

BILL HART DISTRICT CAMPOREE

Brownsea Island

May 1-3, 2009

Castaic Lake Park

Camporee Committee

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CAMPOREE OVERVIEW

The Camporee is a patrol competitive event. A set point scale and/or time determine the number of points each patrol can score.

Webelos will participate in their own patrols, and will receive participation ribbons only. They will not be scored.

All who pay the registration fee will receive a Camporee patch.

OBJECTIVE

The Primary Objective of Camporee is to combine FUN with a test of Scout skills, leadership, and spirit.

THEME

The theme of this year's event is **Brownsea Island**.

What is Brownsea Island, you ask? The Brownsea Island Scout camp was a boys camping event on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour, southern England, organized by Lieutenant-General Baden-Powell to test his ideas for the book Scouting for Boys. Twenty boys from different social backgrounds participated from August 1 to August 8, 1907 in activities around camping, observation, woodcraft, chivalry, lifesaving and patriotism. The boys were arranged into four patrols: Wolves, Ravens, Bulls and Curlews. Recognized as the world's first Scout camp, the event is regarded as the real origin of the worldwide Scout movement.

THIS YEAR'S EVENTS

Field Events:

- Knots
- Scout Jeopardy
- Javelin Throw
- Careless Campsite
- Animal Tracking and Identification
- First Aid / Life Saving
- Lashings
- Fire Building
- Obstacle Course
- Bucksaw
- Bear Bag Throw

Inspection Events:

- Uniform Inspection
- Campsite Inspection

PATROL CLASSIFICATION

Patrols are classified by the ranks of their members. Patrols compete against other patrols in their same classification.

All Webelos scouts will participate as part of a Webelos patrol. They will not mix in with a Boy Scout patrol. Webelos patrols will not be scored. They will “do their best” with the guidance and encouragement of the event leaders.

PATROL RATING SYSTEM

<u>Scout Rank</u>	<u>Rating</u>
“New Scout” and Scout	1
Tenderfoot	2
Second Class	3
First Class	5
Star	7
Life	10
Eagle	12

Each Scout is rated according to his rank. The total is then divided by the number of Scouts in the Patrol. A patrol can be made up of any number of boys.

PATROLS AT THE CAMPOREE WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Rating Average</u>	<u>Classification</u>
All Webelos Patrols	Ravens
1.00 thru 3.49	Curlews
3.50 thru 4.79	Wolves
4.80 and higher	Bulls

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday May 1st

4:00 PM	Check-In and Campsite Assignment
9:00 PM	Cracker Barrel (Staff, Event Leaders, Adult Leaders, and SPL's)
10:00 PM	Taps - Lights Out & Quiet in Camp

Saturday May 2nd

6:00 AM	Reveille, Breakfast & Cleanup
8:00 AM	Opening Ceremony & Flag Raising
8:30 AM	Uniform and Campsite Inspection
9:00 AM	Field Events Begin (morning session)
NOON	Lunch
1:00 PM	Field Events Begin (afternoon session)
5:00 PM	Events Conclude - Free Time - Dinner
	If leaving early, please break camp after dinner, prior to campfire.
8:00 PM	Campfire - Skits, Awards & Order of The Arrow Tap Out
10:00 PM	Taps - Lights Out & Quiet in Camp

Sunday May 3rd

10:00 AM	All Units Check-Out LEAVE NO TRACE! Take pride in your Troop's good citizenship!
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Notes:

1. Event times are flexible. You will be assigned your first event on Saturday morning to spread out the crowd. After that, you are free to pursue events in any order you wish.
2. The OA Indian Village will be open to visitors all day Saturday, including any available time after the campfire.

CAMPSITE & UNIFORM INSPECTION

Each patrol will undergo a “patrol inspection,” consisting of a campsite inspection and a uniform inspection. Both of these inspections will occur at the patrol campsite immediately after the flag ceremony on Saturday morning. This will allow patrols to get immediate feedback from their campsite inspector.

A team of adults will be recruited and trained at the Friday night cracker barrel to conduct these inspections. No adult will inspect a patrol from their own troop. To insure consistency, all adult inspectors will be given clear scoring guidelines.

When scouts leave their campsite for the Saturday morning opening flag ceremony, they will be in Class A uniform, ready for uniform inspection, and their campsite will also be ready for inspection. There will be no time after the flag ceremony to clean up and organize a patrol campsite.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION (Per Patrol)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Points</u>
Gateway	10
Tents properly pitched and arranged.....	15
Fire buckets in place (Water & Sand).....	10
Area around tents is clean.....	15
Kitchen area is neat and clean has a water container.....	15
A menu and duty roster is posted.....	10
Food and cooking utensils properly stored	15
Campsite gadget(s).....	10
 TOTAL	 100

UNIFORM INSPECTION (Per Patrol)

We will be following our council's uniform policy, as stated below.

Scouts are not all required to be in the new or old uniform. As a matter of fact, uniform parts may be mixed between new and old. It is completely unacceptable to force a family to buy new uniforming simply to get points in an inspection. This includes scout socks, hats, belts and even uniform numbers. If there is a patrol hat, you may require all of the scouts or none of the scouts to be in hats. Shoes may not be an inspected item, other than open-toed shoes that are not permitted. Uniform patches are to be sewn in accordance with the uniform policy and guide. You may not require them all to be wearing the same council shoulder patch (CSP), but you can require it to be a WLACC issue of the CSP. Our council has many issues. Scout parents buy their son short pants or long pants and a short sleeve shirt or long sleeve shirt. Patrols are not to be inspected for these matters. If they are in a standard issue BSA uniform shirt or pants, they get the points. All boys DO NOT have to be in the same style.

Uniform inspection will be focused primarily on the general appearance and presence of the required items, rather than making sure that each item is in absolute conformance to BSA standards. For example, if troop number patches are not sewn on in perfect alignment, there will be no deduction.

Uniform inspection points will be awarded as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Points</u>	
Shirt.....	20	
Patches	20	Any WLACC council shoulder patch is permitted
Pants or Shorts	20	
Socks	10	
Belt.....	10	
Neckerchief.....	10	
Slide	10	
 SUBTOTAL.....	 100	
 Leadership (Extra Points)	 10	 Skills used by Patrol Leader and how well the patrol follows
 TOTAL	 110	

Each patrol member will be scored according to the above criteria. These scores will be totaled and divided by the number of scouts in the patrol, yielding the patrol's uniform inspection event score.

EVENT SCORING AND AWARDS

SCORING

Each patrol will earn a maximum of 300 points per event.

- 0-100 points for skill
- 0-100 points for leadership
- 0-100 points for spirit

Please note that leadership and spirit make up 2/3 of a patrol's event score, emphasizing the importance of these things in the Scouting program. Thus, a patrol with great leadership and spirit can prevail over a patrol that actually receives higher skill points.

AWARDS

For each event, 9 awards will be presented, based on total event points earned by each patrol:

- Curlews: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - Wolves: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - Bulls: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

For overall merit, 9 awards will be presented, based on each patrol's total points in all events:

- Curlews: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - Wolves: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - Bulls: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

And finally, the Buckhorn award will go the patrol with the highest overall score, from all patrol classifications. The Buckhorn will be presented to the winning patrol by last year's winning patrol.

In the event of any tie, subtotals for the following will be considered, in this order: leadership, spirit, skill, uniform inspection, and campsite inspection. For example, if leadership breaks the tie, we're done. If not, then we look to spirit subtotals, and so forth. Note that this emphasizes the importance of leadership and spirit over skill.

CAMPOREE RULES

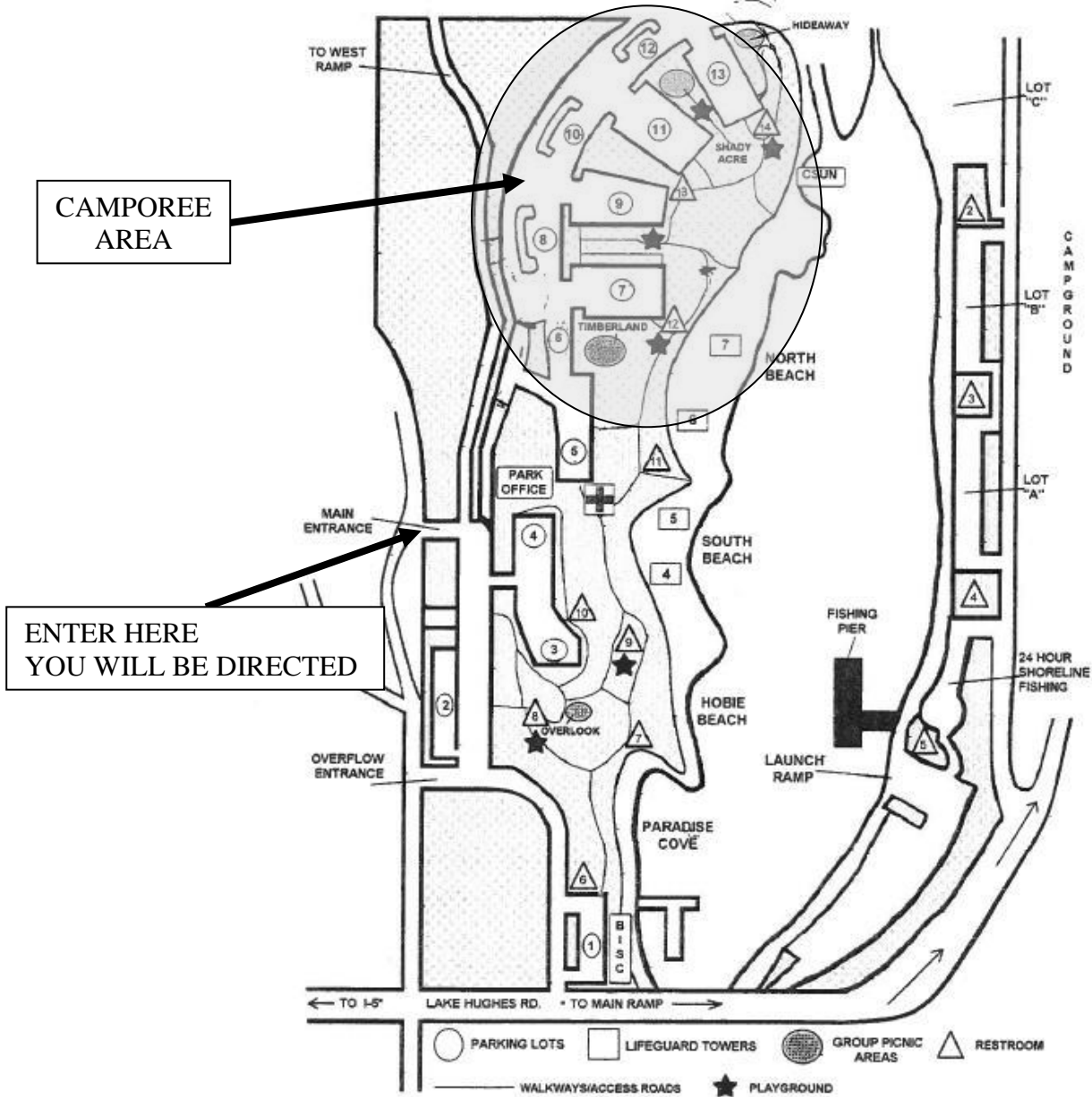
A spirit of Scouting courtesy and brotherhood must prevail during the entire Camporee if it is to be a success. The Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor Code are the guides for all behavior at this Camporee. Troops or individuals who do not conform to this spirit will be asked to leave the Camporee.

1. Please follow vehicle unloading and parking directions given upon your arrival.
2. Each unit leader must show a valid tour permit for this event at check-in.
3. There will be no fishing in the lake.
4. Please respect the local wildlife and park surroundings.
5. There is NO smoking in camp by scouts. A location will be designated for adult smoking.
6. Scouts should dress for Saturday activities in a manner that is appropriate for the activity and the weather.
7. Campsites will be assigned by the Camporee staff.
8. All Troops are responsible for their own trash.
9. Safety and fire protection are the responsibility of everyone at this Camporee. The campsites must be clear and free from wildfires. There will be NO open fires in the campsites.
10. Taps will be at 10:00 P.M. Reveille will be at 6:00 A.M. The camp is to be quiet during these hours. Please respect those who are camped around you.
11. Patrols must stay together throughout the competition. There will be no "saving places" in line.
12. Patrol Leaders should, upon completion of an event, check with the event leader for that event for his patrol's score and write it down on his score sheet. This is a patrol's own record, which does not get turned in.
13. At assembly on Saturday morning, each Patrol will be asked to start at a particular event, then continue with the other events in any order. If an event has a long line, you probably should go to another one if you can. Remember to pace yourself.
14. Visitors are welcome at this Camporee at no cost. They are welcome to observe field events and Saturday night campfire. They must depart the Camporee before Taps at 10:00 PM.
15. Any unsafe or improper use of knives, axes or other tools will result in immediate removal from the Camporee of the violator.
16. Sheath knives and fixed blade scabbard knives are prohibited.
17. There will be NO booing or other disrespectful behavior by Scouts or Scouters towards other Scouts or Scouters at the campfire Saturday night.
18. All campfire skits and songs must conform to Scouting standards, and be must be submitted to the campfire organizers for approval prior to 5:00 PM Saturday.

DO NOT IGNORE ANY OF THESE RULES. THEY WILL BE ENFORCED!!

DIRECTIONS TO BILL HART DISTRICT 2009 CAMPOREE

CASTAIC LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA LAGOON / LOWER LAKE



**Bill Hart District
Camporee 2009
Event Instructions**

This information is primarily for adult leaders who are organizing and running the events. It is included here to fully inform all participants about how the events are structured and scored. Please read it carefully. It should answer most, if not all, of your questions.

These guidelines are intended to make our Camporee run smoothly and fairly. Please comply as closely as possible. If you have any questions, problems, or suggestions, please bring it to the committee's attention in a timely manner.

Planning Your Event

Your event needs to be planned and run so that all patrols can complete it on Saturday. At the time of this writing, we do not have a good estimate of attendance. As this information becomes available, we will pass it on to you to help plan your event. If your event is expected to take a long time, you may need to plan for multiple patrols at the same time and/or impose a time limit.

Maintaining adequate throughput at each event is critical. This has been one of the biggest problems and complaints in the past. All patrols should be able to finish all events within the allotted time.

Running Your Event

An adult leader for each event **MUST** check in with the committee Saturday morning before the competition starts. The scoring form you will receive at this time will list all registered patrols. This should help insure that scores are attributed to the proper patrols. Since some patrol structures are altered for Camporee, we have sometimes seen boys confused about their patrol names.

This list will also help you pace your event. By lunchtime, for example, you should have handled approximately half of all patrols. If you are behind and have a constant waiting line, you will need to pick up your event pace. If you find yourself waiting for patrols, the committee will work to balance the load between events. The committee will monitor event progress throughout the day to try to avoid late afternoon problems.

All patrols will compete in the order of arrival, including Webelos.

In the past, we have had infrequent, but very unfortunate cases where adults running the events have "ejected" a patrol from an event because of behavior or other circumstances, giving them a zero score. **PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS.** We need to lead by example, with **EVERYONE** following the Scout Law. If a patrol is behaving badly, this will be reflected in their spirit and leadership scores. You may politely and respectfully counsel the patrol, and perhaps talk to their scoutmaster later in severe cases.

Scoring Your Event

For your event, you will award each patrol 3 separate scores, each ranging from 0-100 (no fractions please). To maintain as much consistency as possible between events, please try to follow these guidelines:

Skill: Based on knowledge and successful completion of the assigned tasks.

- 0 = just couldn't do it at all
- 50 = fair, completed most of the event successfully
- 100 = perfect, just like the Scout Handbook

Leadership: Based on effective use of leadership skills. Do you see evidence of leadership, or is everyone just crowding around the task? Are patrol members listening to their leader?

- 0 = chaos
- 50 = it's obvious who is the leader, and members are generally following
- 100 = perfect, an example for our corporate and civic leaders

Spirit: Based on demonstrating scout spirit. Do you see a patrol flag? How nice is it? How enthusiastic was their patrol yell or song? Are they being respectful, and following the Scout Law?

- 0 = don't even look like scouts
- 50 = fair, they have a flag and a yell, but not much enthusiasm (or vice versa)
- 100 = perfect, ready to make a Scouting commercial

You will not need to total any scores. Just report the 3 scores. If any calculations are required (time, penalties, etc.) to determine your event's skill score, you will need to do this yourself. Be sure to have this figured out and well organized ahead of time, and apply it consistently to all patrols.

Webelos patrols will not be scored. Help them have fun completing the events. They get the same priority and time allotment as Boy Scout patrols. There should be time for everyone if the event is properly organized and paced.

***** IMPORTANT *****

CONSISTENCY IS PARAMOUNT! Regardless of the details of your event, please do everything possible to treat all patrols equally. Different leaders should be giving the exact same instructions to all patrols, and applying the same judging criteria to all patrols. Let's make it as fair as possible.

Please read the preceding paragraph again.

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Registration Instructions

1. Advance registration is due by the end of Wednesday, April 29. After that, all registrations, including changes, must be conducted at check-in on May 1.
2. Registration is a 2-part process: submit registration form and fees to Bill Hart District service center, and email patrol rosters to the event registrar, John Noonan (jmnoonan@gmail.com). Both of these things must be complete by April 29 to qualify for advance registration.
3. Registration fees are as follows:

	<u>By 4/29</u>	<u>Onsite</u>
Webelos	\$5.00	\$10.00
Boy Scouts	\$10.00	\$15.00
All Adults	\$10.00	\$15.00

4. All boys must be currently registered in a chartered unit of the Boy Scouts of America.
5. Please fill out the Troop registration form below, attach a check payable to Boy Scouts of America, and mail or drop off to:

Boy Scouts of America
Bill Hart District Service Center
24338 Walnut Street
Newhall, CA 91321
6. Download the patrol roster and classification form (Excel) from the district web site: www.billhartdistrict.org. Complete the form, one sheet per patrol, and email the updated Excel file to John Noonan (jmnoonan@gmail.com). Instructions are on the form.
7. Rosters and total registration count can be adjusted as necessary. Adjustments completed by the advance registration date will be subject to the advance registration fees. Adjustments can be made upon arrival, but will be subject to the onsite fees if the number of attendees increases. **Once fees are paid, no refunds will be given.**

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Unit Registration

Troop Pack

Troop or Pack number: _____

Number of patrols: _____

Unit Leader: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

	Number	Fee	Total
Webelos		\$5.00	
Boy Scouts		\$10.00	
Adults		\$10.00	
TOTAL			

Enclose check for total amount and mail to:

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