

# **Rio del Oro Spring Camporee 2017 Soar Like an EAGLE**



**April 28 -30, 2017**

**CAMP WARREN MCCONNELL**

**11760 LIVINGSTON CRESSEY RD LIVINGSTON, ca 95334**

**Information Packet**



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# OBJECTIVE

The objective of this year's Camporee is to deliver a **Scout skills based** program that provides challenges in a fun atmosphere, where each scout is exposed to activities that relate to the different advancement steps in the scouting program. Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others. This camporee will allow for Scouts to work on advancement themed challenges, while incorporating basic scouting skills. Participants can also earn the Scouting heritage merit badge if they complete all the camporee activities.

## DATE AND LOCATION

The Camporee will take place from April 28-30, 2017 at Camp Warren McConnell, 11760 Livingston Cressey Road, Livingston, California 95334

## REGISTRATION

### Online Registration

Registration for this Camporee is \$10.00 per person and will be done online. The following is the link for the online registration:

<http://www.yosemitescouting.org/event/rio-del-oro-soar-like-an-eagle-camporee/2078560>

If you are unable to register online, in this packet you will find the 2017 Camporee Registration Form. If you do register this way, please fill out the form and bring to the Council Office by April 10, 2017 along with payment.

**PLEASE NOTE: Events at this camporee will be on a first come first serve basis and Scout patrols will be able to visit all areas on the Eagle trail during the Camporee; in the morning, and in the afternoon there are many activities that they can rotate through.** In addition, patrols may compete in the patrol flag making and patrol cook-off activities.

### Late Registration

Onsite Registration will be accepted. Registration after April 10, 2017 will be \$15.00 per person. Activities will be assigned based on availability. So it is best to sign up early.

### Onsite Registration / Arrival

Upon arrival at Camp McConnell, each Unit must check in at the registration area located at the North end of the parking area. Signs will be in place to direct you. To keep traffic down, please send only the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster to register. We will then verify registration, payment, patrol classifications, medical forms, Cook-off registration, and Troop campsite assignment.

**Please note that units will be sharing campsites. Units will not be allowed into their campsite until all members of the unit are present. Parking passes will be handed out and only one vehicle per unit will be allowed down to unload. Once unloaded, your vehicle will need to return back to the designated camporee parking area. Scouts will need to walk to campsites. If you have a Scout that is not able to walk, please let us know ahead of time so we can make arrangements.**

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## General Rules

1. Units must keep their own areas clean and carry out their own trash. A SCOUT IS CLEAN.
2. Before a unit leaves their designated campsite it will be inspected by the CAMPOREE staff. When your Troop is ready to leave, the Senior Patrol Leader must request an inspection of their campsite. Upon satisfactory inspection, your unit will receive its patches.

## 3. Use of electronics

ARE NOT ENCOURAGED DURING THIS CAMPOREE; units please use your discretion.

## 4. Medical Forms

All scouts and scouters are required to bring a valid BSA medical form – parts A and B to the Camporee. The medical forms are to be kept by the Medical officer onsite and at checkout, have your SPL and Scoutmaster ask for them. Forms can be found at

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

## 5. First Aid

Each troop must have its own first aid equipment. Scouts injured should first be attended to by their Leader. If medical attention is needed, notify the Medical staff.

## 6. Fires

If you plan on having a fire in your campsite, they must be in the designated campfire areas. You will need to bring your own wood. You will need to have the fire pit cleaned of ashes before checking out.

## 7. Water

Water will be available at water fountains. But Be Prepared – still bring water. Be aware of dehydration. Each Scout should carry a canteen or water bottle of water with him to drink, and drink it!

## 8. Restrooms

Restrooms are available and found at the pool for single occupancy only and at the lodge where there is one restroom for boys and one restroom for men and women to alternate using according to the sign posted. We ask both Scouts and Scouters to be respectful of the restrooms and keep them as neat and clean as possible when using them. These will be inspected at the time of your final campsite inspection.

## 9. Equipment

Each unit will furnish all its own equipment and is responsible for all of its equipment.

Safety – Knives – Hatchets

No sheath knives will be carried or used by any scout. Hatchets will not be carried on any person. You must have your Totem Chip present to carry your pocket knife (Staff will be checking).

## 10. Pets

NO PETS will be allowed at this Camporee, except for service animals.

## 11. Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. **Anyone found violating these rules outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting will be asked to leave immediately. The use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco (including electronic tobacco products) is also prohibited around scouts.**

# AT CAMP

## PATROL METHOD

The purpose of Scouting is to teach leadership through the use of outdoor activities. These boys are led by their Patrol Leader who is responsible for his group of boys and answers to their Scout Leader. We ask that Scout Leaders do not interfere; let your boys have fun learning through exploration and hands-on activities. Remember, Scouting is a boy-run organization using the patrol method, yet you must have at least (2) two deep leadership present at the camporee.

## FLAGS

Each unit is requested to bring their unit flags (American, State, and Troop Flags) to the Camporee and display them in their campsites. We ask that you also bring your unit flags and patrol flags to the flag ceremony on Saturday morning. Patrol flags should also be brought and carried when competing in the events.

## PATROL FLAGS, CHEER, PATCH, SPIRIT

There are no bonus points for carrying your Patrol Flag, giving your cheer, or even wearing your patrol patch. It is called scout spirit, and it is expected. **DO YOUR BEST!**

## UNIFORMS

Scouts must arrive and depart in Field or Class A uniforms and wear them to opening ceremony and campfire. Troop t-shirts are to be worn for activities throughout Saturday. All OA members are asked to wear sashes throughout the entire event, including campfire.

## CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENTS

**We are expecting a large turn-out of units and scouts.** Campsites assignments will be available at time of Check-in. Depending on the size of your troop, you may be sharing a campsite with another troop. Each troop should be together in a section of the site. The adult leaders' area must be clearly separate from patrols to help ensure campsite inspection is just of the scout's area and per BSA YPT Guidelines. Having multiple troops/units in the same campsite also fulfills the purpose of "Camporees" for scouts to have fellowship and get to know other scouts.

## VISITORS

Visitors are welcome, but must check in at Camporee Headquarters upon arrival and departure. Their vehicle must be parked in a designated area. They must back their vehicle into a designated parking space for easy evacuation in case of an emergency (See signs).

# **PARKING**

**Parking will be permitted in the designated parking area ONLY.** There will be no vehicles in any of the campsites.

**All vehicles remaining at the camporee will be issued a parking pass at registration, which must be filled out and displayed in the front windshield of the vehicle. Please remember to back your vehicle in, and carry your keys with you at all times in case an evacuation is necessary. Also, there is no parking on sides of roads or in areas that obstruct safe and easy egress of any vehicle both into and out of parking areas.**

## **Speed Limits**

The Speed Limits in **less than 15 MPH** on ALL roads in camp and in the designated parking area.

# **CHECKOUT PROCEDURES**

## **Saturday Evening Checkout**

If your unit is checking out on Saturday Evening they must first have packed up all of their equipment. Then have your SPL and Scoutmaster go to the registration tent and tell them that you are checking out. Then the staff will inspect the site and upon completion of the inspection, the SPL / SM will return to the registration area for packet, patches, and medical forms. Once completed your unit is free to leave.

**There will be no checkout or departures during the campfire.**

## **Regular Checkout**

Regular Checkout will begin after Scout's Own on Sunday; no checkouts will be done prior to Scout's Own. Your unit must have cleaned up the campsite and have packed away all of your equipment before checking out. Once your unit is ready for inspection, have your SPL and Scoutmaster go to the registration tent and tell them that you are checking out. Then the staff will inspect the site and upon completion of the inspection the SPL/ SM will return to the registration area for packet, patches, and medical forms. Once completed your unit is free to leave.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Eagle Scout Reunion/Luncheon

This on-site luncheon is for Eagle Scouts of all ages (all other Scouts and Leaders will prepare/eat their lunch back in their campsites). The purpose of the luncheon is to celebrate the opening of the Peter J Fluetsch Memorial Eagle Scout Wall of Fame. This will be a permanent installation at Camp McConnell where any Eagle Scout can be honored for a donation of \$25 or more. The honor will include a photo of the honoree and a one-page description of his Scouting history. Registration for this luncheon will be taken separately, again through the Greater Yosemite Council website. Cost of the luncheon will be \$15 per Eagle.

## Cook-off Competitions

**This year's cook-off theme is based on the Summer Camp concept and how well you use a traditional scout cook kit and dutch oven to create a tasty dish. Are you an Alton Brown type of Scout when it comes to cooking?** *Some examples might stew, a casserole, beans, baking, dessert, etc.* We are looking for the tastiest recipes. The more traditional and old time scout themed the better.

### Scoutmaster Cook-off

Your Scoutmaster will be going head to head with other Scoutmasters in making the best comfort food in this year's Scoutmaster Cook-off. Don't forget to provide a recipe.

### Patrol Cook-off

Your patrol will be going head to head with other patrols in making the best dessert course ever in this year's Patrol Cook-off. Not only will you prepare the dessert, but you will need to provide a list of ingredient, pots, utensils and heating method for your delicious treat.

## Scouting Heritage Merit Badge

Scouts will throughout the day learn about the history of the scouting movement. If they complete all eight of the requirements they can earn the scouting heritage merit badge. **All requirements need to be confirmed (signed off) by the scoutmaster or SPL before being submitted to the merit badge counselor.**

## Patrol Flag Competition

- Only one (1) Patrol Flag may enter the competition. The flag must be made at the camporee.
- Each flag must be clearly marked with the unit number and patrol name.
- Patrol flags should identify patrol members.
- Flags must be made from leather, wood, cloth or other natural materials.
- Paper or plastic flags will not qualify.
- Flags may be any shape or size.
- The flag must be attached to a pole.
- Flags should display patrol award ribbons.
- Flags should represent the Scouts' work, not the adults.
- **Patrol Flag judging will include, but not be limited to: Craftsmanship, Durability, Portability and use of scout skills, Artistic Design and Originality.**
- **Boy Scouts of America – or – BSA must be on the flag.**  
BONUS POINTS for the use and incorporation of an Eagle as well as having our **District and or Council name on the flag.**

# **PATROL EVENTS**

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## **Arrow of Light**

Archery Range

## **Bridging to boy Scouting**

Monkey Bridge

## **Scout**

Tug of war

## **Tenderfoot**

Time measuring - Tomahawks

## **Second Class**

Eight-knot challenge - Human Bowline tying

## **First Class**

Matchless fire starting

## **Star**

Astronauts Rocket challenge

## **Life**

First aid Challenge

## **Eagle**

Climbing wall

## **Trail to Eagle**

Compass course

## **Famous Eagles**

“That is one small step for a man, One giant leap for mankind”

**NOTE: EVENTS and DESCRIPTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BEFORE THE ACTUAL CAMPOREE EVENT.**

# Campsite Assessment

Each campsite will be assessed sometime during the day on Saturday. The following criteria will be used:

**Rio del Oro District Camporee  
Greater Yosemite Council, BSA  
Campsite Assessment Record**

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Campsite: \_\_\_\_\_

**Boy-Led Troop**

	Y/N	Notes
Duty Roster		
Subtotal		

**Health and Safety**

	Y/N	Notes
Campsite Neat		
Tents		
Food		
Drinking Water		
Hand Sanitizer present		
Trash		
Tools Stored Properly		
Campsite Boundary		
Youth Protection		
Subtotal		

**Scout Spirit**

	Y/N	Notes
Flags		
Gateway		
Subtotal		

**SCORING**

10-12 Y's = full points

7-9 Y's = 70% of points

4-6 Y's = 50% of points

0-5 Y's = 0 points

## **Indicators**

### **Boy –Led Troop**

#### **\_Duty Roster**

- A duty roster is posted and filled out
- SPL, ASPL, and Patrol Leaders are listed
- Appears duties are allocated equally

### **Health and Safety**

#### **\_Campsite Neat**

- No trash
- Loose items secured from wind

#### **\_Tents**

- Tents are spaced appropriately
- Guy wires and tent stakes marked
- Water jugs are placed by each tent
- Water jugs are full

#### **\_Food**

- Food and drinks are stored appropriately
- Food preparation area is neat
- Dishes and utensils are clean
- Sanitation station is evident

#### **\_Drinking Water Present**

- Appears there is sufficient water present for needs of unit

#### **\_Bathroom clean**

- No trash
- Toilets are flushed

#### **\_Hand Sanitizer present**

- Sufficient hand sanitizer available

#### **\_Trash**

- Trash is in appropriate container

#### **\_Tools stored properly**

- Tools stored to protect tools and people

#### **\_Campfire Ring**

- Area around ring is clear of combustible materials
- No evidence of fire activity
- Water jugs are placed near fire ring
- Water jugs are full

#### **\_Pathways clear**

- Trip hazards are eliminated on pathways in campsite

#### **\_YPT**

- Youth Protection policies are followed
- ✘Adult tent area is separated from youth tent area
- ✘Adult/Youth and Male/Female signs are being followed at bathroom

# CAMPOREE SCHEDULE

## **Friday**

6:00 PM Registration

7:30 PM Pot Luck Cracker Barrel – each unit prepares their favorite snack – Each patrol will make a camporee patrol flag – scouting memorabilia display

8:30 PM Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Meeting

9:30 PM Staff Meeting

11:00 PM Lights Out

## **Saturday**

6:00 AM Wake up

7:00-8:30 AM Pancake Breakfast

8:30 Trading post open

8:45 AM Flag Ceremony Baden Powell presentation – meet experts on early US scouting

9:00–12:00 PM Morning Activities session 1

Campsite Inspections

Noon Songs and Skits due to Registration

Noon–1:00 PM Lunch - Eagle Scout Luncheon

1:00-4:00 PM Afternoon Activities session 2

4:00-5:00 PM Scouting Heritage merit badge bring your patch collection from home for show & tell

5:00-6:30 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Scoutmaster Cook-off - Dish due at Registration Area

6:30 PM Patrol Cook-off - Dish due at Registration Area

7:00 PM Campfire Starts – Court of Honor (Awards) – Presentation of the Rio del Oro Eagle Scout Honor Gallery - OA Callout Ceremony

10:00 PM Staff Meeting

11:00 PM Lights Out

## **Sunday**

8:00 AM Scout's Own (at Fire Bowl)

Followed by Cleaning Up Campsites

# FORMS

## Onsite Registration Form

Greater Yosemite Council, B.S.A.

4031 Technology Drive, Modesto, CA 95356 209-545-6320

Unit Type: (circle one) Troop Team Crew

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Unit Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SPL's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Scouts Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Scouters/Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your unit going home Saturday night after the campfire? (Circle One) Yes No

I have read, agree to, and understand all the terms set forth in the 2017 Rio del Oro Camporee

Information Packet and will conduct myself and my unit according to the Scouting Principles and the BSA Guidelines and Policies.

**I will also make sure that a current medical form is handed in to the medical officer upon check-in for each youth and adult attendee.**

Signature of Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of SPL \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of SPL \_\_\_\_\_

## Camporee Patrol Registration Form

**This form must be filled out by each patrol leader and turned in to the SPL and/or Scoutmaster, who in turn will hand this form over to the registration personnel.**

Unit Type: (circle one) Troop Team Crew

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Patrol Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Camporee Unit Roster

This form must be turned in by the SPL and/or Scoutmaster, who in turn will hand this form over to the registration personnel.

Unit Type: (circle one)      Troop      Team      Crew      Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SPL's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Leaders Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Patrol Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Scoutmaster Cook-off Registration Form

This form must be filled out by each troop and turned in to the SPL and/or Scoutmaster, who in turn will hand this form over to the registration personnel at check-in.

Unit Type: (circle one)      Troop      Team      Crew

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader (Who will be competing) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Dish: \_\_\_\_\_

## Patrol Cook-off Registration Form

This form must be filled out by each patrol and turned in to the SPL and/or Scoutmaster, who in turn will hand this form over to the registration personnel at check-in.

Unit Type: (circle one)      Troop      Team      Crew

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader (Who will be competing) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Dish: \_\_\_\_\_



# Skit or Song Submission Form

This form must be filled out by each troop or patrol and turned-in to the SPL and/or Scoutmaster, who in turn will hand this form over to the registration personnel by noon on Saturday.

All patrols must submit the entire text of their skit or song for the Saturday evening campfire to the registration area by noon on Saturday for review. A decision as to the suitability of the skit or song will be available at scorecard turn-in.

Unit Type: (circle one)      Troop      Team      Crew      Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Skit                      Song                      (Circle One)

Name of skit or song: \_\_\_\_\_

Entire Text of skit or song

[illegible]

# MAP

