

## Camporee 2017 Information for all Troops and Patrols

Theme is: Scout Skills Forge Character

This theme is from the writings of Admiral James B. Stockdale. He wrote that when life becomes difficult, one's character really shows and that makes the difference in how we perform and survive. The metaphor of a crucible is what he used. We are using the Forge as our metaphor because the trial by fire of Scout Skills competition will show what our patrols are made of. As these tests are all of skills that are already part of the trail to Eagle, we hope everyone will shine in these skills tests.

Location: Firestone Scout Reservation, The campgrounds are Arthur Letts, Rinconcito, and Green Island. These are the same campgrounds we had last year. These will accommodate 300 people without difficulty. We will camp at the upper campgrounds and use the lower campground for assembly and the Saturday evening campfire.

The Dates are March 24-26.

Cost is \$35.00 for the weekend. \$25.00 Saturday only. Cub scouts are free and welcome. Payable at the Volunteer Service desk at the Scout House. Late payment after March 23 is only \$40.00 per person and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to pay more as this will help our district and council with their necessary hidden costs.

I just received confirmation yesterday about which campsites we have at Firestone. Our plans were delayed by attempting to move our camporee to the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center. Although

that venue seems ideal, they are extremely busy during Lent with various Church groups renting that facility.

The camporee opens at 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 24th and will be over by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Naturally troops with Sunday commitments will be excused Saturday evening.

Dinner Friday night will be served to everyone as the price is included in the cost already. This will be Potato-ritos which are similar to a Tostada but on a baked potato instead of a tortilla.

Morning assembly starts at 08:40 with competitions starting at 09:00.

The Ta-tanka Chapter of Order of the Arrow will serve as the leadership for the Camporee as they are the Scout led unit for the entire district.

Competitions will be two levels: Scout to First Class will be Kim's game, First aid for lower extremity fractures, Orienteering basics with map orientation, Elementary Scout Knowledge, Simple knots, and Plutonium Transfer. Star to Eagle will be Shelter building, Advanced Scout Knowledge, Advanced Kim's game, Advanced Orienteering, Plutonium Transfer, and another skill to be named in the next two weeks.

Each troop will conduct firestarting with biscuit cooking in their campsites. Timed knot tying will also be done in the troop campsites. The fastest six patrols will compete for the perpetual trophies Saturday night.

Uniform inspection will be done after Saturday morning assembly by each troop. Campsite inspection of the Patrols will be done by each troop with attention to the following: Defined perimeter, Entry with an invitation to inspect, Duty roster, fire safety equipment present, a useful camp device made with lashings. Each detail will yield 2 points with 10 points possible.

Camping promotion is an important task of the Order of the Arrow. Each patrol will visit the Camping Promotion booth at the Order of the Arrow Trading Post to earn Five points towards the White Buffalo Award.

Each patrol will wear the Field uniform as determined by your Scoutmaster for the formal uniform inspection. Class B is acceptable for the remainder of the camporee but your troop will give the final instructions about uniform for the weekend.

Troop 316 has agreed to provide their excellent Plutonium transfer, I would like Troop 106 to continue with Kim's Game for the weekend. The other competitions need volunteers from the other troops. Call me to sign up: 949-466-3274.

The permission slips are being revised and will be posted on the district website. Hopefully later this week.

The afternoon will have social activities as follows:

Human Foosball

Archery

Game prison: Each patrol will solve several puzzles and play various games to win their freedom

Orange County Economics for Scouts: Each patrol will make choices about OC expenses for housing, food, education, and career options with the goal to thrive in Orange County.

Dry Land Fly Casting: Practice now to capture the best prizes while fishing later.

Hill Climb competition: Each patrol will race up the slope by the OA trading post. Fastest one wins a trophy.

Saturday night Campfire and Call Out Ceremony:

This will be in the Amphitheater at the Lower campground. Patrols will compete for the Perpetual Trophies of Firestarting with Biscuit cooking, and Knot Tying. Watch out everyone because Troop 265 won last year with 19 seconds for knot tying and they are practicing now to improve their times.

After the call out, there will be a short film about Forging Character.

OA Cracker Barrel: This will be for everyone in OA. If you have not had a chance to pay your dues, this is an excellent time to do so. Annual dues are \$20.00. If you are an Ordeal member, remember to go to Ordeal May 19-21 at Lost Valley. You can serve as an Elongomat and earn your Brotherhood membership. This is an excellent way to continue in Cheerful Service.

Sunday Morning Scout's Own will be at 09:00 followed by dismissal by troops, once your campsite has been inspected and approved. Remember, Leave no trace is in effect, and always leave your campsite better than when you found it.

The Rules for the Weekend are the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. All adults present must have a current Youth Protection card to ensure that our youth are safe. Any questions please call Nancy Bixler at 714-437-0100. Thanks for participating in Del Mar Camporee 2017