Valley District

Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?

2013 Fall Camporee
September 20-22
Leader's Guide

CAMP TAHOSA

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To all Valley Scouts, Scouters, and Families:

The Valley District, would like to invite you to attend the 2013 Valley District Camporee. This year's event will be held at Camp Tahosa in Ward, Colorado. The theme of this event is "Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?"

Troops will camp out Friday and Saturday night. When arriving or departing all units **MUST** check in and out at Headquarters (in the barn in the meadow area). Scouts and Scouters attending for the day will arrive on Saturday morning and spend the day, including campfire, if they so choose. All day visitors **MUST** check in and out at Headquarters.

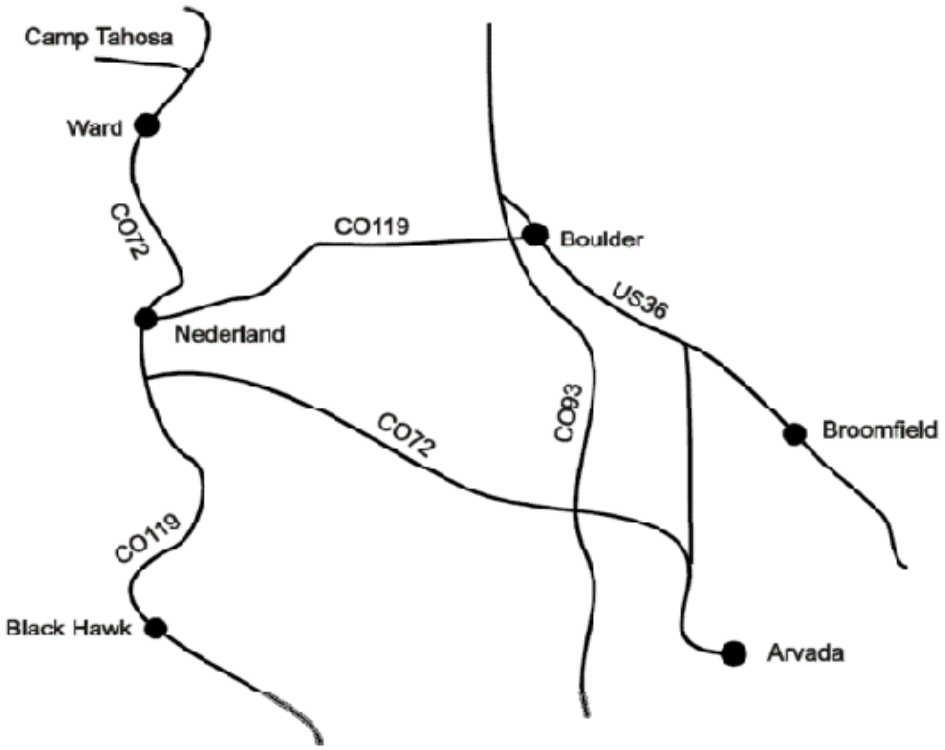
On Saturday, Scouts in patrols will participate in events based on the theme "Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?" The events are based on competition between a unit's Scouts and Scouters. They are simple tests of Scoutcraft and athleticism These competitions will be scored based on the patrols' overall performance. Each patrol should be approximately 6 scouts (including one 2nd-year Webelo (Webelo-2) to insure that all scouts have the opportunity to participate in each event. The patrol method is a team effort, so patrols that work together will excel. The culminating event for this camporee will be a patrol obstacle course. This obstacle course will utilize traditional scout skills. In order for a patrol to earn an award they ***MUST*** turn in their COMPLETED patrol card. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please share this information with your scouts and adults BEFORE THE EVENT. You may download additional copies of this Leader's Guide from the Valley District section of the DAC website at (http://www.denverboyscouts.org/1856) or by contacting the Camporee contacts. There will only be a limited number of paper packets produced.

Make your plans and come show your best at this year's "Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout? Camporee. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Scouts and Scouters who have worked so hard to create this event. If you have any questions about this event, or would like to help out please contact the folks on the previous page.

LOCATION:

CAMP TAHOSA



Proceed to Boulder on CO highway 93 or US highway 36.
CO highway 93 becomes Broadway in Boulder.
US highway 36 becomes 28th in Boulder.
Turn left (West) onto Canyon Blvd.
Canyon Blvd. becomes CO highway 119 outside of Boulder.
From Broadway and Canyon, go West for 16 miles to Nederland.
In Nederland, turn right (North) onto CO highway 72.
Go North for 14.1 miles and turn left (West) into Camp Tahosa.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

1. **Program Tracks:** All Boy Scouts will be able to participate in the different events with the exception of the boating section of the Great Valley Race - only blue swimmers may participate in that event. One event is reserved for 2nd-year Webelos only and is the only event in which Webelo-2s may participate..
2. **Guidelines:** The rules and guiding principles for the 2013 Valley District Camporee shall be the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Safety guidelines shall meet or exceed those outlined in the **BSA Guide to Safe Scouting**.
3. **Registration**: Troops may register at Roundtable beginning in August, at the Scout office, or online. See Registration form for more info. **September 19, 2013 is the last day to register.**
4. **Check–In:** **Upon arrival**, **all units must check-in** at Headquarters (at the Camporee HQ in the barn in the lower meadow). Units arriving late, including Saturday morning must check in immediately. A final roster with an accurate count will ensure that your troop receives a complete awards packet. If you check in without payment verification you will not receive patches or awards at checkout.

MANDATORY CHECK–IN MATERIALS

a. **Health forms** for every adult and youth attending Camporee. Health forms will **NOT** be returned at checkout. Make sure to make **COPIES** of the health forms for the drivers.

b. A **Receipt** from Council **or payment** in the form of a single check to accompany a copy of the registration form.

c. **Troop and Patrol Roster**. Patrols should be sized as close to 6 participants as possible. Be sure to include all youth and adults on the roster form. Be sure to adjust the number as necessary for day visitors.

d. **Webelos and Adult Roster.** Each Troop with 2nd-year Webelos coming up for the day, must present a roster that shows all of the Webelos' names and the adults attending with them.

5. **Webelos at Camporee**.
   i. Only Second Year Webelos (Webelo-2s) may attend.
   ii. All attending Webelo-2s that are spending the night must be invited by a Troop
   iii. All attending Webelo-2s, that are spending the night, must register through their sponsor Troop.
   iv. Webelo-2s must have an adult with them at all times.
   v. Webelo-2s *MUST CHECK IN and OUT* at headquarters.
6. **Cubscouts at Camporee:** Only 2nd year Webelos are allowed to attend Camporee – we want this to remain a special event to which Cub Scouts and 1st year Webelos can look forward to participating in the future.
7. **Camp Set Up and Take Down:** Please do not arrive at the campground before 5:00pm on Friday. Units should plan to depart by 10:00 am on Sunday. There are to be no tents, tarps, etc., tied to any tree or structures. It is expected that all participants will sleep in tents. No travel trailers or buses are allowed. To receive your patches and awards your fees must be paid in full and **your unit must have a final campsite inspection completed by a Camporee Staff member**. Troops leaving early (Saturday night) **must** notify Headquarters by 10am on Saturday and should be cleaned up and inspected by 7pm. We encourage all units to stay through the Campfire program, for a better experience for all!

8. **Parking and Unloading Equipment:** Due to Camp regulations and the volume of traffic we create, unloading and parking may be a slow process. PLEASE, follow directions from the traffic control personnel and be patient! Only one vehicle will be allowed in the campsite -- the one that is pulling the troop trailer. All other cars will need to park in the parking lot. PLEASE CARPOOL!! Parking is limited. For safety reasons, cars are not to be moved until departure. Each vehicle **must** have a **completed Parking Pass**, which includes unit #, included at the end of this packet. Make copies as needed and place them visibly in the windshield of each vehicle coming up to Camporee. All participants will be required to follow any last minute changes made by staff, based on weather conditions. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
9. **First Aid:** Once again, our friends on the Aurora Medical Team will be generously providing Emergency Medical Services. 24 hour emergency medical attention will be available while at Camporee. We hope you have a safe time at Camporee. Since experience shows us that almost everyone always does, you are asked to stop by the medical tent even if you don't require treatment. Stop by to say "hello and thanks" to the people who do so much to give us all peace of mind.
10. **Water: Troops must carry in their own water.** Plan on bringing at least 2 gallons of water per person per day. Bring what you need to the event. Water will be available in central locations; however it may be a long hike from your campsite.
11. **Cooking and Fires**: Any changes to the fire restrictions will be announced at check-in. Given our general love of an intact Camp Tahosa and Colorado's recent history with wildfire, open fires/fires on the ground are prohibited; Dutch Oven cooking using charcoal briquettes is only permitted in enclosed, above-ground metal fire containers; and no burn scars or ashes are to be left anywhere on the grounds. Units are encouraged to use propane for cooking. No campfires are permitted, and wood-gathering is prohibited. **NO FLAMES ARE ALLOWED IN TENTS, PERIOD!**
12. **Meals:** Meals will be provided by each troop.
13. **Trash**: This will be a low impact event. Do not leave any trash at the site. The unit must remove everything that a unit brings in. This includes all food items (do not "feed" the wildlife). All ashes must be removed. The golden rule of leaving your campsite a little better than you found it applies.
14. **Campsite Toilets**: Campground latrines are near campsites. Please remind scouts to be courteous, keep latrines clean, and observe the posted signs (Women Only, Staff only, etc.) Troops are responsible for providing hand washing facilities at their sites. Please alert staff at HQ when latrines need attention. You should "Be Prepared" in case the toilet paper is out and then "Do a good turn" and notify HQ.
15. **Quiet Time:** All lights are to be extinguished by 10pm. As a courtesy to your fellow scouts and others, please observe QUIET time from 10pm to 6am.
16. **Special Requests:** If there are participants that require special accommodations, please note this on your registration or email the Camporee Contacts, so that we may make the necessary arrangements.
17. **Tentative Events:** Each 6-man patrol (including one Webelo-2)will have one member participate in each of 6 individual events; all members will participate in a team cooking event (in honor of the promotion to Cooking to an Eagle-required merit badge), and a champion from each patrol will be selected to participate in a tie breaker, if needed)

a. Individual Events:
   i. 3-shot shooting (combined score of 3 shots)
   ii. Webelos station (pass/fail: recite Scout Law/Oath/Motto/Slogan). 5 pts or 0
   iii. Rowing around a buoy: lowest time gets 3 pts, 2nd lowest gets 2 pts, 3rd lowest gets 1 pt.
   iv. Basic run (lower meadow to lake to parking lot to lower meadow): lowest time gets 3 pts, 2nd lowest gets 2 pts, 3rd lowest gets 1 pt.

v. throw a football through hoops at 3 distances: 1 pt for closest, 2 pts for medium, 3 pts for furthest

vi. knots (1 point each):

A. square knot
B. bowline
C. sheet bend
D. clove hitch
E. two half hitches
F. taut-line hitch
G. overhand knot
H. BONUS: coil a rope
I. BONUS: *throw* a figure-eight

b. Team events:

vii. Whole patrol: morning "chopped/iron chef" (ingredients: each patrol brings eggs, cheese, bacon; we provide the secret ingredient)

A. Subjectively judged by Camporee staff
B. 1st/2nd/3rd = 5/3/1 points, respectively

viii. **TIE-BREAKER**: Ties will be resolved by a game. Two contestants will be positioned just off the edges of a tarp. A Crisco-covered watermelon will be placed in the middle of the tarp. The two contestants will try to retrieve the watermelon from the tarp and get off of the tarp without being tagged by the other contestant. This will go on until one patrol's champion successfully retrieves the watermelon. (Of course, we're hoping for a tie!)

18. Miscellaneous:

a. No weapons, ammunition, or fireworks of any sort are allowed
b. No pets are allowed during the events.
c. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed.
d. No smoking in event or campsite areas. Adults are asked not to smoke in the presence of youth.
e. No siblings, other non-registered Boy Scouts, or 2nd Year Webelos not invited by a troop.

Valley District Camporee Evaluation

Please rate the following on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best)

Location: 1 2 3 4 5

Information Package (overall): 1 2 3 4 5
Did it help prepare you for this weekend? 1 2 3 4 5
Did you receive it in time? (1: Way too late? 5: Right when I needed it?): 1 2 3 4 5
What, if any, information was missing that should have been included?

Staff (Overall): 1 2 3 4 5
Ease of Registration: 1 2 3 4 5
Responsiveness of staff: 1 2 3 4 5

Demonstrations & Activities (overall) 1 2 3 4 5
Fit with theme: 1 2 3 4 5
Quality of personnel: 1 2 3 4 5
Were they interesting? 1 2 3 4 5
Would you like to see this theme again? 1 2 3 4 5
Activity difficulty (please circle one): Too Easy? Just Right? Impossible?

Campsites (overall): 1 2 3 4 5
Easy to find: 1 2 3 4 5
Large enough for your unit: 1 2 3 4 5

Campfire (overall): 1 2 3 4 5
Length of skits / program: 1 2 3 4 5

Would you like to help plan the next Camporee?
_____Yes, count me in. _____Don't know, call me when it's time.
_____ Time is money, but I might be able to help out in a limited capacity.

Name:_____ Phone: _____

E-mail:_____ Unit: _____

Suggestions: (What did we do wrong? What did we get right? How can we improve for next year?)

PARKING PASS

Camporee 2013

September 21-23, 2013

TROOP#_____