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# TROOP SPL GUIDE

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Sonoran Sunset District Camporee

# HOW THE WEST WAS FUN



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Grand Canyon Council

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**Camporee Forms / Scorecards**

The Grand Canyon Council registration site will also contains additional forms and scorecards to help the SPL prepare for the camporee. Please review these forms and communicate the information to your Scouts to help them be prepared for the Camporee.

Camporee Schedule for Participant

Boyd Ranch Map

Forms & Scorecards

- ❖ Camporee Troop & Patrol Roster
- ❖ Campfire Skit-Song Submission
- ❖ Uniform Inspection Scorecard
- ❖ Camporee Inspection Scorecard



## Welcome

Welcome to the Sonoran Sunset “HOW THE WEST WAS FUN” Camporee! This Guide is designed for the Troop SPL. The information will help you prepare your scouts for this camporee. Please review this information and communicate to your scouts prior to attending the camporee.

The camporee will consist of:

- Friday Night Cracker Barrel for SPL, ASPL & SM
- Saturday Morning – Flags Ceremony and Uniform Inspection (Class A)
- Saturday Morning Camporee Competition – Western Attire (*See Uniforms for more information*)
- Saturday Morning (During Competition) – Campsite Inspection
- Saturday Afternoon Activities – Western Attire
- Saturday Evening Campfire & Awards – Western Attire
- Sunday Morning Activities / Check-Out by 10 a.m.

The Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code are the guidelines all scouts must follow while at this camporee. We are confident that all the Scouts will follow these guidelines but if a troop or individual does not, they may be asked to leave the camporee.

## Troop Patrols

We understand, based on attendance, that you may need to create patrols for the camporee patrols. A suggested size for a patrol is 4 to 8 scouts. Patrols can create a themed name and yell for the event. Scoring for events will be averaged to be fair to all patrol sizes.

## Camporee Headquarters / Staff

Camporee Staff Headquarters is located at the Education Center. It is the building with two porches and a side covered patio. Camporee staff will also be wearing a sheriff’s name badge. Should your unit have any issues at the camporee, please report it to headquarters.

## Check-In / Camp Orientation Tour

**Check-in time 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** SPL and ASPL will be responsible for checking in the Troop when they arrive on Friday evening with the camporee rosters. Once checked in, staff will take the Troop on an orientation tour of the facility and to their campsite. Scouts should not carry gear during this tour.

*The Adult Leader(s) will check in medical forms and event waivers.*

## Cracker Barrel – Friday Night

Senior Patrol Leaders/Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster must attend the Cracker Barrel at the Pavilion (next to Headquarters) wearing Class A. Staff will be covering important information for the camporee as well as answering questions.

## Water

There are water spigots at Boyd Ranch but this is **not potable (drinkable) water**. This water source is not filtered nor chemically treated. This water can be used to wash hands and dishes but not to drink.

### How to have Potable / Drinking Water

- Water tank will be available at the camporee. Troops can refill water containers with this water.
- Troops/Scouts may bring water from home.
- Troops can treat the water from the spigots as explained in the Scouts BSA Handbook – boiling, filtering or chemical treatment.



## First Aid

The unit's first aid kit should be visibly displayed, accessible in the campsite. It is part of the campsite inspection. Units are the first line for treatment for minor injuries. Qualified medical professionals will be on staff and located next to the pavilion.

## Boyd Ranch

We are very excited to have our camporee at Boyd Ranch. Please be respectful to the property, buildings, facilities and equipment. Report any issues/problems to Camporee Headquarters. We are in the desert, please be aware of snakes at all times.

### Property Rules

- Lights out at 10 p.m. / Camp quiet time – 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Campfires can only be in on-site campfire rings, a unit provided metal ring, or propane ring. Units are responsible for cleaning up after campfires. (Boyd Ranch)
- No throwing rocks. No throwing rocks in troths or at water tanks. (Boyd Ranch)
- Do not touch the valves in troths. (Boyd Ranch)
- No climbing on water tanks or horse pens (Boyd Ranch)
- Do not climb on trees or cut any trees (Boyd Ranch)
- Please keep off and away from solar panels. (Boyd Ranch)
- Tractor barn is a restricted area. (Boyd Ranch)
- Please do not lock or unlock and buildings. (Boyd Ranch)
- All vehicles and trailers must be parked in the designated parking area. (Camporee Rule)
- No RVs, ATVs, motorized bikes or bicycles. (Camporee Rule)
- No Pets unless Service Animal (BSA Rule)

### Bathrooms

There are 2 bathroom buildings with flushing toilets that are designated male/female with signs regarding adult/youth use. There are also portable bathrooms. Please keep the bathrooms clean.

### Electricity

Boyd Ranch uses a generator to provide electricity to the ranch. The generator runs on a schedule. Please bring flashlights to use the bathrooms in the middle of the night.

### Cell Coverage

Scouts should not be using cell phones during camporee.

## Uniforms & Western Wear

SPL, please have your Scouts dressed according to the guidelines below. Scouts are also encouraged to wear a watch to be on time for activities.

Scouts Field Uniform (Class A, Neckerchief, Scout Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Socks, Hat *if applicable*).

- Friday Night Check-In / Cracker Barrel for SPL/ASPL & Scoutmaster
- Saturday Morning Flags Ceremony & Uniform Inspection
- Sunday Morning

### Western Apparel (Optional – Highly Encouraged)

On Saturday, after the Flags Ceremony/uniform inspection, Scouts may wear western apparel to the competition, afternoon activities, campfire and earn points. Western apparel may include:

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| ★ cowboy hat         | ★ cowboy shirt / plaid shirt | ★ jeans        |
| ★ cowboy belt buckle | ★ bandana                    | ★ cowboy boots |

Cowboy gear may **not** include:

- ⊙ any type of gun
- ⊙ holster for a gun



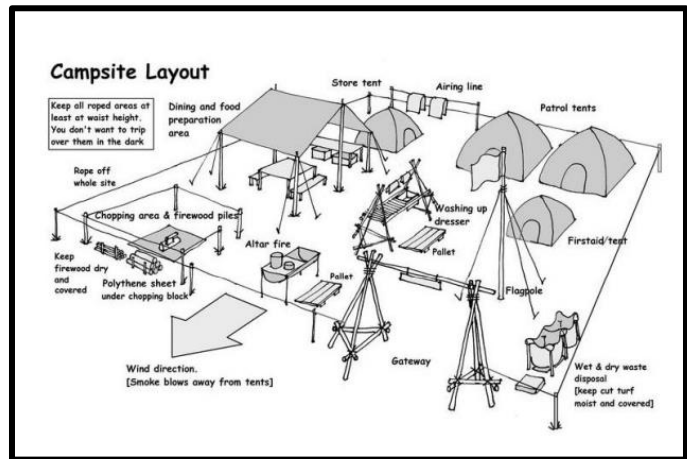
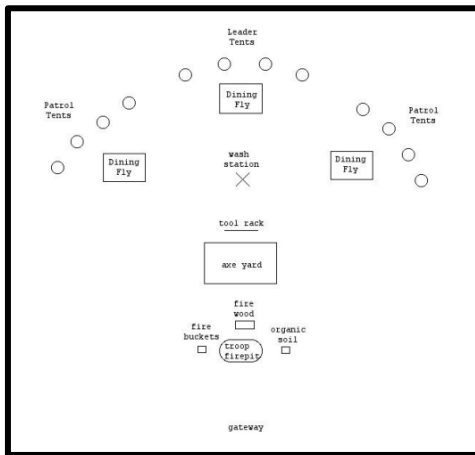
If a Scout does not wear western apparel during Saturday activities, they may wear a BSA Activity T-Shirt (Class B).

## Campsite

The campsites will be assigned by the Camporee Staff. Units will need to camp within the boundaries of their campsite. SPL will want to instruct their scouts to keep in mind the following campsite guidelines. Check the Campsite Inspection Scorecard for competition scoring.

- Scouts create a gateway to their campsite.
- Tents lined up in neat rows or formation with definite patrol divisions.
- Tents should be zipped and closed as well as staked down.
- Dining fly / Canopy pitched properly. (We recommend units bring shade.)
- Scouts' (Troop or Patrol) Kitchen area(s) clean and organized.
- Campsite is litter free. Trash bag available and not overloaded.
- Personal gear is stowed away and not left out in the campsite area.
- Troop equipment shall be closed and stowed away until needed.
- No vehicles or trailers may be at the campsite.
- An axe yard is not required for the campsite.
- Campsite campfires **must follow** the Boyd Ranch Property Rules

### Troop Campsite Layout Ideas



## Camp Etiquette / Safety

- **Respect camp quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.**
- Use only flashlights or electric battery-operated lanterns in the tent.
- Do not walk through another unit's campsite.
- If you would like to enter another unit's campsite, at the entrance please announce yourself at the gate entrance and request permission to enter.

## Camporee Competition

On Saturday is the Camporee Competition. Patrols will rotate through the stations competing in different activities. They will be scored at the activity in 4 categories:

- Patrol Yell (*can have a western theme.*).....10 Points
- Scout/Camporee Spirit (*western attire & western accessories*) .....10 Points
- Teamwork (*cooperative, kind, no yelling*).....10 Points
- Team Performance .....20 Points



## Camporee Activities

On Saturday afternoon there will be a schedule to visit the fun activities for the afternoon.

## Service Projects

On Saturday afternoon there will be service projects to help at Boyd Ranch. This will give Scouts an opportunity to give back to Boyd Ranch and thank them for letting us hold the camporee at the ranch.

## Campfire Program

All units are encouraged to perform a skit and/or song for the Saturday night campfire. All skit or songs need to be approved prior to the campfire. Please complete a Campfire Submission Form and turn it into Camporee Headquarters at lunchtime. Check the Camporee Schedule for the camporee audition.

## Camporee Awards / Scoring

### Best in the West – Camporee Winner

The Troop that earns the most points from all the camporee events will be awarded the “BEST IN THE WEST”!

Points will be earned for the following activities:

- SPL/ASPL Camporee Check-In with Troop/Patrol Rosters (No Adults)
- Attendance at Cracker Barrel (SPL/ASPL & SM)
- Inspections – Uniform & Campsite
- Camporee Competition
- Attendance @ Afternoon Activities
- Service Project
- Staffing Camporee (Troop Senior Scouts (Youth) / OA Members and/or Troop Adult Leaders)

### Camporee Competition Winner – Highest Score in the Competitive Games

During the camporee competition, each patrol will visit the competitive stations as scheduled. A patrol can earn a maximum of 50 points per station. Awards ribbons will be awarded based on the patrol's performance.

### Spirit Award – Troop with the Most Spirit

To win the Spirit Award, troop must excel in Patrol Yell, Scout/Camporee Spirit, Teamwork, Campfire Program Submission, Service Project and the Campsite Gate Entrance. If a Troop has more than one patrol, the patrols scores will be averaged to determine the Troop's score for this award.

### Heart of the Scout Law Award – Most Friendly, Cheerful, Courteous & Kind Troop

During the camporee, when staff witnesses a Scout being friendly, cheerful, courteous and/or kind, the staff member will give the Scout a golden nugget. At 4 p.m. the troop will count all their golden nuggets received and report the number to Camporee Headquarters. Staff will follow-up with a troop to verify the number of golden nuggets.

### Camporee Keepsake

All registered attendees will receive a special camporee keepsake which will be given to the SPL during Sunday morning check-out.

## Camporee Check-Out

- Campsites must be clean and no items left behind. Trash must be packed out.
- SPL will check-out at Headquarters and receive Scout's camporee keepsake (one per each registered attendee).
- SM will check-out at Headquarters and pick-up medical forms.