

A Century of Scouting

GOLDEN ARROW DISTRICT 2008 CAMPOREE

March 7th to March 9th

Dear Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, and Webelos Leaders,

In recognition of 100 years of scouting in the United States of America, at this year's GAD Spring Camporee, we are going back to the basics. All of the competitive events will be based on scout skills taught to our scouts straight out of the Boy Scout Handbook. All of the events will be held in the daytime. There will be a total of 10 events that have been carefully chosen that will test each patrol's abilities to work together as a team. Those events are as follows:

- # 1 - Knot Tying
- # 2 - Orienteering
- # 3 - First Aid
- # 4 - Flag Etiquette
- # 5 - Height and Distance
- # 6 - Lashings
- # 7 - Fire Building
- # 8 - Leadership
- # 9 - Tent Pitching
- #10 - Animal and Plant Identification (Scavenger Hunt)

All patrols will have pre-assigned levels at which they will compete. There will be three levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Also, this year we are extending an invitation to any Webelo Den that would like to participate. They will compete in the same events as the Boy Scout Patrols although they will have their own class.

We suggest that your unit plans on how they will set up their campsite. We will have a Unit Campsite Inspection that will count towards the Over All Troop Award.

There will also be a Dutch Oven Cook-Off of which Scouts and Scouters will have the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities to tantalize our taste buds. There will be three categories for Scouts and three categories for Scouters. The three categories are: Main Entrée, Breads, and Deserts.

Troops and Webelos Dens can arrive starting at 5:30PM on Friday for registration and set-up. Those arriving early, please wait outside of the Camporee Area.

This registration packet should help you understand what is going to happen this year at Camporee so you can publicize it to your unit and to prepare them for this event.

We will need assistance in staffing this event. Venture Crews are asked to come and to participate by being part of the staff. With all the events being planned we will need many staff members. We are going to try to avoid using scouts from the troops so that they can participate in the events. We are also asking that any adults that are attending and do not need to be directly involved with the patrols to volunteer to help out with the events.

The entire Camporee Committee is committed to providing your Scouts with an outstanding event and we need your assistance. We ask that you not only help supply volunteers, but that you help make this event a success by doing the following:

#1 – Place the Camporee dates on your calendar... **SO YOU DO NOT FORGET**

#2 – Copy any of the enclosed general information sheets and pass them out to the scouts and leaders in you units

#3 – Review all the different competitions with the scouts in your unit and come prepared to compete and to win

#4 – Register and send in the required fees early... Register before the cut off date to **SAVE YOU MONEY !!!!**

#5 – Be prepared to have **FUN, FUN, FUN**

Thank you for your assistance in making the 2008 Golden Arrow District Camporee a success and loads of fun.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give either one of us a call.

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See you there!