

*2017 Riverbend District*

**HOOKED ON**

**SCOUTING**

***CAMPOREE***



**LEADER GUIDE**

*April 28-30, 2017*

*Island Park Campground –  
Pine Flat Lake, Piedra, CA*

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## **Camporee 2017 General Information**

The Riverbend District welcomes you to the 2017 Camporee. All activities will take place at Island Park Campground at Pine Flat Lake.

In addition to the traditional Camporee activities, troops are encouraged to invite Webelos Scouts and parents to visit the Camporee as their guest. This will help to strengthen the Webelos to Scout transition and assist Webelos in meeting the requirements for the Arrow of Light. Several We welcome the participation of Venture Crews and Explorer Units at the 2017 Riverbend Camporee. Please plan to carpool as much as possible as parking will be limited.

This 2017 Camporee Leaders' Guide is designed to provide unit leaders with the information necessary to assist their youth leaders in preparation for the events. Enclosed you will find directions to the site, participant information, and forms needed for your unit to register.

Registration Fee is \$10 per participant (for all ages, it includes overnight camping fee and patch).

### ***Important Camporee Date:***

**April 28th-30th, 2017**

### **Directions to Island Park Campground:**

Island Park Campground is located at Pine Flat Lake. The camporee will be located in the Blue Oak Group campsite.

### **GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude):**

36.86464, -119.31573

36°51'53"N, 119°18'57"W

From Fresno, CA: Travel east on Highway 180 to Academy Ave. Turn Left on Academy and turn right on Belmont Avenue. Belmont Avenue turns into Trimmer Springs Road, and follow it to Island Park Recreation Area, Turn right and follow signs to Island Park Campground. The Camporee will be in the Blue Oak Group campsite.

# Unit Leader Information – Check-in and Registration

**Before Arrival:** Please review the check-in, schedule, and safety issues well in advance to ensure participant understanding. Please make sure that all participants are registered in their respective programs.

**Registration Form/Troop Roster:** Please make a copy the registration form/troop roster and bring it with you.

**Uniforms:** All registered members should be in full field uniform for arrival, departure, morning and evening flags, and campfire ceremonies. Through the day, activity shirts are appropriate.

**Arrival: Check-in will begin at 5:00 PM** Unit Leaders (Adult and Youth) are expected to have their unit Medical Forms/Permission Slips. The Camporee is only checking that these forms, in general, are in the possession of the Unit Leader. Units without Medical/ permission forms will not be allowed to stay.

All vehicles in your group will proceed together to the Camporee Site Check-in. If you need to wait for delayed members of your party, there is parking inside Island Park. Instructions will be provided at check-in regarding camping site and parking locations. The Senior Patrol Leader, Crew President, or highest ranking youth leader with the unit will check-in their unit. Webelos Dens staying with a host Troop should check in at the same time as the Troop. Visiting Webelos dens and families will check in on Saturday morning. **Please plan to carpool due to limited parking.** Vehicles may not be left at the campsite.

**Designated Areas:** This camp is in a wilderness area and native wildlife includes Coyotes, Rattlesnakes and Mountain Lions. There is Poison Oak present nearby. The buddy system will be enforced and climbing is discouraged outside of specifically designated areas. Water areas will be considered off limits. **No swimming will be allowed.**

**Wildlife:** A wide variety of wildlife lives in this area. There will be no hunting allowed during the Camporee and respect for the environment is expected. Any person found in violation of Fish and Game regulations will be asked to leave the Camporee. Rattlesnakes are a known hazard in this area.

**Water:** Water sources at Pine Flat Lake are not potable. Please bring drinking water as well as water for washing dishes.

**Fires:** A Scout is careful with fire. Troops and Crews are encouraged to bring elevated burn containers. Stoves and lanterns can be used in the campsites if elevated off the ground. Dutch oven or charcoal cooking will be allowed in cleared areas near the campsites or the designated trail/dirt paths. Open flames in campsites will be subject to weather conditions and/or CalFire restrictions.

**Leave No Trace:** All units are encouraged to follow Leave No Trace principles.

**Adult Leadership:** Every troop, crew, or post is required to have a minimum of two deep leadership supervision for their unit throughout the weekend.

**Closing Campfire:** Saturday evening campfire is planned for the Scout Troops and the Venture Crews. Entertainment and Order of the Arrow candidate call-out will be conducted at the Scout campfire.

**Participant Performance:** All youth and adults will be expected to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law at all times. Failure to act in an appropriate manner will lead to immediate removal from the Camporee site.

**DO NOT BRING:** Electronics, any weapons (including fixed blade or sheath knives, bows and/or arrows, and ammunition), open toed shoes, alcoholic beverages, recreational drugs, tobacco products and fireworks.

**Departure:** A camp staff guide will check your unit out of your campsite. The head commissioner will have staff guides assigned to various camp areas between 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM. To request an earlier check out time, notify the Camporee Staff at the security check-in (at the main gate) and the Camporee commissioner will schedule one.

# Camporee Schedule

## Friday, April 28

- 4:00 PM Check-in/Registration Opens
- 9:00 PM Check-in/Registration Closes
- 9:30 PM Cracker Barrel – Advisors, Scoutmasters, SPL's, and Presidents  
(please bring a snack to share with others - the camporee will not be providing snack)  
**MANDATORY Scoutmaster Meeting.**
- 11:00 PM Lights Out, Quiet Time, Taps

## Saturday, April 29

- 6:30 AM Reveille, Breakfast.
- 7:55 AM Flags at the assembly area in **full uniform**. Afterward, patrols return to camp to complete campsite preparation and change to activity uniforms.
- 8:30 AM Events Begin
- 11:45 AM Events close for lunch (bring a trail lunch to eat)
- 12:30 PM Events Resume
- 3:30 PM Events End. Free time and afternoon special demonstrations.
- 6:30-7:00 PM Deliver Dutch Oven desserts to campfire area. Include a serving spoon
- 7:00 PM Flag Retirement in **full uniform**.
- 7:20 PM Dutch Oven Dessert Free-For-All begins. Bring a dish and utensil to share in the fun.
- 7:30 PM Campfire begins. Awards, program, entertainment, Order of the Arrow Call-out during campfire
- 11:00 PM Lights out, Quiet time, Taps

## Sunday, April 30

- 6:30 AM Reveille, Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Flags  
Interfaith service, following flags.  
Pack campsites following return to camp.
- 9:30 AM Check-out begins
- 11:00 AM All Check-out complete. Camporee Closed.



Schedule subject to change

# Youth Leader Information

Our theme is Scouting Essentials. The patrol method will be emphasized during your experience at the Camporee. At the Scoutmaster & SPL Cracker Barrel units will receive a complete listing of the events.

**Be Prepared** - This year's Camporee your patrol should have knowledge of the following:

Safe Rules of Hiking – What is required to be safe?

First Aid – are you prepared for accidents

Knots – what are important knots to know and how are they used?

Pioneering – know your wraps and fraps and how they are used.

Orienteering – how did I get here and where am I going?

Nutrition and Menu Planning - can we plan balanced meals and a weekend menu?

Trail signs – How do I find my way back?

Emergency shelter - can we take cover?

Flag Etiquette - Can we run it up the flagpole?

Casting and throwing - do you have what it takes to get a line where it needs to be?

Scout Spirit – what does it mean to live by the Scout Law?

**Best Overall Patrol:** This award will be given based on competition results as well as additional points received for participation in special events, early bird registration, Webelos attendance (given to all troops/patrols with Webelos dens visiting the Camporee), and campsite inspections.

**Campsite inspections:** Inspections will be taking place Saturday after the beginning of the events. Make sure that each patrol site is ready for inspection immediately after flags.

**Dutch Oven Cooking:** Whip up a dessert. for the Dutch Oven Dessert Free-For-All. Extra points will be offered for units participating. Desserts will be served prior to the closing campfire.

**Fires:** Fires may be limited by CalFire or because of weather conditions. Ground fires will not be allowed; participants are asked to use raised pits or established rings.

**Leave No Trace:** At this event Leave No Trace techniques will be emphasized. All troops are expected to carry out any trash generated during the camporee.

**O.A. Callout:** At the close of the campfire the Callout team for Targua Chapter will recognize those youth and adults honored by their peers this year. Members of the OA are asked to wear their sashes to the campfire.

**Sanitation:** Toilet facilities will be available. Please do your best to keep them clean and in working order. Field latrines will not be necessary or allowed.

**Water:** The developed water sources on site are **not potable**. Please plan accordingly. All Scouts must bring a water bottle or canteen and be prepared to use it.

**Webelos:** We wish to encourage you to use this event as an opportunity to foster the Webelos to Scout transition. Please invite Webelos Dens, scouts and parents to accompany or visit your Troop during the camporee. Registration should be included as part of the unit registration. Webelos patrols will participate in events, but will not compete for awards.

## Check List

Each patrol will need to bring the following equipment and items with them on the trail.

- **Lunch** – You will be returning to your campsite for lunch.
- **Water** – every member of the patrol should start off with a full water bottle.
- **Rope** – each patrol should have 3 20-foot pieces of ¼” rope. Select it based on being appropriate for pioneering projects as well as being combined for a rescue rope, if needed.
- **Tarp** - Bring a 6'x8' tarp that is in good condition.
- **Poles** - Each patrol will need to bring 3 poles (6-10 ft.) for lashing projects
- **Compass** – each patrol needs at least one compass.
- **First Aid kit** – each patrol member should have a personal first aid kit. The patrol should have a patrol kit for emergencies as well.
- **Pencil/pen and paper**
- **Scout Handbook** (never leave home without it)
- **Day pack** – we are asking you to bring equipment – put it in a day pack for easy access.





# CAMPSITE INSPECTION SHEET

**Post one at each Patrol Campsite**

*This sheet will be collected by inspection team after the final inspection.*

**Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patrol:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Score each item from 0 to 5 points.** (If an inspection item is not applicable to the campsite, the scorer will allot full points for that item.)

Unit Site:	Possible	Score
1. Evidence of campsite planning	__ 5 __	_____
2. Separate patrol areas	__ 5 __	_____
3. Proper display of US and Troop flags	__ 5 __	_____
4. Troop information displayed	__ 5 __	_____
5. Tools and Equipment safely stowed	__ 5 __	_____
6. Axe yard lines flagged (if applicable)	__ 5 __	_____
7. First Aid Kit visible and marked	__ 5 __	_____
8. Campsite neat and orderly in appearance	__ 5 __	_____
9. Liquid/solid fuels properly stored	__ 5 __	_____
10. Vehicles out of campsite ( <b>required</b> )	__ 5 __	_____
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>__ 50 __</b>	_____

Patrol Site:	Possible	Score
1. Tents properly pitched	__ 5 __	_____
2. Campsite clean of litter and trash	__ 5 __	_____
3. Personal equipment properly stored	__ 5 __	_____
4. Duty roster and menus posted	__ 5 __	_____
5. Food stored properly	__ 5 __	_____
6. Kitchen area clean and orderly	__ 5 __	_____
7. Drinking water available	__ 5 __	_____
8. Fire safety equipment visible (sand/water)	__ 5 __	_____
9. Patrol site identified	__ 5 __	_____
10. Stoves/raised fire rings well situated	__ 5 __	_____
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>__ 50 __</b>	_____

<b>Patrol Total</b>	<b>__ 100 __</b>	_____
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## 2017 Riverbend District Camporee Unit Pre-Registration Form

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_  
 District \_\_\_\_\_ Unit City \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this side and patrol information on reverse side (use additional copies as needed). ALL participants must be listed on this form.

Contact Information: *(please complete if changes since reservation was submitted)*

<i>Scoutmaster/Unit Leader</i>	<i>Additional Contact Leader (Committee Chair, Activities Chair, etc.) (to receive additional copy of materials)</i>
<i>Position:</i> _____	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
Zip	_____
Home Phone	_____
Work Phone	_____
Email	_____
Other Information	_____
_____	_____

Total Number of Scouts/Crew members	_____	# of Patrols	_____
Total Overnight Adults	_____	Estimated Arrival Time	Estimated Departure
		<input type="radio"/> 4-6 p.m.	<input type="radio"/> Sat. Evening
		<input type="radio"/> 6-8 p.m.	<input type="radio"/> Sunday before 8:30
		<input type="radio"/> 8-10 p.m.	<input type="radio"/> Sunday 9:30-11:00
		<input type="radio"/> Sat 7:30-9:30 a.m.	_____
Total Participants	_____		_____
Total Fees Due	_____		

\$10/person *Registration fee camping fees and includes one patch per participant. Onsite registrations cannot be guaranteed a patch)*

**Please return this form and your FULL PAYMENT to Sequoia Council**  
**Register online here: [http://seqbsa.org/register/2017/rb\\_camporee.htm](http://seqbsa.org/register/2017/rb_camporee.htm)**

 <https://www.facebook.com/events/266342137148201/>

 <https://plus.google.com/b/112992098591202695224/events/cqh20qb7jkaatihhu6gq1q44e8k>

Fresno Service Center	6005 N. Tamara	Fresno, CA 93711	559-320-2100
Visalia Service Center	230 NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	Visalia, CA 93291	559-732-3424

**Questions? Contact Camporee Chairman Keith Backman [k.backman@pacbell.net](mailto:k.backman@pacbell.net)**

**Council Account Information: Post to Account # 900091 1-6801-557-20**

**Date Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_



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Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle) Pack Troop Crew City: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

List all Adults attending: (At least two registered adult leaders must accompany and remain with each unit at all times. Any adult attending, other than the parent of a Scout attending, must be registered with the BSA.)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Patrol #1 Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Patrol #2 Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Pre-Registered: Yes No

Amount paid at Pre-Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due for Additional Attendees @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this form to the Camporee for Check-in

Make copies as needed for additional patrols.