

Leaders' Guide
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North Shore District Camporee
April 9-11, 2021
Smilin V Scout Ranch
Blast Into Scouting



Let's Blast into Scouting!!! We're in the latter part of a pandemic, and there's no better time to learn about explosions, fires, and combustion. Yes, for real! We will have several activities about how scouts can use materials safely to create amazing spectacles for fun.

Yes, there will be a troop/crew/ship competition. One of our new troops, Troop 358, won the competition last time. Will they continue their reign? Come to Camporee to find out.

The event is scheduled for April 9-11 at Smilin V. Your North Shore Order of the Arrow chapter is planning a fun time, including sports, games, competitions, and other scouting fun. If you've been to one before, you know that camporee is an annual event, hosted by the OA, inviting all North Shore District troops, crews, and ships to camp together in spaces assigned for each troop and crew. Each unit is asked to sponsor a station on the rotation during the unit competitions. Units may camp overnight Friday and/or Saturday or come out for the day on Saturday.

District organizers will send the registration link in Doubleknot directly to the unit leaders. We ask that **everyone register as soon as possible** so that we can plan appropriately. We will include additional details in the April newsletter.

Cost: \$8 per attendee, payable in Doubleknot. The proceeds cover the cost of campsites, camporee supplies, and a patch.

District is following the new NCAP (National Camp Accreditation Program) requirements for short-term district/council camps and extra safety procedures are in place due to COVID.

Preliminary Schedule

Friday

17:00-18:00 OA staff arrival and setup
19:00-21:00 Units check in (only during this time period)
21:00 SPL meeting
21:30 Brotherhood walk
22:30 Lights Out

Saturday

07:00-08:00 Check in for Saturday arrivals (only during this time period)
08:00 Flags
08:30 Event setup
09:00 Start events
12:00 Lunch
13:00 Return to events
15:00 Sports
17:00 Dinner
19:30 Flags, awards, OA callout
21:00 OA fellowship

Sunday

07:30 Wake up and quick breakfast
08:30 Flags, chapel
09:30 Teardown, check out and get patches
11:00 Last departure

SAFETY

District Camporee Contacts:

- Camp Health Officer: JT Devenport (512) 761-2332
- Smilin V Ranger: PJ Brown (512) 484-9814
- NCAP Short-term Camp Administrator: Michael Dial (512) 560-4600
- COVID Safety Officer: Heather Spencer (512) 627-0139
- OA Staff Advisor: David Nelson (512) 970-0471
- Assisting troop: 171 Chris Bratton, SM

Cleaning Procedures:

Precleaning – District staff will conduct the bleach water spray procedures Friday afternoon prior to the arrival of the rest of staff.

Units will be trained in bathhouse cleaning procedures. District leadership will oversee and ensure additional cleaning of bathhouses. In the program areas, shared equipment will be disinfected before and after each use by staff.

Camp Health Officer:

The Camp Health Officer on site is JT Devenport (EMR). The designated Medical Lodge is the kitchen area of the Smilin V ranch. The health officer will oversee routine cleaning and sanitation of medical facilities and equipment. He will carry a hand-held radio and will typically be available in the OA camping area or the Pavilion if not in the Medical Lodge.

Camp COVID Safety Officer:

The COVID Safety Officer is Heather Spencer, trained and approved for this position in December. The COVID Safety Officer will monitor camp and will observe and ensure compliance by the adult leaders trained as COVID officers to monitor their units.

Unit COVID Safety Officers:

All Units are required to have an adult trained COVID Safety Officer within their campsite. COVID safety training is offered via Zoom (see dates below) by North Shore District Commissioner Kevin Clark. Training links here: <http://nsdbsa.org/covid-safety-officer-training-every-unit-needs-one/>

- Wednesdays, March 24, 31, and April 7
- Sunday, March 28
- Thursday, April 8 - Last chance to attend before Camporee

Bathhouse Procedures:

The bathhouses will be cleaned by the staff upon arrival and exit according to the established Council procedures by the Units and Support Staff.

Face Masks:

Face masks are to be worn by all except when eating, drinking, using a bathhouse to wash, or in a personal tent.

Daily Temp Checks:

Temperature checks will be conducted daily by designated Staff on Saturday morning.

Closest Hospital:

St. David's Hospital Leander: 601 St. David's Loop, Leander, TX 78641, Phone (737) 757-1700

GETTING TO CAMPOREE

Who can attend:

Registered members of North Shore District units. Adults must have completed the YPT course since April 11, 2019.

What must be done prior to Camporee:

- Register in Doubleknot.
- Unit leaders need to read: <https://www.bsacac.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Guide-to-Conducting-Council-and-District-Events-011421-FINAL.pdf>
- Units will need to prepare a COVID-safe competition in which other units can be scored for the Camporee Unit award (more information below)
- Units will need to plan for a handwashing station (can be a designated cooler with soap) and water and all food, as you would on a normal campout.
- Units will need to bring 2 spray bottles with a 10% bleach/water mix for sanitizing water dispensers.
- Gather forms (see below for required forms) and plan transportation. Scouts and scouters who do not have complete forms will not be able to enter camp.

Unit Supplies to Bring:

- Individual: Weekend camping list
- Food and cooking equipment
- Dining flies / shelter
- 2 spray bottles filled with 10% bleach water mix
- 2 rags
- Extra cooler for designated handwashing

Check-in Times:

- Medic, Camp Director, COVID Officer and OA advisor arrive between 5 and 6 pm on Friday, April 9.
- Staff Arrival: OA staff may arrive between 6 and 6:30 pm, Friday April 9.
- Participant Friday Arrival: Youth participants and adult leaders may arrive between 7 and 9 pm on Friday, April 9.
- Participant Saturday Arrival: Participants and adult leaders may arrive between 7 and 8 am Saturday morning, April 10.

Check-in Procedures:

Staff and participants will stay in their cars until they are authorized for check-in. Three (3) forms will be required for every Scout and Adult upon entry: permission slip, Camp-Covid-19-Risk-Acknowledgement-Form, and BSA Annual Health and Medical Record parts A & B. AHMR forms will be returned upon departure.

Units may leave at any time but must inform the staff and record their departure. Once a person leaves camp, they may not re-enter.

All participants will remain in their vehicle until checked and cleared by a staff member. The road within the camp will be utilized for check-in, with four lines forming to minimize traffic congestion at the entrance. Upon arrival, everybody in the car has their temperature taken. If anybody in the vehicle has a temperature over 100.4°F, the entire vehicle is sent away.

Note: In other scouting events, we have observed that some scouts register high temperatures due to sitting and waiting in hot cars, with clothing that does not provide sufficient cooling. However, the condition may be only temporary. As a result, when a person in any car registers a high temperature, the vehicle will be pulled aside, and temperatures will be measured in again after 15 minutes.

Each participant who passes screening will be provided a wristband that must be worn until the end of Camporee.

Nobody will be allowed into the camp without being screened and approved by the Camp Health Officer and Staff. Anyone that does not comply with this rule will be sent home.

Eligible participants will be asked whether they intend to participate in the OA Brotherhood ceremony on Friday night at 9:30 pm.

Navigating into Camp:

As vehicles enter, please drive into one of the lanes as appropriate (see image below):

- Lane 1: (far right, purple) Trailers staying (parking) will not join the four main lanes.
- Lane 2: (right orange) Non-trailer vehicles staying. Follow red line to park.
- Lanes 3-5: (left three orange) Drop-offs. After check-in and passengers disembark, vehicles will follow the green path to exit.



Three (3) Documents Required for Check In:

Links to all necessary documents are below. For liability reasons, the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) parts A & B must be handed in upon arrival. District will also require a couple of new Capitol Area Council documents: (a) the Camp COVID Risk Acknowledgement Form and (b) the Parental Commitment to Transport form. Participants/parents/guardians sign the COVID form to acknowledge the risk of COVID. Parents/guardians sign the transportation form to acknowledge that they will be available should the need call for a scout to come back home.

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

<https://www.bsacac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Camp-Covid-19-Risk-Acknowledgement-Form.pdf>

<https://www.bsacac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Covid-19-Parental-Commitment-to-Transport.pdf>

Parking:

Parking for non-trailer cars will be limited to the standard parking lot. Trailers will be allowed to enter at the north entrance and then will need to park in the designated area by the campsite.

Campsite:

There will be designated campsites for each unit. The OA guide will communicate the exact location upon arrival. There must be a minimum distance between each unit and orientation of the units to each other will be retained throughout the entire event. Unit A will always be near Unit B. Cross group activities must be limited to unit involvement if the activities require close contact.

Participants will be required to bring their own tents and camp in their unit patrols. Limit of 1 person per tent (unless immediate family). Adults and youth do not share tents under any circumstances.

Entry/Exit:

The Staff camp will be located near the bridge from the parking lot into camp so that departures of cars will be more easily monitored. If anyone comes into camp outside of the designated times, he or she will be sent home.

The OA Advisor or Camp Administrator may need to make short trips into town to pick up supplies. They will discuss any protocols and screening that needs to occur with the COVID Safety Officer and Health Officer. Anybody authorized to leave and return to camp will be required to wear face coverings while in public and make a dedicated effort to ensure they are social distancing while away from camp.

Participants (youth and adults) will not be allowed to return if they leave camp.

ACTIVITIES

SPL meetings:

There will be two SPL meetings in the Pavilion, one on Friday night and one on Saturday night. SPLs may bring one Scoutmaster. Given the limited number of participants, there should be ample space to allow for social distancing.

OA Brotherhood induction:

Brotherhood candidates, including Scouts and Scouters, will register upon check-in to participate in the Brotherhood walk late Friday night at approximately 9:30pm. It is expected that all candidates will be familiar with the OA obligation and other information that was included in the Ordeal packet. In recent years, the induction has changed from an interview format to a discussion. As a reminder, Brotherhood candidates must have completed the Ordeal before October 9, 2020 and must have demonstrated a commitment to their units since the Ordeal to be eligible.

Flag Ceremonies:

Flags will be held Saturday morning and evening. Color guard will be required to wear gloves to minimize contact on flags and flag poles. Additional flag poles may be set up to accommodate a larger attendance (OA will plan out). It is expected that the Field Uniform will be worn to all flag ceremonies.

Unit Competitions:

Units will be requested to host a competition for other units that rotate during activity times. Each activity should be able to be completed within 10-15 minutes. The hosting units should be able to provide each rotating unit a score between 0 and 50 points based on performance. Competitions should focus on the Camporee theme (Blast Into Scouting) and Scout-related activities, such as orienteering, knot tying, Scout trivia, First Aid, Pioneering, obstacle course, etc. Get creative, with the idea of reinforcing scout skills while having fun. The OA will host a separate competition. Given COVID protocols, the competitions should allow for social distancing without interpersonal contact. If common tools or devices are used, they must be wiped down with disinfectant, such as bleach water, between each use. The winning troop will be awarded a trophy on Saturday night.

In addition, the district intends to host instructional activities, including remote fire starting and possibly other “explosive-related” activities as part of the rotation.

Social distancing for activities:

Scouts will participate in cohorts whether they participate in instructional activities or competitions. All activities will require social distancing, to be enforced by the unit COVID Safety Officers.

Scouts are asked to bring their own chairs and will be placed six feet apart for activities. All shared equipment will be cleaned and sanitized in between uses. The troops must submit their competition plans prior to the event, and they must be approved by the Health Officer.

Campfire:

At the time of the publication of this document, it is unclear what the guidelines require for distancing at campfire. An update will be released that specifies whether a full campfire – with skits – will be hosted by the staff.

Saturday Campfire Awards:

- Highest Scoring Unit based on activities
- Unit with the Best Scout Spirit

OA Callout:

For call out, a brief ceremony will take place. Participants will line up in a grid six feet apart in all directions. As OA members are “called out,” they will step forward into a smaller group near the fire. A limited socially-distanced OA Fellowship gathering will be held in the pavilion directly after the OA call out. Participants will be seated. A leader will recognize each newly elected candidate.

OA Fellowship:

OA Fellowship, available to all Ordeal candidates and current members, will be after campfire.

Chapel:

Traditionally the district has offered a chapel service. However, due to safety protocols, units will be allotted time to hold a chapel on Sunday morning individually.

Check-out and Patches:

After units check out with an OA staff member, they will receive patches commemorating the cancelled 2020 camporee.

Trash:

Units are required to collect and haul trash offsite after the event. There are no trash receptacles at Smilin V.

AROUND CAMP

Communication:

During the weekend, communications will be handled by the staff, with the use of megaphones around camp. The staff will carry walkie talkies to allow for remote communications. GMRS radios.

Building Use:

All building use will follow the established and approved procedures outlined in the Guide to Re-opening plan. The only structures in use will be the Pavilion and the Bathhouse.

Water Stations:

Units must supply water dispensers for their participants. No ice will be available, but potable water is available from multiple faucets at the camp. Water coolers must have a rag and spray bottle containing a mix of bleach (10%) and water (90%) to be used before and after each dispensing.

Food:

Meals will be handled entirely within the patrols within each unit. Camporee staff will have its own quartermaster to manage their meals. During food preparation times, dining, and cleanup, social distancing will be required. No food contests or sharing of food will be allowed. Due to COVID restrictions, there must be a designated server for each meal. In other words, no self-serving of food.

Pavilion:

The staff will maintain a presence in the pavilion at all times from morning until lights out. An area will be designated for the camp health officer. Participants will be allowed to enter for questions but will not be allowed to stay in the area for more than a few minutes.

Order of the Arrow Staff:

Please ask any staff member if you have a question or need help. For those who are participating as staff members, their registered units should expect minimal time to be available to their units. Running camporee is a full-time job over the weekend! The OA Staff will be camping and dining as a group.

Facilities:

There will be bathhouses that allow for up to 180 people as well as portapotties if more people register. Potable water is available for refilling coolers.

Portapotties:

In addition to the Smilin V bath house, there will be portapotties available at the camp, with a portion designated only for females.

Wi-fi service:

none available

Electricity:

none available

Other Contact Information:

For more information and contact information for organizers, check out the North Shore OA website at <https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore>.

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