

Pacific Trail Camporee 2023

May 5-7, 2023



Beneke Creek, Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area

Leader's Guide

Volume One

Subject to change and modification right up to the date of the event.
Information regarding the events of the Camporee to follow as known.

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To all Pacific Trail Scout BSA Unit Leaders,

We are excited to say that this is the first Pacific Trail Camporee since the Tuality and Sunset Trail Districts were combined. Covid-19 prevented the 2020 and 2021 events from happening. The 2022 Camporee at Ft. Vancouver was a multi-district event but this Camporee is just our District. With all that behind us, planning is underway to make the 2023 Camporee a great event.

Our theme is “*30-years of Leave No Trace*”. Adopted in 1993 by the BSA as part of their Outdoor Ethics, in its simplest form, *Leave No Trace* is about making good decisions to protect the world around you—the world we all enjoy. This year’s Camporee will be held at Beneke Creek, Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area, near Jewell, Oregon. A map is enclosed in this packet. Our friends at the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife have allowed us to use the Beneke Creek site on the condition that we leave it in as good or better shape than we found it. We will be practicing *Leave No Trace Principles*. Prior to Camporee, units should discuss what that means and how to implement *Leave No Trace*. Remember, take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints.

Camporee is a weekend campout for Troops. Stations will be planned and run by the units and staffed by unit adults. This event can only happen with adult support. Units need to let the Camporee Committee know what you will be doing prior to the events. Each unit should plan at least one station, with larger units doing multiple stations or more complex activities. As a rule, running one station per patrol attending should keep the youth busy all day Saturday.

Patrols compete in various competitions and are judged on leadership, teamwork, skill demonstration and Scout Spirit. Patrols will go to stations in any order Saturday morning and afternoon with a break for lunch in the field. Patrol Leaders are responsible for getting their patrol to all stations. Some stations test Scout Skills or knowledge and some are just for fun and to promote teamwork. Awards will be based on overall patrol scores. Patrols will compete at one of three levels; the Patrols will decide at what level they want to compete.

In addition to patrol competition, the units will compete also. The Unit’s campsite will be inspected and scored. Having a Gateway and unit identification, running a station(s), participation in campfire, showing Scout Spirit at Flag (Troop yells), etc. will all contribute to the unit’s overall score with a “Top Troop” ribbon being presented to, well, the top troops (boys and girl units).

Webelos (4th graders) and Arrow of Light Scouts (5th graders) that have not crossed over yet may attend Saturday afternoon by invitation by a host Troop. This is a great opportunity to make connections and do some recruiting! Host Troops will register them and will need to assign a Troop Guide or adult to them to get them and their adult partner around the Camporee. Age appropriate stations can be done by these Scouts; not all stations will be available to them. Sorry, **NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING** is allowed according to the BSA Safe Scouting Guidelines.

Scouting is Youth Led, and the Order of the Arrow (OA) is providing youth leadership for the event. Both youth and adult leaders will be wearing a distinctive cap (and likely their OA Sash) to identify them in the field. Scouts and adults can become staff members by contacting the OA (John Mudd, OA Advisor) and attending the planning meetings held at the OA Chapter Meetings.

With all that said, the following pages provide a wealth of information regarding the Camporee, registration, check in and out, general information and, of course, the “Rules”. Please review the packet with your unit leadership, youth and adults. Additional information will follow regarding activities. If you have questions, we would be happy to answer them for you, please call or email us.

Yours in Scouting,

Jim Crawford
Camporee Chair

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Our youth leadership is noted above (SPL, ASPL). In addition to these youth, multiple youth staff members not included above are providing valuable service to the District and Scouting.

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Training:

IOLS Training will be offered at this year's Camporee.

This 3-part hands-on course provides adult leaders with the practical outdoor skills needed to lead Scouts in the outdoors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. (All three parts are required to be fully trained).

Along with Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and Youth Protection Training, this course is **required for all direct contact leaders of Scouts BSA troops**.

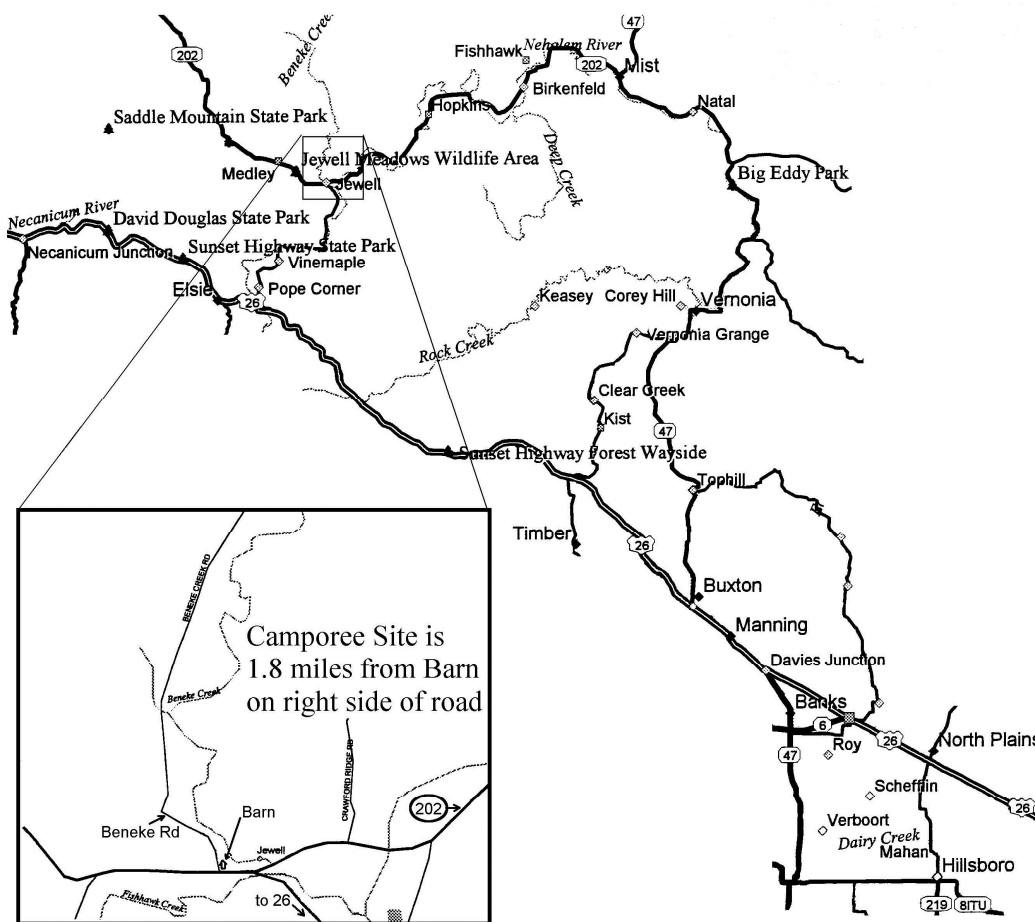
Adults can sign-up through Tentaroo by May 1, 2023. **Advance Registration is required.**

Fee: \$20 for those only attending the course.

(No additional fee for those attending Camporee and paying the Camporee fee).

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Location: Beneke Creek, Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area
79878 Hwy 202, Seaside, OR



Date: Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 7, 2023

Registration: Pre-registration must be completed using the council online registration system, **Tentaroo**. The deadline for registration and updates to existing registrations is the end of day Monday, May 1, 2023.

Sorry, no walk-in or on-site registration is available.

Fees: BSA Scouts and Adults \$20 per person by April 24. (\$25 after April 24, until May 1, 2023).
Staff (youth and Adults) \$15 per person. (Staff are to be registered with unit) by May 1.
Adults attending just for Saturday to help run stations \$5 per person (Registered with unit).
Webelos (Scout and Parent/Guardian) \$5 per person (Registered with host unit) by May 1.

NOTE: *Everyone on-site needs to be registered to ensure adequate sanitation (toilets) and other considerations. To do so, we need an accurate head count prior to the event.*

Refunds: Refunds are not available, but the participants can be changed on the unit roster provided the number of participants does not change (increase). Once you have registered for the Camporee we are counting on your attendance and will be paying fees, renting and purchasing the needed items for the event based upon those numbers.

Check-in:	<p>Please plan to arrive on Friday evening, May 5 between 4PM and 8 PM.</p> <p>Each unit can have one trailer and tow vehicle on the event side of the bridge. Once there, the vehicle and trailer will not be allowed to cross back over the bridge unit departure time. The access bridge for troop trailers will be closed at 8:30PM. No vehicles will be permitted to cross the bridge Friday before 4PM other than Camporee Staff vehicles or by permission by the Camporee Staff.</p> <p>The gate into the site will be closed Friday at 10PM. The gate will re-open at 7AM Saturday.</p> <p>Saturday BSA arrivals must check-in at the Registration table. Troop adults coming for the day Saturday will be directed by staff to the troop camp site. Please ask Unit adult's arriving Saturday to carpool since parking is limited.</p> <p>For Webelos guests, a staff runner will be sent to the Troop site so that a Host Unit leader can meet up with their guests. Please ask Webelos visitors to carpool since parking is limited and to arrive together.</p>
Items for Check in:	<p>When your unit arrives, the unit leader needs to go to the Check-in table by HQ (just across the bridge) and provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Receipt for payment through Tentaroo. <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Forms, Part A & B for all registered individuals (Scouts, Adults, & Webelos) <input type="checkbox"/> Unit Roster (including and identifying the Scouts, Staffers and adults) <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Rosters (patrol name, name of Scouts). <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Webelos/Adult Roster. <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Roster (those vehicles to remain at Camporee, including the vehicle to cross the bridge with the Troop trailer/gear). <p>A Dashboard "Parking Permits" will be issued at the check-in table.</p> <p>While the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader are checking the unit in, your unit will be shown to your campsite. Remember, all equipment not in a troop trailer must be hiked in – no private vehicles will be allowed beyond the bridge. This is extremely important as a safety issue for our Scouts and Adults. The event prohibits parking at the campsite.</p>
Wilderness 1st Aid:	<p>Due to the remoteness of our site relative to emergency medical service (EMS), we will be asking units to self-identify those unit adults attending with current WFA training (valid for 2-years). Please identify them on your Unit Roster in the space provided.</p>
Medical Forms:	<p>Each unit must bring copies of their Health and Medical Records for all Scouts and Adults, including Webelos guests (Scout and adult) and day visitors attending Camporee. The Medic will keep the forms for the duration of the event, to be returned at check out.</p> <p>Please place them in a large envelope with Troop Number and Unit Leader's Name.</p> <p>Please provide the Medic with a list of Scouts and Adults with specific medical conditions or allergies. (Scouts with Epi Pens must carry them on their person at all times and make sure that patrol members know how to use it).</p>
Y.P.T	<p>All adults attending Camporee need a current Youth Protection Training certificate.</p>
SPL/Scoutmaster Meeting:	<p>Friday night, the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster from each unit is expected to participate in this event. This event gathers the leadership from the units with the Camporee Staff for the purpose of providing a 2-way discussion and any updates on the event. This will also be a Q&A session to clarify the upcoming event.</p>
Conduct:	<p>The Scout Law, The Scout Oath and the Outdoor Code are the Law of Camporee.</p>
Buddy System:	<p>Scouts need to utilize the buddy system while at Camporee.</p>

Unit Leadership: Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required for every unit attending Camporee.

Of the two required registered adult leaders, there must be at least one registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females attending Camporee.

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant.

Parking - Troops: All units are highly encouraged to maximize the use of car-pools. Our parking area has been designated to be some irregular fields close to the entrance to the refuge area toward Beneke Road, before the bridge. The area will be marked, and parking is only allowed in those areas. Please observe the "NO PARKING" areas.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by staff and directed to where to park. You will need to park towards the back of the area, backing in. We will have you park tail to nose to maximize parking. If you want to be parked with your unit, you need to enter together. Please allow parking staff to assist you and maximize the parking space available.

Other than Troop Gear (see below), all personal gear must be walked in, so plan accordingly.

Drivers need to carry their keys with them at all times in the event that a camp evacuation is ordered.

Saturday departures. If your unit is leaving Saturday night, please tell staff and you will be direct to an area of like vehicles. Regardless, you may be parked-in by another vehicle.

You will be given a parking permit for your vehicle dashboard. The driver should fill out the information. This will allow us to find the vehicle owner if someone behind them needs to leave early. Otherwise, you will have to wait until they show up. Remember: A Scout is courteous.

Troop Trailers: Each unit arriving Friday will be permitted to have one and only one vehicle across the bridge. Each unit will be issued a special parking permit for that vehicle. Please fill out the requested information on the permit and place it on your dashboard. The **Bridge Troll** will be controlling traffic on the bridge – **do not argue with the Bridge Troll**.

Vehicles that cross the bridge on Friday must remain across the bridge in a specially designated parking area until departure from the Camporee (Saturday evening or Sunday morning, depending on when the unit departs). Only in-bound vehicles will be allowed on Friday evening.

The troop trailer parking area is for loading/unloading troop gear. Units will still need to ferry gear to their campsites. The trailer parking area is near but not next to the unit camp sites. You will not be able to drive up to the camp site to load or unload gear.

Please Note: The bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic from Friday 8:30PM until Saturday at 5:00PM. This is a safety issue for the Scouts distracted by activities and not expecting to encounter moving vehicles. **The bridge will be reopened from 5:00PM to 7:15PM Saturday** for early departures. **The bridge will close at 7:15PM Saturday and remain closed until 10:00AM Sunday.** Staff will allow only outbound vehicles to cross the bridge.

No other vehicles will be permitted to cross the bridge without permission from the Camporee Staff. Except for special needs or handicap access can be made by contacting Staff prior to the Camporee. (See below).

Please review the bridge closure schedule above. Those unable or unwilling to abide by the bridge closures or crossing times should not cross the bridge and should park on the south side of the bridge and walk in all gear.

Parking-Webelos: Staff will direct Arrow of Light / Webelos visitors on Saturday to park along the service road, backed in. Visitors must check in with registration before visiting Troops or joining in the games. No vehicles of visitors will be permitted to cross the bridge. All gear must be walked in so they should plan accordingly (day pack, etc.).

Accessibility: If members of your unit or visitors have special needs or accessibility issues, please contact Camporee Staff prior to Camporee so we can plan on how to accommodate them. Vehicles must have a DMV Handicap placard in the windshield to be across the bridge if this is the accommodation. Participant and visitors must understand that the site lacks paved or established trails and all portions of the site may not be accessible to those with mobility issues.

Check Out: **Sunday departures.** There will be a field sweep organized by the Camporee Staff for the unit campsite and activity areas after closing flag. This is to quickly and efficiently allow us to verify that the game areas are completely clear of all litter and let everyone get on their way home. Further instructions will be made available during closing flag.

Upon successful check out, all unit paperwork, Medical Forms and Camporee patches will be given to the unit leader. Individual patches will not be given to departing Scouts or adults. The unit leader will be responsible for distributing patches.

Early Departures: Any person or unit leaving the Camporee is required to check out with the Camporee Registration Staff.

Units needing to check out early must make prior arrangements with the 1) Parking Staff, 2) trailer parking staff (so you don't get parked in) and 3) Registration Staff at check-in time. Check out involves a successful campsite inspection and inspection of station area, conducted by Camporee Staff personnel.

Upon successful check out, all unit paperwork, Medical Forms and Camporee patches will be given to the unit leader. Individual patches will not be given to departing Scouts or adults. The unit leader will be responsible for distributing patches.

Scout Departures: Scouts leaving early or being picked up before the unit departs must check out with the Camporee Registration Staff. The unit leader must come to the registration tent with the Scout, confirm the identity of the person picking up the Scout and Staff will ask for photo ID and verify that the Medical Form, Part A, lists that person as authorized to take youth from an event. **Scouts will not be released to any adult not listed on the authorization, Part A.**

When releasing a Scout into someone else's custody, the unit leader must be sure that person has parental consent to do so. Unit leaders, prior to Camporee, should confirm that Part A lists the adults authorized to take a youth from an event if they are planning to leave early.

The unit leader will be responsible for distributing patches to departing Scouts.

Lost & Found: Please return lost and found items to the Camporee HQ. Items turned in or found at the end of Camporee will be brought to the June Roundtable. An email to the Camporee Chair may also help reunite things with their owner. Unclaimed items will be donated.

Electrical Service: There is no electrical power available at the Camporee site. If you use a CPAP or other device requiring electrical power, you need to bring battery power as needed to operate your device.

Cellphone Service: There is no cellphone service at the Camporee site.

Staff Radios: Select Staff members will have radios for communication, including the Medic.

Inclement Weather: Units need to plan for and provide shelter from rain or other inclement weather in their camp site. During the field games Saturday, units should deploy pop-up shelters at their station area(s) as weather warrants.

Be prepared for different weather conditions. Participants need to have rain gear and appropriate footwear.

Medications: All medications are to be kept by the Unit Leader or assignee. Medications must be stored securely, either in a locking bag or lock box. The storage box or bag is to be under the control of an adult. Prescription medication needs to be in the original container with the person's name on the container. The person for whom the medication is intended needs to ask the adult in charge of the medications for their medication. The unit needs to keep a medication log of dispensed prescription medications.

Scouts and Adults must carry fast acting medications such as EpiPen and Inhalers on their person during this event.

Over the counter medications can only be dispensed to youth if their parent /guardian has checked off on the medical form, Part B, giving permission to do so.

Medical Care: We have a Medic on staff who is a trained professional; she is an RN. We also have Scout Leaders with Wilderness First Aid Training. The Camporee site is remote, and participants need to be aware that medical care may be delayed given travel time to EMS.

The Medic will be staying in the Motor Home parked adjacent to the bridge. There will be a covered area and a treatment tent with a cot adjacent to the motor home.

Minor Injury: Each unit must have a first aid kit on site. For minor injuries, each unit can apply first aid from their unit's first aid kit.

All injuries, illnesses, and incidents requiring the intervention of a medical provider beyond basic Scout-rendered first aid be logged by the Medic and reported promptly following BSA guidelines. (If a Scout cuts themselves with a pocketknife and puts a bandage on it and goes on with their day, that isn't a reportable event. If a Scout cuts themselves and goes to see the camp medic because they can't make the bleeding stop, that's a reportable event).

Major Injury or Medical Emergency: All injuries, regardless of extent must be reported to the medic.

- ☐ Determine if the area where the injured person is safe.
- ☐ Do not move the injured person unless the area is unsafe to the injured person or others.
- ☐ Notify camp staff of the emergency. The medic will come to you.

If it is determined that 911 needs to be contacted, staff will be sent to the Park Host Residence where there is a landline. Once 911 has been called, participants need to be aware that our site is remote, and EMS is approximately 20 minutes away. In the interim, Wilderness First Aid will be used to treat injured parties.

Once EMS arrives, they will take over and determine the course of action. If EMS determines that the injured party needs to be transported by ambulance or Life Flight, that decision is theirs and the Scouts have no financial responsibility for that decision.

Lost Person:

In the event of a missing person at Camporee:

- ☐ First, recount all personnel, then identify specifically who is missing.
- ☐ Determine last known location.
- ☐ Send two runners to the Headquarters to notify Staff.
- ☐ Keep remaining personnel in camp until further notification.
- ☐ Let the Camporee Staff coordinate search and rescue operations.
- ☐ Staff may enlist adults from your unit to assist in the operation.

Evacuation:

In case of the chance that we need to evacuate the Camporee site, please refer to the following procedures:

- ☐ Make Staff aware of the situation.
- ☐ Please let the Staff be the ones who contact the ODF&W Rangers.
- ☐ Listen for the Emergency Siren from the Bull Horn.
- ☐ Unit Leaders should check and ensure that the unit roster on file at HQ is accurate and inclusive.
- ☐ Account for all unit personnel.
- ☐ Move the unit to the parade field. Confirm that all drivers have their vehicle keys on their person.
- ☐ Recount for all personnel upon arrival at the parade field.
- ☐ Inform Staff of any missing personnel.
- ☐ Wait for instructions for the evacuation.

Camp Site:

Staff will assign Units to their camp site. The area will be marked with stakes and survey ribbon. The amount of space provided for your unit will be based upon your registration numbers. Unit numbers will be written on the survey stakes or affixed card with an arrow indicating which side of the stake is your site. Please do not switch sites with other units as we will map your location and use that map to find your unit in an emergency or to direct Saturday arrivals to your site. Do not move stakes.

Staff members from your unit (Scouts and Adults) should camp with their unit unless they have made other arrangements prior to Camporee. Please plan for and provide space for their tents as you layout your camp.

Meals:

All unit participants are responsible for providing their own meals. No food will be provided by Camporee Staff to the units.

Friday night dinner should be a sack meal.

Saturday lunch will be in the field. Units should plan for a sack lunch or trail food for patrols. They can carry it with them in a day pack or the unit can arrange a meeting place to hand off lunches. Units should remember that the adults working at the stations need lunch, too. There will be a short break for lunch, then back to the fun!

Units may, at their discretion, invite their Webelos guests to join them for lunch and /or dinner. Webelos are asked not to arrive before Noon and depart after dinner.

Staff Meals: Meals will be provided for volunteer staff (Scouts and Adults). Staff should plan to dine with the rest of the staff at Headquarters. Staff should bring their own coffee mugs, plates and eating utensils so we can avoid using paper plates, cups and plasticware. Any food-related special needs should be relayed to the Camporee staff prior to Camporee by filling out a Special Needs form as part of the unit's registration.

Water:

There will be no potable water provided at this year's Camporee. Each unit is required to provide their own water! Units should plan menus with water conservation in mind.

Hint: If each Scout brings two (2) 1-gallon containers of water, each unit historically should have a sufficient amount of water for the weekend. Additional water may be needed depending upon the menu and cleaning needs. Please Be Prepared!

Further, Scouts need to carry a water bottle (drinking water) with them on Saturday during activities and keep hydrated.

Graywater:

Units will be permitted to dispose of wastewater from washing/rinsing dishes, washing hands, etc. which is known as GRAYWATER. Units should use **Biodegradable soap** for dishwashing. Prior to Camporee, units should discuss proper Grey-water disposal techniques in accordance with Leave No Trace practices.

Prior to disposal, dishwater needs to be filtered to separate water and solids. Foodstuff that may have collected at the bottom of the washbasin is NOT defined as GRAY-WATER, nor is paper, glass, aluminum, steel wool, etc. no matter how much some may wish to consider this “biodegradable”. This stuff is **Garbage** and **Trash** and must be “carried out”.

Remember, disposal of GRAYWATER is a privilege. Care should be taken to safely dispose of GRAYWATER in a field, away from the creek. Hint: a 1-gallon paint strainer and a #10 can make a good filter to separate water and solids.

Otherwise, units can choose to pack out their GRAYWATER. A 5-gallon work bucket with a tight-fitting lid can permit you to take it home and dispose of it in a plumbing drain.

Garbage/Trash:

All units will need to provide garbage bags in their campsite. Each unit is to take its garbage out of camp at checkout. Pack it in - pack it out.

Toilet Facilities:

Porta-Potties will be provided and located near the troop camp sites.

Youth and Adult Toilets: These are single user facilities so they can be used by Scouts and adults. Separate toilets will not be provided for Scouts and adults.

Male and Female Toilets: A proportional number of male and female Porta-Potties will be provided based upon registration numbers. The Porta-Potties will be signed “Male” and “Female”. Please have all members of your unit respect the designation.

Under no circumstances should trash of any kind be placed into a Porta-Potty. Only toilet paper. Any other items need to be disposed of in a trash bag.

Hand Washing:

Multiple handwashing stations will be provided adjacent to the Porta-Potties. **Please use water sparingly.** Trash bags will be provided for paper towel disposal.

Under no circumstances should hand washing stations be used for dishwashing. Trash bags are for paper towels and not garbage from unit campsites.

Hand sanitizer will be provided in each Porta-Potty.

Unit Campfires:

Wood burning campfires are not permitted at Camporee within the unit’s camp sites. Staff has planned a camp wide Campfire for Saturday night.

Propane Campfires:

Portable Propane Fire Pits: Units planning to use a portable propane fueled fire pit must comply with the following:

- ☐ **The burner pan must be elevated at least 12-inches above the ground.** The heat from the device must not scorch the grass or soil below the burner pan.
- ☐ A minimum of 5-feet of clearance to combustibles must be provided completely around the fire pit when lit or “hot” to the touch.
- ☐ The fire pit is not to be left unattended when lit or “hot” to the touch.
- ☐ The propane tank is to be disconnected from the fire pit when not in use and the fuel tank stored safely.

Cooking Fires:

Charcoal Cooking Fires: Units planning to cook with **Dutch Ovens** or use charcoal as a cooking heat source must comply with the following:

- ☐ The charcoal container must keep the fire **at least 12-inches above the ground**. The heat from the charcoal must not scorch the grass or soil below the container.
- ☐ A fire protection system (fire buckets and an adequate back up water supply) and fire suppression tools (shovels) must be provided. A fire extinguisher (Type A,B, C) is recommended but is not required.
- ☐ An adequate number of fire cans filled with water for fire related emergencies. "Adequate" means one (1) 5-gallon bucket of water for each charcoal cooking location. (Creek water can be used for fire protection, obtained by the bridge).
- ☐ The duty roster should identify the unit fire guard.
- ☐ The charcoal fire must always be attended, and appropriate water containers and fire shovels must be present.

NOTE: Unattended charcoal fires may be summarily extinguished! Further, the privilege of using charcoal fires may be revoked.

- ☐ Ash and partially burnt charcoal is not to be dumped onto the ground. Metal containers with water should be used to fully extinguish partially burnt charcoal and remove it from the Camporee site (pack it out).

Fire Safety:

Use of charcoal, lanterns, portable fire pits and stoves using propane may be used at Camporee in accordance with BSA policy. No gas fueled lanterns are allowed inside of a tent. Refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting for further information on the use of these fuels. Propane tanks are to have the valve closed and the fuel line depressurized or disconnected from the device when not in use.

Fuel Storage:

The Unit Leadership will be responsible for ensuring that all fuel containers and propane tanks not attached to a cooking device or lantern are properly stored. Refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting for further information on storage and handling of fuels.

Restricted Areas:

There may be areas marked off as "Restricted" or "Out of Bounds" as they become necessary. Mowed areas are generally "In Bounds".

Overall, the only areas/things strictly "Off Limits" for the duration of the Camporee are:

- ☐ Beneke Creek.
- ☐ All water.
- ☐ All Wildlife.

The park staff has asked our event to minimize the activities in the grass fields to the mowed areas, Generally, all the un-mowed fields beyond the event areas are to be kept out of. There will be paths mowed for traveling to the campfire, etc. If you're in the tall grass, you are "Out of Bounds".

There may be a minimal amount of **POISON OAK** around and about the Camporee site. Please advise Scouts, Arrow of Light/Webelos guests and adults so they can avoid it.

Flag Ceremonies:

All units are expected to attend and participate in each of these events. These are critical opportunities for communication between the Camporee Staff and all units. Please be on time!

The Camporee SPL will do a role call for attendance. We love to hear Troop Yells during roll call!

Any unit may volunteer or be asked to perform a flag raising or lowering ceremony. If your unit would like to conduct a flag ceremony, inform the SPL. The SPL may require an audition or practice.

- Campfire:** The Camporee Campfire will be on Saturday evening. Units will assemble at the Parade Field and wait for a guide to guide them to the campfire site in silence. Participants are encouraged to bring a camp chair or ground cloth to sit on during campfire. If standing, you will be encouraged to stand near the back so as to not block the view for seated individuals.
- The Campfire will be led by the youth Staff members. However, the patrols from the various units will provide the Campfire entertainment. During the Saturday activities, Patrols will have the opportunity to audition a skit or song at a station run by the Order of the Arrow Staff. Skits and songs need to be Scout appropriate. The Camporee Senior Patrol Leader will notify patrols of their selection into the Campfire program. If props are needed for skits or songs, they should be carried with the patrol to the campfire.
- Patrols will earn points just for auditioning! They earn even more if selected for Campfire.
- OA Callout:** Scheduled into the Campfire activities will be the Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony. In this ceremony, the Pacific Trail Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will briefly explain the Order of the Arrow and will announce this year's candidates, as elected by the youth of each unit.
- Flag Retirement:** At the conclusion of Campfire, Staff may conduct a flag retirement Ceremony. Staff will announce the final determination at the SPL/SM Meeting Friday night. Units should remain at campfire until dismissed. (Please, no photography or video recording of this ceremony).
- Scouts Own:** Sunday morning, our Chaplin, along with Unit Chaplin's Aids, will provide a short Scout's Own / Interfaith Service directly before closing flag ceremony. Unit Chaplin's Aids who wish to participate in the Scout's Own service should contact our Camporee Chaplin.
- Service Projects:** None are scheduled for this year's Camporee.
- Trading Post:** There will not be a Trading Post at Camporee this year.
- Patches:** What would Camporee be without a patch? Each Scout attending Scout, Arrow of Light/ Webelos and adults will receive a Camporee Patch at the end of the Camporee. Patches will be given to the Unit Leader at Check Out who will distribute them.
- Additional patches may be available at the end of Camporee for purchase.**
- Unit Awards:** Each participating unit will receive a ribbon for their unit flag. In addition, Troops will compete for the Top Troop Award, earning a special ribbon for their unit flag.
- Patrol Awards:** Patrols will compete for a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award. Patrols will compete at one of three levels. 1st, 2nd or 3rd place awards will be presented for each of the three levels.
- Field Events:** **The events offered at Camporee are up to the units attending.** Troops are to create stations for Saturday. They need to provide all the equipment needed to run the station, including adults to staff and run the station. Stations can be simple, testing Scout



knowledge or skills like knot tying or compass skills (Trail to First Class skills) or more complex activities like archery or fire building. Stations could promote or demonstrate teamwork and youth leadership through fun activities – a game with a purpose.

We want all the stations to challenge the Scouts yet still have fun. Stations need to offer three levels of challenge. That may include teaching a skill then letting them try it for the first time. At the intermediate level, hints may be offered. At the advanced level, it should make older Scouts think a bit about how to meet the challenge. Events can

use all manner of Scout skills. Patrols will need Teamwork. Patrols need to demonstrate Scout Spirit as well as leadership.

Stations are encouraged to use the theme *Leave no Trace*. So, in *Leave no Trace*, we teach keeping waste 200 feet or more from any water source. How far is 200-feet? A station could teach how to estimate distance by pacing, then have each Scout pace off what they think is 200-feet and get points for how close they came when a tape is used to check it.

The events at Camporee will be staffed by unit adults. Stations need to be set up and ready to go immediately after the morning flag ceremony. If unit adults are coming only for Saturday, they need to be checked in and ready to open the station by 9AM. Let the Camporee Staff know if you need to arrive early Friday to set up or haul gear across the bridge prior to 4PM when units start to arrive.

Event Sign-up: Units can sign up for a specific event at the April Roundtable or by emailing the Camporee Program Staff. Sign-ups will be on a first come basis so sign up early or have several in mind in case another unit beats you to it.

Patrol Size: The ideal patrol size is eight (8) members. Many activities require a minimum of 4 Scouts. If smaller than 6, it could make an event more challenging. At the Unit's discretion, Scouts can be moved from one patrol to another, or two small patrols can be combined but this could impact leadership and teamwork unless they have worked together in the past.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts should not be added to Scout BSA patrols. Not all stations will be age appropriate for these younger Scouts and it may put a patrol at a disadvantage at many stations.

Patrol Flag: Each patrol needs to have a patrol flag. Each Patrol should carry their flag on Saturday during the events. There will be a station specifically to see the flag and hear the patrol yell. Points will be awarded for visual appearance, creativity, how well it represents the patrol name and demonstrate Scout Spirit (Troop number, inclusion of fleur-de-lis, etc.).

Patrol Yell: Likewise, the patrol yell will gain the patrol additional points.

Patrol Training: All members of the patrol are expected to have a **Totin' Chip** and **Fireman Chit** so that they can handle knives, axes, saws and fire.

All members of the patrol are encouraged to carry the **10-Essentials** during Camporee. Many will be useful or necessary for various stations. If they don't have them, they may not be able to compete – it's hard to shoot a compass bearing without a compass (and that one on your cellphone won't work here without cell coverage).

Troop Gateway: Each unit should have an entry gateway to their campsite. The gateway should not block or restrict entry into the site. The gateway should include the unit identification number and may include US and unit flag. Do not dig post holes, etc. while constructing your gateway. Points awarded as part of campsite inspection for top troop award.

**Dutch Oven
Cook-off:**

What's for Dinner? The prime reason for this event is to learn, share, socialize, have fun and perhaps earn some bragging rights. Specific details and rules to follow in Volume 2. Points awarded for top troop award.

NOTE: Using the same Dutch Oven creation for your camp site dinner is not recommended, just in case the judging takes longer (or the judges want seconds).

**Campsite
Inspection:**

The Criterial for the campsite inspection, gateway judging, will follow in Volume 2. This additional information will be available prior to the Camporee.

Pacific Trail District

2023 CAMPOREE

May 5-7, 2023

Event Schedule (Tentative)

Friday, May 5

4:00PM	Arrival, Check-in, Campsite Set-up, Set-up Stations
8:45PM	Bridge Closes
9:00PM	SPL/SM Meeting at HQ
9:30PM	Camporee Staff Meeting
11:00PM	Taps

Saturday, May 6

7:00AM	Reveille, Start Breakfast, Set-up Stations
7:30AM	Staff Meeting - Breakfast
8:30AM	Camporee Assembly – Morning Flag Ceremony
9:00AM	Field Games Begin
Noon	Lunch Break – eat in field
1:00PM	Field Game Resume
4:00PM	Stations Close, Stations clean up area, pack up
4:00PM	Adult Dutch Oven Cook-off – judging begins at HQ
4:00PM	After Hours Activities, Site Inspections for Early Departures
5:00PM	Dinner Camporee Staff Meeting - Dinner
5:00PM	Bridge Opens for Early Departures
7:15PM	Bridge Closes for night
7:30PM	Camporee Assembly, Awards Ceremony, Evening Flag Ceremony
8:15PM	Travel to Campfire
8:30PM	Campfire and OA Callout
10:00PM	Troop time
10:00PM	Camporee Staff Meeting
11:00PM	Taps

Sunday, May 7

7:00AM	Reveille, Start Breakfast
8:30AM	Scout's Own Service
9:00AM	Unit Awards, Closing Flag
9:30AM	Pack up, Clean-up, Checkout Inspections
10:00 AM	Bridge Opens for departing trailers
10:00AM	Checkout table opens
Noon	Camporee Staff Meeting. HQ Pack-up
	Departure – have a safe trip home!

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This Schedule is subject to change up until the start of Camporee.

End of Volume One