

HANGING ROCK DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE

The District Fall Camporee is an event to show each troop's outward symbol of the training, scoutcraft skills, and enthusiasm.

Each unit judged will be allotted the maximum number of points for the competition. Points will be deducted from each category as noted by the judges. Judging will begin with unit arrival and continue through the Closing Ceremony, as necessary or deemed otherwise.

Start of competition: Camp materials and supplies may be unloaded at time of arrival but NO assembly of camp (no setting up tents, dining fly, or gadgets) may start until time set for competition to begin.

JUDGING CRITERIA

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SCOUT SPIRIT

“You show your Scout spirit in the way you act and the things you say. It isn't something you do once in a while to pass a test. It is living everyday according to the Scout Oath and Law.” Scout spirit is demonstrated by troop or patrol participation, wearing the required uniform properly, demonstrating each part of the Oath and Law in dealing with each other, cooperation with youth and adult leaders, and respecting the camping area of other units. A Class A or Class B (camp or BSA t-shirt) uniform must be worn throughout the event. Points will be deducted for

1. lack of organization (-20);
2. improper uniform (-15);
3. profanity (-20 points) each occurrence;
4. lack of cooperation in establishing campsite (-20 points);
5. demonstrated lack of respect for youth or adult leaders (-25) each occurrence;
6. Other flagrant violations in Scout Spirit (-20) points each occurrence.
7. **Campfire participation (+20 points divided by the number of patrols in that Troop. Example: a troop as 3 patrols but only one patrol participates. $20/3 = 6.667$ points for the whole troop. If 2 patrols participate the troop would earn 13.33 points)** If the patrol does not do a campfire skit or song, no points are deducted but these points will be added to the overall score and will be calculated higher than the gadget bonus points.

GATEWAY

The camping area of each patrol must be roped off using only wooden poles. The entrance to the camping area must be designated with an opening for each patrol. A suitable gateway must be placed at the entrance. A troop with multiple patrols can use one main gateway but will need an entrance for each patrol area. The gateway must be constructed of natural** materials (wood poles, rope, etc.) No manufactured wood products (no 2 x 4s) are allowed for the gate. The troop flag or other identification must be displayed at or near the gateway, along with the American flag. A bulletin board, which must be protected from the weather, must be in plain sight and include the troop roster and agenda (schedule). Points will be deducted for

1. lack of unit identification or American flag (-20);
2. improper display of American flag (-20);
3. lack of gateway (-25); lack of bulletin board (-10);
4. lack of troop roster or agenda (-10);
5. improper materials utilized in roping off campsite (-20);
6. Improper knots or lashing used in roping off campsite or in construction of gateway (-20).

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health and safety of participants during an event is of utmost importance. Each patrol must have a properly stocked First Aid Kit centrally located in plain sight in the campsite and each unit member must know of the location. Two filled fire buckets must be in place at each tent. Two fire buckets must be at each fire. Fire buckets can contain water or sand, or a combination of the two per placement. The use of water and/or sand must be consistent throughout the campsite. Guy ropes and other physical hazards must be marked or removed. Points will be deducted for:

1. lack of First Aid Kit (-50); for each patrol if troop has more than one patrol
2. improperly or lack of proper materials in the kit (-25)
3. lack of fire buckets, empty fire buckets, or trash in fire buckets (-25);
4. lack of knowledge concerning the location of First Aid Kit (-25);
5. unmarked hazards or hazards not removed (-20) each occurrence;
6. Other obvious hazards (-20) each.

CAMPSITE

Tents must be set up properly. All lashing must be done on site using poles and other materials, which may be cut before arrival. Nails, bolts, and nuts, or other mechanical fasteners will not be allowed and special joining methods (dove tails) must be done on site. Camp gadgets in the ratio of at least one gadget for each three Scouts will be required. Gadgets in excess of that ratio will result in bonus points added to the score. The bonus points will be a percentage calculated as follows; **Bonus Points earned divided by Maximum points available (25 points per boy in troop) divided by the total number of boys registered for the camporee (not the troop)**. The use of pre-made gadgets will not count against the unit score, nor will any credit be given for them. Plywood or other like materials may be used as table or work surfaces, but bases must be lashed and will be counted as half credit for a gadget. Tables or work surfaces lashed from natural materials will receive full credit as a gadget. **Water heating devises or stoves may not** be used in the youth campsite. Tents must have a ground cloth underneath, regardless of the make of tent. All tents must be left with the interior visible. The interior of each tent must be neat and orderly. Only battery-powered flashlights or battery-powered lanterns are allowed in tents, and should be visible to the judges. An axe yard **must be separated (can not be attached)** from the camping site, roped off and of sufficient size as described in the current Boy Scout Handbook. There must be an appropriate gate to allow only one person in the chopping area at a time. Axes and other tools must be properly stored in axe yard and protected from the weather. Bow saws must have sheaths (folding Bow saws are allowed). Fire materials must be protected from the weather inside axe yard. A troop latrine (located 200 feet from water, campsites, and trails) must be prepared and properly screened unless stated otherwise in pre-event information, even if not utilized. **Pre-built screens or toilet seats will receive maximum deductions.**

Points will be deducted for:

1. if tents are not properly erected (-20) each occurrence (maximum deduction is 100 points);
2. tents not uniform in appearance (tents do not have to be all the same type or brand name but they must all be prepared and presented the same way for inspection) (-20);
3. interior of tents not orderly (-10) each occurrence (maximum deduction of 100 points);
4. lack of correct ratio of gadgets (-100);
5. lack of axe yard (-20);
6. axe yard not minimum proper size (-20);
7. tools not properly stored and protected in axe yard (-20);
8. more than one Scout in chopping area (-50);

9. improper latrine or screening (-100);
10. No toilet paper and or improperly protected (-15).
11. Gadgets will be judged for ingenuity and usefulness, **all gadgets must be free standing. If a gadget is attached to a required item or another gadget it will be counted as part of the original item.** Plus 1-20 points each gadget and will be a percentage calculated as follows; Bonus Points earned divided by Maximum points available **(25 points per boy in troop) divided by the total number of boys registered for the camporee (not the troop).**

PATROL AREA

Each patrol area must be separate and designated, protected with a patrol dining fly, and marked with patrol flag. Troop or group canopies (such as EZ-Ups or ready-made shelters) will not qualify as a dining fly as they do not designate separate areas nor demonstrate Scout skills. A patrol bulletin board must be displayed within the area and must be protected from weather. The bulletin board must include a patrol roster, rotating duty roster supplied by judges, menu, and agenda (schedule). The food preparation and cooking area in each patrol must be clean and all food must be properly stored. All meals must be cooked on an open fire, no stoves, unless stated otherwise before the event or when cold camps are required. Flat grills resting on campfire rocks are allowed along with patrol cooking grid. The campfire must be out cold (able to touch with your hand) if left unattended (if no one is in the campsite). Meals served must match the menu. A washing area for each patrol must be designated with three wash pans (one for soapy water, one rinse, and one with sanitizing agent added). There should be no unwashed dishes, pots, or utensils in the washing area. No pots or other cooking implements may rest directly on ground. Trash receptacle must be present in each patrol area.

Points will be deducted for:

1. lack of a dining fly (-100);
2. incorrectly erected (-50);
3. Use of pre-manufactured dining fly (-50);
4. no patrol bulletin board (-20);
5. lack of required item on bulletin board (-10 each item);
6. food no properly stored (-50);
7. trash or food on ground in site (-1-50);
8. no washing area (-50);
9. improper washing area (-25);
10. meals not matching menu (-25);
11. improper cooking fire or apparatus (-50);
12. unattended fire (-50);
13. no trash receptacle (-20);
14. unwashed items left from last meal (-20);
15. Other noted deficiencies (-1-10 each).

EAGLE SCOUTS

Eagle Scouts under the age of 18 years may participate with their troop. If those Eagle Scouts elect to participate as troop members, they must be a part of the troop for the entire weekend. Eagle Scouts not participating as a troop member will be viewed the same as adult leaders and must stay out of the troop's camp site during the judged part of camporee and can not help their troop in any shape or form. Sleeping arrangements for nonparticipating Eagle Scouts under the age of 18 must comply with BSA polities.

ADULT LEADERS

Adult leaders must camp outside the unit camping area. They may enter the unit camping area only for an emergency. Leaders may enter the campsite after judging is completed. Adult leaders or anyone not participating in the competition may not give advice, guidance or physical assistance in the establishing of the campsite or activities of the unit within the confines of the weekend or event. If any other kind of communication needs to take place then a judge must be consulted first as to the validity of the communication, and if deemed allowable then judge must accompany adult while communication with the boys is done.

Assisting with unloading only is acceptable upon arrival. Help with set-up of camp/patrol boxes only if the weight exceeds safe weight for smaller boys to pick up.

200 points will be deducted from the final unit score for each instance of aid by an adult leader.

SUMMARY

- This is primarily a Scout skills event.
- Campfire participation (that deemed as, skit, song, performance by patrol) is judged as part of Scout Spirit and will have a higher value than gadget bonus points. Campfire participation points will be judged as follows (+20) is gross points **(+20 points divided by the number of patrols in that Troop. Example: a troop as 3 patrols but only one patrol participates. $20/3 = 6.667$ points for the whole troop. If 2 patrols participate the troop would earn 13.33 points).** Campfire Attendance however (deemed as a patrol not doing, skit, song, performance) is required by all troops and patrols.
- The bonus gadget points will be a percentage calculated as follows; Bonus Points earned divided by Maximum points available **(25 points per boy in troop) divided by the total number of boys registered for the camporee (not the troop).**
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EXPLANATION OF NON NATURAL MATERIALS

**Exceptions to this rule are: Any rope used (for knots, lashings, guy ropes, perimeter, or anywhere rope is applied) can be manufactured of non “natural material. The same applies for any safety warning material (like that applied to guy ropes or hazards can be of non “natural” material. A tarpaulin attached to natural materials used as roofing or screening for a dining fly and/or toilets are also allowed.