

# El Camino Real District 2025 Camporee

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## Event Guide for Patrol and Unit Leaders

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**April 25-27, 2025**

**Firestone Scout Reservation**  
19001 Tonner Canyon Rd.  
Brea, CA 92821

This Camporee will be conducted by

the Troops and Crews  
of the  
El Camino Real District  
Greater Los Angeles Area Council

and

the Los Lobos Chapter of the Tuku'ut Lodge of the Order of the Arrow

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## **EVENT INFORMATION**

### Overview

- WHO:** Approximately 600 Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters (adults) from the El Camino Real District in the Greater Los Angeles Area Council.
- WHAT:** A district-wide Camporee emphasizing Scout skills and fun.
- WHEN:** Friday, April 25, 2025 through Sunday, April 27, 2025  
Check-in begins at 5 pm. Check-out ends at 11 am.
- WHERE:** Loma Linda Campsite  
Firestone Scout Reservation  
19001 Tonner Canyon Rd.  
Brea, CA 92821
- WHY:** To develop scouting skills, foster fellowship, and to increase the level of scouting activities in the El Camino Real District.
- HOW:** This Event Guide contains many details about our Camporee. For additional information, please contact:

# CAMPOREE WEBSITE

All information will be posted to the Camporee website: <https://www.ecr-camporee.org/>  
Check often for updated information.

Past the rotating photo banner, the website features a series of tabs:

- Event Fees
- Documents
- Quick Pass
- Staff Signup
- Event Station Signup

Simply select the desired tab to reveal the information.

See below.

The screenshot shows the Camporee website interface. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with links for Home, Contacts, Staff Info, and Past Camporees. Below this, the page is divided into two main columns. The left column, titled 'Important Information', contains links for Camporee (April 25-27, 2025 at Firestone Scout Reservation), Camporee Flyer, Google Earth Map, and Weather Forecast. The right column, titled 'Registration', provides details on early registration (up to April 6, 2025), late registration (starting April 7, 2025), and registration closing (April 18, 2025). A central navigation bar contains five tabs: Event Fees, Documents, Quick Pass, Staff Signup, and Event Station Signup. The 'Event Fees' tab is highlighted with a red dashed box and a red arrow pointing to it from the text 'Select (click) tab for desired information.' Below the tabs, the 'Event Fees' section is displayed, featuring a table with columns for Date, Campers (Scouts and Adults), and Day Visitors (Adults only).

Date	Campers (Scouts and Adults)	Day Visitors (Adults only)
Early (By April 6)	\$36	\$18
Late (April 7 - April 18)	\$45	\$25
Registration Ends (starting April 19)	---	---

Camporee Website

## CAMPOREE HATS



**\$15 Each**

Camporee Hats are available for pre-order:  
<https://greaterlascouting.org/el-camino-real-district/>.

Look for the graphic showing “El Camino Real District Camporee”.

## DIRECTIONS

Most units will likely be arriving from the 57 Fwy South

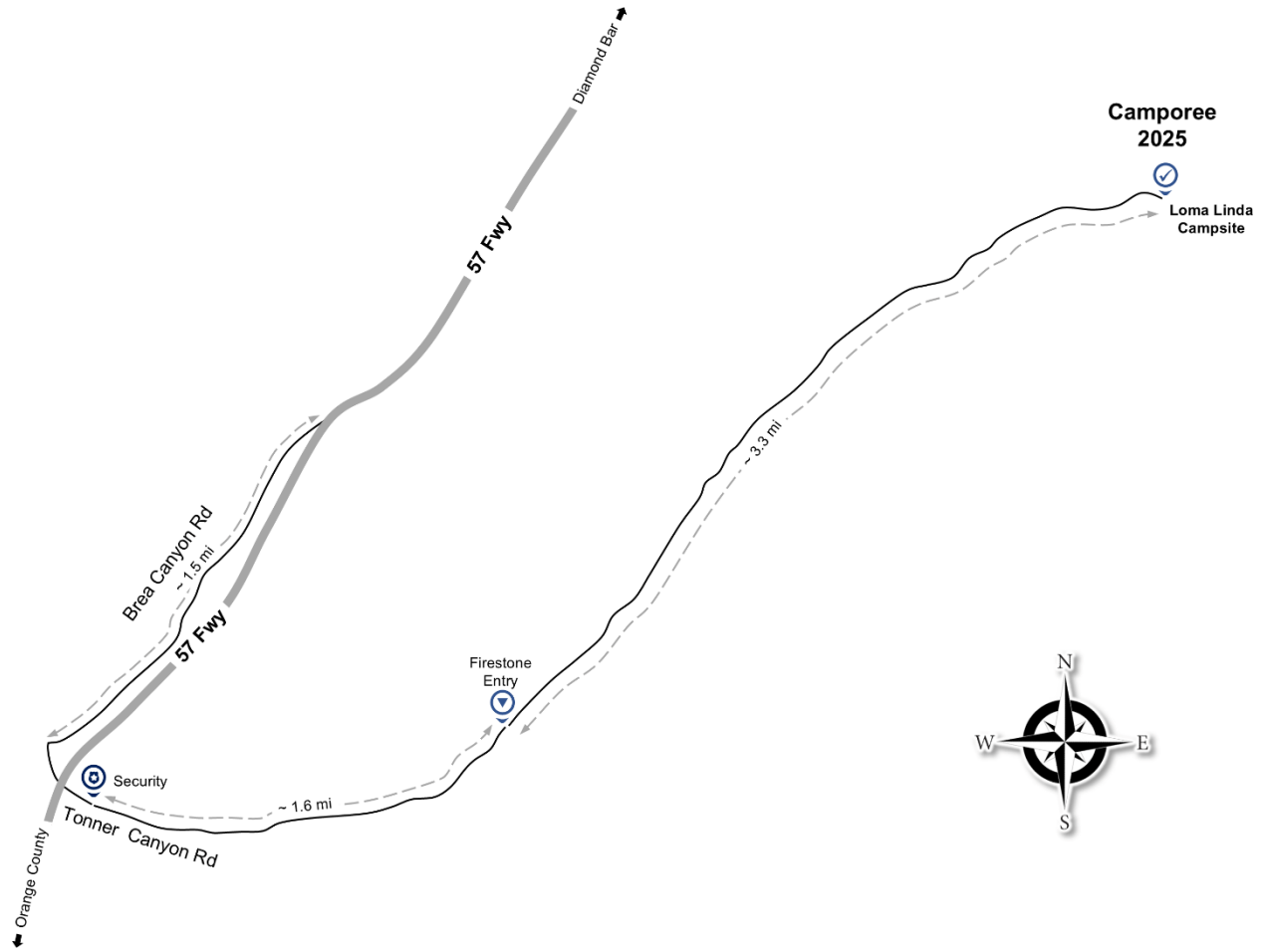
- Exit Brea Canyon Rd. and turn right (heading south).
- Proceed to Tonner Canyon Rd. and turn left.
- Just past the freeway is a manned security gate. The security guard should allow entry.
- Proceed for about 1.6 miles to the main entry to Firestone Scout Reservation
- Continue for about 3.3 miles to the Loma Linda campsite where Camporee is being held.



**NOTE:** Camporee will be held at the Loma Linda campsite at Firestone. This campsite is about 3.3 miles after the main entrance to Firestone.



**IMPORTANT:** The gate at Firestone is closed for entry from 9:00p to 7:00a. Vehicles may leave at any time – an automatic sensor opens the gate from the inside – however, a return must wait until after 7:00a for entry.



**Directions to Firestone**



Campsite (Loma Linda) Area Detail





Camping and Parking Area Detail

## **PARTICIPATION**

All youth participants are required to be registered members of the BSA before arriving at the Camporee. Patrols may have up to 10 Scouts (minimum patrol size is 2). If necessary, patrols may be combined in order to qualify for scoring. All patrol members must participate in the Camporee Program events.

Older Scouts at the rank of Eagle (at the time of Camporee registration) shall be part of the senior staff. Life Scouts will become part of Senior Staff if the number of required Event Volunteers is not met and will not be allowed compete.

Since this Camporee encourages the testing of Scout skills, each patrol will be required to cook their own food. No adults will be allowed to cook meals for Scouts or have food brought in for the Scouts. If this practice is observed, at the discretion of the judges, points will be deducted from the patrol scores of that unit.

A camp-wide campfire is planned for Saturday night where all units are expected to attend. Family and friends are also encouraged to attend (but must pay a day fee, in advance).

Scouts are expected to check-in on Friday, as a complete Patrol. Exceptions can be discussed for Patrols arriving early on Saturday, however all Scouts are expected to pay the "normal" Camporee fee regardless of arrival. See registration information below.

## **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

### **Arrival**

Because of the overwhelming number of vehicles that converge on Camporee at about the same time, vehicles will be stopped at a "staging area" before being allowed to enter the Camporee area.

In addition to this procedure, all Units are asked to consolidate vehicles as much as possible. Drivers transporting people only, not gear, will be asked to unload in a designated area outside of the Camporee entrance and the Youth will be asked to walk in.



**IMPORTANT:** Everyone is expected to follow directions provided by Staff.

Once vehicles are allowed to enter the Camporee area, those vehicles that are transporting only (not staying) should plan to unload quickly and then exit.

Equipment trailers are permitted and will be assigned to a designated parking area.

## Parking

- **Motor Homes and Recreational Vehicles (RVs) should be left at home.**
- All parked motor vehicles MUST display a Firestone Scout Reservation Parking Permit on the dash of the vehicle. The parking permit will be available for download from the Camporee website (<https://www.ecr-camporee.org>).
- Vehicles failing to display a proper parking permit are subject to citation by law enforcement and/or towing.
- All vehicles must be backed into a parking space in the designated parking areas. This will ensure a quick departure in case of emergency.
- A designated area will be available for parking unattached trailers. Wheel blocks MUST be used while the trailer is unattached from the vehicle.

***NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO BE PARKED IN THE CAMPSITES OR OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS.***

- Drivers are expected to follow the directions of the Camporee Parking Staff for the safety of everyone. The number of vehicles allowed to enter the campsite for drop-off will be controlled for safety by the Camporee Parking Staff. When picking up at the end of Camporee, vehicles should enter the campsite ONLY when your unit is ready to depart.

***VEHICLES SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED AT DROP-OFF OR PICK-UP.***

***(Driver MUST remain within PHYSICAL reach of vehicle)***

## Check-in

Check-in is Friday, April 25, 2025 from 5:00 pm. to 8:00 pm.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Every member of the patrol must be present in order for the Patrol to check-in. NO EXCEPTIONS.

At Firestone, the **Patrol Leader** will check in. There will be separate lines for:

- **Quick Pass check in:** Patrols have already turned in all required paperwork at a Quick Pass event. Priority is given to patrols that have successfully completed the Quick Pass turn-in.
- **Regular check in:** Patrol have not done a Quick Pass turn-in of forms. All required paperwork will be turned in and checked on-the-spot. Because priority is given to patrols that successfully completed a Quick Pass turn-in, regular check in will likely be delayed.

For more information, see the following:

- Quick Pass
  - Dates/Locations: Page 9
  - Additional Information: Page 11
- All required paperwork: Page 11

## Check-Out

Early checkout for units needing to leave on Saturday will take place immediately after the campfire. Contact Headquarters for further instructions.

All Units should leave before 11:00 am, Sunday, April 27, 2025. Please make sure that transportation arrangements have been made in advance.

In keeping with "Leave No Trace", we expect each unit to leave their campsite clean, or cleaner, than it was.

A Unit representative must be present to pick up patches at the time of checkout.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Online Registration Dates

All participants (campers and day visitors) must pre-register online. Below are important dates.

- Through April 6, 2025: Online registration at "normal" fee
- Starting April 7, 2025: Late Registration (late fee applies)
- April 18, 2025, 11:59p: All registration closes.

### Quick Pass Dates/Locations

All forms can be turned at several "Quick Pass" opportunities. We recommend that everyone take advantage of Quick Pass to allow for a smoother and quicker check-in at Camporee.

- April 10, 2025 starting at 7:00p, Quick Pass Registration #1  
Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church, Alhambra
- April 10, 2025 starting at 7:00p, Quick Pass Registration #2  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights
- April 12, 2025 starting at 10:00a, Quick Pass Registration #3  
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Diamond Bar

Those that have submitted their forms at Quick Pass will be given priority check-in at Firestone.

Forms not turned at Quick Pass will need to be turned-in at Firestone but may delay entry.



**IMPORTANT:** This year, units will need to register for their desired Quick Pass turn-in so that Camporee staff will know who to expect at each date and location.

Go to the Camporee website (<https://www.ecr-camporee.org/>) and follow the link to register for Quick Pass.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **Registration Fee**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Campers (Scouts and Adults)</b>	<b>Day Visitors (Adults only)</b>
Early (by March 21)	\$36.00	\$18.00
Late (March 22 – April 12)	\$45.00	\$25.00

**All registrations must be completed no later than April 18.**

Everyone who attends Camporee, whether campers or day visitors, must pre-register.

Register online at <https://greaterlascouting.org/el-camino-real-district/>.  
Look for the graphic showing “El Camino Real District Camporee”.



**IMPORTANT:** Campfire visitors will need to pay the Day Visitor fee – it will not be free, as it has been in previous years.

### **Late-Registration**

All registrations from April 7, 2025 through April 18, 2025 are on a space-available basis and must be made online. A late fee will be applied as shown above.

Starting April 19, 2025, no registrations will be accepted!

### **Registration Details**

Registration is to be completed at the council website link shown above

All registrations are done on a per-patrol basis (adults are considered a patrol).

- Register one Patrol per registration. Start a separate registration for each Patrol.
- Register all Overnight Adults under a separate registration.
- Register all Day Adults under one registration.
- For registration changes:
  - IF additional Scouts or Adults are added, add each in new separate registration.
  - IF Scouts or Adults are no longer attending, inform the Camporee organizers via email to Martin Cardenas (Camporee Co-Chair) at: [jmartincardenas@msn.com](mailto:jmartincardenas@msn.com).

## Quick Pass Check

Every patrol is encouraged to take advantage of the “Quick Pass” check-in to turn in all required materials (see next page). A Quick Pass ticket will streamline check-in at the event.

There will be three “Quick Pass” events. See [Important Dates](#) for details.



**IMPORTANT:** Only **COMPLETE** sets of documents for **everyone** in the patrol will be accepted, i.e. **partial/incomplete** sets of documents will **not** be accepted.



The first two Quick Pass events are on the same day, at opposite ends of the district. We recommend that you come to this first opportunity, either location. If any forms are incomplete or missing, they won't be accepted, but you can then secure any missing items and use the final Quick Pass event to turn in.

Patrols that have successfully turned in their full documentation will be noted as “Quick-Pass complete”.

However, in order to make use of the “Quick Pass” at the event, all members of the Patrol must be present and ready in order to be admitted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**NOTE:** Bonus points will be given for those units that take advantage of Quick Pass. At the discretion of the Camporee staff, additional bonus points may be given to those patrols where the actual Patrol Leader submitted all paperwork (versus an adult from the unit turning in the paperwork)

See the section in this document regarding [Scoring](#)

## Registration Refunds

Refunds may be available for qualified circumstances including, but not limited to:

- Sickness or injury
- Death in the immediate family
- Relocation

All refund requests will be reviewed by council.

To request a refund:

- Go to: <https://247scouting.com/forms/033-GLAACrefunds>
- Fill out the form and include all necessary documentation.

If approved, the amount refunded will vary depending on when the request was submitted. Details are provided at the link above.

## **HEALTH REGULATIONS**

All participants at Camporee, Scouts and Adults, must be completely symptom-free (of anything). People that are not feeling well, especially with cold and flu symptoms, should stay home!

Any symptoms that cannot be promptly resolved by taking appropriate medication, for example allergies, will disqualify a person's attendance at Camporee.

Should symptoms develop during Camporee, people will be sent home.

## REQUIRED PAPERWORK

**\*\* Please organize documents for each patrol or adult registration type. \*\***  
**\*\* include forms only for people in attendance. \*\***

### **Submit at Quick Pass or Firestone (if not done at Quick Pass)**

- **For each unit**

- Signed Code of Conduct:
  - Patrol Leaders, page 28 in this Event Guide – one per patrol
  - Adults, page 29 in this Event Guide – one per unit
- Adults – Campers Only
  - Council Verification of YPT/AB506/Livescan Compliance  
<https://www.ecr-camporee.org/camporees/2025/AB-506-Compliance-Form-Fillable.pdf>

All attending adults must be listed and be certified by the council - See “Youth Protection” on page 14.



**NO EXCEPTION! Adult campers must be listed on the verification form and the form must be certified by council, otherwise they will not be allowed to camp.**

- **For each person – youth/adult camper, day visitor**

- Annual Health and Medical Form  
[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)
  - Part A: Complete as normal.
  - Part B:
    - Part B.1: Complete as normal. Be sure to include: Photocopy of medical insurance card
    - Part B.2: Complete as normal.
      - Under “Allergies/Medications”: Include current list of medications
      - Under “Vaccines”, for “Other”: Include information for any COVID-19 vaccinations. Include a hardcopy.
      - To the right of “Vaccines”, include list of any required medical equipment and any additional information.

**Note: One copy of the medical form is to be turned in. Additionally, each person will need to keep a second copy with them at all times during Camporee. This will be checked at arrival.**

If anyone does not have a medical/health records form, the unit leader will be asked to obtain one immediately. If one cannot be obtained immediately, the Scout must return home until the medical/health records form is obtained.

### **Submit at Firestone Only**

#### **Developmentally Challenged Caregivers (DCC)**

Scouts with disabilities will be permitted a “buddy” for the weekend, be they another Scout or an Adult. These “buddies” will be given a special wristband for identification. Please present a list of Scouts and their respective “buddies” at check-in.



## **POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Scouts with Disabilities**

Under normal conditions, Scouts will be expected to NOT interact with adults for the weekend. This would apply to all aspects of Camporee from tenting/camping, cooking, and competition. Infractions would result in point deductions to offending troops and patrols.

However, we recognize that some Scouts face developmental or physical challenges in their daily lives. We encourage all Scouts to attend Camporee and to participate to the best of their abilities.

Depending on the Scout and their disability, they may require additional help within the context of Camporee. As needed, Scouts will be permitted a “buddy” for the weekend, be they another Scout or an Adult. These “buddies” must be identified during check-in at Firestone and will be given a special wristband for identification.

Accommodations will be made, as required, to allow Scouts to tent with their parent as well as to allow “buddies” to help their Scout during competition. Such arrangements will not be penalized.

Please direct any concerns or questions to the Camporee Chair:

- Martin Cardenas: [jmartincardenas@msn.com](mailto:jmartincardenas@msn.com)

### **Youth Protection**

All units must take responsibility for ensuring that attending Adults meet all current youth protection guidelines, including:

- Completion of BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT) within the previous two years
- Completion of State of California AB506 training, completed once.
- Completion of Live Scan fingerprinting, completed once.

**These requirements must be completed! There is no flexibility on this.**

At check-in, either at Quick Pass or Firestone upon arrival, each unit must submit a completed and certified YPT/AB506/Livescan Certification form that includes every adult in attendance.

<https://www.ecr-camporee.org/camporees/2025/AB-506-Compliance-Form-Fillable.pdf>

This form must be filled-out by the unit and submitted to Council for their certification.



**IMPORTANT:** Do not wait until the last minute to submit certification requests to Council. It is inconsiderate to expect Council to make up for your lack of planning.



**IMPORTANT:** Adults not properly certified by Council on the verification form will not be allowed to attend Camporee (even if the “reason” is that Council did not return the verification form on time)!  
No certified form equals no camping. Period.

## Guide to Safe Scouting

All units are required to have a current copy of the “Guide to Safe Scouting”. Copies are available for purchase in the Scout Store or may be downloaded from the following link:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>.

The Unit Leader may be asked to show a copy at the time of check-in. An electronic copy on a cellphone is acceptable.

## Visitors

All visitors must IMMEDIATELY check-in with event coordinators upon arrival.

Camporee is a competition. During this competition, visitors MAY NOT talk to or interface with the Scouts. If this is observed by a Camporee staff member, points will be deducted from the Scout's Patrol score. At the events, visitors must stay in the “approved” areas.

Visitors may not enter the Scout's campsite during the competition period.

Follow parking instructions described under “Parking”.

## Uniform

### Scouts

Scouts should take pride in the image they project as a uniformed Scout. Accordingly, the quality of uniforming will be an important aspect of the Patrol Inspection.

Scouts are **REQUIRED** to wear the FULL OFFICIAL UNIFORM (Field Uniform), commonly referred to as the “Class A” uniform, during the following activities:

- Transportation to and from Camporee
- Check in and check out
- Patrol Inspection
- Dinner
- Flag ceremony
- Campfire
- Scout's Own

At all other times, Scouts are encouraged to wear the Activities Uniform, commonly referred to as the “Class B” uniform.

### Adults/Visitors

Adults are encouraged to set the example to their Scouts by also wearing the Scout uniform, correctly.

## **MEDICAL AND HEALTH**

### **Medical**

Please provide a list of any medications that will be brought onsite. However, please note that providing this information does not mean Camporee medical staff approve of, or will be responsible for, said medications in anyway.

Camporee medical staff will reserve the authority to reject any medications or medical gear deemed dangerous or otherwise inappropriate for the event. For example, certain medications can lead to permanent adverse effects by simple skin contact. Another example, "Schedule 3" drugs (or above) will be difficult if not impossible to properly secure during the event. Another example, oxygen tanks should be stored according to OSHA standards, which may not be available, etc.

Camporee medical staff will reserve the authority to remove any scout from the event populace if deemed medically hazardous to either self or others. For example, if the scout had a seizure, or is spiking a fever, etc. The scout may be placed away from people, and then will need to be picked up and vacated from Camporee.

Camporee Medical Staff will be available to handle minor injuries and illnesses. Accidents, injuries and illnesses must be reported and treated at the Camp Medical area. The Camporee Medical Officer is available day and night at Camporee Headquarters. In an emergency, please notify any Camporee staff member. Each unit should be prepared to handle minor cases. NOTE: At past Camporees, Scouts have suffered from hay fever and seasonal allergies. If a Scout is prone to allergies, over-the-counter or prescription medication should be given to the Unit Leader with parental consent.

Each unit must have a first aid kit in addition to each Patrol member having their own individual kit. The unit's First Aid Kit should be left in the unit's campsite and clearly marked. The unit's First Aid Kit should be presented at check-in by the Unit Leader.

### **BSA Smoking Policy**

Smoking is discouraged among adult leaders as a rule. Smoking is prohibited in all program areas and in a campsite when Scouts are present. Smoking is not permitted in the presence of Scouts anywhere on camp property.

## **CAMPSITES**

Firestone Scout Reservation is to be kept neat at all times. Your cooperation is needed to keep the camp neat and clean.

### **Fires**

NO OPEN FIRES ALLOWED DURING CAMPOREE PER LOCAL REGULATIONS.

### **Trash**

Please dispose of trash properly and keep the area clean.



**There are no trash receptacles. All units must plan to bag their trash and take it home for proper disposal.**

### **Water**

Potable (drinkable) water is provided throughout the camp but may not be close to each campsite. Units are encouraged to bring their own fillable water containers to limit the number of trips to the water stations.

### **Gray Water**

Everyone must use the three-bin wash station method for cleaning dishes. All food/paper debris on plates and pots must be wiped out and/or scraped. The plates/pots should be free of any debris before placing in washing tub, thereby keeping the wash water free of debris. Use a fine mesh strainer to remove food particles, paper, plastic, etc. before the gray water is dumped.

All gray water must be disposed of in the centralized gray water station.

Each unit must bring extra water stations to accommodate the above.

Important:

- NO washing of dishes at the water faucets. Patrols found washing dishes at the water faucet may find a deduction to their Camporee score.
- There is to be NO teeth-brushing at the water faucets. Each unit must provide a water supply for its members for the purpose of general personal hygiene (i.e. teeth-brushing, handwashing).

## Patrol Campsites

To the greatest practical extent, patrols from the same unit will be assigned non-adjacent campsites to separate them from one another. Separation ensures that each patrol is judged on its own merit.

Each patrol will be assigned a campsite at check-in. Prepare for camp sites no larger than 30' x 30'.



**There will be no tables in the campsites, nor will there be shade, therefore it is strongly recommended that these be brought in order to make the weekend a pleasurable one.**

Please use the patrol method in your campsite layout.

Do not enter any campsite, other than your own, without permission.

**SCOUTS FROM DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS THAT SHARE TENTS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 2, SLEEPING HEAD TO TOE.**

## Restrooms

Gender-specific portable restrooms will be placed in the Camporee area. Adults must use the designated "Adult Only" portable restrooms.

All restrooms will be clean and well-stocked at the beginning of Camporee. Notify staff if supplies at those stations become empty, but just in case, bring extra toilet paper.



**The cleanliness of the portable restrooms for the entire weekend is everyone's responsibility.**

## Low Impact Camping

Camporee is encouraging the use of low-impact or GREEN camping skills.

Please plan accordingly with sleeping quarters, meals, etc.

Do not bring individual disposable water bottles, paper plates, paper/Styrofoam cups, plastic utensils, etc.

THINK GREEN and be conservation-minded.



**REMEMBER – YOU MUST CARRY OUT YOUR OWN TRASH**

## Pets

Pets are not allowed at Camporee, EVEN FOR THE DAY.



**Service animals are an exception and are allowed.**

## **Lights Out**

All Scouts are to be in their patrol area after dark or following any Camporee event.

Quiet hours are 10:00 pm to 6 am.

## **Off Limit Areas**

The following areas are off limits to Scouts: parking lot after check-in, camp staff area, and any buildings, natural water features in the area (stream or riverbed), and Campsites during the Camporee events competition.

We appreciate your support in enforcing this rule to prevent injuries, theft, and unexpected problems.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **Fire Plan**

#### ***FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY***

Fire prevention is the key to any fire plan and should be the utmost in the minds of every Camporee staff member, leader, and Scout. A healthy awareness of the potential for injury from a fire should drive home the need for fire safety.

1. Review the Fire Plan, evacuation signal, gathering places, and evacuation routes.
2. NO BUTANE STOVES WILL BE PERMITTED.
3. Only propane camp stoves will be allowed.
4. Charcoal is permitted but must be maintained a minimum of 6 inches off the ground, using an appropriate stand/table.
5. NO tent material is fireproof and can burn when exposed to heat or fire. Please follow these rules:
  - a. Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. No flames in tents.
  - b. Chemical-fueled stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches or other flame sources should never be used in or near tents.
  - c. DO NOT pitch tents near open fires.
  - d. DO NOT use flammable chemicals near tents.
6. Campfires will NOT be allowed in the individual campsites.
7. Units not following the Camporee rules WILL be asked to leave – THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND WILL FORFEIT ANY FEES PAID.

Adherence to these rules will help ensure an enjoyable weekend for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Emergencies



**IN CASE OF DANGER OR EMERGENCIES, NOTIFY THE NEAREST ADULT LEADER OR CAMPOREE STAFF.**

### **INTRUDER**

- Notify Camporee staff of unidentified person at camp.

### **INJURIES**

- Render first-aid as you are comfortable performing.
- Notify Camporee staff.

### **DANGEROUS WILDLIFE**

- Move to a safe distance from the animal, warning others in the immediate area.
- Notify Camporee staff.

Camporee staff will take additional actions as needed and file an incident report in accordance with BSA policies.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Patches/Hats**

Participation patches will be issued to the Unit Leader after patrols have checked out. The unit leader should make arrangements with their Patrol Leadership to present the patches to participants at a later time.

Any Camporee merchandise that may have been purchased will also be distributed at this time.

Extra patches/hats may be available for purchase.

### **Lost and Found**

The Headquarters area will have all lost and found items. After Camporee, all unclaimed items will be retained by the Camporee Staff for 10 days. After 10 days, any remaining items will either be discarded or donated to charity.

### **Camporee Trading Post**

Snacks and other items will be available for purchase (**cash only**) on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 12:00 pm until 5:00 pm - hours subject to change.

Bring your money!



## **COMPETITION GUIDELINES for PATROL LEADERS**

Every patrol will be competing with other patrols, from other units as well as from their own unit too.

Patrol Leaders will want to make sure that all patrol members know their basic scouting skills. In order to help patrols be prepared, units should consider scheduling a pre-Camporee outing to teach, test, and prepare the patrol.

EAGLE SCOUTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE. It is recommended that senior patrols, made up of Eagle Scouts, contact the Camporee Chairmen to express interest in participation on staff.

Each event will contain a skill component as well as an element of sportsmanship. Each unit within El Camino Real District is asked to participate in organizing an event. Unit leaders should contact James Muñoz at [munuzlitho@verizon.net](mailto:munuzlitho@verizon.net) to sign up to host an event.

## **EVENTS**

The Camporee events will require patrols to use their Scouting skills in practical applications. The scenarios will center on and use elements of the following skill areas:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Uniform Inspection           | 7. Lashings                    |
| 2. Campsite Inspection          | 8. Orienteering                |
| 3. First Aid                    | 9. Plant and Animals           |
| 4. Flag Etiquette & Citizenship | 10. Physical Fitness           |
| 5. Knots                        | 11. Scout Golf (Scout History) |
| 6. Knife & Ax Safety            |                                |

**\*\* Events may be timed!**

**This is a competition. Patrols will be judged on their knowledge and performance in common scouting knowledge and tasks. No BSA Handbooks or cell phones will be allowed.**

In addition to the skills event noted above, each patrol will also participate in a Patrol Inspection (at check-in) and a Campsite Inspection on Saturday. See below for additional information.



**It is usually not possible to complete all events before lunch. Everyone should plan to make bagged lunches before leaving the campsites in the morning and eating their lunch in the skills event area – they are not to return to their campsites for lunch. When lunch is concluded, they can continue with the skills stations until the competition ends.**



**Patrols will not participate in any event hosted by their unit and will skip that event on purpose. All other patrols will have a randomly selected event for them to skip.**

## Uniform Inspection Event

Patrol Inspection includes two major ideals of scouting: Uniform Wear and Being Prepared.

Each member should be prepared to present themselves in full Scout uniform, with patches properly affixed, in their correct location, and all position patches accurately reflecting current status. While some flexibility may be accepted, maximum points will be awarded for maximum uniformity.

In particular, scoring will focus on the following main items.

### Patrol Items:

- Patrol Flag
- Patrol Yell
- Patrol organization/discipline

### Patrol Member (individual) items

- General Uniform
  - BSA shirt, with green BSA shoulder loops
  - BSA pants/shorts – all the same
  - BSA belt and BSA socks
  - Hat, or no hat – all the same
  - Troop neckerchief, or no neckerchief – all the same
  - Neckerchief slide (any slide), or no slide – either all have a slide (any slide) or no one has a slide
  - “Ten Essentials” – **see note below.**
- Patches
  - Left sleeve
    - Council patch
    - Troop numerals
    - Correct leadership patch
  - Right sleeve
    - Patrol Emblem
    - Journey to Excellence – optional. If present, all patrol members must have.
  - Left pocket
    - Correct/current rank patch
  - Right pocket
    - Flap: OA Lodge flap for OA members. No other insignia is permitted.
    - Pocket area: optional.



**Exception to “Ten Essentials”:** Per Firestone regulations, do not bring fire starter, matches, lighter, etc.

You are, in fact, only bringing “Nine” Essentials.

Each member of the patrol must carry their “Nine Essentials” at all times.



**Important:** Patrol Inspection will be scored, and that score will contribute to all scoring calculations, however, there will be no ribbons presented for this event.

## Campsite Inspection Event

After breakfast but before lunch, each patrol campsite will be inspected for safety and neatness. Patrols are not to be in their campsites after breakfast and before lunch.

Campsite Inspection criteria will include the following items:

### Campsite Identification:

- Troop and patrol clearly identified (a sign) and in plain view
- Gateway or camp gadget. More complicated structures will garner bonus points.



**Important:** No pre-built objects may be used.  
All items must be completely built at camporee using only base components.

### General Organization:

- Patrol first aid kit in plain view – each individual patrol member must still carry their own personal first aid kit. This kit must stay in the patrol campsite.
- Map of patrol campsite posted in plain view
- Fireguard chart posted in plain view  
download from:
- Duty roster posted in plain view
- Menu plan posted in plain view

### Campsite cleanliness

- All trashed properly disposed
- Trash receptacle present

### Tents:

- All tents properly setup, with stakes, and ground cover
- All tents neatly arranged
- Inside of all tents is visible; everything inside is neatly organized and stored
- Each tent has a sand bucket and water bucket (no stick required)

### Cooking area:

- All food properly stored
- All dishes clean and properly stored
- All cooking gear neatly setup – patrol boxes should be closed
- All items, including personal “mess kits” are properly stored



**Important:** Campsite Inspection will be scored, and that score will contribute to all scoring calculations, however, there will be no ribbons presented for this event.

## **SCORING**

Each Patrol will receive points for each event in which they participate. The points issued at each station are based on the scoring system employed by the unit hosting each station. Any disputes should be resolved by the skill station coordinator. **Except for personal emergencies, the Headquarters area will be off limits to non-staff personnel during event scoring and evaluation.**

Very importantly, Camporee is a place for everyone to demonstrate Scout Spirit at all times. Accordingly, Patrols may be issued bonus points or deductions based on Scout Spirit, or lack thereof.

**ABOUT SPIRIT POINTS:** The Camporee staff and commissioners are authorized to issue bonus points and/or deductions for Spirit, or lack thereof, based on their observations of the Scouts and Patrols throughout the day on Saturday.

Bonus Points: Any notable actions that clearly and obviously exemplify Scout Spirit will result in bonus points.

Deductions: Reasons for deductions may include, but are not limited to:

- Any issues that run counter to the Scout Oath and Law, whether by Adults or Scouts, such as offensive behavior and/or language.
- Lack of cooperation
- Lack of cleanliness
- ***Adults interacting with the Scouts and Patrols, or in the Scout campsites***

Deductions will be levied for each occurrence. The actual point deduction will be determined by the severity and/or repetition of the infraction.

## **AWARDS**

There are three different types of awards that will be presented.

### **Event Ribbons (for Patrols)**

The top patrols for every event station will be determined solely on the raw score for each event. Every event will recognize the top scoring patrols and will present the following ribbons:

- Presidential
- First Place
- Second Place
- Third Place

As previously noted, the Patrol Inspection and Campsite Inspection events will <u>not</u> present ribbons.
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### **Top Patrol**

Every patrol is automatically competing for overall Top Patrol of Camporee.

The top Patrols are determined based on the accumulated points for all event stations PLUS any accumulated "Spirit" points/deductions.

The top Patrols will be presented with the following ribbons.

- Presidential
- First Place
- Second Place
- Third Place

The Top Patrol will be the one that scored the highest points in the most skills events and has shown the most Scout Spirit.

### **Spirit Stick (for Units)**

The Spirit Stick will be awarded to the "best" Unit (Troop or Crew) at Camporee. The best unit is determined by the performance of their competing Patrols (their demonstration of Scout Spirit at Camporee as well as ribbons earned).

The Spirit Stick scoring uses the ribbons earned by each Patrol, using a weighted system that attempts to balance the importance of the ribbon(s) earned (Presidential is higher than First, and so on) against the number of ribbons earned. To this weighted earned-ribbon system, all associated bonuses and deductions for every Patrol in the Unit will adjust the final Unit point total.

**There can be only one Unit that earns the Spirit Stick!**

Winners of the spirit stick are to decorate it in some form, then bring the stick back to the next Camporee for presentation to the next winner.

**ABOUT RIBBON-WEIGHTING:**

The following is offered as a simplified explanation of the ribbon-weighting point system used in determining the Troop that wins the Spirit Stick.

For demonstration purposes, the following assumptions are made:

- Each troop has only one patrol in attendance.
- No bonuses or deductions were issued to anyone.
- The ribbon weighting is as follows:
  - Presidential: 10 points
  - First Place: 7 points
  - Second Place: 5 points
  - Third Place: 3 points

Given the assumptions above, the following situations could result:

- If Troop "A" received only one Presidential ribbon (10 total points), and Troop "B" received 2 First Place ribbons (14 total points), Troop "B" would have a higher point total.
- If Troop "A" received only one Presidential ribbon (10 total points), and Troop "C" received 3 Third Place ribbons (9 total points), Troop "A" would have a higher point total than Troop "C", despite Troop "C" having earned three times the number of ribbons.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** The Camporee Staff reserves the right to use a different weighting system than that shown above, which may, or may not, alter the details of the actual calculations and may produce a different result than that shown above.

**For simplification purposes, the above example eliminated Scout Spirit from discussion. However everyone should note that Scout Spirit can be, and will be, an important factor in overall scoring.**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT and ADULT CERTIFICATION**

### **Code of Conduct - For Scouts.**

**One per unit.**

Everyone’s personal conduct will do much to enhance the image of Scouting. Accordingly, we ask that everyone adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

1. The Scout Oath will be the guide throughout the Camporee.
2. Set a good example by being neatly dressed and presentable. The official field uniform will be worn when required. During designated events on Saturday, an “Activity uniform” may be worn.
3. Attend all scheduled activities and take part in as many optional activities as able.
4. In consideration of the other participants at the Camporee, everyone is to be in their tent and remain quiet from lights-out to reveille.
5. Be responsible for keeping tents clean and neat and adhere to all Camporee policies and regulations.
6. Be respectful of other campers by not crossing through their campsites without permission. Campsite etiquette will be strictly enforced. Unit leaders will be informed of violations.
7. Pledge to do their share to prevent littering and defacing of the Camporee site.
8. Agree that no gambling of any kind is permitted.
9. Understand that the illegal possession or use of drugs, alcohol, harmful substances, fireworks and firearms is strictly prohibited.
10. Accept personal responsibility for any loss, breakage, or theft of property which may be caused.
11. Campsite etiquette will be strictly enforced. Permission must be granted before entering another Patrol’s campsite. No one is permitted in other campsites when the campsite is unattended. Unit leaders will be informed of violations.
12. I understand that, during competition, neither I nor any member of my Patrol will speak to an adult or Scout leadership of my Unit. I understand that, if any interaction is observed by a Camporee staff member, points may be deducted from my Patrol score.

**Violations of this Code of Conduct will result in points being deducted from the offending patrol.**

All Patrol Leaders are to read “Code of Conduct” to their patrol members. They are to sign this document and turn it at time of Check- in.

Print Name	Signature	Date
Unit Type (Troop/Crew)	Unit #	

# Code of Conduct - For Adults.

One per unit.



**IMPORTANT:** The Code of Conduct on the previous page (for Scouts) applies equally to adults as well.

A few other points apply:

1. Failure to follow directions and other actions that could endanger others will result in the offender being told to leave immediately.
2. Camporee is a competition. During this competition, adults MAY NOT talk to or interface with the Scouts. If this is observed by a Camporee staff member, points will be deducted from the Scout's Patrol score.
3. At the events, adults must stay in "approved" areas.
4. Adults may not enter the Scout's campsite during the competition period.
5. The unit must have a copy of the "Guide to Safe Scouting" in their possession. An electronic copy on a cell phone is acceptable.
6. The unit must have a first aid kit in their possession.

**Violation of the Code of Conduct, by adults, will result in point deductions for all patrols associated with that Unit.**

All Unit Leaders are to read "Code of Conduct" to their adult members. They are to sign this document and turn it at time of Check-in.

Print Name	Signature	Date
Unit Type (Troop/Crew)	Unit #	



**PATROL LEADER CHECK LIST**

1. Remind all patrol members to have their Medical Release Form on them and in a safe place. Make sure patrol members have their Nine Essentials (Nine Essentials instead of ten – see page 23).
2. Be sure that all patrol members have read and understand the Code of Conduct (page 28) and all the safety procedures for their own safety.
3. Make sure all patrol members understand the agenda for the Camporee and the times for each event.
4. Respect other patrols' campsites and make sure all patrol items are marked with patrol name.
5. All questions that are going to be asked will come out of the Scout Handbook and/or pertinent merit badge book.
6. Be sure to bring the patrol flag and take it to all events.
7. Be sure that legible copies of the patrol duty roster, menu, fire chart, map and other information are fully completed and posted in an area that is easily located.
8. Make sure that all the proper patches are attached to the proper uniform and on the correct location of the Scout shirt. Make sure all patrol members are wearing either pants or shorts - deductions will be taken at uniform inspection for patrol members not wearing the same uniform.
9. Once all patrol members have read the whole packet, everyone should "Be Prepared" for this year's Camporee.
10. Remember, size of campsites may be as small as 30' x 30'
11. Bring required paperwork (See page 11).
12. It is suggested that patrol members wear a "troop" or "camp" t-shirt under their "Full Uniform" to the morning Flag Ceremony, so that the uniform shirt may be removed for the Events Competition and Lunch.

## **ORGANIZATION**

Each Patrol must be able to demonstrate what they are capable of accomplishing, based on their own merit.

To facilitate, this Camporee will enforce a strict separation of Scouts in competing Patrols – Patrols from the same Unit will be separated. Adults will also not be permitted to interact (camp, eat, etc.) with Scouts in competing Patrols.

Other than coordinating gear drops, competing patrols should have no contact with outside leadership starting from check-in until the completion of the competition events on Saturday.

During the competition period of Camporee, only Camporee commissioners will be allowed in patrol campsites.

All attending adults are encouraged to participate as Camporee staff when not conducting the event assigned to their unit.

## **Evacuation Drill**

An evacuation drill will be conducted on Friday night at 8:45 pm. All Scouts will assemble in the designated emergency assembly area upon hearing the Evacuation Signal consisting of a repeating 3 blasts of the air horn. The Drill is concluded after a headcount is confirmed of the attendees.

## **Leader Meeting**

Friday night at 9:00 pm at Camporee Headquarters for all Scout leaders, Patrol Leaders, and Assistant Patrol Leaders. You will be informed of the events, scoring and protest procedures.

## **Staff/Volunteers**

It is necessary that at least one adult from each unit help to organize and staff the events. Notify the Registration area when you arrive if you are a staff member.

## **Free Time**

There will be free time following the completion of events. The Camporee Trading Post will be open.

## Campfire

The Campfire ceremony is open to everyone. Day-visitors are invited to come to the Campfire on Saturday night, subject to day use fees, but should not arrive before 6:30p.

Campfire formation will begin at 7:30 pm Saturday evening. Each patrol will be asked to participate with either a skit or song. If a unit would like to perform something special at the campfire, please contact Mike Wiesner at [mike\\_wiesner@ymail.com](mailto:mike_wiesner@ymail.com).

All awards will be presented at the campfire.

## Order of the Arrow (OA)

All members of the Order of the Arrow are asked to bring and wear their OA sash.

All OA members, including the newly elected members, are invited to gather in fellowship immediately after the campfire. The OA will provide light snacks at this gathering.

## Suggestions:

### For Unit leaders:

(to support Patrol Leaders and Scouts at Camporee)

- Have patrols design and prepare patrol flags. The flags are required for several purposes during the day: judging of patrol spirit and during campfire.
- Secure all required equipment for the Unit and patrol.
- Properly label and identify all Unit and patrol articles.
- Procure all badges of responsibility, Unit numerals, etc. and ensure that they are all properly attached to the uniforms.
- Ensure that all tents, dining fly etc. meet the required fire retardant standards.
- Have all Unit information displayed in campsites.

### For Patrol Leaders:

(to support their patrol at Camporee)

- Design and prepare a patrol flag. The flag is required for several purposes during the day: judging of patrol spirit and during campfire.
- Ensure patrol equipment is ready for the event.
- Properly label and identify all patrol articles.
- Procure all badges of responsibility, Unit numerals, insignia, etc. and ensure that they are all properly attached to the Scout uniforms.
- Ensure that all tents, dining fly, etc. meet the required fire retardant standards.
- Have a gateway OR camp gadget – both are not required.
- Ensure every member of the patrol has a medical form in their pocket throughout the entire event.
- Ensure patrol members have studied their Scout Handbooks.

**CAMPOREE SCHEDULE****FRIDAY April 25, 2025**


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<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Activity</u>
5:00 pm	8:00 pm	Check-In/Inspection Event (Full Uniform)
6:00 pm	8:00 pm	Dinner and Clean Up (Full Uniform during Dinner)
8:45 pm	9:00 pm	Evacuation Assembly Drill
9:00 pm	9:30 pm	Unit Leader / Patrol Leader Meeting at Headquarters
9:30 pm	10:00 pm	Staff Meeting at Headquarters
10:00 pm		Lights Out – All quiet

**SATURDAY April 26, 2025**


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<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Activity</u>
6:30 am		Reveille
6:30 am	8:00 am	Breakfast & Clean-up
8:30 am	9:00 am	Flag Ceremony and Welcome Ceremony (Full Uniform)
9:00 am	12:00 pm	Morning Events
12:00 pm	12:30 pm	Trail lunch / campsite inspection
12:30 pm	2:30 pm	Continue Events
2:30 pm	3:30 pm	Event Catch-up (if needed)
3:30 pm	5:00 pm	Open time
5:00 pm		Deadline for Campfire Skit/Song Approval
5:00 pm	7:00 pm	Dinner & Clean-up (Full Uniform)
7:00 pm	7:30 pm	Open time
7:30 pm	7:45 pm	Campfire formation (Full Uniform)
7:45 pm	9:15 pm	Campfire ceremony (Full Uniform)
9:15 pm	9:45 pm	Order of the Arrow Callout (Full Uniform)
10:00 pm		Lights Out – All quiet

**SUNDAY April 27, 2025**


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<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Activity</u>
6:30 am		Reveille
6:30 am	8:00 am	Breakfast & Clean-up
8:00 am	8:45 am	Scout's Own (Full Uniform)
8:45 am		Contact Headquarters to prepare for Checkout
9:00 am	11:00 am	Return Forms - Check Out & Evaluation (Full Uniform)