

ALPINE DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREES OVERVIEW

The Alpine District Camporee is scheduled for late September 2021, but this major event for Scouts in the District will creep up quickly. The following slides present some camp ideas and points that need to be discussed and approved by the District Activity Committee. As you review these slides feel free to contact Denny Osborn with your ideas,.. Especially any safety or organizational concerns.

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NEW BSA STANDARDS & CHALLENGES

The new National Camping standards introduced by the BSA last year will mean that the relatively lax and flexible Camps and Camporees we enjoyed in the past are... *in fact... in the past*. We'll have to factor in:

1. New required Camp Leadership Standards and Training;
2. Record keeping and accountability as we have never seen it before;
3. New Pre, in-Camp and Post-camp standards and paperwork.

We either step up or step aside

CAMPOREE ORGANIZATION

Camporee Chairman - Denny Osborn

Budget Director – In charge of all financial matters

Registrar - In charge of all registration matters

Heath and Safety – In charge of Med Lodge and Corona matters

Security - Parking and General Camp Safety/Emergency matters

Event Masters – An adult responsible for each event at the Camporee

These Event Masters (or Advisors) might include adult leaders for Water Biking, Hiking, Orienteering, etc ,as well as a veteran adult, Scoutmaster if you will, to oversee youth Scouts involved as staff or with the various events.

GENERAL CAMP CONCEPTS

1. Hopefully the Pandemic will largely be tamed, or a thing of the past, but we'll need to take serious safety measure in any case, including limits on all large, interactive gatherings;
2. The very nature of Tahosa also limits the Camporee to about 400 participants;
3. All events and activities will be Troop and Patrol centered so Troops participate in events as Patrols of 5-7 Scouts (which will also allow small troops to be competitive as a single Patrol) for point or participation;
4. Every event will be Troop centered with NO Large gathering such as flag, campfire, religious services, camp meals... In stead each Troop would be encouraged to plan and implement their own, individualized Troop programs such as flags, campfires, etc;
5. Often times older Scouts don't come to these type of Events because they have "been there, done that." I would like every Event Master to find, and have at least, two older Scouts assisting on the Event to gain significant leadership experience;
6. This Camporee would be Troop and Patrol centered around "scored events" with individualized awards such as beads and/or Tokens.

YOUTH SCOUT LEADERSHIP

Youth Leadership is one of the Aims of Scouting and one method is to give Scouts “hands on” experience. To do this I propose:

1. We actively seek out older Scouts to assist in every major camp event and activity with major responsibilities;
2. Every Event Master, or Activity Advisor, should recruit and train at least two older Scouts to assist in the event or activity;
3. A Scoutmaster/Advisor, is to recruit at least 2-3 older Scouts to work with these Event Advisors as the Camporee approaches and during the Camporee.

We need to recruit this Scoutmaster to Mentor these Scouts



SOME OTHER
HOUSEKEEPING
MATTERS

CORONA PROTOCOLS

It is likely that the nation will have the Coronavirus largely under control by the fall but we still need to have some safety measure in place:

1. The BSA Corona pre-camp checklist will be required;
2. We'll need Corona protocols written and in place;
3. No Camp-wide flag, cracker barrel, or meals;
4. Troops will be encouraged to have their own daily flag ceremony, campfire program, Sunday religious service, and meal programs “as a Troop.”

We don't want the Camporee to be “noted” as a virus spreader.

CAMPOREE THEME IDEAS

***ALPINE
FALL MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE***

Mountain Scout Rendezvous

Olympic Spirit in the Mountains
(Or a variation of the 2021 world Olympics)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Historically Tahosa in late September is cool but pleasant. HOWEVER it can be cold, rainy, and sometimes very snowy.

- 1. We'll have to warn Troops to be ready to re-focus on their own individualized "winter camping" program if the weather turns sour;*
- 2. We'll need to come up with alternate Camporee programs in the main lodge if individual events become too difficult to pull off;*
- 3. We will need an emergency weather related alert and evacuation plan.*

This factor is required under new BSA guidelines.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The following ideas for Events and Activities should be designed to be Troop and Patrol centered so as to avoid large gatherings of Scouts and Adults.

FISHING EVENT

Patrols entering this event *would* bring their own fishing gear and bait. This would be a catch and release contest. Each participant would be issued a small tape measure to quickly measure the fish. The Patrol would be scored on a combination of number of fish caught with extra points for bigger fish. The exact scoring system is TBD. Patrols would have one-hour event time and then sign out to go to other events. Rules would include “no getting into the water” and appropriate spacing. These TBD

ORIENTEERING OR GEO-CACHING

An adult, with orienteering or geo-caching experience, would design a course that could be done at Tahosa with a one-hour time limits. The Course Master would determine a

Patrol scoring matrix and all rules. Camp will have to provide compasses, maps (if necessary) and radios for each Patrol.

CANOE & WATER SPORTS

1. This would be a timed event in two person canoes with the average time of each Patrol being used to score the Patrol's Event Score.
2. We will need a BSA trained certified Aquatics person in place and on duty every minute of the activity.
3. We will need a quickly available motorized boat to immediately get Scouts out of the water if for any reason a canoe tips over and spills out a Scout.
4. If Scouts go into the water we will need emergency procedures including getting the Scout(s) to a warming area, a preliminary med check and appropriate notification of DE, DAC and parents.

TIMED BIKE RACING

An adult Race Master would design a “safe” bike racing course in the Tahosa camp area. Patrols would score points, TBD by Race Master, with average times being used to as the Patrol score. Safety is an issue, as are the chances of injury, so the Race Master would have to determine such matters and standards.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING OR HIKING

In the early days of Tahosa, when it was the primary summer camp for the DAC, Troops would use Tahosa as a “base camp,” spending their nights camping at Tahosa and often times climbing nearby mountains as a Troop for their main Scouting experience. Of course now the area has a lot of homes in the area, but we could design a climbing “map” so that Troops could opt to spend Saturday climbing a mountain as a Troop event instead of other Camp activities. An Adult Camp volunteer could design this event along with appropriate safety measures.

OTHER *ACTIVITY* IDEAS

Tomahawk Throwing training and contests

BB Gun or Bow N Arrow events

Olympic racing or other contests

Other (you name it) Games

TROOP CENTERED ACTIVITIES

Troops would ALSO be given the option to design their own camp program, which might include Troop hikes, mountain bike rides as a Troop, merit badge or skills sessions, etc designed specifically for their Troop. We would probably need to have them give Camp staff an outline of their program for safety reasons.

ADULTS ACTIVITIES

Every camp and Camporee finds most adults wandering around or sitting in camp doing little else that just sitting. We should consider having the District Training committee put on some position or skill classes for these adults.. \

What to do? TBD

WHAT'S NEXT

1. We need experienced Adult Scout leaders to step up and accept Camporee assignments;
2. **Gentlemen and Ladies...As a District Leadership Team we are getting too old. We need to actively recruit new leaders to the DLT and this Camporee is a good opportunity to “invite” younger (ironically I mean those 30-50) to accept meaningful, but do-able assignments as Event Masters and/or Camp Advisors.**
3. Let all of us think of such individual candidates and I will reach out personally to these candidates and ask them to join the Camporee team.