



# Kirtland Camporee

September 25-27, 2025

*Kirtland Air Force Base*

*Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87116*



## Leaders' Guide

*Welcome to the second annual Kirtland Camporee! 2026 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> year for Troop 85 and we are excited to host the High Desert Council Camporee again this year in partnership with Kirtland Airforce Base personnel and other outdoor community partners.*

*A big weekend is planned for Scouts and Scouters. All Scouts BSA Troops, Teams, Venture Crews, & Arrow of Light Scouts are invited. This year's theme is "SURVIVOR". Scouts will have an opportunity to work on some of the requirements for the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge, Rank Requirements, play SURVIVOR themed games in TRIBE COMPETITION, and even participate in SURVIVOR TRIBAL COUNCIL as they "outwit, outplay, and outlast" their fellow scouts!*

*The Fall Camporee will be held at Kirtland Airforce Base (KAFB). This is a great opportunity for unit camping, patrol development, Arrow of Light Recruitment, and Inter-unit Fellowship.*





## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AT KAFB**

The Kirtland Camporee is taking place on a United States Airforce Federal Military Installation. There are requirements for participants that go beyond Scouting America policies and procedures. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

1. All adult participants (18 and over) will need to provide personal identification information upon registration in Black Pug for Security Forces to complete background checks and prepare a base authorization list (BAL). This BAL will allow adult participants entry to the Kirtland AFB installation as a guest.
2. Adults who already have a pass for KAFB (current service members, military retirees, contractors, GS employees, Sandians, Lovelace Labs employees, etc.) should note this information in the Black Pug System and do not have to provide the personal information below for the BAL.
3. The following is the required personal information for the BAL:

For US Citizens:

- a. Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial
- b. Date of Birth
- c. Driver's License # or State Issued ID# (must be "REAL ID" compliant)
- d. Driver's License / State ID State of Issue
- e. Full SSN

For Lawful Permanent Resident Foreign Nationals

- a. Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial
- b. Date of Birth
- c. Driver's License # or State Issued ID# (must be "REAL ID" compliant)
- d. Driver's License / State ID State of Issue
- e. Green Card Number

For Foreign Nationals on a Visa

- a. Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial
- b. Date of Birth
- c. Driver's License # or State Issued ID# (must be "REAL ID" compliant)
- d. Military # OR Passport #

e. Country of Origin

4. All participants will enter KAFB through the Truman Gate (LEFT LANE) at the corner of Truman Street SE and Gibson Blvd SE in Albuquerque across from the Taco Bell on Gibson Boulevard SE.
5. All adults in each vehicle will be required to present their Drivers License or State Issued ID card to the security forces gate guard at each reentry. All Driver's Licenses and State Issued IDs must be REAL ID compliant.
6. Scouts traveling separately with parents not attending the event or arriving later than their units should plan to meet BAL APPROVED ADULT PARTICIPANTS from their units in the Truman Visitor's Lot. BAL APPROVED ADULT PARTICIPANTS will have reentry privileges in a multiple day pass.
7. Kirtland AFB guests must follow all traffic and other local and state laws while on the AFB installation and remain in the designated area for this event. The designated area for the Camporee is The Scout Hut (Building 20718) at the northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Wyoming and the Base Chapel (Sunday optional). Driving or walking around the base on a self-guided tour will not be permitted.
8. Parking for this event will be the Navy Reserve Lot north of the Scout hut on the east side of Wyoming and the Archery Range Lot south of the Scout hut across Pennsylvania.
9. Base facilities such as the commissary, base exchange, fitness center, bowling alley, movie theater, shopette, gas station, base restaurants are reserved for military families, retirees, etc. and should not be accessed by guest participants for the Camporee.
10. Participants are required to wear Class A Uniforms while on Kirtland AFB.
11. Please DO NOT BRING a firearm, drone, or animal onto the installation. Service animals with credentials will be allowed.

ARROW OF LIGHT PARTICIPANTS

1. Arrow of Light leaders and Cubmasters are responsible for making arrangements for transportation, menu planning, cooking, and submitting the registration forms and unit rosters that include an accurate count of the number of Arrow of Light Scouts and their registered adult partners who will be camping overnight. AOL will need a BALOO trained adult and must also follow 2 deep leadership.
2. Arrow of Light Scouts are also expected to wear class A uniforms during this event. As a reminder, 4th Grade Webelos may no longer attend camporee per the Guide to Safe Scouting, Arrow of Light scouts are 5th grade scouts in a pack.
3. Arrow of Light Scouts may not earn rank advancement requirements for the Scout Program or requirements toward the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

## REGISTRATION

All participants must be registered through the online registration system, Black Pug, to attend the Camporee. This includes both Scout youth, adults, and Arrow of Light scouts.

Each unit requires a minimum of 2 SYT adults registered for this event. AT least one adult per unit must have Hazardous Weather training available at [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org).

The event cost is \$15\_per youth and \$15 per adult participant and includes an event patch (available at the camporee) and a SURVIVOR colored buff. Registration closes September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 AM due to the need to complete background checks and generate the base authorization list. Participant substitutions may be made after this date along with the required personal information for the BAL.

The maximum number of participants for this event is 120.

## TWO-NIGHT EVENT

Units are strongly encouraged to plan to camp Friday and Saturday night. Themed events and games on Friday evening and Sunday morning will be included for total points in the competition part of the weekend.

 **Attention** 

**Registration Deadline September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**PRIORITY PARKING IS AVAILABLE ON A FIRST  
COME FIRST SERVED BASIS AND TO ALL UNITS  
PLANNING TO CAMP OVERNIGHT!**

**\$15 per person - Sign Up TODAY!!**



## DIRECTIONS TO KIRTLAND AFB CAMPOREE:

Please plan to enter the base through the Truman Gate as this is where the Camporee Base Authorization List (BAL) will be. Do not attempt access at other gates and request that they call to check your authorization.

From the South: Take Interstate 25 North to exit 222 (Gibson Blvd SE). Exit the interstate and head east (right) and continue to Truman Street SE. Turn south (right) on Truman Street SE and approach the gate for ID check.

From the North: Take Interstate 25 South to exit 222 B East (Gibson Blvd SE). Exit the interstate and head east (right) and continue to Truman Street SE. Turn south (right) on Truman Street SE and approach the gate for ID check.

Proceed from the Truman gate passing the light at Aberdeen to Randolph Avenue SE. Take a left at this light and head east. Cross San Mateo Blvd SE and the road name will change to Randolph Road SE at this light. Follow the road around the bend to your right that heads south toward the runway. At the bend, the road name will change to Kirtland Road SE. Turn left / east on Hardin Boulevard and travel to Wyoming Boulevard SE. Turn right / south on Wyoming until it ends at Pennsylvania Street SE. Turn left / east on Pennsylvania and then left onto the gravel driveway to the Scout Hut / Building # 20718.

## UPON ARRIVAL AT THE TRUMAN GATE

Approach the gate slowly in the left-most lane closest to the security forces guard shack and stop for the gate attendant. State that you are a camporee participant, present your REAL ID compliant driver's license along with REAL ID compliant driver's licenses or state issued IDs for all adult participants in your vehicle. Kirtland has 100% ID check. State that your name is on the BAL. Wait for clearance and proceed to the event site following the posted speed limits. Follow the event signs to the Camporee.



## 1700 and 2100 HOURS RETREAT /TAPS

The end of the workday is at 1700 HOURS / 5:00 PM. Taps will be played over the base loud speaker as the base colors are lowered. Participants at the event site during this time should STOP all campsite set up, check-in procedures, and talking and stand at attention during this time. TAPS will also be played at 2100 HOURS / 9:00 PM as a signal for the beginning of base quiet time. Quiet scouting activities may continue.

## EVENT CHECK-IN

Units are welcome to arrive at Kirtland AFB beginning at 4:00 PM / 1600 HOURS. There will be a check-in station upon arrival at the Scout Hut. Please submit your unit roster of participants (see Appendix **D**) at this time along with medical forms Part A and B for each participant. Vehicles may drive through the camp area to unload and will then be directed to a parking area. Early registrants and those camping overnight get priority parking closer to the weekend activities. Units arriving Saturday must also check in with camporee staff 6:30am – 8:00 am prior to participating in any planned activities.



## CAMPSITE INFORMATION

Units will camp in an open field on the air force base north of the Scout Hut building. Units are encouraged to bring tent footprints or groundsheets / tarps as the campsite area is covered with desert flora to include goat head weed. Units may also want to bring shade structures / EZ-ups. Make sure that your unit has adequate tent stakes and a mallet or hammer to drive them.

Units are camping on a military installation. There may be expended shell casings on the ground. Scouts and adults should leave these items undisturbed and report any items of concern to camp staff.

## MEALS AND COOKING DETAILS

All units will be responsible for their own meals. All cooking activities will take place on designated concrete surfaces. All fuels will be stored in the “fuel lot” when not in use. This includes all extra fuel that might be stored in troop trailers. Please mark your fuel canisters with your unit number.

Campfires and open flames outside of contained camp stoves and equipment are not permitted.

## WATER AND SANITATION

The Scout Hut has plumbing and water available. The event will also have use of a Water Buffalo. Portable toilets and a handwashing station will be provided in addition to two restroom facilities inside the Scout Hut. Indoor restroom facilities are handicap accessible.

Please bring a unit trash receptacle and plan to pack it out. **ALL TRASH MUST LEAVE WITH YOU.**

## ADULT PARTICIPATION

Each unit is asked to have one adult participant move through activity stations with their scouts. Round-robin presenters will be KAFB personnel, scouters, and community partners.

It is asked that a second adult leader make himself available to patrol an activity area and be the safety and supervision POC.

## GENERAL SAFETY RULES



1. A first aid station will be set up and staffed inside the Scout Hut. The nearest hospital is the University of NM Medical Center 2211 Lomas Blvd. NE, ABQ 87106. There is no AED onsite. The nearest AED is at the Eastside Fitness Center Gym and Pool on base in Building 20228 located at 1451 Texas Street SE.
2. All participants will remain in the designated activity area(s) and not wander the base.
3. Scouts are not allowed to leave camp for the parking areas without an adult leader accompanying them.
4. All scouts will use the buddy system and check in and out with their adult leaders when changing locations.
5. If there is a concern about a lost scout, please inform the first aid station inside the Scout Hut immediately. The Health Officer will alert the camp. Scouts will remain in activity stations with 2 deep leadership. Any additional adults and camp staff will organize to locate the scout.
6. National Scouting policy prohibits smoking in front of youth members, the use of alcohol, illegal drugs or related substances at encampments or activities. (Guide to Safe Scouting). This is a NO SMOKING EVENT at KAFB.
7. Language and conduct of ALL participants and guests will, at all times, be in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law.
8. Camp, cook, store fuel, and park in designated areas.
9. Be mindful of desert flora and fauna.
10. Do not touch military equipment used in demonstrations unless or until directed to do so.
11. Stay hydrated.
12. In case of hazardous weather: Thunderstorms, Lightning, or Tornado - Shelter inside the scout hut and away from windows if possible. Listen for severe weather sirens on base.
13. Should the base identify a potential threat or evacuation condition, units must be willing to evacuate within the time designated by base personnel or will be given guidelines to shelter in place. If advised to evacuate immediately, please leave camp without gear. Exit through the Truman gate where you entered or other gate if advised to do so.

14. Please contact Angela Sparks, Kirtland Camporee Coordinator, 859-948-4844 for onsite issues or family emergency at home if a parent is unable to reach their scout or troop leadership at the event.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo sharing with personally identifying information shall be in accordance with Scouting America guidelines and requires written consent. Presenters will be KAFB personnel and community partners from outdoor state and local agencies. Please ask permission for photographs.



### CAMPOREE PROGRAM – SURVIVOR

Kirtland Airforce Base personnel from the SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape) school, the EOD (Explosive Ordinance Disposal) and the PJ (Pararescue Jumpers) as well as Community Partners: NM Outdoor Recreation Division, The Sandia Mountain Natural History Center, and the Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council have been invited to share their skills in presenting content for Wilderness Survival and Other outdoor skills.

The popular television show, Survivor, is the inspiration for this event. Scouts will be organized into tribes and participate in tribal challenges throughout the event. Immunity

idols will be hidden in camp and add points and other opportunities for those participants who find them. No one will be “voted off the island”. Instead, tribes will earn and lose points in challenges to earn immunity at tribal councils.

### **BE PREPARED !**

Requirement #5 is to put together a personal survival kit and explain how each item in it could be useful. Scouts will need to bring survival items for their kits. Please note that this is NOT simply a personal first aid kit.

Requirement #8 is to improvise a natural shelter and sleep in it. Please note that our camp area is a desert field. This is a real world exercise. In the southwest, we must know how to survive in the desert and not a forest! Units may bring natural flora of the southwest for use in creating a natural shelter. Yes, also bring shovels for trench / below ground shelters and tarps. See Appendix C for desert shelter resources.

Please note that requirement #6 fire building for the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge will not be offered as part of the Kirtland Camporee as there is a current fire ban on Kirtland AFB much like many other New Mexico locations. Scouts should review the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge requirements before camp and bring the materials they will need to complete the requirements they plan to work on.

Scouts will have tracking sheets for camporee exercises. These tracking sheets will be used to credit any Wilderness Survival merit badge requirements and other rank advancement activities below that a scout completes at the camporee.

The following rank advancement activities are planned:

Knots – Scout 4a; Tenderfoot 3a,b,c; Second Class 2f,g; First Class 3a,b,c,d;

First Aid – Tenderfoot 4a,b,c; Second Class 6a,b,c; First Class 7a

Plants and Animals - Tenderfoot 4b, Second Class 4, First Class 5a

Miscellaneous – Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Night Navigation, Hazardous Weather and More!!

Arrow of Light scouts may participate in all activities at this event but may not earn merit badges or scout rank advancement per Scouting America policy.

### **CAMP CRAFT**

Earn extra points for your tribe by adding a survival feature to your unit’s camp site. There will be an overall winner for the camp craft challenge. Camp craft will be judged at

lunchtime on Saturday. The winning unit will receive a prize that may be kept, traded, or gifted to the tribe of their choice, adding to immunity points.

### COOKING CHALLENGES

Adult Scouters “Wilderness Cooking Challenge” – Individual or group entries are welcome. Bring your recipes and cooking gear / propane only for an adult challenge Saturday at dinner. Each team will be given a secret “wilderness ingredient” that they must highlight in their recipe. The adult individual or unit winner will receive a prize that may be kept, traded, or gifted to the tribe of their choice adding to immunity points.

“Wilderness Cooking Challenge” for Scouts – Individual or group entries are welcome. Individual scout participants may use this challenge for a camp cooking merit badge requirement. A cooking merit badge counselor will be onsite for a signature. Bring your recipes and cooking gear / propane only for a youth challenge Sunday morning at breakfast. Each unit will be given a secret “wilderness ingredient” that they must highlight in their recipe. The scout individual or unit winner will receive an event themed idol



### OPTIONAL SUNDAY SERVICES

The Kirtland AFB Chapel welcomes those who choose to worship at Catholic mass Sunday 9:00 am or Protestant Community Services Sunday 11:00 am. The chapel is located at 1950 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE on base. Units planning to attend services must clear campsites prior and make sure that Scouts not attending services have adequate 2 deep leadership per SYT guidelines.

### CHECK OUT

Please see a member of the camporee staff to inspect your campsite upon leaving KAFB. Please turn in your camporee evaluation at this time (see Appendix E). Patches will be distributed at check-out after a camp evaluation is turned in and site is checked. Additional patches can be ordered at an additional \$8 per patch.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**FRIDAY, September 25th**

**1600 HOURS / 4:00pm** Units arrive. Check-in and camp set-up begin. Dinner meal. Trading Post Open

**1900 HOURS / 7:00pm** Cracker Barrel / Leaders Meeting for SPL and SM

**2000 HOURS / 8:00pm** Get to know your TRIBE and Night Navigation – challenge #1

**2100 HOURS / 9:00pm** KAFB Taps! Scouts to be in their campsite – Quiet Activity

**2200 HOURS / 10:00pm** LIGHTS OUT!

**SATURDAY, September 26th**

**0630 HOURS / 6:30am** – Rise and Shine!! Begin building survival shelters before the heat of the day to minimize water loss and manage your time allowing for other activities.

**0700 HOURS / 7:00am** - Unit Breakfast and Clean Up. Trading Post Open

**0800 HOURS / 8:00 am** Opening Ceremony, flag-raising, and Invocation at flagpole

**0830 HOURS / 8:30 am** Activities and Tribal Challenges #2-3

**1230 HOURS / 12:30pm** Lunch Break. Trading Post Open.

**1400 HOURS / 2:00pm** Activities and Tribal Challenges #4-5

**1645 HOURS / 4:45pm** Turn in Tracking Sheets.

**1700 HOURS / 5:00pm** Flag Retreat Ceremony

**1730 HOURS / 5:30 pm** Evening Meal.

**1830 HOURS / 6:30** Adult Wilderness Cooking Challenge Judging

**1930 HOURS / 7:30 pm** Tribal Challenge #6

**2000 HOURS / 8:00pm** Final Tribal Council

**2100 HOURS / 9:00pm** Taps! Scouts to be in their campsite – Quiet Please!!

**2200 HOURS / 10:00pm** LIGHTS OUT!

**SUNDAY, September 27th**

**0630 HOURS / 6:30am** – Rise and shine!!

**0800 HOURS / 8:00am** Unit Breakfast

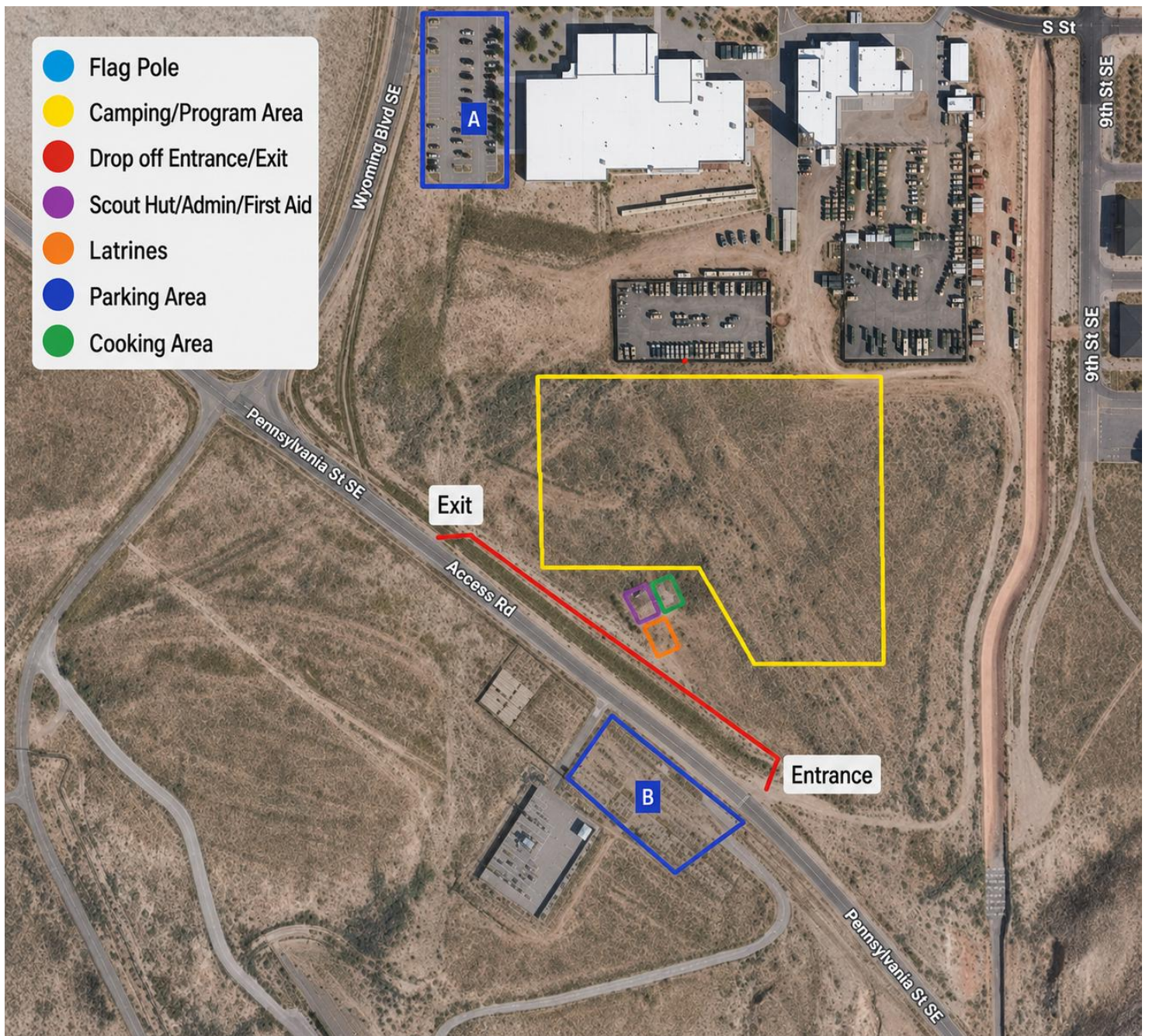
**0900 HOURS / 9:00 am** Youth Wilderness Cooking Challenge Judging

**1000 HOURS / 10:00 am** Scouts Own Service, Break Camp, Police your area, Leave it cleaner than you found it, BUT DO NOT PICK UP SHELL CASINGS. A Camporee Staff member must inspect each campsite before the unit departs.

**0900 HOURS / 9:00am** optional Catholic Mass at Kirtland Chapel

**1100 HOURS / 11:00am** optional Protestant Community Service at Kirtland Chapel

## Appendix A: Event Map



## Appendix B: Packing List

### TROOP GEAR

- Camp stove/cooking equipment/Food Storage
- Fuel/propane as appropriate
- Dishwashing supplies
- Trash bags
- Water Carrying Vessel – Water will be available at the site
- Personal water bottles/hydration systems for every Scout
- Poles/staves/Rope/lashing materials
- Flag/patrol flag
- Paracord/rope

### Troop Safety & Camp Operations

- Troop first-aid kit
- Unit roster/emergency information
- Sunscreen
- Shade/canopies
- Tables
- Chairs
- Basic repair supplies

### PERSONAL GEAR

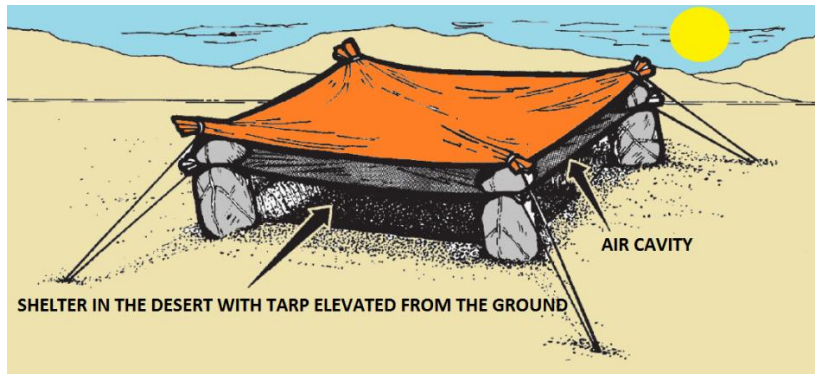
- Class A Uniform, Hat/sun protection, Rain gear
- Mess kit and mugs
- Tent / Sleeping bag / Sleeping pad/cot / Tarp for tent footprint
- 10 Essentials
- Medications

The nylon footprints that come with many tents will not be an adequate barrier against desert flora. A heavier-duty tarp or ground barrier is recommended.

### Items for Wilderness Survival MB

- Requirement #5 personal survival kit
- requirement #8 improvised shelter

## Appendix C: Desert Shelter Ideas and Resources



See [silverantoutdoors.com](http://silverantoutdoors.com).

Scouts will need to bring shovels, tarps, space blankets, rocks, and NM desert flora for use in building their natural shelter for Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Requirement #8. Some natural items will be available in the Scout Hut field but are not guaranteed. Scouts should remember Leave No Trace Principles and scatter, bury, clear improvised shelter areas after they have been evaluated and slept in their shelters.

**Double Roof Desert Tarp Shelter** – Elevate a Primary Tarp 18-24 inches above the ground to block direct sun. Rig a second layer 12 inches above the first to maintain a cooling airflow gap.

**Trench / Scout Pit** – Dig a pit 18-24 inches deep to escape the surface heat. Cover the top with flat rocks, brush, or a space blanket.

**Frame-Tarp Shelter** – for sand storms

Natural New Mexico flora and other items to bring to camporee – Just a few ideas....

yucca stalks and leaves, dry cholla cactus branches, tumbleweed, juniper, and mesquite, tarps, and rocks

Please plan to pack out what you pack in to help Troop 85 with Leave No Trace at their meeting site.

## Appendix D:

# Kirtland Camporee Unit Roster

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Master \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Patrol Leader \_\_\_\_\_

### Youth Participants:

Rank:

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### Adult Participants:

**Role:**

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**Troop Emergency “At Home” Contact:**

Name

Phone

## Appendix E:

This evaluation must be turned in prior to Sunday check out, return of med forms, and Camporee patch distribution.

### 2026 Kirtland Camporee Evaluation

Please turn in at the time your unit checks out. Adult Leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders please discuss and evaluate your Camporee experience and fill out this evaluation form. Your comments will help in planning future events. Thank You for your feedback.

Please rate the following:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

1. Leader's Guide \_\_\_\_\_

2. Ease of Registration \_\_\_\_\_

3. Theme of Camporee \_\_\_\_\_

4. Friday Leaders Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

5. Scout Skill Events \_\_\_\_\_

6. Evening Gathering \_\_\_\_\_

8. Overall Experience \_\_\_\_\_

What would you have done differently to make this a better experience for the Scouts in your troop?

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Do you have a suggested theme for a future Camporee?

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Additional Comments (Write on back, if necessary.)

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