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Welcome to the 1850s! So glad you traveled back in time! Days move a little slower here in Texas. The Railroad did not come to Texas until 1853, so you had to get here by covered wagon or stage coach. We hope to bring back some games and activities that were prevalent during that time. Plus, we have an authentic 1850s campsite for you to visit. Dr. Mark Henderson and wife, Grace, are historical reenactors who have everything you would need back in 1850 to live comfortably, from rope bed to brass bathtub to authentic dentist chair from the time period!! Each troop is invited to visit and listen to them tell about life back in a simpler time....maybe not so simple, but definitely different!!

Check-in and forms:

Please check in at Headquarters. Only registered Scouts and Scouters may attend the camporee. You will need to present a list of everyone at check-in. You also need a copy of each person's medical forms, Parts A and B only. Do not turn these in at headquarters, but keep them in your campsite at an easily accessible place. You will take care of bandaids and giving prescription medicine as you would at any campout. If you need medical help, we will have a medic at the health lodge.

Campsites:

Campsites will be assigned prior to the camporee. More than one troop will be assigned to each campsite, but please set up a separate campsite with gateway so that the campsite inspectors will be able to judge each troop's campsite separately. Since AOLS attending with their troop, they can be a separate patrol in the campsite. You may park your trailer and the vehicle pulling your trailer in the campsite. The only other vehicles that can be parked in the campsites are those with a medical pass. You must see the medic at registration for a medical pass. Please see the campsite inspection sheet in this packet so that you will know what is being judged. Also, TRJ camp map is attached.

SPL/Leader Meeting at 9:30 pm at Cypress Knee Campsite:

Each troop should send the SPL and SM to the SPL/Leader meeting on Friday night at 9:30 at Cypress Knee Campsite to receive information about the camporee as well as your troop stagecoach ticket. Your troop will carry the ticket with you to all events to receive a stamp for participation. As long as a patrol (not just one person) participates in an activity, they will get their ticket stamped. Tickets will be turned in at the Saturday night campfire. Those stamps add up and contribute to the Overall Camporee award which will be presented at the awards ceremony on Sunday morning. (Must be present to win)

Uniforms:

Please wear your Field Uniform (which is Class A shirt) at Opening Flag Ceremony on Saturday morning and at our Scouts Own Service on Sunday morning. The rest of the time, you can wear any Scouting t-shirt or plain shirt...please no inappropriate shirts.....everyone knows what that means. You **MUST** wear **CLOSED-TOED** shoes **AT ALL TIMES** except when you are **IN** the shower or in your tent! No exceptions. There are snakes and spiders and alligators...oh, my!...at TRJ who would love to **BITE** your feet!! And, CROCS are not good for hiking.....just saying.

Cooking and Meals:

Units are responsible for cooking all of their meals. Staff will have their own campsite at Cypress Knees where they will camp. If you are on staff and your troop is coming to the camporee, please camp and eat with them. This time, only the staff who are not with a troop will camp and eat at Cypress Knees and they will pay an extra \$20 for their food when they register. We will not be taking money out of the camporee budget to feed the staff. Staff can ask for a copy of the staff menu ahead of time so see if they need to bring their own food due to allergies, etc. We won't be making special meals this time since we will not have use of the dining hall or kitchen.

Sharing the camp:

Woodbadge 147 will be happening the weekend of our camporee; therefore, the dining hall and kitchen are totally off limits. We do not want to interfere with their program. They will also have the staff cabins, so we will not have any of our staff staying in cabins this time. Our camporee staff will camp at Cypress Knee, unless their troop attends. Then they will camp with their troop.

Sunday Morning Scouts Own Service and Awards Ceremony:

On Sunday morning we will have an interfaith worship service. The script of the service will be provided, but we will ask for volunteer Scouts who would like to lead the service. The worship service will be followed by our Awards Ceremony. Awards for Saturday's competitions will be presented at that time, as well as Best Campsite, Best Gateway, and the Dutch Oven winners.

Saturday Morning Patrol Competitions:

Snapper Fishing

Give each patrol four 5 feet long poles, several lengths of cord and a mousetrap. Mark out "river banks" 15 feet apart. Each patrol places its mousetrap on one river bank and cocks it, then lines up opposite it on the other side of the river. On signal, the Scouts lash together their poles to make a "fishing pole" and start angling. The patrol that catches its snapper with the quickest time wins.

Careless Camp Observation Game

Set up a tent and simple fireplace and scatter mistakes on site: a carelessly dropped ax; a glass jar next to the fireplace; poorly set tent pegs and badly tied guylines; etc. Include, as well, some personal items like sleeping bags, patrol scarves, shirts with identification on them, name tags, etc.

Give patrols five minutes to study the site. They are not to talk, but they can touch what they see as long as they leave an item exactly as they found it. Patrols then huddle to prepare a list of all the things they found wrong in the camp. Best list wins. As patrols hand in their lists, add to the contest by giving each a card of questions asking, for example, How many boys were camping? What troops or patrols do they belong to? etc. What did they eat for one of their meals?

First Aid Carry Relay

Patrols line up in relay fashion facing a single turnaround post located 15 feet away. Two Scouts from each patrol carry the first "injured Scout" using Two-Person Carry around the turnaround post and back to the starting line. Next two Scouts carry the second "injured Scout" using the Four-Handed Seat Carry around the turnaround post and back to the starting line. Next Scout carries the third "injured Scout" using a One-Person Carry around the turnaround post and back to the starting line. If at any time an "injured Scout" touches the ground, the Scouts carrying this "injured Scout" must stop, reform their carry and continue. The total race will be timed. The patrol making a complete circuit with the three "injured Scouts" with the lowest total time wins.

Tomahawk Throw

Materials: Tomahawks, targets

Each Scout in the patrol has 5 throws at the target. Points are kept for each Scout and totaled for the patrol.

Scoring: Total score for all members of the patrol is divided by the number of Scouts in each patrol.

Burn the String Fire Building

Materials: Flint and steel, cotton balls, kindling, tender, fuel, water bucket, shovel
(Stakes are set with strings at 9 inches and 18 inches ahead of time.)

The patrol works together to build a small fire, then must make the fire with the flint and steel, using the cotton ball to "catch" the spark. Timing starts when patrol begins at ready, set, go. Patrol with quickest time wins.

Saturday Afternoon Open Areas:

Shooting Sports: Archery, Shotgun (Scouts only), Rifle Shooting (Scouts only), Wrist Rockets (AOLS only)

Waterfront: Canoes, Kayaks, Paddleboats (Troops must provide proof that Scouts and AOLS have passed the swim test within the past year)

Pioneer Games: Horseshoes, Sack Races, Ring Toss, Corn Hole

Climbing Tower: climbing activities

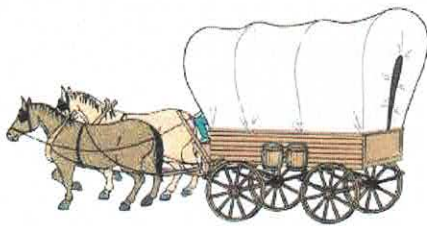
Troop Competitions:

Gateway Each gateway should follow the theme of the camporee and must include the troop number. It must be made from natural materials brought in by the unit. The use of additional materials other than staves are encouraged to provide details to the theme. Those units that use adults for the construction, other than safety concerns, will be disqualified from the competition. Also, you are not allowed to dig any holes for support. Gateway must be freestanding. Gateway setup should be completed by youth. A copy of the score sheet is located under the forms section of this event guide.

Campsite Inspection At check-in, your packet will have your inspection sheet inside. Make sure it is posted in your site so that a staff member can record your score and collect your sheet. If this sheet is not present at the site, 50 points will be deducted from your inspection total. A copy of the score sheet is located under the forms section of this event guide.

Covered Wagon Race

Each troop will need to prepare a horse (adult) powered Covered Wagon to compete in a relay race. The wagon must be pushed, pulled or walked with 2 Scouts inside the wagon and 1 -2 adults will "power" the wagon. Awards for race winner and most creative wagon will be given. Please contact event staff if you have questions regarding building the wagon. Riders inside of wagon must wear helmets for safety purposes during the race. Participation in the Covered Wagon Race will add points for the Overall Award. Awards will be given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in racing time. Wagons will also be judged for creativity, authenticity, style, and strength (1st, 2nd, 3rd places). Both time and appearance places will add points for the Overall Award. The Covered Wagon Race will be held after lunch in the sports field. See schedule. Wagons and riders must be on time. Other members of the troop should be present to cheer for their wagon. Each troop can have only one wagon.



Individual Competition:

Fall Camporee Cook-off Info



This year we will have a Dutch Oven Cook Off for the adults, for Scouts, and for AOLs. (Three separate competitions!) All entries must be prepared at camp. Dutch ovens must be used. Please bring one small disposable bowl of your entry to Cypress Knees Campsite between 5:30 and 6:00 pm on Saturday. (Keep the rest of the dessert for your troop or patrol). Do NOT bring the Dutch Oven!! You need to fill out the entry form with all the information for each dessert to qualify for competition. No entries will be accepted after 6 pm. Presentation is important!! Entry forms are included in the program guide. Feel free to make extra copies. There is no limit to the number of entries from your troop.

Dutch Oven Dessert Cook-Off 2025 Entry Form

Youth Name _____

Patrol Name _____ Troop# _____ or Pack # _____

Entry # _____

Name of Entree _____

Dutch Oven Dessert Cook-Off 2025 Entry Form

Adult Name _____

Troop# _____ Pack# _____

Entry # _____

Name of Entree _____

Campsite Inspection

Troop/Crew: _____ Campsite: _____

Max Score

5 _____

I. Patrol Method

Patrol method evident – *Patrol tents separate from adults & each patrol area marked with name of patrol*

5 _____

Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader tents marked

10 _____

II. Campsite

5 _____

Campsite boundary marked

5 _____

Tents properly set-up and staked down – *(-1 for each improperly staked tent)*

5 _____

Troop and U.S Flag present – *(1 pt for holders present, 2 pts for each flag)*

5 _____

Troop equipment stored – *all items secured when not in use*

5 _____

Personal equipment stored – *(-1 for each loose personal item)*

5 _____

Camp gadget present

5 _____

No Scouts in camp

35 _____

III. Health, Safety and Sanitation

10 _____

First Aid Kit – *Available and visible*

5 _____

Troop trailer secured and safe *(Wheel chocks, Caution Tape, Safety Cones?)*

5 _____

All tools & equipment safely stored

5 _____

Clean campsite *(-1 for each piece of litter found)*

25 _____

IV. Kitchen Area

10 _____

Menu and Duty roster posted *(5 pts for each item)*

5 _____

All food stored properly *(cooking area clean)*

5 _____

Campfire area safety equipment *(shovel, bucket)*

20 _____

V. Axe Yard

5 _____

Roped off with signage

5 _____

Safety equipment present *(tools stored properly)*

10 _____

Total _____/100 Any Tiebreaker – Gateway score

Gateway Inspection

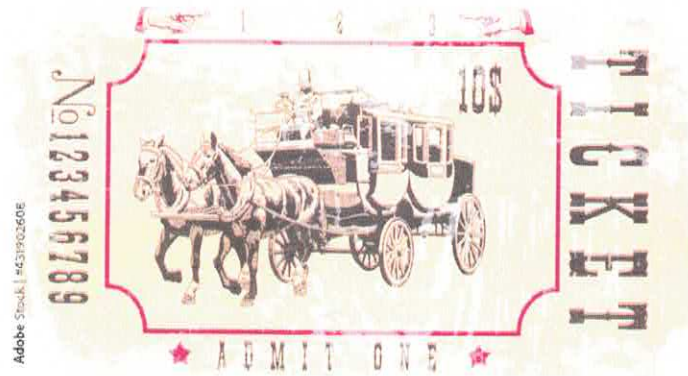
Troop/Crew: _____ Campsite: _____

Max Score

20	_____	Lashing Tied correctly <i>(-5 for each incorrect knot and lashing used, loose ends secured)</i>
10	_____	Correct Lashings used in Build
20	_____	Material – <i>(-10 for invasive materials, -2 each for ropes not whipped/fused)</i>
10	_____	Troop Sign/Identification
20	_____	Complexity of design
20	_____	Utilization of the theme into gateway

Total _____/100 Tiebreaker – Utilization of theme and key staff assessment

1. The Gateway must be erected **BY THE SCOUTS** on site.
2. No portion may be pre-assembled.
3. There shall be absolutely no adult help. Those using adult's help will be disqualified from the competition. The only exception is for safety concerns.
4. The gateway must be constructed within the troop campsite. No guy lines, parts of the gateway, or supports may extend into or over the campsite boundary lines. You are not allowed to dig any holes for support. The gateway must be freestanding.
5. The use of additional materials other than staves are encouraged to provide details to a gateway theme.



Schedule of Events:

Friday, October 24:

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| 6:00-9:00 | Check-in at Sports Field and set up campsites |
| 9:30 | SPL/Leader Meeting @ Cypress Knees campsite |
| 11:30 | Lights Out |

Saturday, October 25

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| 6:30 | Reveille and breakfast in campsites |
| 8:30 | Opening Flag and Announcements @ Headquarters |
| 9:00-12:00 | Competitions @ Sports Field:
Snapper Fishing
Careless Camp Observation Game
First Aid Carry Relay
Tomahawk Throw
Burn the String Fire Building |
| (9:00-5:00 | Visit 1850's Campsite All day) |

12:00-1:30	Lunch in campsites
1:30-4:30	Afternoon Open Activities:
	Shot Gun (Scouts) Shotgun Range
	Rifles (Scouts) Rifle Range
	Archery (all) Archery Range
	Wrist Rockets (AOLs) Lower Corral
	Pioneer Games (all) Lower Corral
	Climbing Climbing Tower
	Lake Activities (all) Waterfront @
	Lake McElvaney
4:30-5:00	Covered Wagon Race @ Sports field
5:15-5:30	Closing Flag Ceremony
5:30-6:00	Turn in entrees for Dutch Oven Dessert Cook-off
	to Judy Johnson @ Cypress Knee campsite
6:00-8:00	Dinner in campsites
8:30	Campfire Program @ ATV area by dam
11:00	Lights Out

Sunday, October 23:

7:30	Reveille, breakfast and begin campsite breakdown
9:00	Scout's Own Service @ Sports Field
9:30	Awards Ceremony @ Sports Field
10:00	Check Out



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MAP NOT TO SCALE