doors zipped, rain-covered)	10	
Food & Cooking	Menus posted (meals well balanced)	10	
	Duty rosters posted (cooking, water, fire, cleanup)	10	
	Kitchen area and utensils clean	10	
	Food storage secured from animals (or hungry staff)	10	
	Perishable foods properly refrigerated (on ice)	10	
Health, Fire, & Safety	First aid kit properly stocked and easily accessible	10	
	Fire tools at ready (full water container, rake or shovel)	10	
	Duff cleared away from fire pit	10	
	Equipment stored safely (axes, stoves, fuel, ropes, etc.)	10	
	Garbage contained (overflow removed from site)	10	
Overall	Total Inspection Score	200	