

Be Prepared for Everything

Scouting Decathlon

GOLDEN ARROW DISTRICT 2009 CAMPOREE

CAMPOREE INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION:** Please fill out and return the enclosed registration forms to the council office to let us know that you are coming and how many Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters will be attending.
- Please include the required registration fees Make checks payable to Sam Houston Area Council (SHAC) and include account # 6801-421-20 Fees are not refundable.
 - Early registration ends on **Friday, February 20, 2009** Registration must be in the council office by this date (Not just postmarked) Registration received after this date will be considered late.
 - All late Registrations (Those received after the above date) will be subject to a \$ 6.00 additional fee per person (Cub Scout, Scout, Venturer, or Scouter), payable either with the late registration or by check at the Camporee.
- LOCATION:**
- Webb Ranch Chappell Hill, Texas
- DIRECTIONS:**
- The Ranch is located close to the intersection of FM 1155 and FM 2193, which is north of Chappell Hill. The formal name of the ranch is Pleasant Home Farm. From Houston, you take Hwy 290 Northwest to Chappell Hill. There is a stop light on Hwy 290 at the Chappell Hill intersection. At that light, you take a right on FM 1155. Proceed on FM 1155 for 7.6 miles until it dead-ends into FM 2193, and turn left. Approximately 300 yards on the left,

take a left before you reach the church, and cross the cattle guard into Pleasant Home Farm. There will be signs to guide you from there. It is around a one-hour drive from Houston.

- DATE:** - March 6-8, 2009
- ARRIVAL TIME:** - The Camporee Site will be open at 5:30 PM on Friday ... Those arriving early, please wait outside of the Camporee Area.
- FEES:**
- On time registration: \$ 13.00 per person
 - Late registration: \$ 19.00 per person
 - Additional patches: \$ 4.00 each
 - Payable to: Sam Houston Area Council (SHAC) Acct. # 6801-421-20
- CHECK-IN:**
- All units are required to check in with the registration staff upon arrival, even if you are registered.
 - All units will be required to turn in the following items at check-in:
 1. An updated roster of all participants Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters.
 2. A check for any delinquent fees.
 3. A copy of the participants medical form ... Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters.
 4. Evidence of two deep leadership, which will be strictly enforced
Co-ed Crews should have both male and female leadership.
 - After checking in and all forms have been received, you will be assigned a campsite and a staff guide, that will lead you to your campsite.
 - Check-in can be a most frustrating time when everyone tries to arrive at one time Please be prepared for this and be patient.
- PARKING:**
- Access to the Camporee Area will be directed by the camporee staff. Only those vehicles carrying equipment will be allowed in the campsite area for unloading. They will then be required to return to the parking area. All other vehicles will be directed to the parking area.
 - Remember that the staff is made up of volunteers, youth and adult alike, they have complete authority, in any matter, in which a dispute arises. Every year we have adults that disregard

the directions and instructions of our staff members while they are trying to carry out their assigned task of directing and parking traffic. This year, if there is anyone that does not heed the direction or instruction of a staff person, youth or adult, that person or their entire unit may be subject to sanction by the Camporee Committee. The parking rules will be strictly enforced. Only certain staff vehicles will be allowed to move within the Camporee area and these vehicles will be tagged so that all will know which vehicles that they are.

UNIFORMS:

- All Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters should wear the complete scout uniform (Unit version) at required times during the Camporee.
- Class A (Field Uniform) is to be worn at morning and evening flag ceremonies, Camporee Campfire, Sunday morning Interfaith Service and at the Sunday Awards/Closing Ceremony.
- Class A (Field Uniform) or Class B (Activity Uniform) can be worn at all other times.
- Please no message or obscene (Picture or words) clothing should be worn at anytime.

FIRST AID:

- A First Aid Station, with qualified staff, will be on site for emergencies and incidents that the unit cannot handle themselves.
- The First Aid Station will be located in the Headquarters area.
- The First Aid Station will be available on a 24 hour basis Please remember that this is a volunteer staff and consideration should be taken when having to awake them in the middle of the night.
- Each unit is encouraged to have its own first aid supplies and to handle scrapes and bruises in their unit.
- Each unit is encouraged to carry consent to treat forms for all persons in their unit.
- Emergencies and incidents that the unit cannot handle should be reported to a staff member immediately, if you need assistance, and they will call the first aid staff to the area.
- In the event that someone must go to the hospital (Non ambulance cases), it is the responsibility of the unit leaders to provide that transportation.

QUIET HOURS:

- Reveille and Taps will be blown each morning and evening.
- Quiet hours will be enforced between these times 11:00PM till 6:00AM on both Friday and Saturday nights.
- Respect your neighbors and fellow scouts by observing these quiet hours.

- WATER:**
- Potable water will be available from the District Buffalo.
- FIRES:**
- Unit ground fires will more than likely be allowed (Depending on fire bans)
Proper procedures and precautions must be taken at all times. Fires must be raised off the ground and must be in some sort of fireproof container.
 - Those people not following proper procedures will be asked to extinguish the Fire and will not be allowed to have a fire for the remainder of the Camporee.
 - No firewood is available on site for use. It is recommended that you bring your own supply of firewood, if you plan to have a fire.
 - No liquid fuels will be allowed to be used in the Camporee Area.
- DISCIPLINE:**
- A Spirit of Scouting and Brotherhood must prevail during the entire Camporee if it is to be a success.
 - Conduct is to be in accordance with Scout Oath, Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code.
 - Adult Scouters are responsible for the supervision of their units at all times and will be held accountable for their behavior.
 - This is a good time for Youth Leaders to practice leadership skills.
 - All Scouts are to remain at the Camporee area at all times
Should it become necessary for a scout to leave the Camporee, Headquarters should be notified by the Scoutmaster so that the scout can be signed out.
 - Remember A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS AND OBEDIENT.
- RELIGIOUS SERVICE:**
- One of the main points of the SCOUT OATH is DUTY TO GOD.
 - There will be a INTERFAITH RELIGIOUS SERVICE on Sunday morning.
 - All Scouts and Scouters should plan on attending this service.
 - Class A (Field Uniform) is the uniform to be worn.
 - Remember A SCOUT IS REVERENT.
- EQUIPMENT:**
- Each unit is responsible for supplying all of their own equipment.
 - Each patrol should have their own equipment and camping area within the troop area.

KNIVES, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, FIREARMS:

- These items are not required for this Camporee and should be left at home.
- Use of, or possession of any of these things will result in immediate dismissal from Camporee and may result in a call to law enforcement agents.
- Sheath knives and knives with large blades (Over 3") are not permitted.
- Larger knives that are used for food preparation are allowed, but should be left in the patrol cooking area and put away when not in use.
- The use of alcohol or drugs by Scouts or Scouters is not permitted at any time Use of alcohol or drugs will result in immediate dismissal from Camporee.

INSPECTIONS:

- Unit and Patrol Inspections will be conducted on Saturday.
- Inspection worksheets will be included in the next Camporee handout.
- Unit inspection is a factor in determining the overall best unit.
- There will be two inspections of each site Make sure that you are ready
There are no scheduled times for inspections, they will be done at random.
- Inspections will be on a unit basis. Not on a patrol basis.
- Interior of individual tents will not be part of the inspection, but do keep them neat and safe.
- Awards for best unit campsite will also be awarded.

GENERAL NOTES:

- Low impact camping should be adhered to and "Leave No Trace" methods should be used.
- Each unit is responsible for its own camping area, unit equipment, and all meals.
- Each unit is responsible for its own trash/garbage. Please bring an adequate supply of trash bags. No trash/garbage is to be buried. All trash/garbage must be taken from the Camporee site when you leave on Sunday. Units leaving trash/garbage bags at the Camporee site will be billed \$100.00 per bag.
- Remember to ask permission before entering another units campsite.
- There will be no raiding, ambushing, or sabotaging another unit or unit site.

- Do not cut down live trees. Use only dead fall that has been designated for use.
- Do not leave fires unattended Make sure it is out before leaving. Practice fire safety and have fire buckets and shovels at the fire area.
- Safety is the responsibility of everyone at Camporee.
- Do not bring electronic equipment (Radios, walkmen, games, computers, etc.)
- Do drink plenty of fluids Especially water.
- Fireworks of any kind are not allowed.
- For those that smoke ... Please be careful of your ashes. Make sure that it has been properly extinguished and that the remains are deposited in a trash bag, not on the ground Do not smoke in front of the scouts Be courteous of others.
- "Buddy System" to be used at all times.
- Weather is unpredictable Bring rain gear Camporee goes rain or shine.
- BE PREPARED
- HAVE FUN HAVE FUN HAVE FUN