

2023 Top Gun Camporee Eagle Trail / Iron Horse Districts Leader's Guide



April 14- 16, 2023
Camp James Ray Scout Reservation
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Get ready to fly with us at Camporee! We are excited to share in this adventure! Please take the time to familiarize yourself and your adult leaders with the information contained in this packet.

Our staff has developed an exciting, competitive, and outstanding Camporee with a Campfire program, including an Order of the Arrow Ceremony and Call-out!

Registration Fee:

All registration must be completed and paid by March 27, 2023 at \$20 per Scout and \$10/Scouter. Afterwards cost goes up to \$30/scout and \$10/Scouter and final registration closes on Monday, April 3, 2023.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. We expect to reach capacity.

Membership/Participants

All participants of the Camporee must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. All Eagle Trail and Iron Horse units should attend this once-a-year camping event. The Troop shall present a roster at check-in of all scouts and scouters attending.

Date and Arrival Time:

Check-in and campsite assignments will begin at 7:00pm on Friday, April 14, 2023. Please plan to attend Leader's Meeting for all Scoutmasters and SPL's at 10:00pm where any last-minute changes to the program schedule will be discussed.

Patches

Each registered Scout and Scouter will receive a patch when the unit checks out on Sunday.

Two-deep Leadership

All units attending the Camporee must comply with the BSA policy requiring that "two registered adult leaders or adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings." For any female troops, atleast one of the leaders must be an over 21 years old female.

Uniforms

Minimum uniform standards for Friday evening and Saturday through dinner will consist of long or short pants, a Scouting T-shirt and closed toe shoes. Field (Class "A") uniforms are the appropriate dress for the Saturday campfire program.

Parking

All cars and trucks must be parked in the Parking Lot by Friday night, no exceptions. Unit trailers can be parked in the campsites and the towing vehicle may stay if it is attached. **No vehicles are allowed to drive around camp on Saturday.** Only properly marked Staff or Handicapped vehicles will be permitted in camp. Vehicle permits will be provided at check-in for those allowed to travel into the Camp.

Concession Stand

The order of the Arrow chapters will run a concession stand on Saturday during the day with snacks and drinks. All proceeds will serve the needs of the chapters and the scouts of Eagle Trail and Iron Horse Districts.

Campsites

Each Unit will be assigned a campsite adequate for the number of Scouts indicated on your Unit Registration form. Campsites may be shared with other units. Be reminded to have a First Aid Kit, Trash Bags, Patrol Duty Roster, Meal Planner, Unit Duty Roster and Consent to treat forms in your campsite.

Tents

Units must furnish their own tents. The tent platforms may be used but do not hang hammocks from the platform frames.

Cooking and Sanitation

Units are to provide all their own meals, ice, stove fuel, wood and/or charcoal. Meals will be cooked and eaten in the campsites. There is typically a single campfire ring in each campsite. Please plan to use the ring or a metal plate for your Dutch oven cooking. No ground fires outside the fire ring. Units are encouraged to use charcoal or stoves (liquid or propane). BSA rules for handling of liquid or gas fuels should be followed (Guide to Safe Scouting). Please use Leave no Trace principles when preparing and cleaning your meals.

Garbage

We strive to make Camporee events Zero Waste. Plan ahead to minimize garbage. All trash should be bagged and placed in the large trash bins behind the dining hall before you leave.

Latrines

Please keep latrines in good shape and respect others. Latrines are spread throughout the camp. Latrines will be checked as part of the check-out procedure. Units camping near latrines are responsible for the cleaning.

Health/First Aid

Units have responsibility to bring and use their own first aid kits. We will have a medic available for major first aid problems and emergencies 24 hours per day. *The First Aid Station will be marked with a Red Cross Flag.* Please be sure to advise your patrol members of its location, to be announced at Friday's SM/SPL Meeting and the Saturday morning Flag ceremony. The First Aid Station is near the parking lot.

Health and Medical Record

The Unit Leader must have a copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A & B for each Scout participating in this Camporee. A copy of this form will be examined by our Health and Safety Officer at check-in. These forms must be kept onsite by the Troop during the Camporee. (Form can be found at the [scouting website](#)).

Check-out

Final check-out for everyone is to begin at 9:00am Sunday. Camporee Evaluation forms must be completed and returned before you receive your patches and check-out packet. Be fair and honest in your opinions as they will have a bearing on future Camporees. All suggestions or improvement are greatly appreciated. Units camping near Latrines are responsible for cleaning them before checkout.

Units needed to run activities!!

We are recruiting units to run the following activities:

- Fire Building Skill Drill Station
- Lashing Rescue Race Station
- Flag Retirement Station
- Moulage and First Aid Station
- Free time Volleyball Tournament
- Free time Orienteering Course
- Evening Campfire
- Opening and Closing Flag Ceremonies
- Interfaith Scout's Own Service

We will work with each volunteer troop to finalize the activity plan, scoring system and to find all the resources needed to run the station. Please prepare to provide both adult and scout leadership at your area for the entire time of the activities.

If your troop is interested in any of these fun opportunities, contact Daisy Brockman at daisy@brockmanfamily.net or 214-641-8091

Troop Competitions and Activities:

The following list of events are planned; however, they are subject to change before the event. All activities are designed to be fun with the purpose of practicing scout skills. Each activity will be staffed by volunteer troop leaders, Scouts and OA members who will provide needed supplies, instructions and scoring. All activities will be near the Camp James Ray Dining Hall or the Rifle, Tomahawk and Archery Ranges.

Archery *Best Overall Patrol Event*

Items needed: Bows and Arrows provided by the Camp.

Event: Archery

Scoring: Scoring based on Target hit and location on the target. Based on troop average.

Flag Retirement *Best Overall Patrol Event*

Items needed: Flags and fire pit provided

Event: Learn and participate in Flag retirements

Scoring: knowledge and participation

Fire Building Skill Drill *Best Overall Patrol Event*

Items needed: Fire building supplies provided

Event: Build a Fire using one match and fire must burn through a string.

Scoring: quickest

Lashing Rescue Race *Best Overall Patrol Event*

Items needed by patrol: Ropes and staves will be provided

Event: Use lashing to create a travois to rescue a downed pilot

Scoring: lashings and speed

Moulage/First Aid *Best Overall Patrol Event*

Items needed: First aid and moulage supplies

Event: Creating the most realistic injury

Scoring: most realistic injury and knowledge of the first aid this injury needs

Bonus Area: Tomahawk Throw *Best Overall Patrol Event*

Items needed: Tomahawks provided by Camp.

Event: Throwing tomahawk.

Scoring: Accuracy.

Rifle *Best Overall Patrol Event*

Items needed: Rifles and Ammo provided by Camp.

Event: Rifle shooting with .22 at 50 feet.

Scoring: Target Scored for each participant and the troop will be averaged.

Saturday Dutch Oven Cook-off

This will be an opportunity for all units to demonstrate their special Dutch oven recipes. All Units may cook a desert or a main course dish, it is up to you! We will have a registration for all units competing in Dutch Oven Cook-off, to fill in at check-in on Friday night. This should be completed and turned into Camporee HQ by 6:00pm on Saturday to be eligible for prizes. Prizes will be awarded for: Best Scout Entry, Best Adult Scouter Entry, and Overall Winner!

LEADER INFORMATION

A. LEADER MEETING

The Scoutmaster and SPL must attend the Leader Meeting at 10:00pm on Friday. At that time, any questions on check-in materials received or on the schedule of activities will be discussed. Additional information on activities or schedule changes will also be presented at this time.

B. ORDER OF THE ARROW

The OA representatives from both chapters will be available to update membership and organize those who are ready for OA Callout and Brotherhood.

C. OPENING

We will have an opening ceremony including flag raising and invocation on Saturday morning. We are asking that every Troop carry their Troop and Patrol flags to this ceremony and to be in scout field uniforms.

D. SKIT AND SONG SIGNUP

Each troop will need to complete and turn in a signup form for performing in the campfire by 2p on Saturday. These forms will be available at the leader meeting Friday night. Scoutmasters need to check the skit ahead of time to make sure it is scouting appropriate and will be fun for all!

E. MAIN CAMPFIRE

We anticipate another spectacular and dynamic campfire Saturday evening. There will also be plenty of skits and songs, so bring a chair and be prepared for a good time! Awards will be presented for all the hard work and fun the Scouts participated in during the day. The Advando Deithili and Haokah Chapters of the Mikanakawa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will be there in full regalia, and an OA Guide will lead Scouts in a call out after the campfire. Following the callout, there will be a Brotherhood Ceremony.

F. AWARDS

Awards will be awarded for all Troops and Patrols attending and participating at the Camporee for all events based on how well they complete their skills as a team as well as Patrol spirit, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each event. We will also have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for TOP TROOP!

G. SUNDAY SERVICE

An Interfaith service will be held Sunday morning. Please come, it is important we leave the Camporee with thanks that we have had the opportunity to participate and to experience the fellowship of Camporee camping.



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Camporee Schedule:(subject to change based on registration numbers & weather)

Friday, April 14, 2023

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Check in at Headquarters and then Campsite setup
9:30pm - 10:00pm Staff Meeting
10:00 pm – 10:30 pm Scoutmaster and SPL Meeting
11:00 pm Quiet Time - Scouts in tents and quiet

Saturday, April 15, 2023

7:00 – 7:50 am **BREAKFAST** at Campsites
8:00 am Camporee Opening & Flag Raising (**Official BSA Uniform, Unit and Patrol Flags**)
8:15 am – 9:50 am Tournament Time- GAGA Ball & Human Foosball Tournament, Volleyball, & Orienteering
10:00am - 11:50am Station Rotations
12:00pm – 1:20 pm **LUNCH** at Campsites
1:30 pm – 5:20 pm Station Rotations
5:30 pm – 6:45 pm **DINNER** at Campsites
6:50 pm Drop off Dutch oven entries
7:00 pm Flag Lowering (**Official BSA Uniform, Unit and Patrol Flags**)
7:10 pm Dutch Oven Competition Judging (Following Closing Flags)
7:15 pm Camporee Campfire & Camporee Awards with OA Call Out and Brotherhood Ceremonies
– at Field Sports – bring a lawn chair
Each troop needs to provide a song/skit
11:00 pm Quiet Time

Sunday, April 16, 2023

7:00 – 8:15 am **BREAKFAST** at Campsites & Clean-Up
8:30 am Interfaith Service at the Amphitheater
9:00 am – 10:00 am Break Camp, Clean-Up, & Checkout



Camp James Ray Information Sheet



Fires:

- Currently there is ____ Burn Ban in effect in Grayson County
- Fires must be completely extinguished and cold when leaving campsites

Vehicles:

- Only one vehicle and one vehicle attached to a trailer may be left in each reserved campsite
- Please make sure the Road is not blocked when loading and unloading all vehicles

Trash:

- A Scout is **CLEAN**.
- Please police all trash and place in trash cans in respective day use areas
- Campsite Trash should be taken to the **Parking Lot Blue Dumpster**.

Emergencies:

Please Dial 911 in the event of an Emergency

Contact the Rangers **after** 911 has been activated to assist

Check Out:

- **Check out is conducted on the Honor System and must be completed by 10AM Sunday.** Please ensure that all Fires are completely out, cold to the touch and that all trash is taken to the **Parking Lot blue dumpsters**.

Main Gate closes after 11pm and must be unlocked by Rangers

Yellow Gate Code is _____

Please feel free to contact us to request additional information and ask questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Beautiful Camp James Ray.

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