

FOOTHILLS DISTRICT



CAMPOREE



Back to Basics Participant/Leader's Guidebook March 13-15, 2026

Mataguay Scout Ranch



PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE HANDBOOK.

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

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Scouts and Scouters,

Foothills 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 get back to basics with team building, scout skills, and fun competition.

****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+, Life Scouts/Eagle Scouts/ Venturers to be on Staff. Scouts must contact Mr. Craig Kishaba at cbkishaba@cox.net before Friday Feb13th with name, age, scout rank, unit#, and Scoutmaster approval to be considered.

*****The next Camporee Staff meeting will be Sunday, January 25th from 7-8 pm at San Carlos United Methodist Church. Church is located at 6554 Cowles Mountain Blvd. San Diego, CA 92119 (on the corner of Navajo Rd and Cowles Mt. Blvd)**

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 to 8:00 pm	Check in/Camp site set-up
9:00 pm	Briefing for Leaders, SPL's, and Staff at Silva Lodge
10:00 pm	Lights out/Quiet Camp

Saturday

6:30 am	Reveille, breakfast and clean-up
7:30 am	Assembly for Flags and opening ceremony (TBD)
8:30 to 12:00pm	Commence Patrol Challenges
11:50 to 12:50 pm	Lunch and clean-up
1:00 to 3:00pm	Commence Patrol Challenges
9 am & 1 pm	Senior Patrol Leader's Challenge
10:30 & 2:30 pm	**Backpack Stove Challenges
4:00 to 6:30 pm	Evening meal and clean-up
	Cooking Contest Preps in Troop Campsites
5:30 to 6:00pm	Cooking Contest Judging
7:30 pm	Awards (TBD)
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 to 10:30 am	Check-out of campsites
11:00 am	Camp secured



EVENT INFORMATION

Parking: CAR POOLING is recommended. **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.

Check-in Procedure: Plan to arrive together. You will check-in at A-Frame where you will be assigned your campsite.

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. **Please provide copy of Medical A&B form at check-in plus keep a copy at your campsite. The copies will be returned at check-out.**

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 given a map of where their campsite is located. There will be volunteers to ensure you are at your assigned campsite. **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 2** and will be first-come-first-serve for the first 250.

At least two registered adult leaders must be in attendance with each Unit. All Scouts and Scouters 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.

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**

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



Friday Night Briefing: This is **MANDATORY** for all Unit Senior Patrol Leaders and Unit Leaders! It will take place at Silva Lodge patio. Patrol competition times, cooking challenge, SPL Challenge and small stove competition time slots are selected.

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.

Event Judges: Each judge will be identified by a blue bandana and yellow fluorescent colored hat. 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 yellow fluorescent colored hat.

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.

Cracker Barrel: To be held Saturday night at 9:00pm on Silva Lodge patio 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 Silva Lodge 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.

Fires: Determination on a fire is at MSR's current policy.

First Aid Station: All MAJOR injuries and illnesses are to be reported immediately to the First Aid station located in Silva Lodge. All minor injuries should be treated and documented within your troop campsite. All meds are the responsibility of each Unit leader. **Please provide copy of Medical A&B form at check-in plus keep a copy at your campsite. The copies will be returned at check-out.**

Headquarters: The Camporee Office is located at Silva Lodge.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Troop Cooking Challenge: Does Your Troop have a 'Legendary' Meal?

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. Scouts must do all the preparing and cooking by themselves, with very little or no adult help.

All food must be prepared at your campsite.

The Troop will be judged as follows:

20% presentation, 20% originality, 60% taste

Troops must present **two (2) servings** of their dish to the Silva Lodge area for **judging area between 5:30–6:00pm. (NOTE: 6:00pm 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.

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.

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.

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. 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. The competition will be at Silva Lodge patio. 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 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 13-15, 2026

Who: All Council Troops

Where: Mataguay Scout Ranch

Cost: \$20 per youth (paid by Feb 15, 2026. Increases to \$30 from Feb 16 to March 2)

\$20 per adult (paid by Feb 15, 2026. Increases to \$30 from Feb 16 to March 2)

For more information contact:

Program/Admin Craig Kishaba cbkishaba@cox.net

DISTRICT CAMPOREE, March 13-15, 2026

Total # of youth participants @ \$20 = \$

Total # of adult participants @ \$20 = \$

Send check payable to:

"BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA"

Account # 1-6801-243-20

San Diego - Imperial Council

Balboa Crossroads District Camporee

1207 Upas Street

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Leader Name Position
(Leader at the event)

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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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