

The Histum Yani Chapter of the Order of the Arrow
Presents

Buttes District Dutch Oven Cookoff & Jamboree on the Air

2026

Survival Mode

NorCal Adventure Area
Dobbins, CA

October 16 - 18, 2026



Event Information

Date: October 16 - 18, 2026

Location: NorCal Adventure Area. Dobbins, CA.

Event Cost: \$20 per Scouts, BSA, and Adults. AOLs are welcomed to attend as well!

Camping Times: From 6:00pm Friday to 11:00am Sunday

Theme: Survival Mode

Signup Link: <https://scoutingevent.com/047-119323>

Directions

The 2026 Dutch-Oven Cooking Competition weekend will be held at NorCal Adventure Area at 15356 Oregon Hill Road in Dobbins, Ca. This is one of Greater California Council's camp properties.

Parking

Although the campsite has a developed road, all vehicles must park in the designated area (to the right of the old house) after unloading.

Weather

This event will occur rain or shine. Come prepared for rain, and hope for mild sun. STAY HYDRATED AND COVERED!!

Available Facilities

The site is at a developed campground. Adequate sanitary facilities (toilets) are located around the area. However, each unit will have to consider:

- **Water:**
 - There are water spigots but you will need containers.
- **Garbage:**
 - Collect, contain, and remove all of your own and any others you find.
- **Campfire:**
 - We will have a central campfire at the campground fire pit.
- **Sanitary Facilities:**
 - Toilets will be located around the campsite. Please encourage their use.
- **Training Center:**
 - The Training Center will be open for Radio Merit Badge classes only.

Camping & Activities

All circuit games will be for fun having no official scoring or prizes

Camping Sites

There are camping sites along the hill near the Training Center. Troops can also camp between the Kybo and the service road. Histum Yani staff will direct Troops to appropriate camping locations. Please do not drive vehicles to the camp sites.

Tug-o-War

This game will take place between the patrols who wish to test their strength. It may come down to survival of the fittest!

String Burn/Boil

Everyone's favorite... but with a twist, you light a fire to burn some string, but this year, your patrol must boil some water for dinner. One string is the max height of the tinder. Your patrol must build a fire no higher than the first string that will continuously generate enough heat to boil the water in the can above. Once the water boils, the timer will stop.

Instructions

- a. No Prep Allowed
- b. Flint and steel only no matches, no lighter fluid, use only what you brought.
Tinder base must be no higher than the string **(Tinder will NOT be provided; some may be found in the surrounding environment but do not rely on this for your fire)**
- c. Supplies
 - i. Twine
 - ii. Stakes
 - iii. Wire
 - iv. Trash Can Lid
 - v. Tin Can with Water
- d. Supplies
 - i. Place stakes on either side of the trash can lid
 - ii. Mark string locations (to be consistent between patrols)
 - iii. Tie string to stakes at the height of the marks.

Camp Gadget

Each patrol will have the opportunity to create a camp gadget that pertains to the theme of our event: Survival Mode. It will be judged by our event judges for the cookoff under the category of scout spirit. Useful camp gadgets can help a Scout survive in these unknown modes.

Range and Target Activities

Archery, BB Guns, and Throwing Axes stations will be open during Field Activity time. Survival Mode for Troops/Patrols means they will earn points for each successful target. The higher the number, the greater chance of survival! Adult Rangemasters may be needed to run the stations.

Survival Checks

OA staff, from time to time, may approach your unit and ask for specific tasks to be performed. This may include fixing a broken leg, devising an improvised structure, or other such survival related tasks. This could be done in between stations or during stations.

Jamboree on the Air

This weekend is also Jamboree on the Air (<https://jotajoti.info/jota>). Scouts from across the world will be communicating with each other over short wave radios. We will have the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club on site to assist Scouts with their HAM Radio techniques. Successful radio contact is a survival tactic used to help your Troop/Patrol.

Dutch Oven Cooking

The main focus of this event is to bring people together and get back into the swing of camping... and to learn a few skills.

To that end, there are only a few rules this year:

- 1) Cook part of your meal using cast iron - Griddle, dutch oven, skillet, pan, etc...
- 2) Food safety protocols must be followed (proper refrigeration, cross-contamination controls, etc...)
- 3) Charcoal will be provided. Units will need to provide their own cooking utensils!
- 4) For extra points - decorate your area in survival mode!

Lizzy Gator

Bring your group across a marked course as fast as possible using each other to propel the board and barrels!

Radio Merit Badge Course

As part of the JOTA experience, we will offer Scouts the opportunity to work on their Radio Merit Badge. This merit badge can be accomplished during the day, but it may take away from some of the other activities. Please sign up during registration so we have an estimate of the number of participants.

Extra Activities!

Nine-Square, Horse shoes, board games, and other games will be available for units to use and enjoy throughout the day.

Sunday

I really hope you are all staying until Sunday! Checkout time is 11 am and we ask that you thoroughly verify your site (and the surrounding area) is picked up.

Important Notes

Remember, this event (just like Camp-o-ree and Klondike) is planned and put on by your local OA Chapter (Histum Yani Chapter of the Pacific Summit Lodge). Everything is handled by this small group of Scouts and their Adult Advisors. If you (or a youth you know of) have been inducted into the OA but haven't been to a meeting in a while (or maybe ever), contact one of us to find out how easy it is to come back.

Remember: Chapter Elections are happening soon!!!



Schedule of Events

Friday

1800 - 2000 (6pm - 8pm) Unit Check-in and campsite set up

2100 (9pm) Cracker Barrel meeting of SPLs and unit leaders to discuss weekend plans

2200 (10pm) Lights Out

Saturday

0700 (7am) Reveille

0700 – 0830 (7 - 8:30am) Unit Check-in

0900 (9am) Flags & Announcements

0900 - 1130 (9 - 11am) Field activities and Jamoree on the Air

1130 – 1300 (11:30 - 1pm) Lunch Break

1300 - 1500 (1 - 3pm) Field activities and Fox Hunt

1500 - 1530 (3 - 3:30pm) Opening Competition; decorating and setup

1530 - 1730 (3:30 - 5:30pm) Meal preparation and cooking

1730 - 1900 (5:30 - 7pm) Dinner

2030-2130 (8:30 - 9:30pm) Campfire and Awards

2200 (10pm) Lights Out

Sunday

1000 - 1100 (10 - 11am) Checkout

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact:

- Chapter Adviser Scott Bowden at bowden@amanginacha.org
- Chapter Chief Eric Bowden at histum_yani_chief@amanginacha.org

List of Field Activities

- Jamboree on the Air with the local ARES club
- Radio Merit Badge, located in the training center
- Archery, located past the showers
- Axe and knife throwing, located near the showers
- 9 Square in the parade grounds
- Tug of war, test your Patrol strength against other Patrols!
- Horse shoe throwing competition
- Lizzy Gator racing
- Card and Board games in the dining area