High Desert District Calico Camporee, California Inland Empire Council, BSA

# 2019 CAMPOREE Guidebook 2019 "Back to Basics" Skills

April 26-28, 2019

Calico Ghost Town, Yermo, CA



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# YEEEEE HAAAWWWW!! YOU are **WANTED**

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Iffin' you city slickers be lookin' fer a Rip Roarin', Knee Slappin', Horse Snortin', Cow Pokin', Good Time, then y'all better head on over to the Calico Camporee right yonder at Calico Ghost Town in Yermo, California! It's put on by our trusty district; High Desert. And y'all know what that means?! It's gonna be one heck of a good time!

#### YEEE HAAAWWWW!!

Just check out some of these events that's gonna be happenin':

- Adult Chili Cook off
- Troop Gateway Competition
- Knot Relay Race
- Campsite and Campsite Theme Competition
- Scout Dessert Cook off
- Stage Coach Race Competition
- Enough mustaches to choke a horse!

• And a whole lotta everything else that happens when you're in the Wild West! There's even special time to go up to the Calico grounds and peruse the area and its history. Make sure to visit the saloon for one them Sasperillas!

And oh yea, almost forgot! ~ There's gonna be a whole lot of caterwaulin' at the Saturday Evening Campfire with them pesky Cub Critters!

#### YEEE HAAAWWW!

So giddy up! You just gotta come to this here thing! It don't cost but \$25 per Scout or even one a dem growed up Scouters at \$15... and you gotta bring your own grub, and thats a purdy square deal for this much fun! All you buckeroos oughta set your sights on having a great time at the great Calico Camporee! If you got one of them fancy newfangled computers things, you can register online at bsa-ciec.org. Click on the camping icon and look for the High Desert District Calico Camporee!

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### WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

March 2019

Dear Scouts and Scouters

Thank you for joining in on the High Desert District Calico Camporee. This program was created to provide a well-rounded, competition based skills program for the youth. Inside this guideline booklet, you will find all the essential rules, registration materials, weekend information and events for the Camporee.

The events that are being offered at the Camporee are designed to test the mental and physical skills of the units involved. This guidebook is provided so that all units can "Be Prepared for what is to come and what is expected to be brought with you to Calico. We are expecting a huge turnout from units all over the High Desert as well as surrounding units from other areas outside our District. This Camporee is being combined with a Cuboree close by so there will be times where all Scouts will mingle and have fun together (Campfire and Cracker Barrell). With this being said, please plan ahead and register early to guarantee a spot for the Camporee. Please make sure each Scout has seen or read the rules of Camporee and that they are prepared to abide by them. Good luck to all units competing!

Also, since this is a themed weekend being at the historic Calico Ghost Town, it is encouraged to have every person attending wear theme appropriate attire while in camp (1880 era Wild West, no guns). This is optional because I understand that some units will feel more at ease in their Field Uniforms and that is perfectly okay. Points will be added for theme.

I look forward to coming by and saying hi personally to each unit.

Happy Camping!! Yours in Scouting, Heidi Battaglia High Desert District Calico Camporee Director Super Scouts Pack/Troop 2578

# GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

These rules are the general framework around which this Camporee will be operated. The Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code are the guides for ALL behavior at this Camporee. Troops or individuals who do not conform to this spirit will leave the Camporee.

1. A registration fee of \$25.00<sup>\*\*</sup> will be charged to cover the cost of Camporee supplies, patches, and prizes for each scout. Adult scouters are \$15.00 each. All fees due must be paid in full upon check-in at camp. Registration Deadline is April 19, 2019.

2. Scouts should arrive and depart in full uniform. Theme attire will be for Saturday competitions.

3. Scouts should dress appropriately for Saturday events according to the weather and activity. Generally Scout shorts and an activity shirt or T-shirt in warm weather are appropriate and in cold weather clothes should be layered.

4. Campsites will be assigned by the Program Director. Each Troop will be required to use the minimal space for its campsite. All troops are required to exercise "low-impact" camping techniques. Administrative and Program Staff will dismiss troops from campsites upon check out.

5. Troops should not plan on arriving to the Camporee before 3:00 p.m. Friday. Campsites will not be assigned prior to this time.

6. Troops will be allowed to have a troop trailer in their site. NO vehicles are allowed to remain inside the campsites (100 points will be deducted for each day if any vehicle is found in side the sites) after Taps. There will be a designated parking area for all vehicles. For exceptions to this rule the scoutmaster MUST speak with the Program Director at check in.

7. Upon arriving the Scoutmaster of each troop will need to report to the Check-In location to receive their weekend patch, map of events, and campsite locations.

8. Troop must plan on removing all trash from the Camporee area unless otherwise notified by the Director. There will be dumpsters provided at designated areas.

9. Safety and fire prevention are the responsibility of everyone at Camporee. The campgrounds must be clear and free from wildfires. Fire rings are to be used at all times. Be vary careful with fires. Have all necessary fire buckets and fire fighting tools available. All fires must have a 5- foot radius safety zone cleared around the fire.

10. Taps will be at 11:00 p.m. each evening at Camporee. Reveille will be at 6:30 a.m. Quiet hours and dim lights are between those hours. Units should plan to arrive at Camporee in enough time to have their campsites established by Taps. Up to 100 points may be deducted for failure to observe this rule.

11. Participation/Event lanyards must be worn at all times at the event. Lanyards are to provide each scout/unit their designated times for competitions.

\*\* Payment is required at time of registration. With list of attendees. \*\*

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12. Each unit is asked to bring a bundle of wood for campfire on Saturday evening.

13. All campfire skits, songs, etc., must conform to Scouting standards, and must be submitted to the Program Director upon check-in. Those with the best descriptions/scripts will be chosen for the Saturday night Campfire show.

14. Any two-way radios in use MUST NOT operate or interfere with the same channel as the Camporee staff. We need clear uninterrupted communication for emergency use. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated. The channel for the staff will be distributed at the Friday night meeting.

15. Unit leaders are responsible for the supervision of their units at all times. Remember two deep leadership is required at all times. Please enforce safety and discipline.

16. Any unsafe or improper use of knives, axes, or other tools will result in deduction of Troop points and/of removal from the Camporee. Sheath knives and fixed blade scabbard knives are prohibited.

17. Understand that the purchase of, possession of, or consumption of any alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, or firearms by a youth or adult at Camporee will not be permitted and will result in immediate dismissal from Camporee.

#### CHECK~IN:

Units should not plan to arrive at the Camporee site before 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Please have the following information available at check in:

- A unit roster of scouts and adults with addresses and phone numbers.
- Name and number of patrols/dens participating.
- Pre-registration fee receipt and any balance owed.

• Health Forms Medical A & B (will remain with unit) for troop members and participating adults including staff.

• Medical Authorization (Permission Forms) for treatment signed by parent / guardian.

#### FIRST AID:

First Aid will be available at all times at the Headquarters Tent. Units should have adequate first-aid supplies as part of their unit's equipment. All injuries, even if treated at the unit level, are to be reported to the Headquarters Tent in a timely manner.

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#### SUNDAY SERVICE:

There will be a nondenominational Religious Service on Sunday morning. All Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend. Please wear full uniform. \*Each Troop is requested to provide a Chaplain's aide to participate in the Sunday Service. In order to be eligible for the Best Overall Unit award, the units must be present at the Sunday Service.

\*Chaplin's aide should check in when the troops check in.

#### **EQUIPMENT:**

#### TROOP/UNIT

- Flag (Troop and American)
- Patrol Flags
- First Aid
- Shelters
- First-Aid Kit
- And any other items that your troop would bring while camping
- Meals for unit (Each unit responsible for own food, chili cook off and dessert cook off prep)

#### PERSONAL (Campers)

- Clothes (appropriate for the weather)
- Tent (or share) THICK METAL TENT STAKES!! Calico grounds are extremely hard.
- Rope in case of high winds
- Toilet Articles (Towels, Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, Soap, Shampoo, etc.)
- Sleeping Gear (appropriate for the weather)
- Compass
- Poncho
- Water Bottle (STAY HYDRATED)
- Boy Scout Hand Book
- Bandana
- Watch
- And any other items that you would bring and need while camping

If there are any questions about Camporee please feel free to contact the Camporee Director: (760)217-7805 ~ for Heidi Battaglia, (760)403-2895 ~ for George Hauser. Please call Between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

### CAMPOREE ITINERARY

Friday:		
•	3:00-9:00pm:	*Check-In
		*Each scout/unit to check-in at main gate then proceed to
		camp area for further instruction.
		*Set up camp area.
		*Dinner is ON OWN for each family.
	8:30-9:30pm:	Cracker Barrel (Cub Scout side, Kitchen area)
	9:30-10:00:	SPL / SM Meeting (Headquarters)
	11pm:	Taps – All Quiet In Camp
Saturday:		
-	6:30-8:00am:	Reveille, Breakfast and Cleanup
	8:45-11:45am:	Patrol Competitions
	9:00am:	Campsite & Gateway Judging Begins
	11:45-12:00pm:	Lunch & Clean-Up
	12:30-2:30pm:	Calico Grounds Free Time
	2:30-4:30pm:	Troop Competitions Begin
	4:30-5:00pm:	Judging for Cook-Off's Begins
	6:00pm:	Flag Lowering (Field Uniform), Dinner & Clean-Up
	7:00-8:30pm:	Assemble for Campfire on Cub Scout Side
	8:30-9:30pm:	Cracker Barrel on Cub Scout Side
	9:30-10:00pm:	SPL – SM Meeting (Headquarters)
	11:00pm:	Taps – All Quiet In Camp
Sunday:		
	6:00-8:30am:	Reveille, Breakfast & Clean-Up
	8:30-9:00am:	Scouts Own Service (Field Uniform)
	9:00-10:00am:	Closing / Awards Ceremony

**10:00am:** Break Camp, Campsite Inspection, Check-Out, Departure (Join Cub Scout Side or Free Time on Calico Upper Grounds)

### **CAMPOREE EVENTS**

### PATROL COMPETITIONS

Knot Relay Tracking Relay Lasso Throw First Aid Relay Bucket Brigade Relay Fire Building



### TROOP/UNIT COMPETITIONS

Gateway Inspection Campsite THEME Inspection Youth Dessert Cook Off Pony Express 5K Run Campsite Inspection Adult Chili Cook Off Stage Coach Race Overall Unit Award

### SATURDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE EVENTS

OA Tap-Out, Special Events, and Skits

### SUNDAY MORNING EVENTS

Scouts Own Service, Awards, and Check-Out

# **RULES FOR TROOP/UNIT COMPETITIONS**

### Campsite Inspection~ (300 points)

Each campsite will be inspected and graded the quality of campsite. Judging will be on cleanliness, litter free, patrol boxes properly stored, axe yard properly set up, and campsite safety.

#### Gateway Inspection~ (300 points)

The overall score for the campsite will be judged by the completion of a troop gateway. Judging for gateway will be based on the natural materials used, display of troop name and charter organization. The entrances must be at least 7 ft. tall, points will be deduced for short entrances.

#### Campsite THEME Inspection~ (100 points)

Each campsite will be judged for THEME of the Wild West or Calico era. There should be a "Wanted Poster" for the SPL of the Troop. Creativity is what we are looking for.

### Adult Chili Cook Off~ (300 points)

Adults of each troop will make a chili to be judged by a panel of judges. Leaders may cook their chili all day. Each chili will need to be made at camp. All items used must be made from the freshest quality, and contain the essential elements, i.e. beef and vegetables. Each chili MUST be made from scratch. NO ALCOHOL. The top 3 units in the cook off will receive a ribbon. Judging- based on taste. (1st place - 300pts -, 2nd place - 250pts, 3rd place -200 pts) All others participating and finishing the race will earn 100pts. Each unit will need to supply eating utensils for each judge. (fork or spoon and small cups)

#### Youth Dessert Cook Off- (300 points)

Youth of each troop will design a dessert to be judged by a panel of judges. Each unit will present the judges with their desserts for tasting. Desert should reflect event theme. Judging- based on taste. (1st place - 300pts -, 2nd place - 250pts, 3rd place -200 pts) All others participating and finishing the race will earn 100pts. Each unit will need to supply eating utensils for each judge. (fork and plate)

# **RULES FOR TROOP/UNIT COMPETITIONS**

#### Stage Coach Race

Each troop will make a sled or "stage coach" made only out of wood and lashings. This coach will be brought to the Camporee. The Stage Coach will hold the scout master of the troop while the youth pull the stage coach around the parade field. Points awards for top 3 stage coaches. Points will be added for theme of camp. (1st place ~ 300pts ~, 2nd place ~ 250pts, 3rd place ~ 200 pts)

All others participating and finishing the race will earn 100pts.



### Pony Express Run ~ (100 points)

Traditional 5k run. Participants will meet in front of the Headquarters Tent for further instruction and course of run. (1st place ~ 300pts ~, 2nd place ~ 250pts, 3rd place ~200 pts)

### ALL JUDGMENTS THAT THE STAFF MAKE ARE FINAL.

## SCORING AND RIBBONS

Ribbons (and/or other awards, at the discretion of the Program Director) will be presented in the following categories:

#### SCOUT PATROL COMPETITIONS

Scoring: Each event will be scored based on scout spirit, participation in all activities, and scout uniformity.

Events: Three ribbons will be awarded to the patrols attaining the three highest scores in each event.

Overall: Three units will receive an overall Camporee award and ribbon (blue, red, and white for first, second, and third place). These awards will be based on total points earned in all areas participated.

#### TROOP/UNIT COMPETITIONS

Scoring: The top three Troops (based on participation, event, and rules) will be awarded a specific number of points for the Best Overall Unit competition.

At the Award Ceremony on Sunday morning the Directors will award a Best Over All, District Camporee Award. This award will be given to the top troop of the Calico Camporee 2019. This award will be in the form of a ribbon that will be competed for between the troops/units of our district and surrounding areas. This award will show the determination and the strength of the scouts in that troop/unit.

All units will receive a participation patch (for each participant registered) and ONE Unit Participation ribbon that will be included in their check out packet.

# STAGE COACH CRITERIA – APPENDIX A

#### Stage Coach Checklist:

### MUST:





Not have nails or screws EXCEPT for attaching wheels and/or axles safely

Use proper knots and whipping

Have 4 wheels only (unnatural wheels may be used)\*

Seat 1 rider safely (Scoutmaster or ASM)

Be pulled by 6 youth maximum

Have identification of unit (troop #)

Be tested before arriving to camp

\*\*Include a helmet and seatbelt for rider (Troop must provide their own equipment)

\*\*If the team does not include the starred items, they will not compete

\*(BONUS points for Natural Wheels)

# FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC FORFIT FROM THE RACE.

Points will be deducted for:

Poor sportsmanship

Fighting





# <u>BEST OVERALL UNIT CRITERIA –</u> <u>APPENDIX B</u>

AREA	MAX SCORE
Patrol / Troop Flag Carried	100
Campfire Program Participation (or prepared for)	50
Attendance at all SPL meetings by Troop SPL or assistant	100
Scout Uniform (Field Uniform: Inspected by Staff only)	100
Scout Spirit	200
Campsite Inspection	300
Gateway Inspection	300
Campsite THEME Inspection	100
Adult Chili Cook Off	300
Youth Dessert Cook Off	300
Stage Coach Race	300
Pony Express 5K Run	300
Knot Relay	100
Tracking Relay	100
Lasso Throw	100
First Aid Relay	100
Bucket Brigade Relay	100
Fire Building	100
TOTAL:	3050

\*\*\*In order to qualify for the OVERALL award, each unit/troop MUST attend the Sunday Service.

### CALICO CAMPING SITE MAP – APPENDIX C



# Troops/Units for the Calico Camporee will be placed in the C and F sections.