

CAMPOREE

Who can Compete: All unit Scouts except – SPL, ASPL, Troop Guide, Troop Instructors, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster & Eagle Scouts. The National BSA states that once a Scout moves into a leadership role above the Patrol Leader rank, he is no longer being trained (as a patrol member) but is now a Trainer and will not move back down to the untrained position. Using Senior Scouts in a patrol is called stacking, and will be disqualified. The only waivers are for units that have only enough Scouts to create a patrol (minimum of 4), or a unit with no Scouts over the rank of 1st Class.

What about Adults: Not involved except for – Tour Permits, Health Forms & Payment.

Troop: (All of these counts toward the patrols score at Camporee)

- Roster (CREATED BY SPL OR SCRIB)
- Troop Flag & American Flag and a way to present them
- Skit for Campfire (CHOSEN/CREATED BY SCOUTS NOT ADULTS)
- Campsite Layout (DESIGNED BY SPL, ASPL & PATROL LEADER)

Patrol: (All of these (except gear) count toward the patrols score at Camporee)

- Class “A” Uniforms with BOOTS!
- 10 Essentials
- Custom Flag with name and members names (DESIGNED & MADE BY SCOUTS)
- Patrol Yell (CREATED BY SCOUTS)
- Patrol Roster
- Patrol Meal List with ingredients and costs per Scout (DESIGNED & MADE BY SCOUTS)
- Patrol Duty Roster (DESIGNED & MADE BY SCOUTS)
- Patrol Gear – Tents, stoves, cooking etc.
- 1 stove (2 is better) for each scout (extras in the car that they can go back for are really great since more are needed for camp gadgets’ and tarps.

***All rosters need to be typed, placed in plastic sleeves and sealed so that they can be posted at the campsite. This is to be done by the Scouts, not the adults.**

Troop Roster: This must have Troop #, name, rank, position in unit and contact phone# of each scout in attendance

Troop Flags: Both the American flag and the Troop Unit flag must be displayed at the unit Campsite as well as being present at all full camp assemblies such as morning and evening all camp flags and wherever the unit is present as a troop.

Patrol Roster: This must have the Troop #, patrol name, PL, APL and other member’s names and ranks on it.

Duty Roster: This needs to show everything: Who is cooking what meal, who's assisting, who is cleaning up after each meal, who is saying grace, and this is for each meal, each day.

Patrol Name: Can be anything from a traditional name such as the Lion or Tiger patrol but most will pick a fun name which is better for the patrol yell. Some past ones we had in our troop were the Shower Caps, Mug Wamps, Sticky Buns, Blisters and Wet Wookies, to name a few.

Patrol Flag: Must reflect the patrol name and have the names of all the patrol members on it positions for PL and APL. Must be designed and created by the Scouts in the patrol themselves, no adults. They will be graded at Camporee on this and must carry it with them though out the weekend.

Patrol Yell: Must incorporate the patrol name, needs to flow, be fun, and sang loud. It should have at least 4-6 lines and they need to practice it so it sounds perfect.

Campsite: This is where most units loose points and put themselves out of the chance to win a "Presidential award" (The Presidential award is in place of the traditional 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards like most every other competition. This was a P.C. response to the 1-2 units who were always prepared, worked the hardest, and won every year. Interestingly, the first year this was put into place, Troop 85 was the only unit to receive a Presidential award, taking all four.)

1. Leave No Trace camping
2. Uniform layout with tents, cooking area, roped off ax yard with ax or hatchet, flags prominently displayed. I advise roping off campsite as well as patrol sites. A blue tarp shelter is a great added feature and can be used for packs instead of a rack. Also great in case of rain.
3. Must have camp gadget such as lashed pack rack and lashed tripod to hold unit first aid kit, troop roster and duty roster (stake down tripod in case of wind).
4. Keep site clean at all times and tents organized. Nothing dumped out in a tent which is what your pack is for, sleeping bags zipped up and neat.
5. Fire pit should be small and does not need to be used (easier for clean up and Leave No Trace) and must have a water bucket and dirt bucket. 10 tins collapsible buckets, poly bottles or even doubled up zip lock bags can be used for this.
6. Clean tarp to eat on.
7. Folding camp chairs are really great.
8. Flags need to be displayed either lashed to tripod, hung from tree correctly or poles placed in ground. If using holes in ground be sure flags do not touch the ground and that the holes are filled in once camp is broken down (leave no trace).

Cooking: Each patrol is graded on one meal by an adult from another unit and grading is on presentation, taste, quality, cleanliness, preparation and clean-up. Be sure to plan and practice the meal ahead of time. The following is required.

1. Three pot method!
2. Clean area for prep and cooking.
3. A pump bottle of hand sanitizer is a great thing to have at all times.
4. Plate and utensils for guest inspector
5. Patrol member in charge of saying grace.
6. Food sheet. This must consist of meal menus, cost breakdown of each item and total meal per Scout. Most impressive when the list also includes total calories, carbs and proteins which is not required but look great.
7. Must contain all four food groups.
8. A dessert as well as the main meal is a plus.

Competing: Full uniform WITH BOOTS, is a huge point getter.

1. The Patrol Leader should always introduce the patrol and his members by name at each station then all should give their yell with enthusiasm.
2. Everyone in the patrol should participate fully as this is important for maximum points.
3. Thank the person running each station after you have finished each check point.
4. Each Scout should have a pen handy.
5. Home-made fire starts and some dry kindling is great to have and each Scout should carry some with them in a day pack while competing
6. I also advise that at least one Scout carry a small tarp or poncho for emergency cover if it is raining and they need cover an area to start a fire or use as a wind block.
7. Extra rope for lashing or tying knots.
8. Snacks and a water bottle as well as their personal 1st aid kit.
9. Sun Screen, Chap Stick and sunglasses are nice to have.

Remember: Be prepared, be polite, work as a unit and have fun!