

SACRED SPRINGS DISTRICT APOCALYPTIC CHALLENGE 2025

IN A POSSIBLE FUTURE...

AS OUR SUN GREW IN INTENSITY, THE EARTH BEGAN TO STRUGGLE WITH CLIMATE CHANGE. WEATHER PATTERNS ALTERED AND STORMS TRANSFORMED INTO SUPER CELLS. THE DEVASTATION ON THE LAND BROUGHT CHALLENGES FOR WHICH WE WERE UNPREPARED. SEARING TEMPERATURES MADE GROWING FOOD DIFFICULT. WATER COLLECTION WAS ALSO A CHALLENGE AS IT SEEMED TO EVAPORATE QUICKLY. OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCES WERE UNDER ATTACK CATACLYSMIC ATTACK.

THE WORLD'S LEADING SCIENTISTS ATTEMPTED TO SLOW EARTH'S RAPID DECLINE. YET, HOW DOES ONE STOP AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE? THEN CAME A DRAMATIC POPULATION DECLINE. IT WAS HYPOTHESIZED BY SOME, THAT THE PLANET MARS HAD SUFFERED A SIMILAR FATE. IT WAS DECADES BEFORE THE DEVASTATION SLOWED.

SLOWLY, THE EARTH BEGAN TO HEAL. THOSE WHO SURVIVED, GROUPED THEMSELVES FOR PROTECTION AND SAFETY. DAILY LIFE BECAME THE PRESERVATION OF WHAT COULD BE GATHERED, GROWN OR COLLECTED. THEN WHISPERS OF A THRIVING CITY CALLED "TOMORROE MORROE LAN" FILTERED INTO THE WORLD. COULD A SEMBLANCE OF CIVILIZATION BE ON THE HORIZON?

RUMOR HAS IT THAT A WANDERING GROUP CALLED "THE GARNERED", WERE TASKED TO HELP THOSE INTERESTED IN REACHING "TOMORROE MORROE LAN". SOME SAY THEIR "SO-CALLED" METHODS MAY BE EFFECTIVE. IF A RUMORED GROUP SUCH AS THIS EXISTS, HOW WOULD ONE MAKE CONTACT WITHOUT COMMUNICATIONS. TO TRAVERSE THE WILDS ALONE IS DANGEROUS. THE CHALLENGES BEFORE YOU ARE; DO YOU BELIEVE IN "TOMORROE MORROE LAN"? DOES "THE GARNERED" ACTUALLY EXIST? DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM THEIR HELP? ARE THEY TRUSTWORTHY?

Welcome to Camporee 2025! We as a staff are excited to be returning to the "Narrows" again this year. Camporee this year is set in a Post-Apocalyptic world theme. Your way of life has changed over the decades. Supplies, Water and Necessities are limited. A rumored group calling themselves the Garnered are offering you a chance to reach "Tomorroe Morroe Lan".

If your troop would like to participate in Camporee thematically, we encourage you to do so! Steampunk and tattered clothing (respectfully worn) is acceptable. Wear clothing like that dirty work t-shirt, with holes, worn by your dad to fix the car. The crazier the more memorable Camporee will be.

Each troop must have its own "unique" camp gadget. It's okay if Troops have the same gadget. However, your gadgets must be something useful in your camp. Troops will be inspected during the day, and camp gadgets are on the list. And by "unique", I mean something other than the "Weather Rock". The universal "Weather Rock" will be displayed at flags.

Your skits, accepted by the program patrol, should be a combination of short stories and legends! Regular skits are acceptable. But remember thematically our mindset is that "WE" don't see people on a regular basis. So, our stories and skits are a way of spreading news to others. Everyone would be interested in sharing ideas, stories, and how coffee is no longer a staple to Scoutmasters anymore! AAAGGGGG!!!! Jk.

As always, an adult contest is in order. However, in the spirit of fair competition, we are asking for all scoutmasters to make one dessert... & the same dessert! Your challenge will be a dutch oven apple pie contest! In the past it has been difficult to determine which dessert is the best because we all have different tastes. Now, you all will be on the same playing field. Details below in the dessert competition.

We have some interesting new events for you this year. We've been working on some different scoring strategies. And we hope you make great memories. WELCOME TO CAMPOREE 2025!

Registration & Fees

Online registration is now open!. Camporee is open to all Scouts BSA, Venture Crews and Scouters. Registration includes access to all events and a camporee patch. The cost for this year's Camporee is \$15.00 per person. We require each unit's roster of attendees, as well as the number of patrols each troop is bringing. Please refer to check-in procedures below for additional paperwork. REGISTRATION WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 3RD. AN EMAIL TO NATEHEP@YAHOO.COM WITH YOUR SUSPECTED NUMBER OF PATROLS AND SOULS WOULD BE HELPFUL ANYTIME.

Directions to the "Narrows" (Wessendorff)

Wimberley, Texas: Travel south on RR12 to San Marcos. Right at the light on FM 32 West. 17 miles, at the light turn right on 403. A little over a mile will be a gate on the left, Camp Entrance.

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Parking

All vehicles will be parked in the designated parking area at all times. We will allow 15 minutes for the loading and unloading of additional Troop gear in camp as needed. We want Camporee to feel like a camp so we do not want cars parked by the campsites. Scouts will hike into camp. **Each Troop will be given one pass for a vehicle connected to Troop Trailers to stay in the campsites.** All connected vehicles will stay connected and face in an exiting direction off the road.

Check-in Procedure

Check-in will be Friday, April 4 between 5 pm-8 pm. **Your Completed Paperwork** is required for check-in so we know who is in camp! Included must be...

- An updated roster of attendees for your unit.
- Completed and signed Health Forms (Parts A & B) for all attendees.
- A copy of current YPT certificates for all adults attendees.
- A signed copy of Wessendorf Ranch Guidelines (see below).
- Signed Scout Consent & Indemnity Form for all attendees (see below).

If a scout or scouter is planning on arriving late or leaving early, they will need to check in or out with the camp director before heading to camp or leaving. Your help with this is greatly appreciated. All campsites are assigned in the order of registration.

SPL & Scoutmaster "Cracker Barrel"

A SPL and Scoutmaster briefing will commence at 9 pm. At this briefing; we will discuss and explain rotation activities, assign Program Patrol, Service Patrol & Scouts Own Patrol. As well as discuss any questions or concerns you might have about the day's events. And yes... We will provide a cracker barrel!

Emergencies and First Aid

For all Medical Emergencies please call 911 first and provide the address 3835 Narrows Road. Then contact the Guest Coordinator. Units will be updated as to the additional medical personnel on site during "Cracker Barrel". However, all scouts should carry personal first aid kits. As well, Units should also have a Troop First Aid Kit to handle minor inconveniences.

Sanitation & Water

Port-A-Potties will be available on site. One will be clearly marked as Female. One will be clearly marked as adult. Please respect those facilities as such. An update will be announced about a water source in the weeks to come or at Cracker Barrel. However, it is possible that we will not have extra water this year. Please plan accordingly

Lost and Found

A lost and found station will be located at the First Aid Station. A small collection of items from 2024 will start us off.

Meals

All meals will be the responsibility of the units. However, we will recommend a trail lunch on Saturday afternoon during activities.

Check-Out Procedures

The Camporee Staff will be at the "**Headquarters**" for check-out. Please remember a scout is clean! Police your campsite and leave it better than when you found it. Wesendorff is a "Pack-in / Pack-out" facility. Take your trash with you. A Camporee Staff member will conduct a "Campsite Check-Out Inspection". Units will receive their Camporee Patches upon the completion of said inspection.

Camping Rules

- If ground fires are permitted, units should plan to protect the ground from "scarring".
- NOAA radios are the only radios / speakers permitted in camp.
- Phones can be used for Scout-related purposes, such as leaf identification, using Scout-related apps (like Knots 3D), and researching information for activities only. Otherwise left in camp.
- Alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs are PROHIBITED!
- Fireworks are PROHIBITED!
- Pets or small children should be left at home.
- "Quiet Time" observance begins at 2200 hours.
- "Lights Out" observance begins at 2230 hours. Units are not required to sleep, but must be respectful of other units in camp.
- "Reveille" can be as early as 0600!

NO WEAPONS OR FACIMILLIES OF WEAPONS, OF ANY KIND, WILL BE ALLOWED AT CAMPOREE!

GENERAL CAMPOREE GAME & ACTIVITY RULES

Good Sportsmanship is expected at all times.

Rotation Skills

Exact rotation activities will be given out during the SPL & Scoutmaster briefing. Again, the skills needed for the competition are scout skills. However, some examples are Leadership, Citizenship, Fitness, First Aid, Aquatics, Nature, Outdoor Ethics, Hiking, Camping, Cooking, Navigation, Lashings, Firem'n Chit, Totin' Chip, Knots, 10 Essentials, Patrol Method.

Participation

We expect Patrols to participate as a patrol. Events must be done together and not by a single individual. Camporees are designed to practice the patrol method. Patrol Leaders should be evaluating their own skills as leaders. SPL's should be evaluating leadership as a whole for their unit.

Safety

Strict compliance with all Camporee event rules and other scouting safety standards, will be adhered to at all times.

Disputes

Any & all disputes will be settled by the Event Judges for that game. All decisions are final.

Patrol Organization

Come organized in patrols. The day's events will be completed and scored as a patrol. The SPL & ASPL should be assigned to a patrol during Camporee competitions. However, said leaders should defer leadership to the patrol leader during each event. Each scout deserves to be a scout. So get dirty and have fun, SPL & ASPL's included. As a suggestion, only exert leadership when necessary or in an emergency.

Campsite Inspection

Campsite Inspections will be conducted during events. Campsite inspections are NOT part of event scoring. They are simply a tool by which an SPL & Scoutmaster could improve camp appearance. Each camp will be inspected for cleanliness, organization, safety, general camp appearance and Troop pride. Troop pride includes; main flagpole, patrol flags, previous awards won, etc.

Scheduled Events

- Ladder Build <RISING CHALLENGE>
- Obstacle Course < EVASION CHALLENGE>
- Plant and Animal Identify <SURVIVAL CHALLENGE>
- Fire Build <SURVIVAL CHALLENGE>
- Kim's Game < MEMORY CHALLENGE>
- Hook Swing <COLLECTION CHALLENGE>
- Orienteering <SCAVENGER CHALLENGE>
- Boat Challenge < CROSSING CHALLENGE>
- Isotope Game <PROBLEM-SOLVING CHALLENGE>
- Slingshots <CANNED DOVE HUNT>
- Water Rockets <SIGNALLING CHALLENGE>

The scoring system will be unveiled during "Cracker Barrel".

Special Events

"GOLDEN SPOON CONTEST"

All scoutmasters are invited to enter a dutch oven dessert contest! This is where we separate Masters of the dutch oven from just a cook. "BRAGGING RIGHTS" within the Sacred Springs District are on the line! For one year, others will have to call you CHEFMASTER! The Camporee Committee will **not** be judging the contest! However, **we accept bribes!**

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM & OA TAP OUT

A Traditional Campfire Program will be featured on Saturday evening after dinner. The "Program Patrol" will organize this event. We encourage each Patrol to participate in two of three choices, of either a skit, story and/or song. It's our evening's entertainment, so best foot forward.

Afterward, an OA Tap Out/ Call Out will commence following the Campfire Program. Each Troop should bring a list of those scouts who have been voted into OA since the last Camporee.

SCOUTS OWN SERVICE

At 9:30 am on Sunday, a Scout's Own will be offered for those remaining overnight. All Scouts and Scouters are welcome to attend. As the Twelfth Scout Law states, "A Scout is Reverent." If you would like to contribute to the scouts own, more information will be given at the SPL & Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel.

