

# CROSSROADS



## CAMPOREE

### Participant/Leader's Guidebook



## “It’s A Carnival”

**March 22-24, 2019**

**Camp Balboa**

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## PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE HANDBOOK.

It will explain the rules and logistics for this year's Camporee

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Scouts and Scouters,

Crossroads District quality program shines more than ever as we continue to grow and provide outstanding outdoor experiences and program for the youth of our Boy Scout Troops. This year we will have good old fun with a weekend of team building, scout skills, and patrol competition.

Each troop can join in the fun by putting on a Circus/Carnival Main street game to operate during our free time after lunch. Remember other scouts will be 'Stepping right up" to play your game so make it fun and creative. Each game will be setup facing the main walkway "Main Street", and extra troop points will be awarded for participation.

## Step Right Up!



*\*\*\*Do you have older scouts who have "been there, done that"? \*\*\**

*Encourage them to participate as Staff at Camporee. We are looking for age 14+, Star/Life/Eagle Scouts/Venturers to be on Staff. Scouts must contact the Crossroads District Camporee Chairs Sean Horton or Joel Johnson [Shortonbsa@gmail.com](mailto:Shortonbsa@gmail.com) before Friday March 5th with name, age, shirt size, scout rank, unit#, and Scoutmaster approval to be considered.*

**Adult Staff are welcome as well- we have plenty of volunteer opportunities!**

**If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.**

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# CAMPOREE SCHEDULE

## Friday

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Check in/Camp site set-up
8:00 pm	Movie Night in the campfire bowl
9:00 pm	Briefing for Leaders, SPL's, and Staff at Atherton Hall
10:00 pm	Lights out/Quiet Camp

## Saturday

6:30 am	Reveille, breakfast and clean-up
7:50 am	Assembly for Flags and opening ceremony in campfire bowl
8:30 am - 11:50 am	Commence Patrol Challenges
11:50 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch and clean-up
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Main Street Carnival Games
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	SPL Challenge/ SPL-Scoutmaster Challenge Backpack Stove Challenge/ Additional Activities
TBA	Campsite Inspections
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Evening meal and clean-up Cooking Contest Preps in Troop Campsites
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Cooking Contest Judging
7:30 pm	Awards Campfire at Ampitheatre
8:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Order of the Arrow Call Out
9:00 pm	Cracker Barrel for all
11:00 pm	Lights out/Quiet Camp

## Sunday

7:30 am	Reveille, breakfast and clean-up
8:30 am	Scouts Own Service
9:30 - 10:30 am	Check-out of campsites
11:00 am	Camp secured



# EVENT INFORMATION

**Parking:** CAR POOLING is required. Due to the limited parking at Camp Balboa every Unit must car pool. **Unit leaders are encouraged to advise the Camporee Staff if they are planning to bring a trailer.** Parking is only allowed in designated areas. There will be a designated off-loading area for all Unit gear. Please limit your gear to what you can carry. There are carts available for transporting gear to campsites, however, they are limited.

**Check-in Procedure:** Plan to arrive together. Once the Unit's gear is off loaded and the vehicles are parked, the Senior Patrol Leader and Adult Leader will check in and register the unit **(even if the unit is preregistered, you must check in).**

It is understood that some Troop members may have to arrive later; this is okay as long as they are registered when the Troop registers. Troop leaders please be prepared to provide an exact count of Scouts, adults, and number of Patrols. Campsites will be assigned prior to the event based on the amount of participants registered from the Unit.

Because of the expected large number of Patrols entering the Challenges, adults who are not the primary Troop leader may be asked to assist the Camporee Staff. Troop leaders will also be given a Camporee critique sheet which is to be filled out and returned to Registration when checking out.

Upon checking in, the Troop will be escorted to their assigned campsite by a Camporee Staff member. **If a Troop desires to check-in prior to the scheduled time, they must coordinate with Camporee Administration prior to the event.**

## **Registration and Fees:**

Registration will be accepted until **March 15<sup>th</sup>** on the Double Knot website and will be first-come-first-serve for the first 350.

To keep the cost down, again this year there the Camporee t-shirt is an optional fee.

**The cost of registration is \$15.00 per youth/adult without shirt;**

**\*Additional \$10 per Shirt (registration must be paid on by **March 5<sup>th</sup>** to receive shirt).**

At least two adult leaders must be in attendance with each Unit. All Scouts and Scouters (including Staff) in attendance are required to pay the registration fees.



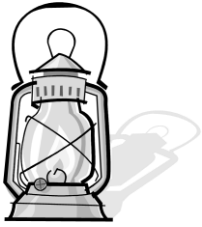
**Camping:** Every Troop is responsible for their own gear, tents, food, equipment, safety, hygiene and discipline. Troops will be assigned a space to accommodate the number of campers paid and signed up on the roster. **To fit all the Troops in the Camp, we ask that you design a compact campsite.** Please be sure to bring your own tables and chairs for your Troop campsites as we will not be allowed to move them from established camp areas.

**WEBELOS:** WEBELOS Dens are invited to camp as a Den under their own leadership- regular registration fees apply! Or they can be invited to visit on SATURDAY as guests of an individual troop. This will give them an excellent opportunity to visit with various Troops and prepare for crossing over.

**Uniforms:** The uniform for the Camporee is Field Uniform (Class A). This will be worn at arrival, Opening Ceremony/Flags and Campfire. Scouts are allowed to change into Unit T-shirts/Activity Uniform, or Theme related outfits for the Patrol Challenges. **However, Theme related props or gear will only be allowed at the spirit station or within your own campsite/dinner time-NOT during Patrol Challenge Competition**

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All OA members should wear OA sashes for the Call out.



**Friday Night Briefing:** This is MANDATORY for all Unit Senior Patrol Leaders and Unit Leaders! It will take place in Atherton Hall. Patrol competition times, cooking challenge, SPL Challenge and small stove competition time slots are selected. Order of the Arrow call-out/Ordeal information will be verified at this time.

**Opening Ceremony:** All Units are required to attend the Camporee Opening Ceremony and Morning Colors on Saturday Morning. Units will be given their Camporee Schedule at this time.

**Camporee T-Shirts:** Camporee T-shirts are an option this year (see above fees). Units should request sizes needed on the Doubleknot form. It is important that the number of Scouts and Scouters registered is accurate. Registration deadline for shirts is ***Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2019*** if participants would like the shirt option.

**Event Judges:** Each judge will be identified by a bandana and t-shirt with the Camporee insignia. The Scout staff member in charge of an challenge is the judge for that event.

**THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL!**

**Camporee Staff:** Volunteer Staff will be identified by a t-shirt with the Camporee insignia.



**Campfire:** Everyone is expected to attend the Saturday night campfire. Anyone who cannot attend will remain in his campsite with two Adults. No wandering around camp will be allowed. Awards from all of the Camporee Challenges will be given to the participants. The Order of the Arrow will conduct a "Call Out" at the campfire, and all participants and **visitors are invited. During the Call-out silence will be maintained, as this is a special occasion for Scouts. No flashlights will be allowed except for adult leaders. Each Unit with Scouts recently elected to the OA, should ensure new members attendance for "Call Out" ceremony at Saturday night's campfire.**

**Cracker Barrel:** To be held Saturday night at 9:00pm in Atherton Hall for ALL Camporee attendees.

**Scouts Own:** Scouts Own Services are planned for Sunday morning. All Scouts and leaders are encouraged to attend. **Each troop's Chaplain's Aide or representative will help in the service**

**Check-out Procedure:** Units may check out Sunday morning after Scouts Own Services. The campsite must be inspected before you are cleared to check-out. Come to the Registration area and contact the Registration Advisor for campsite inspection. If you plan to check-out after the campfire, be sure to make arrangements for campsite inspection before the campfire with the Registration Adviser. Units **WILL NOT** be checked-out prior to the campfire on Saturday night or before the end of religious services on Sunday morning. Awards and Patches will be given to the SPL after the campsite has been inspected and the check-out procedure has been completed.

**Post-Event Critique Sheet:** To be issued to unit Leaders and SPL. Please fill-in with your scouts and return so that next years event will be even better.



# FACILITY POLICIES & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

**Dishwashing:** All dishwashing is to be done at the campsite, not at the faucets. Please do not leave water running at the faucet; it will quickly turn the area into a mudhole! Disposal of trash & left over food should be taken to the dumpster and gray water will be disposed in filtering buckets placed throughout the camp if applicable.

**Fires:** **Fire pits are available in Camp Sites 2 & 3 only.** Fires should not be more than 18 inches above the fire pit. No other ground fires are allowed. All cooking must be done on stoves, off ground fire pit, or on barbeque grills. All ashes must be disposed of properly in an existing fire pit

**First Aid Station:** All MAJOR injuries are to be reported immediately to the First Aid station located in Baden-Powell Lodge. All minor injuries should be treated and documented within your troop campsite.

**Headquarters:** The Camporee Office is located at Atherton Hall.

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

**Campsite Inspection:** Inspections will be conducted on Saturday by the Camporee Staff. The Unit campsite area is to be clearly marked. Basis for inspection: Cleanliness, Scoutcraft items, fire safety, site arrangement, Leave No Trace concepts, and effort involved. Each Campsite will be required to construct **at least one** Camp Gadget (see The Boy Scout Handbook for more information) to be **used** in their camp.

Our Districts have outstanding Troops and in past years the campsite winner has been determined by less than 2 points. Troops need to be aggressive in covering every aspect of the campsite inspection categories. Troop Camp Gateways are encouraged. **\*Climb on Safely Guidelines will be strongly enforced**

**\*\*An optional judging category will be for those units wishing to participate in a "Themed Campsite or Gateway" These points will go towards a separate Spirit Campsite Award.**

## Troop Cooking Challenge:

Do you have a Scoutmaster favorite? Do you have a dish that always is amazing and a 'must have' at your campouts?

Each troop may prepare a Main Dish or Dessert to enter into the Challenge. Troops must do all the preparing and cooking by themselves, with very little or no adult help.

All food must be prepared at your campsite or campsite 2&3 if you need a fire pit.

The Troop will be judged as follows:

**20% presentation, 20% originality, 60% taste**

Troops must present **two (2) servings** of their dish to the **judging area between 6:00–6:30pm.**

**(NOTE: 6:30pm is the cut-off)** Each dish should be identified with Troop number, a description of dish and any other pertinent information you wish to include about the dish. Awards will be given for First, Second, and Third place in each of the categories.

Each Troop will be given 20 extra Spirit points for entering a valid dish in the contest. If Troops choose to enter more than dish, no additional points will be given.

**Be Original, Think Creative!**

**SPL Challenge:** We will hold a Senior Patrol Leader Challenge during the day's events. All SPLs , or acting SPL, are required to participate. The winner of the SPL Challenge will receive a very special award.

**There will be other optional activities during the day when your patrol is not competing.**



## **Optional Backpack Stove Cooking Challenges Choose your challenge!**

### **Small pot to feed 1-2 Scouts**

### **or Philmont-style 4 quart pot to feed a crew of 4-6**

Test your Backpack meal preparation skills. Singles or teams may compete in this fun event! Participants will use their own backpacking stove, fuel, and supplies to create a delicious, healthy meal that you might prepare on a traditional backpack hike. This means all supplies should be considered backpack appropriate in terms of weight, ingredients and prep time. This basically means every part of the meal would be something that is feasible to accomplish on a hike. Think packable, palatable, & practical.

This challenges is separate from all troop and patrol challenges or scoring. It will be offered in the morning and the afternoon to allow participation when you are not competing with your patrol. Because this is a separate event, there is no limit to the number of participants.

You will have 1 hr from start time to serving time. Before you can compete you will need to show the judges your ingredients.

judging will be based on the following:

**20% originality, 25% healthy/nutritious,**

**25% taste, 30% backpack practicality can you or your team carry it?**





# Scoutmasters/Troop Leaders

## Please share the following information with your Troop's Youth Leadership for Camporee Competition Preparation

### Each Patrol must have:

- SCOUT SPIRIT
- A Patrol name
- A Patrol flag on a staff or stave
- A pencil or pen
- Fire Starter (if you carry it in your backpack as part of your ten essentials, then its allowed-  
**Exceptions: NO lighters or aerosol sprays**)

### Each Patrol Must:

- Stay together with Patrol during events, compete as a Patrol
- Follow all instructions & rules and be respectful of event judges and other Scouts
- Complete each Challenge within 20 minutes (or allotted time) AS A TEAM!

### Patrols should study their general "Trail to first Class" Scout skills including:

- Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan, and Outdoor code
- Knots & Lashings
- First Aid
- Ten Essentials
- Fire Starting
- Leadership Skills & Leave No Trace Principles (**\*important for SPL challenge**)



**Patrol Flag:** Each Patrol should have a Patrol flag at time of check-in and with them at all events. This is the Patrol's standard and points will be awarded for the Patrol flag at each event.

**Patrol Spirit:** Defined as: The demonstrated teamwork and enthusiasm of all Patrol members, also their Scout like appearance and appropriate Scout behavior; furthermore, the attitude and leadership of each Patrol Leader throughout the Camporee.

**Patrol Method:** All challenges are to be performed by Patrols with approximately 6-8 Scouts. At the Opening Flag Ceremony, the SPL for each Troop will receive scorecards for distribution to Patrol Leaders. The Patrol Leader must list the members of his Patrol on the scorecard, and no changes will allowed afterwards.

This Camporee is primarily an activity to enhance the Patrol Method within your Troop. It is also a chance for Scouts to show off their skills at camp making, cooking, teamwork, and cooperative methods of taking on tasks. All activities are run with the Patrol Method in mind and each Patrol will be judged in their ability to camp, complete scout skills, and compete as a Patrol (team). If possible, each Patrol should maintain an individual campsite within the larger Troop area.



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**When:** March 22-24, 2019

**Who:** All Council Troops

**Where:** Camp Balboa

**Costs Before March 5<sup>th</sup>:**

\$15 per youth w/o Shirt

\$15 per adult w/o Shirt

\$10 for Shirt

**Costs March 6-12<sup>th</sup>:**

\$15 per youth

\$15 per adult

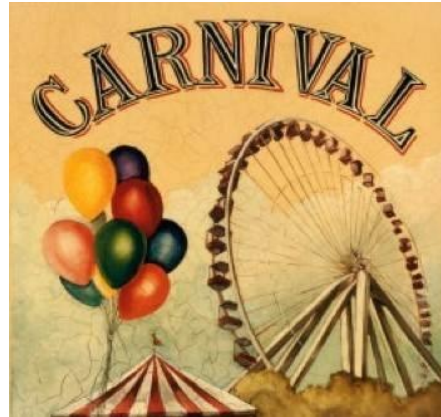
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**Cost After March 12<sup>th</sup> increase to:**

\$17 per youth

\$17 per adult

No shirts available



For more information contact:

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The most successful Troops at this year’s Camporee will have thoroughly read and attained a complete understanding of all the information covered in the handbook.



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