



# 2016 Council Camporee

## Leaders' Guide



**Rio Grande Council  
Boy Scouts of America**

Dear Leaders:

The annual Rio Grande Council Camporee will be held April 22-24 at Camp Perry. Congratulations to last year's champs, Troop 76. We look forward to them defending their title. Along with many of the traditional skills events we are familiar with, this year we are introducing a couple of new events to keep things fresh and exciting. This year we're opening up the camporee to allow Venturing and Explorer units participate. Please divide up your youth into patrols for participation in Camporee. Each patrol should be around 5 to 8 youth. If you have any questions about participating, please contact the Camporee Chair, Marco Cavada or your District Executive. Competition is based on the skills contained in the Boy Scout Handbook. The Score Sheets are available for download on the Camporee registration page.

The basic events all patrols have to participate in for a unit to qualify for the Traveling Award are:

Campsite Inspections  
Uniform Inspection (together after Saturday flag)  
Firebuilding  
Knot Tying  
Pioneering  
First Aid

In addition to the required events, two additional events from the following list are required:

Flag Raising  
Cooking  
Rifle  
Archery  
Scout Knowledge\*  
Geocaching\*  
Canoe Race\*  
\*new this year

**A note about parking:** Please keep in mind that the front two rows of parking in the main parking lot are for unit trailers only. The first row is for short trailers that are unhitched from the vehicle. The second row will be for larger trailers, which may be left hitched to the vehicle. Please keep a lane by the Quarter Master building open for vehicles to pass.

We're looking forward to an exciting and successful Council Camporee this year. The cost for Adults this year is \$13.00, and the youth price is \$18.00. Like last year, this year's registration includes a t-shirt, so please register by 3/30/16 to ensure your unit's t-shirts get ordered! Please know your sizes before you go online to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Camporee Chair Marco Cavada at 956-498-3832 or [cavada56@yahoo.com](mailto:cavada56@yahoo.com).

*Marco A Cavada*  
Marco A. Cavada  
2016 Council Camporee Chair

*Ronald Camacho*  
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Staff Advisor

## Perfect Check-in Award

Each Unit that completes all the required steps and checks into camp without a hitch will be eligible for this year's Perfect Check-in Award. Please be ready with the following:

- Proof of Current YPT for all adults
- Troop Roster form (by Patrol)
- Adult Roster (1 per troop) with cell numbers
- Medical Forms for all youth and adults



## General Rules and Information

1. All adults and youth are to follow the Scout Oath and Law during Camporee.
2. Uniforms are to be worn for morning and evening flag ceremonies, the Saturday night campfire, and Sunday worship service, and at other appropriate times as announced.
3. Scouts may dress in an activity uniform for Saturday Camporee activities during the day. Clothing that is not consistent with scouting ideals is prohibited.
4. Camporee staff will assign campsites. Each troop is requested to use the minimum space for its campsite. Due to large expected attendance, more than one troop may be assigned to each campsite as needed. Be courteous to your fellow campsite mates.
5. Arrival/Check-in time is 6:00 pm on Friday evening. Campsites will be assigned at that time.
6. Vehicles will not be allowed on camp trails. All vehicles must park in designated parking lots.
7. All troops must remove garbage from their campsites and place in the dumpsters prior to departure.
8. Practice sensible fire safety. Please make campfires in the designed fire rings located in each campsite. Please do not move fire rings. Any special restrictions will be administered at check-in should the need arise. Liquid fuels are not recommended. Please follow BSA policy on handling, use and storage of such fuels.
9. Taps will be at 11:00 pm each evening. Reveille will be at 6:30 am. Quiet hours are between those times. Units should arrive with enough time to set up campsites by Taps.
10. Visitors must check in and check out at the office and must depart camp before Taps each evening.
11. Follow all rules regarding knife safety and proper handling of knives and tools.
12. Please do not cut down any live trees for firewood. Any cutting down of live trees will require permission from the Camp Ranger.
13. Skits, songs, etc. must conform to Scouting standards and must be submitted to the Camporee Staff in the office for screening prior to 5:00 pm Saturday. Please come by and tell us what you want to do. We want all troops to participate.
14. Please keep out of the Camp Ranger house and the Ranger's Shop.
15. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters may be requested to assist in some of the events.
16. All troops will be assigned cleanup assignments and should complete them prior to departure.
17. Plan on departing before noon on Sunday.

## Camporee Schedule

### Friday

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Check-in and campsite assignment  
7:45 pm SPL and Adult Leader Meeting (Lodge)  
8:30 pm Event Chair Meeting (Lodge)  
11:00 pm Taps

### Saturday

6:30 am Reveille, Breakfast and Cleanup (in campsites)  
8:00 am Flag and Uniform Inspections for All Patrols  
8:30 am Event Chair Check-in at Office  
9:00 am Camporee Events (Morning Session)  
12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch and Cleanup (in campsites)  
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Camporee Events (Afternoon Session)  
5:00 pm Campfire – Proposed Programs due in office (get on the list)  
5:15 pm Event Chair turn in results for scoring  
6:15 pm Flag  
6:30 – 8:15 pm Dinner and Cleanup (in campsites)  
7:00 pm Cooking Entries due in Lodge  
8:30pm Campfire Program and Camporee Awards (Bowl)

### Sunday

6:30 am Reveille, Breakfast and Cleanup  
8:15 am Flag  
8:30 am Religious Service, World Scouting Fund Collection (Chapel)  
9:00 am Complete Cleanup Assignments/Break Camp  
Checkout by 11:30 am

## Camporee Events

### Required Events (complete all)

**Uniform Inspections** – Immediately after Flag on Saturday morning, all troops will be judged on how well they meet uniform inspection criteria. Come to flag prepared. Total possible points 100.

**Campsite Inspections** – This year's campsite inspection scoresheet is enclosed with the leaders' guide. Refer to it to ensure you Troop scores well. Total possible points 100.

**Fire Building** – use your skills to burn the string and earn bonus points by completing a special feat! You'll be using magnesium with flint and steel strikers. Total possible points 90 for burning the string 100 for completing the bonus objective.

**Knot Tying** – Be ready to tie all the knots required through the BSA first class requirements. Total possible points 100.

**Pioneering** – All lashings out of the BSA Handbook are represented in the Pioneering competition. Be prepared!

**First Aid** – Be prepared to be tested in this essential area of scouting skills!

### Elective Events (complete a minimum of 2 along with the events listed above)

**Flag Raising** – Practice your flag etiquette and flag raising ceremony skills to be ready for this event!

**Rifle** – Come to the Rifle Range and try your marksmanship skills. Get your shots to group within a space the size of a quarter.

**Archery** – Bring your patrol to the Archery range and compete. This may be easy points for some of you!

**Scout Knowledge** – Stop by the Lodge and test your knowledge on tenderfoot through first class scout knowledge and other scout info from the scout handbook.

**Geocaching** - New This Year! Meet outside the Trading Post and start your geocaching quest!

**Canoe Race** - Also new this year! Meet at the docks and race against the clock in canoes with your patrol mates. It's all about teamwork here. Best time will be worth 100 points, and each subsequent time will receive a score proportionate based on all times. Minimum score for completing the race will be 75 points.

**Cooking** – There will be 2 categories for youth. Compete in one or both. Category 1 is the Savory Dish competition. Bring your best main dish or side dish to see how it rates with our judges. Category 2 is the Dessert competition – Bring a dessert of your choice and let's see which one the judges like best.

**Adult Cooking Competition** – Same two categories are available for the Adults to compete in. The adult cooking competition will not affect the youth camporee scoring. It is only an exhibition. Please, no wagering.

## Scoring and Awards

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded for each event.
- Scoring for each event will be based on a 100 point scale.
- Each troop whose patrols complete the all required events and at least 2 elective events (per patrol) will be eligible for the Traveling Award.
- Each patrol will have an average score determined by adding up all of its points and dividing by the number of events it competed in.
- The traveling award will be awarded to the troop with the best average score of its patrol scores.
- Required events are Campsite Inspection, Uniform Inspection, Fire Building, Knot Tying, Pioneering, and First Aid.
- Elective events are Flag Raising, Rifle, Archery, Scout Knowledge, Geocaching, Canoe Race, Cooking Category 1 Savory Dish, and Cooking Category 2 Dessert Dish.
- The troop with the most spirit will be recognized with the Camporee Spirit Award.
- Event scoring and the Traveling Award scoring will be based solely on scout skills. Patrol flags should be present with each patrol and may be part of the scoring (as in the Pioneering event). Patrols will also be asked to demonstrate their Patrol Yell at each of the events.

**Be Prepared. Bring your Totin' Chip to Camporee!**

## Saturday Night Program

Saturday night everyone will get together at The Bowl for fun and fellowship as we gather for a campfire program along with announcement of the awards for the various events, the Camporee Spirit Award, and announcement of the Traveling Award winners. Please remember that each troop is expected to participate in the campfire program. **Please come to the office by 5:00 pm and get on the campfire program list with your song or skit.**

## Sunday Program, Cleanup and Checkout

**Interfaith Service:** There will be an interfaith service on Sunday. Please make plans to attend and we will be taking donations for the World Brotherhood of Scouting if you would like to donate.

**Cleanup Assignments:** All troops are expected to clean up their campsite areas along with areas of camp that will be assigned. Cleanup assignments will be available in the office by Saturday afternoon.

**Checkout:** Come by the office to turn in your evaluations, checkout and pick up your patches prior to leaving. The goal is for all to be checked out and leave camp by 11:30 am.

**Council Camporee  
Troop Roster**

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned Campsite: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCOUTS IN CAMP BY PATROL**

Senior Patrol Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Asst. Senior Patrol Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name:	Patrol Name:
1. PL	1. PL
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.

Patrol Name:	Patrol Name:
1. PL	1. PL
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.

**Council Camporee  
Adult Roster**

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned Campsite: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Adults in Camp**

<b>Adult</b>	<b>Cell Number</b>
<b>1.</b>	
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