



Rio Grande Council

Camporee

2025

Leader's Guide

April 25-27

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Scouting America

RIO GRANDE COUNCIL

Dear Leaders:

The annual Rio Grande Camporee will be held on April 25 - 27 2025 at Camp Perry. This years' Camporee will be open for all Troops, Crews, and Posts to participate in.

Please make sure to divide your youth into patrols for the participation of the Camporee. Each patrol should be around 4-6 participating youths.

The competition is based on the skills contained in the Scouts BSA Handbook.

We hope that the youth apply their learnings while having fun. If you have any questions, please contact the Camporee Chair: Luis A. Miranda




**Be
Prepared**



Events

The required events that all patrols have to participate in are:

- Campsite Inspections
- First Aid
- Fire Building
- Pioneering
- Knots



In addition to the required events, two (minimum) elective events from the following are required:



This camporee will

- Tomahawk
- Rifle
- Archery.
- Pool Jousting Challenge
- Scout Knowledge
- Cooking - (Category 1 & 2)
- 3 Mile Run/Walk
- Canoeing
- Shotgun
- Iron Man Relay



We're looking forward to a yet again exciting and successful Council Camporee this year.

The cost for this years' camporee is \$27 per person and \$15 for staff, which includes a t-shirt and patch.

A t-shirt is not guaranteed after April 1. Please make sure to know your sizes before you go online to register.

Note about parking: All trailers will be stationed in the main parking lot area. Handicap vehicles will be able to park in the handicap parking spots at the Health and Fitness Pavillion and the horseshoe parking area.

All other vehicles will also be parked in the main parking lot area.

ABSOLUTELY NO CARS ARE ALLOWED PAST THE MAIN PARKING LOT.

If you have any questions, please contact the Camporee Chair,

Luis A. Miranda at 956-640-1450 or email him at l.albertomiranda@gmail.com

Luis A. Miranda - Camporee Chairman

Luis Rodrigez - Staff Advisor

Check-In

Each participating unit must be prepared with all their paperwork, please be ready with the following:

- Proof of Current YPT for all adults
- Medical Forms for all youth and adults and printed Membership Cards
- Troop Roster Form (by Patrol)
- Adult Roster (1 per troop) with cell numbers

* The troop(s) that turn in all the required paperwork will receive a recognition for "Perfect Check In"



General Rules and Information

1. All adults and youth are to follow the Scout Oath and Law during the Camporee.
2. Uniforms are to be worn properly for morning and evening flag ceremonies, the Saturday night campfire, Sunday worship service, and at other appropriate times as announced.
3. Scouts may dress in their Class B's for the Saturday activities.
4. Campsites will be assigned by the staff, each troop/venture/explorer units are asked to use the minimal space for its campsite. Due to a large expected attendance, more than one troop may be assigned to each campsite. Please be courteous to your fellow campsites mates.
5. Arrival/Check-In time is 6:00pm on Friday evening. Campsites will be assigned at that time.
6. Vehicles will not be allowed on camp trails. All vehicles must park in designated parking lots.
7. Practice sensible fire safety, please make campfires in the designated fire rings located in each campsite. Please do not remove fire rings from other campsites. Liquid fuels are not recommended. Please follow BSA policy on handling, use and storage of such fuels.
8. Follow all rules regarding knife safety, proper handling of knives and tools.
9. Please do not cut down any live trees for firewood. Any cutting down of live trees will require permission.
10. Please keep out of the Camp Ranger house, Ranger Shop, and all other buildings unless instructed to do so.
11. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters may be requested to assist in some of the events.
12. Skits, songs, etc must conform to Scouting standards and must be submitted to the Camporee Program Director in the office for screening prior to 5:00pm Saturday. Please come by and tell us what you'd like to do. We encourage all units to participate.
13. Visitors will check in/check out at the office (must acquire a wristband), and must depart before Lights Out each evening.
14. Lights Out will be at 11:00 pm each evening, Reveille will be at 6:30am. Quiet hours are between those times. Units should arrive with enough time to set up campsites by Lights Out.
15. All troops/units must remove garbage from their campsites and place it in the dumpster prior to departure.
16. All troops/units will be assigned cleanup assignments and should complete them prior to departure. (Camp Ranger will give the final approval)
17. Please plan departing before 12pm on Sunday.
18. Inappropriate conduct will NOT be tolerated and will result in asking the participant(s) to be removed from camp grounds.



2024 Camporee Schedule

Friday

- 6:00 pm - 9:00pm Check-In and Campsite Assignment
- 8:45 pm - SPL and Adult Leader Meeting (Gym)
- 6:00 pm Swimming Tests
- 11:00 pm - Lights Out



Saturday

- 6:30 am - Breakfast and Cleanup (in campsites)
- 7:00 am - 3 Mile Run/Walk
- 8:00 am - Morning Flag
- 8:30 am - Event Chair Check In at Office
- 9:00 am - Camporee Events (Morning Sessions)
- 12:00 pm - Lunch and Clean up (in campsites)
- 1:00 pm - 5:00pm - Camporee Events (Afternoon Sessions)
- 5:00 pm - Proposed Programs due in office!!
- 5:15 pm - Event Chairs turn in results for scoring
- 6:15 pm - Evening Flag
- 6:30 pm - 8:15pm Dinner and Clean up (in campsites)
- 7:00 pm - Cooking Entries due in Lodge
- 8:30 pm - Campfire and Camporee Awards (Bowl)



Sunday

- 6:30 am - Breakfast and Cleanup (in campsites)
- 8:15 am - Flag
- 8:30 am - Religious Service, World Scouting Fund Collection (Chapel)
- 9:00 am - Complete Cleanup Assignments / Break Camp
- Check Out by 12pm



Camporee Events

Required Events (complete all)



Fire Building - Use your skills to start a fire and earn bonus points by completing a special challenge
 Total possible points 90 points for starting and maintaining a fire and 100 total points for completing the bonus challenge
 the shortest time will be used to determine the winners in case of a tie
 The method of building fire will be determined on Friday 25th at the SPL meeting
 at 8:45 a roulette will determine in three options the method to use:
 fire piston, Magnesium Flint fire starter or Bow Drill Fire (primitive)

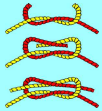


First Aid - Be prepared to be tested in this essential area of scouting skills.

Pioneering - All lashings out of the BSA Handbook are represented in the Pioneering competition.
 Be Prepared!!

Campsite Inspections - This year's campsite inspection score sheet is enclosed with the leader's guide.
 Please refer to it to ensure your Troop scores well.
 Total possible points 100.

Knots



Elective Events

(complete a minimum of 2 along with the required above)



Rifle - Come to the Rifle Range and try your marksmanship skills.
 Get your shots to group within a space the size of a quarter.
 (complete a minimum of 2 along with the required above)



Archery Get the best score by hitting right in the center

Swimming Take down your opponent in an epic Jousting battle



Canoeing Prove that you are the fastest and most fearless in the canoe



Scout Knowledge - Stop by the Lodge and test your knowledge on Tenderfoot through First Class scout knowledge and other scout info from the scout handbook.

Cooking - There will be 2 categories for youth. Compete in one or both. Category 1 is the Savory Dish competition. Bring your best main or side dish to see how it rates with our judges. Category 2 is the Dessert Competition - Bring a dessert of your choice and let's see which one the judges like best.

Adult Cooking Competition - Same two categories are available for the Adults to compete in.
 The adult cooking competition will not affect the youth camporee scoring.
 It is only an exhibition, please no wagering.



Iron Man Relay 1- BMX Trail : 3 Laps around track 2- Run: from BMX trail thru Cope Course to end at swimming pool
 3-Swim one lap 4- Rifle run from swimming pool to range (1 shot) 5- Archery: run from range (1 shot)
 6- Final runner from archery to bmx trail



Scoring and Awards

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded for each event.
- Scoring for each event will be based on a 100 point scale.
- Each troop will have an average score determined by adding all of its points and dividing by the number of events it competed in.
- Required events are Fire Building, Knots, First Aid, Pioneering, Campsite Ins.,
- Elective events are Archery, Rifle, swimming, Scout Knowledge, Cooking - Category 1 (Savory Dish) and Category 2 (Dessert Dish)
Shootgun, Iron Man Relay, Tomahawk, 3 Mile run/walk
- The troop with the most spirit will be recognized with the Camporee Spirit Award.
- Event Scoring will be based solely on scout skills. Patrol flags should be present with each patrol and each patrol will be asked to demonstrate their Patrol Yell at each of the events.

BE PREPARED. BOTH TOTIN' CHIP AND FIREM'N CHIT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR FIRE BUILDING!





Saturday Night Program

Saturday night everyone will get together at The Bowl for fun and fellowship as we gather for a campfire program along with the announcement of the event winners and the Camporee Spirit Awards.

Please remember that each troop is expected to participate in the campfire program.

Please come to the office by 5pm and get on the campfire program list with your song or skit.

Sunday Program, Cleanup and Check- out

Interfaith Service: There will be an interfaith service on Sunday.

Please make plans to attend, we will be taking donations for the World Brotherhood of Scouting if you would like to donate.

Cleanup Assignments: All units are expected to clean up their campsite areas along with areas of camp.

Units will draw from a hat their cleanup assignments at the SPL meeting Friday night.

Check Out: Come by the office to turn in your evaluations (one per unit), checkout and pick up your t-shirts and patches prior to leaving.
The goal is for all to be checked out and leave camp by 11:30