

2026

High Desert Council Cuboree



Leaders Guide

October 23 - October 25

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2026 High Desert Council Cuboree and Southern New Mexico State Fair Grounds. Our theme this year is “Help us Solve a Mystery”. We will be working throughout the day with our dens, at stations, collecting clues to help solve a mystery. We will find out at our campfire program if the dens have the answer! This guide is supposed to help alleviate some of the stress that leaders might have for an event like Cuboree. We hope this will give you a good resource to have a fun weekend. Please remember we are following the Scout Oath and Laws while at Cuboree.

WHERE: Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo Grounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88007

WHEN: Friday, October 23rd, 2026, 6:30PM through Sunday, October 25th, 2026 at 11am

WHO: Contact person for this Cuboree is:

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REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Online registration is available through the council website

UPON ARRIVAL

CHECK IN: Units are able to arrive at camp on Friday evening if they want to be there sooner starting at 6:30pm. Official check in will still be Saturday morning. Please check-in Saturday morning beginning at 7am. Check-in will end at 8:30am. Please ensure you have completed health forms, A and B. Council is not collecting them (please keep with your pack), but we need to check them.

UNIT CHECK-IN: Adult leaders will check in with the Camp Staff and get their camp site assignments and schedules. Adults may drive the pack equipment and supplies to the campsite area to unload. Vehicles will then need to be removed as quickly as possible to the packing area. **ALL** vehicles must be out of the campsite area by 8:45am.

PARKING: There is plenty of parking available for ALL vehicles and trailers. There is no parking at the campsite area. If you have a special need, please let us know in advance.

MEALS: Packs/families are responsible for their own food and cooking equipment. Pack meals will be served in the Pack's campsite.

SETTING UP CAMP: We will be stressing Pack camping during this Cuboree, so the packs should be self-reliant. With that in mind, the Cub Leaders should take charge of the units as soon as equipment and scouts are unloaded. It will be up to your leaders and scouts to work together to set up in the space allowed. Please do not dig any holes in any part of your camp area/setup.

Please be aware that there will be many other units in the same campsite area so plan accordingly. Do not overpack or bring more equipment than your unit needs and make sure to share the sites courteously.

ADULT LEADER MEETING: There will be a very brief meeting near the check-in area at 8:45am to go over the event schedule and answer any questions that volunteers/adult leaders may have for their assignments or the stations the scouts are assigned to.

NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

SWIMMING

There will be no swimming at this event.

BE PREPARED

You are allowed to bring portable propane or charcoal grills to this camping event. There are no fire rings at the campsite area. We will have a group campfire Saturday evening.

TRADING POST

There is no trading post at this location, but we will have extra patches for sale at the event. Your scout's pricing includes 1 patch.

SEVERE WEATHER

Should severe weather be expected during the event the Cuboree Chair and Director will use the contact information provided from registration to communicate the status of the event to each person. Emergency shelters for severe weather during the campout will be the restroom buildings right behind the campsite area.

HYDRATION

Be Prepared, please bring your own water bottle to carry with you during the event. There is potable water at the camping location, but we recommend bringing a gallon of water per person.

FLASHLIGHTS

Don't forget to bring a flashlight so you can see where you are going at night if you need to use the restroom.

CAMPFIRE

We will have a Campfire Program on Saturday evening. We want each pack to come up with either a song or a skit for the evening so that we can all have a fun time! We will also be finding out which Dens solved our mystery! Please have a unit leader assist in the vetting of the songs or skits as well and turn them in at lunch time to the event chair. Please bring camp chairs for the Campfire Program.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Enforce the buddy system for the whole weekend! Lions and Tigers will have a parent partner for their buddy and the rest of the scouts can buddy with a parent or another scout from their dens. No youth should be outside their campsite on their own (this includes the restrooms). Parents must always supervise their child(ren). Cuboree Staff are not responsible for watching scouts or other children. They are there to deliver the program.

UNIFORM

The Cuboree uniform will be a Class B activity shirt. This applies to ALL scouts and their family members.

TRASH

We expect each unit to dispose of their own trash in bags at their campsites. We will have a location to collect the trash bags. Please to not leave trash bags on the ground around the campsites. Please follow the Leave No Trace Guidelines.

DRINKING/ELECTRONICS

As this is a scouting event, there will be no alcoholic beverages, no smoking, and no pets allowed. To experience camping and this event at its best and because we require full participation during the event, we suggest leaving electronic devices at home.

2026 Cuboree Schedule

Saturday – October 24

- 07:00A -- 08:30A Check- In*
- 07:00A – 08:30A Campsite Set up
- 08:45A – 08:50A Leaders Meeting
- 08:50A – 08:55A Flag Ceremony
- 09:00A – 10:00A Station 1
- 10:15A – 11:15A Station 2
- 12:00P – 01:00P Lunch
- 01:15P – 02:15P Station 3
- 02:30P – 03:30P Station 4
- 03:45P – 04:45P Station 5
- 05:15P – 06:45P Dinner
- 06:45P – 07:30P Unit Down Time @ Campsite
- 07:30P – 08:30P Campfire Program
- 10:00P Lights-Out

Sunday – October 25

- 07:00A – 09:45A Clean-Up/Load-up
- 09:45A – 10:00A Scouts Own/Closing Ceremony

*If anyone from your Pack needs to leave on Saturday evening, please let us know at check-in so we can check you out.