

Tomahawk District Spring Camporee 2006



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The Tomahawk District Spring Camporee is going to be full of FUN! This year, scouts will be challenged to use scout skills common throughout the world of scouting and will implement them in a series of challenges promoting the patrol method. Scouts will quickly find that they have learnt these skills on their way to obtaining their first class rank. The camporee is a patrol event, where each patrol comes equipped to use scout skills required in the BSA handbook. Patrols participate in several *field projects or events*, which may not be known to the competitors until that part of the program begins. From the inspection at the start until the Camporee is officially closed, every action (or lack of it) is subject to judging by the officials.

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THE WORLD OF SCOUTING



World Organization of the Scout Movement
Organisation Mondiale du Mouvement Scout

INTERNATIONAL

There are recognized Scout organizations and branches in more than 216 countries and territories. GROWING Scouting has never stopped growing since its founding in 1907. Today there are more than 25 million members - boys and girls. Scouting has doubled its membership in the last 20 years. Much of the growth is in developing countries.

MAKING A PERSONAL COMMITMENT -
to a simple code of living: the Scout Promise and Law.

LEARNING BY DOING -
active participation, with others.

WORKING IN SMALL GROUPS -
in patrols to develop leadership, group skills, and individual responsibility.

STIMULATING PROGRAMMES -
progressive activities based on the interests of young people. Activities in contact with nature, a rich learning environment where simplicity, creativity, and discovery come together to provide adventure and challenge.

A SPIRITUAL DIMENSION -
a commitment to seek the spiritual value of life beyond the material world.

A SOCIAL DIMENSION -
participating in the development of society, respecting the dignity of others and the integrity of the natural world. Promoting local, national and international peace, understanding and cooperation.

A PERSONAL DIMENSION -
developing a sense of personal responsibility and stimulating the desire for responsible self-expression.

SCOUTS ARE INVOLVED IN...

- child health
- drug abuse prevention
- clean water and sanitation
- appropriate technology
- low-cost housing
- literacy
- peace education
- life skills training
- children at risk
- integration of the handicapped
- family life education
- rights of children
- food production and agriculture
- environmental conservation and education
- renewable energies
- reforestation
- job skills training
- youth unemployment
- immigrant communities
- education about development issues

The mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. This is achieved by:

- Involving them throughout their formative years in a non-formal educational process
- Using a specific method that makes each individual the principal agent of his or her development as a self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed person
- Assisting them to establish a value system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as expressed in the Promise and Law.

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Each patrol is under the exclusive leadership of its patrol leader, for no Scoutmaster may cross into the competition field or offer assistance that might benefit the patrol in any way. The Tomahawk District Spring Camporee therefore provides the greatest possible opportunity for the expression of the patrol method, as the competing teams are to be completely on their own. They are judged on their ability, as a **result of their Scout training and patrol teamwork**, to meet any *problems or challenges*, which may be presented to them.

The Tomahawk District Camporee permits the Scouts to use the following equipment and supplies in addition to normally used camping gear: twine, rope (suitable for large pioneering projects) timbers in various sizes and tree trimmings for smaller camp gadgets and projects. We request that all troops bring above ground fire rings or plates in an effort to **“LEAVE NO TRACE”**.

What the Tomahawk District Spring Camporee Accomplishes

The Tomahawk District Spring Camporee develops the abilities of all participants; shows their strength and weakness; demonstrates the use and care of equipment; and provides training and practice in Practical camping. Winning patrols are spurred on to perfect their technique and to master new branches of Scoutcraft.

Patrol Leaders strive to put the same system at the Tomahawk Spring Camporee effect in their own patrols so that every individual Scout gets the benefit of the Camporee training.

During the preparatory training period, each troop may practice the events or the Scoutcraft skills involved in the events between its patrols, in order to train their patrols. This activity promotes troop camping and the making and securing of necessary equipment. The practicing and training broadens the interests of the troop and provide a stimulus to growth.

As an Inter-Council Event, in which troops of other districts enter patrols, the Tomahawk District Spring Camporee takes on more than a local interest and gives opportunity for the patrols to measure their work against dozens, or more, patrols from other Troops in the Council.

Summary

1. It develops group interest, for boys plan together for weeks in advance the various methods that may be used to make themselves the most efficient.
2. It is probably the most practical type of activity that gives the fullest expression to the Patrol Method.
3. It develops boy leadership.
4. It brings scouts and scouters closer together in true brotherhood.
5. It prepares inexperienced scouts and leaves them with a memorable camping experience.
6. It promotes fellowship and better understanding of Scouting principles.

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Patrol Competitions

The Tomahawk District Spring Camporee provides patrols many opportunities for a lively competition. Each activity station event will spur the patrols to strive to be the Best Patrol at the Camporee. The following information will assist patrols in preparing for these competitions. Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and parents are welcomed at the Spring Camporee in an advisory capacity only. All decisions and work are to be done by the scouts.

A multitude of exciting and fun-filled activities and competition will be available throughout the weekend. And then, of course, the fun is not over – it's just time for OA Call-Out!

Scout Triathlon – Polish up those first class Olympic track and field skills if you plan to compete. Challenge participants will participate in three events (1) Standing Long Jump, (2) Shotput Throw (using a standard softball), and (3) Javelin Throw (using a cane with a blunt end on it).

Scoring will be done per patrol, with individual performances also recognized. Patrol interaction and teamwork will be key to this event.

Pioneering / Orienteering Obstacle Course – This event will involve every member of the patrol. It will be a cross-country affair with various stations along the way. The relay is run over a cross-country trail. The course will have four to six sub-stations. At the end of the each station patrol members will take the necessary readings to find their next station. The entire patrol must participate in the both reading and establish the pace count. The tests or challenges at each station are to be simple and fun enough that each patrol member can do the test/challenge in a short span of time. Refer to the BSA handbook for second class and first class BSA orienteering instructions.

The Amazing Scout Race – Each patrol leader will be given instructions on how to find a designated scouter. Once the scouter has been discovered, the patrol leader will lead the patrol in performing a scout skill. Patrol Leaders will be given their next clue once they successfully complete their assigned skill. The first team to complete all tasks may be declared the winner. **Skills Communications skills are essential to this competition.**

Scouts get a Kick out of Soccer – Soccer is the world's most popular sport. It is the national sport of most European and Latin-American countries, and of many other nations. Millions of people in more than 140 countries play soccer. Every four years, countries form across the globe play in order to qualify for the World Finals, The World Cup. In a typical soccer game there are two teams of 11 players who try to score a point by kicking a ball into the opponents net. Soccer is played on a rectangular field with a net on each short side of the field. All players must hit the ball with their feet or body and only the goalie is allowed to touch the ball with his/her hands.

Soccer is regarded as a team sport where patrols will get to test their ability to work together regardless of their soccer skill level. Patrols will compete for accuracy and distance, detailed instructions will be given at the event station.

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Tomahawk Throw – Scoring Instructions will be given at the station. Refer to the series of sketches below showing how to tomahawk, so that with a little practice the scouts can astonish their friends with their skill in handling this truly Native American weapon.

To begin, stand with your back to the block and step away about five or six steps. Turn and face the block. Hold the tomahawk by the end of the handle just as if you were going to chop wood. The most important thing to remember when throwing is not to flip the tomahawk. Throw it just as you would a baseball and it will turn by itself. Throw it like you would if you were playing catch, not like pitching a fast ball.

If you swing it in a curve, and let it go while the blade is in a diagonal or slanting position, the tomahawk will be sent wobbling through the air like a boomerang, with no power to stick into the mark. The scout must learn to stand firmly before the mark with his feet spread apart, the weight of the body resting upon the right leg.



Correct Position for Throwing a Tomahawk; Keep the Blade in a Vertical Line

Inca (Chasqui) Knot Relay – Detailed instructions will be given at the station. Communications skills are essential to this competition.

The Chasqui scout system was the Incan equivalent to the Pony Express. Fast, agile, and capable of running long distances, Chasqui scouts carried memorized messages along the Imperial road systems of the Andes Mountains. Couriers donned with distinctly white feathered headdresses, Chasquis would memorize information, carry it to other scouts waiting along the relay system, and then run along with them until they memorized the message, and so on until the message was delivered. In this way, a message could travel over hundreds of miles within a few short days. Chasqui scouts were also used by the Incan army on campaign, to retrieve and deliver messages between the moving columns



Chasqui Scout

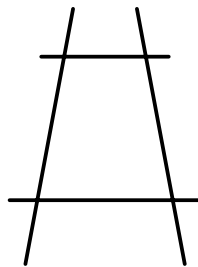
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The Inca used quipu, knotted cords, for accounting and census purposes. Most of the information on the quipu has been shown to be numeric data; some numbers seem to have been used as mnemonic labels, and the color, spacing, and structure of the quipu carried information as well.

The Chasqui Patrol with the quickest time will escape the kings wrath!

Indian Travois Race - Instructions will be given at the station. This is a timed event. Patrols will construct a chariot utilizing lashings and ride it a determined course. Patrols will lash together four (4) poles using square lashings. Each lashing must have at least 4 wraps and 3 fraps in accordance to the BSA handbook. After the travois is completed, the patrol will carry one scout out to a predetermine location, turn around and hurry back to the start/finish line. Scores will be based on the quality of the lashings and the total time to complete the event.



Typical Travois

Camp Gadget Building – Detailed instructions will be given at the station. Utilizing skills learnt for first class, patrols will be asked to build a "bowl stand" as they have always done in the old days in the Philippines.

The patrols will be judged on speed, the ability to hold the wash bowl fill with water for 1 minutes, correct use of lashings, and the correct use of knots to create the towel holder.



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General Rules:

When a patrol arrives, introduce yourself and what unit you're from. Ask their patrol name and what unit they're from.

Ask who the patrol leader is. When you're explaining the rules, talk mainly to him.

It's usually a good idea to explain the scoring beforehand.

If a patrol hasn't finished an activity in 15 minutes, and another patrol is waiting for their turn, the first patrol must move on (award them whatever points they've earned). They can come back later to try again.

Patrol Spirit

The essence of any scout event is Patrol Spirit. Patrols participating in this year's Tomahawk District Camporee will be carefully observed by the Camporee Staff. This prestigious award will require full participation by every member of the patrol.

Health and Safety

The Tomahawk District Camporee staff has taken particular care to provide a safe environment for the camporee. Provisions have been made for First Aid, fire protection, safe water, waste and adequate restroom facilities. A contingency plan regarding severe weather or other emergencies is being developed and will be included with check-in materials at Friday evening's PLC Meeting.

Troops with professionally trained medical personnel camping at the camporee, will be asked to assist at the First Aid station throughout the day Saturday.

Cooking Competition

Scouts and Scouters are invited to display their culinary expertise. This has been a very entertaining event at past Camporees, all scouts and scouters are invited to participate. Rules for this competition will be published separately.

Registration

Completed registration packets are being accepted as early as the March Roundtable on Thursday March 16, 2005.

In order to ensure proper materials and supplies are available to all participants, Scoutmasters are asked to please turn in an estimated number of attendees and estimated number patrols by the March Roundtable on March 16, 2005.