

Zombie Apocalypse May 17-18-19, 2013

Horsemasters Farm

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Welcome to the Thunderbird District Camporee for 2013! This year's theme is exciting and will provide plenty of fun for everyone! Zombies have been reported in Beaver Creek, and we're going to check for ourselves!

There are actually very few changes to this year's packet, so I'll summarize them quickly: We're encouraging trading between troops, Scouts and Scoutmasters even though it's not part of the theme, it's been fun to do!

- 1) This year's Troop event is going to be fun. Youth leaders and Adult Leaders will throw a baseball. Don't worry, it's all about decontamination.
- 2) Uniform inspections can be at check-in -OR- as a patrol event during Saturday's competition. It's up to the patrol.
- 3) There will be a cooking competition which will not be scored for Camporee points.
- 4) Bring appropriate saws if you want to take wood from the existing burn piles.

Horsemasters Farm is family owned. It's a beautiful 80 acre working horse ranch near Oregon City. This location offers us a centrally located, natural outdoor setting with an amazing amount of space, as well as some unique opportunities for activities. The site has very popular every year, and the owners were happy to have us there. Since it's private property, let's be sure to return it better than we found it.

This year's theme and regalia are easy, I look forward to seeing what you all come up with. Don't forget, according to "The Zombie Survival Guide" by ~ there have been zombie outbreaks since the beginning of the historical record. This means that there are opportunities for historical as well as modern zombies. As far as I can tell, the virus ~ is not limited to Earth.

Please call, txt or email me if I can be of any help.

Yours in Scouting-

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Camporee Information

This packet will tell you almost everything you need to know before you show up! Additional handouts will be at HQ on Friday night. We are planning just for fun activities and scored events to test your Scouting Skills, so... Be Prepared!

A few words about this years process

Registration and Camporee Clothing

- All units will need to register and order clothing online. We'll get the event registration up at www.cpcbsa.org up as soon as possible. Click **Event Registration** in the **Quick links** on the home to access the **Thunderbird Camporee** registration.
- Fees for Youth and Adults: \$15.00.
- We'll have caps at Camporee.
- Uniform inspections can be at check-in OR as a patrol event during Saturday's competition. It's up to the patrol.
- Please help speed the check-in process by coming prepared with your rosters and paperwork including...
 - Each unit must bring a Medical Form for each participant to Camporee Check-in. Medical Forms will be held by the Camp Medical Staff until check-out.
- Scoring will be done in much the same fashion as last year. Two sets of Score Cards will be issued to Senior Patrol Leaders (SPLs) for morning and afternoon sessions. SPLs distribute to Patrol Leaders who carry to each event. The SPL is responsible for turning in the completed scorecards to Camporee Headquarters (HQ) at the times specified on the cards.
- Knowing and acting in accordance with the Spirit of the Scout Law, Motto, and Oath, will be important to score well.
- Campsite Judges will be looking for well-balanced meals, checking for real cooking skills and a duty roster. Menus and duty roster must be clearly posted. Youth cook for youth and may also cook for adults. It is inappropriate for adults to cook for youth at Camporee.
- Not allowed at Camporee:
 - Personal tomahawks or throwing knives
 - Family pets
 - Camp Trailers, RVs and ATVs
 - Camouflaged military clothing, gang, goth or any clothing that reveals underwear
- Arrangement for individuals with special needs must be made with the Camporee Scoutmaster, Mike De La Mater, prior to Camporee. No arrangements will be made at the event.
- The regulation BSA Field (Class "A") uniform is the official uniform of Camporee. Activity uniforms (Class "B") should have a Scouting or period theme.
- There are no dumpster facilities.
- **Water will be available at Camporee, but it will be inconvenient.** Absolutely no dish-washing near water areas. According to Leave No Trace (LNT) standards, waste water must be filtered/screened of all debris, then discarded broadcast style (not near the water source). Violation of this rule will cause point deductions. We are serious about this one.

Headquarters and First Aid

Headquarters will be staffed around the clock. We have a fully qualified camp medic and first aid station. Each troop needs to have a First Aid Kit clearly visible and accessible in their area. Please report all injuries to the camp medic. There are 2 fire stations within 5 minutes of the site.

Special Considerations for this site

- Bring your own water. Limited amounts of water is available, but inconvenient. We will be able to fill water jugs, but it's a long haul from camp areas to the end of the hose. It is a good idea to bring all of the water you'll need.
- Rented KYBOs will be available, with some reserved for women and handicapped only. Please respect the gender designation on KYBOs.
- There are no shower or dish-washing facilities.

Parking

Parking at Horsemasters Farm will be adequate only if we all park close together. Please follow the directions of our parking staff. Slow down and be patient, kind and courteous. Parking will be pretty much the same, with less mud. We will also be parking up by the arena this year to accommodate our growth. There is a separate area for pull-through trailers.

Campsites

You will get directions to your site when you arrive. There will be plenty of space for camping. Each patrol/crew/team area must be well defined. Please keep your site organized and clean.

Campfires

We will find out if the local Fire Marshall will permit campfires the week before Camporee. Feel free to plan on leave no trace fires, but don't be disappointed if they are not allowed. All fires must be in an elevated self-contained pit. Bring your own firewood. All traces of your fire must be removed according to Leave No Trace standards, including removal of ashes and charcoal. If you need a fire pit, be sure to fill the hole replace the sod before trying to check out.

Off Limits!

The horse arena and housing areas are all off limits, unless escorted. Respect the boundaries marking off areas around water. Off limits violations can lead to removal from Camporee.

Serious Grievances

Please immediately seek out Mike De La Mater, Camporee Chairman. He will listen and the situation will be addressed. Please be respectful to everyone at Camporee and present appropriate behavior. (READ: "If you have to yell, yell at Mike.")

Safety

Four words to live by, "Guide to Safe Scouting." All safety issues (appropriate white-gas use, axes, knives, fires, etc.) will be strictly adhered to as specified in the "Guide to Safe Scouting".

Thunderbird District Camporee Scoring

- I. Event scoring will be done by the event sponsors. Each event sponsor will be responsible for processing each unit in the time allotted. If there are backups for an event you need to attend, check the other scored events. If there are no others you can attend, send a representative to HQ so that we can correct the problem.
- II. Patrol roster

- A. At registration, each Senior Patrol Leader, (SPL), will be given a patrol roster form to complete and return to the scoring table prior to opening flag ceremony on Saturday.
 - B. Once patrol rosters are submitted by the SPL, members of the patrols should remain the same throughout the entire Camporee weekend.
 - C. The Committee must approve patrol roster change. Changes will be allowed due to injury, illness, or early departure. The SPL must request a change in roster prior to a patrol continuing in competition. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Nobody wants that!
 - D. The rosters will be used in determining average scores of some events and participation points for others. Please ensure the accuracy of these rosters before turning them in.
- III. Spectators, observers, adult leaders, parents, siblings, and guests are encouraged to follow Scouts to their events and cheer them on.
- A. Since this is a youth activity, adult intervention is not permitted, except in the case of safety.
 - i. No Coaching
 - ii. No Instruction
 - iii. No Advising
 - B. The event judge will give one warning for the first infraction without penalty. Continued or blatant infractions may result in a disqualification. Please, let your Scouts compete, but do not interfere with judging or competition. If there is any question about this, please immediately contact or refer individuals to a Camporee Staff Member for clarification.
- IV. Judging. Judges will conduct event scoring with fairness and consistency. Morning event judges will communicate with afternoon event judges to ensure consistent scoring. Scouting Spirit (conduct consistent with the Law, Oath and Motto during events) will have an influence on scores. As in most sporting events, judges will have the final ruling on their event.
- V. Scoring Points
- A. Top Troop and Patrol will be determined by judging in three areas: event points, participation points, and scouting spirit. First, second and third place will be awarded for patrols and crews in each division. Top Troop will also be awarded first, second and third awards.
 - B. Troop score will be determined by the average of patrol scores.
 - C. Top Patrols will be awarded in three divisions: junior, intermediate and senior. Patrols will be placed in division by averaging the rank of patrol members.
 - D. Crews will compete in their own division.
 - E. Participation points
 - i. The goal is for every patrol to participate in every event. Points will be awarded to patrols that participate. Participation points count toward Top Troop and Top Patrol awards.
- VI. Scouting Spirit Points. Scoring for Scouting Spirit will be based on these criteria:
- A. Patrol Flag
 - B. Patrol Yell
 - C. Patrol Method
 - D. Behavior and conduct
 - E. Consistent with the Boy Scout Oath, Law and Motto, bad attitudes and behavior will result in point loss, disqualification and even ejection.

Pioneering

- I. Camporee Committee will score the Pioneering event. Awards will be presented for Top Pioneering projects.
- II. The pioneering project will be scored as a troop event and will be factored into the scoring for Top Troop award.
- III. There are many good resources for projects. Google “Boy Scout Pioneering Projects” for ideas. You can find projects for towers, bridges, gateways, camp tool, gadgets, etc. The Pioneering Merit Badge Book is always a great resource, also.
- IV. All projects will be built by scout youth only. *No adult supervision or on-site direction is permitted.* Adults may not touch or direct the project.

Other

- I. Uniforms
 - A. Formal inspection – Field Uniform (Class A) from the waist up.
 - B. During Events – Patrol uniformity. (See Uniform Section Above).
- II. Campsite Inspection/Patrol Method (See campsite inspection sheet)
 - A. Patrol areas need to be easily recognizable.
 - B. Use of patrol flag and entry points are encouraged.
- III. Scout Knowledge Quiz
 - A. 10 questions based on Trail to First Class.
 - B. Rank appropriate knowledge if Scout has not attained First Class
 - C. Ten Essentials
 - D. Three randomly chosen first class or higher scouts from each troop must show all ten essentials.

Look for Event Sponsor Training

We're still having problems with this, Please help us out.

The Camporee Staff will be at the April and May Round Table to answer questions and train units sponsoring events. We want to ensure that there is consistency in the scoring of all events throughout the entire Camporee. The most crucial time is the change between the morning and afternoon sessions. We will make sure that all questions are answered on how to score events, how to use the score sheets and the guidelines for judging Scout Spirit at events. Additionally, event specific training will be provided as needed. Scout Masters and SPL's will have an open question and answer forum.

Scoutmasters, this is a great opportunity for you to give your parents and adult leaders a chance to serve. Not only will they be serving the scouts in your troop, but scouts from across the district. Please consider sponsoring an event and give a parent or adult leader a chance to serve by becoming an event judge. Contact Mark Teeter, Camporee events coordinator, to volunteer your unit to host an event. He has many fun events to choose from.

Hint:

Tell your youth leaders that operating the troop using the Patrol Method and Trail to First Class skills will be very helpful! Have all youth review those handbooks, practice some knots, brush up on some first aid and remember what the pointy arrow on the map is for!

Cooking Competition

This event does not count towards Top Troop. Either an entree or a dessert, using only period tools and ingredients. Judging will be just before dinner, so your Troop can enjoy the food. Number of divisions to be determined, based on interest. There will be an Open class, at a minimum. More details forthcoming.

2013 Camporee Campsite Inspection

GENERAL CAMPSITE	Possible points
Unit site identified (Troop Flag / gateway, etc.)	5
Patrol site identified (Patrol flag, sign, etc.)	5
Unit bulletin board – general information	5
Patrol bulletin board – menu and duty roster	5
Camp craft (dining fly or other useful pioneering structure)	10
Campsite cleanliness (no trash)	5
KITCHEN & COOK AREA	
Clean dishes (wash, rinse, disinfect)	5
Clean dining area (no food on ground, etc.)	10
Safe cooking area (stoves, fire ring, as appropriate)	10
Safe kitchen area (proper food storage, knives stowed, etc.)	10
SAFETY	
Unit first aid kit accessible	5
Ax yard marked, no dangerous items	5
Guy lines and tent lines marked (flagged or made safe)	5
Fire buckets, as appropriate	5