

Be Prepared for Everything
Scouting Decathlon

March 6-8 2009

Dear Webelos Leaders, Scoutmasters, Venture Advisors,

The theme for this year GAD Spring Camporee is Be Prepared for Everything Scouting Decathlon. It will be comprised of 10 events that will require the use of each patrol's team building skills and their use of the patrol method. 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 10 events that have been carefully chosen that will test each patrol's ability to work together as a team. Those events are as follows:

- #1 - Knot Tying
- #2 - Orienteering
- #3 - First Aid
- #4 – Flag Raising and Folding
- #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 are four levels: Webelos, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. They will compete in the same events.

We suggest that your unit plan 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 ability 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.

Dens, Troops and Crews 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 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 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 volunteers to help 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 supply volunteers, but that you 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 your units.

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

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

#5- Be prepare to have **FUN, FUN FUN**

Thank you for your assistance in making the 2009 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!!!!!!