

Talakto District Leader's Guide Matthew's Preserve November 11-13, 2011



Boy Scouts & Webelos “The Rocket’s Red Glare – A Salute to American Veterans”

Welcome to the 2011 Talakto District Camporee “The Rocket’s Red Glare – A Salute to American Veterans”. This guide contains information that your Unit will need to have a successful fun-filled event. The Camporee is designed to emphasize the patrol method and Scout Skills. The patrol method focuses on both leadership and teamwork, which are critical to the success of the patrol

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DISCLAIMER

As with any program changes can and often do occur, we just have to roll with the punches. The Camporee staff has worked long hours to ensure that the Scouts have a well planned and enjoyable Camporee, but things to happen that are beyond our control. We can only ask that you please bear with the staff when changes are made.



Welcome Campers

Fall Camporee 2011

Background

This year's Scout Camporee will start on the same day that the United States will celebrate Veteran's Day. It's a particularly memorable date this year, comprised of only a single digit when expressed in short hand date form (11-11-11). Consequently, the Camporee staff felt that this was an excellent opportunity for Scouting to both celebrate and honor those people who have served their country through the U.S military. While most people are aware of Veteran's Day and a modest number show up to honor veterans at parades or memorial services, few people outside of the veterans themselves have a substantial appreciation for the sacrifice that these men and women have given for their country and, more to the point, to their fellow countrymen (and women!). While it is impossible to capture the scale of this sacrifice in an event inherently designed for youth, it is the intention of this year's Camporee to bring a level of understanding to our Scouts of the types of hardships and tragedies endured by those who choose to serve our country via the military.

To clarify our purpose, we feel it important to note that this Camporee is not about war, nor about glorifying war. Rather, it is about honoring those who have had to experience the agony of war, who have triumphed despite the hardships of war, and who chose to sacrifice so much to gain so little. In short, it's a time to remember those who "asked not what their country could do for them, but rather what they could do for their country".

This year's Camporee will, like Camporees of the past, consist of a number of competitive events and static displays for the Scouts to enjoy. Each event will incorporate elements of an historical environment experienced by American troops in past wars and conflicts. Each event will call on the patrols to utilize Scout skills, cognitive thinking skills, and teamwork. Map reading will play a particularly important role this year, so we ask all Scouts to hone their skills accordingly. Most importantly for the Scouts each event will also be a lot of fun-even though we'll do our best to have them learning concurrently. ☺

Activities, Arrival, and Agenda

Unlike past Camporees, this year's Camporee will take a less structured approach to event timing to allow each event to be tailored to the time necessary to complete a meaningful event rather than adhering to a fixed time interval. While this should provide higher quality events, it may prevent us from accommodating every Scout at every activity. However, there will still be plenty to do throughout the day to keep the Scouts busy.

Upon arrival at the camp site Friday night, each patrol from your troop will be given a mission package which **MUST NOT BE MISPLACED** since each package is unique and there will be no replacement packages available. This package will include the patrol's personalized mission schedule, area maps, and a reconnaissance notebook for gathering intelligence throughout the Camporee. Pages from the reconnaissance notebook will be collected after each event on Saturday and used to tally the patrols score. Medals of Honor (*Ribbons* of Honor) will be awarded to the highest scoring patrols during Saturday evening's campfire.

Camporee activities will commence at 9:15 PM Friday night with the opening Campfire. The Campfire will set the tone for the weekend and attendance is mandatory for all Scouts and adults.

Camporee events (Boy Scout Troops) will commence at 8:00 AM Saturday morning and run until 4:30 PM with an hour and a half lunch break. The day will begin early with a flag raising at 7:30 AM and close after the last

¹ Paraphrased from John F. Kennedy's inaugural address, January 20, 1961.

event period. The exact schedule will be determined after the complete list of events has been determined and we have a better idea of Scout attendance.

Following flag ceremonies, patrols will be turned loose to find their events or tour static displays. Patrols MUST ARRIVE at their pre-determined event location no less than 5 minutes prior to the published starting time. Briefings will START ON TIME and late arrivals will have to make do with little, or no, instruction. Patrols that show up at the wrong place at the wrong time WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to participate unless the event has available vacancies for that time slot. Static displays will be open throughout the day. Times for guided tours of these displays will be posted at the display.

Each event will commence with a mission briefing. The Scouts will be given historical background on the war, participants, and specific circumstances that surround their mission and then sent into the field to conduct the mission. They will be given a fixed time frame to complete the event after which they will return to the mission's point of origin for a debriefing and to record their mission results. Self guided challenges will also be available for patrols that are between structured missions. Like the missions, the challenges will include historical background and require the troops to go into the field, gather intelligence and return information to base. Self guided challenges will have no time limitations and can be conducted throughout the day. Full instructions for the self guided missions will be included in each patrol's mission package. Intelligence gathered during self guided challenges will be due no later than 5:00 PM.

Following a break for dinner, a special flag retirement ceremony will be conducted Saturday night during which we will present the results of the day's Camporee as well as a memorial ceremony to honor America's veterans. While we understand it's an inconvenience for some, the staff is **STRONGLY** encouraging every troop to try to attend as we are striving to make it a very memorable experience for all Scouters.

Since this is a less rigid activity structure than usual, it will be incumbent upon the Scout leaders to ensure that their troops keep themselves occupied throughout the day. We also ask everyone to stay clear of the mission areas unless you are an actual participant and minimize any interactions with other participants already engaged in a mission.

If you've read the Leader's Guide this far, we congratulate you on your diligence. You've distinguished yourself as being above the rank and file and we would dearly love to have you participate in this year's Camporee more fully. If you read between the lines of this guide, you'll recognize that there's a LOT of work to be done to pull off this year's Camporee. We are in desperate need of Scout leaders and/or parents that can take the time on Saturday to help conduct the mission events. Please work within your troop to identify individuals who can help us out and contact the Camporee Chairman as soon as possible to get assignments.



General Information

Headquarters, First Aid,

Headquarter will be located at the entrance just pass the gate to the main portion of the property just at the end of parking area.

Registration

The registration fee for Scouts (Boy Scouts & Webelos) who stay the weekend is \$10.00 before October 21st.

Saturday attendees (Webelos) only \$5.00

Late registration after October 21st. will is \$15.00---Early Registration can be made at the Scout Office. This fee includes insurance, port-a-jons, Supplies, Camporee Patch. All units must turn in Unit Rosters at check in.

Questions contact Eaglefoot@comcast.net

Location

Matthew's Reserve, Harvest Alabama---see map at end of guide.

Dress

Official Scout Uniform upon arrival and at departure. Uniforms may be worn during the camporee / "Class B" may be opted during activities.

Food

Each Unit is responsible for its food.

Check In

Units must check in with the registrar upon arrival. Check in times is between 4pm and 8pm Friday. **UNITS DO NOT** set up camp in any area that is not your assigned campsite. Gates will be closed at 10pm.

Set Up

Units drop your equipment off at your assigned campsite. **NO VEHICLES LEFT UNATTENDED** unload and move to parking. Space is limited for any type of traffic. If you must leave and are just dropping off please advise the parking staff so they can get you to a turn around point and back out. The entrance is 4/10 of a mile so coordination of traffic will be a must... the road is one lane.

Parking

All vehicles must park in the designated parking area. Drivers must obey directions from the parking staff and the posted signs. This is for your safety as well as the many Scouts that will be there.

Check Out

All units must check out with the Camporee Registrar before leaving. Your site will be inspected and checked for environmental impact as well as cleanliness. Remember "LEAVE NO TRACE" will be strictly enforced. When everything is in order the Unit check-out form will be signed and the Unit will receive it's patches. Any Unit wanting to check out on Saturday night must make prior arrangements when checking in.

Campsites

All Units will be assigned campsites at check in. Units that pre register will have camp-sites pre-assigned... pick up your information at check in. All units will be camping as shown (see attached diagram), parking will be located at the upper end of camp sites. Locate your assign campsite on the sheet it will be marked in the field

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with a stake and flag. Campsite number will be on the stake. Each camp site is allowing 40' deep and 35' wide the stake will be in the approx middle of the campsite.

Boy Scout Troops

Webelos Scouts that are attending will be visiting Troops, please provide some information about your Troop, what you do, your camping program, where you meet (with times the location) this is a great opportunity for your Troop to meet potential new members who will be crossing over in 2012. Webelos always like to see what Boy Scouts are doing: Camp Gadgets, Cardboard ovens, sampling of Troop food.

Fires

All fires must be off the ground in contained barrels. ***NO GROUND FIRES!*** All cooking will be done above ground. Please remember to keep all cooking away from tents. All campfires must be attended. All campfires must be extinguished before lights out or when no one is present in the campsite. Remember zero impact camping.

Water

All units are responsible for providing their own water; there is no available water on site.

Trash

Trash disposal is the responsibility of each Unit. What you bring in you take out. This is part of "Leave No Trace" also part of the Alabama Land Management Guidelines for Camping. This will be strictly enforced.

Health

All units must have a "Health Form" on all Scouts and adults participating. Please use the form at: www.scouting.org/forms.aspx part A & B, 2011 must be presented at check in and in possession of the Unit leader while at the camporee.

Safety

Knives, axes and saws used by units shall be the responsibility of the unit leader. Any unsafe or improper use shall result in the lowering of patrol score. Anyone using an ax, saw or knife must have a valid "Totin Chip" in their person. No card no use. No sheath knives are to be used. A medical person will be on site and stationed at the camporee headquarters for medical emergencies. All units are responsible for their own minor first aid.

Adults

Each unit attending must have a minimum of two adults present at all times. All registered leaders must have had "Youth Protection" Webelos Dens must have two approved adult leader per six Webelos Scouts. If the unit is having problems with parent participation please contact the camporee chairman or eaglefoot@comcast.net

Visitors

Please invite the parents, family members and friends of your Scouts to visit, please leave pets at home. No overnight visitors. Please advise the parents and friends to wear good walking shoes since parking will not be available within the Camporee Campgrounds.

Webelos

Webelos I & II should attend this camporee, there will be a program established just for the Webelos. Webelos should connect with a host Troop if possible. If this is not possible Webelos dens will have a designated campsite. Remember there must be at least two adult leaders, one must be "Baloo" trained, and no more than six Webelos per parent, or designated responsible adult. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and Webelos Scouts to meet other Troops, adults, scouts, and District personnel.

Policy on alcohol, controlled substances and smoking

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages controlled substances is NOT permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and / or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participations of youth members.

The position of the Boy Scouts of American on smoking is: Strongly urges leader not to use tobacco product in any form not allow their use in the presence of youth. All Scouting functions, meetings, or activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis with permitted smoking areas located away from all participants. At this camporee this area is the parking area near your own vehicle.

Please note that BSA enforces a zero tolerance policy regarding the use of alcohol or controlled substances on any Scouting event. If you do not heed this warning you will be asked to leave.



Camporee schedule

Friday, November 11, 2011

4:00—8:00	Check in staff headquarters @ tent just after parking lot—look for sign
8:00	Senior Patrol leaders Meeting (Staff HQ)
8:30	Dessert Cracker Barrel (staff HQ) Scoutmasters in camp SPL's Webelos Leaders
9:15	Friday evening opening campfire
10:45	Taps (Quite Time Strictly observed)

Saturday, November 12, 2011

6:00 am	Reveille, breakfast and camp clean up
7:30	Flag rising at flag pole
8:00	Boy Scout / Webelos events start
8:00—12	Webelos competitive events and event demonstrations
10:00—12:00	Backpack Cooking Demonstrations
12:00—1:30	Lunch
1:30—4:30	Boy Scouts Competitive Events (Boy Scouts Area)
1:30—3:00	Webelos Competitive Events (Webelos event area)
3:00—5:00	Backpack Cooking Event / Foil cooking Cook off
4:30—6:00	Dutch Oven Cook-off / Dutch Oven Cake Competition
5:00—7:00	Dinner
8:30	Campfire / Awards / Adult cracker barrel following campfire at staff HQ—bring your own cup/fork/spoon—each troop bring a little something—staff will supply drink.
10:45	TAPS (Quite Time strictly observed)

Sunday, November 13, 2011

6:30—8:30 am	Reveille—Breakfast
9:30	Scouts own service
10:00	Break Camp, Check Out

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Webelos Schedule

8:00	Flag etiquette
8:30	First Aid (Readyman)
9:15	Communication
10:00	Weather
10:45	Maps and Compass
11:30	Displays
12:00 1:15	Lunch
1:15	Stave (hiking stick)
2:15	Medal of Honor orienteering Course

CAMPOREE CAMPSITE INSPECTION SHEET

Unit: _____ Inspectors: _____ Time: _____

Camporee Judges will judge each Troop on the following items. This inspection will take place Saturday between 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. One hundred fifty (155) points are possible. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place units. The score will also factor into the High Overall Awards.

SHELTER (10 points total)

1. Tents properly erected; trim, securely anchored _____ (5)
2. Cover for dining facilities properly erected; trim, securely anchored, provides for run-off of rain _____ (5)

FIRE, FIREWOOD AND WOOD TOOLS (35 points total)

1. Fire site a safe distance from tents, etc.; adequately contained (5 ft. radius cleared around fire) Fire is off the ground _____ (20)
2. Adequate fire buckets and/or other fire fighting equipment available _____ (10)
3. Firewood protected from rain and dampness _____ (5)
4. Wood tools sharp and properly stored _____ (5)
5. Axe yard specifically located and adequately marked off _____ (5)

HEALTH AND SAFETY (40 points total)

1. Proper disposal of garbage _____ (5)
2. Food adequately protected from contamination and spoilage _____ (5)
3. Dishwashing practices result in clean pots, plates, etc. _____ (5)
4. Cooking equipment stored off ground and clean _____ (5)
5. Clean water is available _____ (5)
6. Location of adequate first aid kit visible to all _____ (10)
7. Campsite is clean and in order _____ (5)

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS (20 points total)

1. U.S. and troop flags properly displayed. (U.S. flag on the right side of the entrance to a person standing in the entrance facing out of camp.) _____ (10)
2. Campsite improvements/camp craft. Created basically with natural material and put to practical use to make campsite more comfortable and convenient. Examples are built up fireplace, utensil rack, pack rack, table, seat, boot scraper, fire bucket holder, tripod, wash basin, etc. _____ (10)

PATROL ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION (40 points total)

1. Evidence of patrol sites are organized within the space provided. _____ (10)
2. Scout meals prepared by patrols, not adults _____ (10)
3. Patrol menu posted in Patrol site and kept dry _____ (10)
4. Patrol duty roster posted in patrol site and kept dry _____ (10)

TOTAL (155)

COOKING EVENTS

Backpack Cooking

Foil Cooking Cook-off

Dutch Oven Cook-Off

Cake Baking Competition

Cooking events will be judged separate from the traditional skilled events. These events will not count toward the high overall but will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finish. All cooking is to be done at your campsite.

BACKPACK COOKING

EQUIPMENT: Provided by participating Scout patrol. Backpacking stove, one (1) pot, utensils, necessary food.

ACTION: Entire team/patrol must participate. Please mix older and younger Scouts for the learning experience.

1. Scouts should prepare food with only one pot.
2. Fresh food is encouraged; use no freeze-dried food.
3. Scouts should not pre-cook any food prior to competition.

NOTES: No Scout leaders/adults will be allowed in the cooking area. This event does not count in overall scoring competition. Location will be determined...at Camporee

SCORING: Scoring will be based on nutritional value, taste, originality, presentation and cleanliness. Fifty (50) points possible. First, Second, and Third places will be awarded.

BACKPACKING COOKING SCORECARD

Troop Number _____

Scoutmaster _____

Patrol Name _____

Patrol Leader _____

Cooking Time – Start _____

Cooking Time – Finish _____

(One hour and fifteen minutes max time)

Nutritional Value	Taste	Originality	Presentation	Cleanliness	Total Score

Each category has a possible ten (10) points for a possible point total of fifty (50) points.

FOIL COOKING COOK-OFF

EQUIPMENT: Provided by Units – charcoal. Teams/Patrols will need to supply their own food, cooking foil and all other items needed. Presentation is up to Scouts.

ACTION: Teams will prepare the following dishes and present for judging.

1. Scouts should prepare food using only foil as a cooking medium.
2. Scouts will cook food prepared over charcoal or Wood / This is done at your campsite

SCORING: See scorecard below. Twenty-five (25) points possible.

FOIL COOKING SCORECARD

Area	Score				
	1	2	3	4	5
Technique					
Taste					
Organization					
Cleanliness					
Presentation					

Total Score _____

CAKE BAKING COMPETITION

ACTION: Teams will prepare a cake and present for judging.

1. Cakes must be made at the campsite in a Dutch Oven during the day Saturday.
2. Cake mixes are allowed.
3. Cakes will be returned to the contestants after judging.
4. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given.
5. Teams will consist of two or more individuals and do not necessarily have to be Patrols.
6. Cakes are to be turned in at Staff HQ between 4:00 and 4:45 Saturday afternoon. Judging will take place at 5:00 and winners will be announced shortly thereafter.
7. Use your creativity and have fun!

SCORING: One hundred (100) points possible.

Taste _____ (50 points)

Outside Characteristics & Creativity _____ (25 points)

-Appearance

-Neatness

Inside Characteristics _____ (25 points)

-Texture appropriate for type of cake

-Doneness

DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF CONTEST

The following is a listing of rules and regulations for the individual teams. **This competition will be between Patrols.** Teams of 6 – 10 scouts will be allowed to compete. (Please mix old Scouts with new Scouts for learning). Competition will take place at a specified place on Saturday between 4 and 6 p.m. Thirty (30) points are possible. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers will be awarded prizes. This event does not count in the overall competition.

Contestants are expected to provide their own Dutch ovens, ingredients, cooking utensils, and preparation items.

Gas or propane stoves are not allowed, but may be used to start charcoal and heat water for clean up.

Minimum Dutch oven size is 10 inches for all judged dishes.

Ingredients may not be precooked or prepared for cooking prior to the beginning of the cook-off. All preparation must take place during the competition and only Dutch ovens may be used for cooking.

Your patrol may elect to prepare an entire meal (which we encourage), but only one dish may be presented for judging. It may be a meat, vegetable, salad or desert.

DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF SCORECARD

Area	Score				
	1	2	3	4	5
Presentation					
Exterior Inspection					
Interior Inspection					
Taste					
Cleanliness					
Technique					

Total Score _____

COOK-OFF CONTEST RULES

PRESENTATION

The food should include appropriate garnish, serving containers, color contrasts, harmony and edible decorations. Light and dark color contrast is often very pleasing. The pots should be very clean and well seasoned inside and outside. Contestants will be rewarded for a pleasant emphasis on the desirability of the food. Contestants will be penalized for gaudy garnishes that hide the food, or are not edible. Extra decor will not result in additional points or a higher placement.

EXTERIOR INSPECTION

Contestants will be rewarded for even cooking those results in a uniform color and surface texture such as the golden brown rolls with crisp crust and the evenly browned meat. Contestants will be penalized for spotty cooking, burned spots, raw, tough, soggy, brittle, or crumbling results.

INTERNAL INSPECTION

Contestants will be rewarded for pleasant aroma, uniform color, evenness of cooking, consistent texture, and completeness of the cooking process. Contestants will be penalized for spotty cooking, burned or raw spots, streaks or lumps.

TASTE

The ideal dish is food that tastes delicious. Contestants will be rewarded for pleasant use of spices, natural food flavor, evenness (of cooking), chew ability, and aroma. Contestants will be penalized for toughness, off flavors, rancid oil flavor from improperly seasoned cast iron, burned food, foreign objects, ash, flatness, unwanted lumps, spotty cooking, cold spots, raw spots, missing ingredients, unnatural food colors, and soggy crusts.

CLEANLINESS

Utensils, ovens, ingredients, prep areas, and personal cleanliness will be watched. Contestants will be rewarded for the use of wash areas, table coverings, washing of hands, and covering food items from contamination. Contestants will be penalized for the lack of cleanliness in preparation and cooking areas, ovens, ingredients, and hand washing.

TECHNIQUE

Contestants will be judged on the showing of the proper use of ovens, heat source, tools, and utensils. Contestants will be rewarded for proper use of tools, heat source, and ovens. Team members should know how to start charcoal briquettes. They should also be able to show proper fire use. Lack of these skills will be penalized.

Dutch oven techniques showing proper use of ovens, heat source, tools, and utensils should be judged. Reward proper use of tools, heat source, and ovens. Team members should know how to start charcoal briquettes. They should also be able to show proper fire use. Lack of these skills should be penalized.

Other areas that may be judged are promptness of registration, team dress, and timely presentation to the judged.

Totals	
Adults	_____
Scouts	_____

Talakto Fall Camporee REGISTRATION FORM

Totals	
Adults	_____
Scouts	_____

[MAKE ONE COPY FOR SCOUT OFFICE / MAKE ONE COPY TO TURN IN AT CAMPOREE HQ]
SCOUT SERVICE CENTER / 2211 Drake Avenue Southwest, Huntsville, AL 35805 (256) 880-1488

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Unit: _____ Unit Leader _____
District _____ Youth Leader: _____

List By Patrol. Use more than one page if necessary.

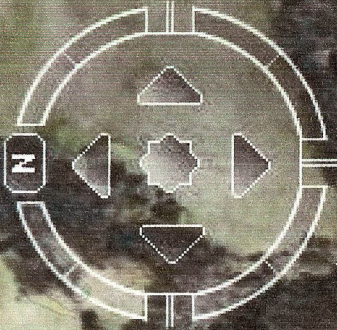
	Webelos *	Boy Scout *	Ventures *	Adult Leader *	Staff, Guest **	Youth Protection Trained	Name (Each unit must have at least two adults with Youth Protection Training.)	Adult: Contact Phone, E-Mail Youth: Crew / Patrol / Den
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Fees: * Before October 21, \$10 each. After October 21, \$15 each. ** \$12 pays for staff food.
***Webelos Day Fee: \$5.00 / (ADULTS INCLUDED)**

Troops: Webelos are looking for you! Please describe your fun.

Troop Number	Point Of Contact (name, email, phone, website, etc.)	Meeting Info (location, day, time, etc.)	Fun Activities Planned for the Near Future
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address 28850 Dorying Rd
and address 28910 Downing Rd

Entrance Rd.

Gate

Gate

Entrance to parking

Headquarters

Parking

Campsites

Colwell Rd



Driving Directions:

- North on Hwy 53 to Harvest Rd. turn left – at blinking yellow light
 - Follow approx 5.2 miles—stay on Harvest rd. there will be a tricky intersection about half way it is a double stop. So use cautions when crossing the sets of roads.
- Turn Right onto E. Limestone Rd. follow approx $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile bare to the right at the curve, then turn right at the stop....turn onto Jennings Chapel Rd...follow approx $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.
- Turn right onto Dorning Rd....follow $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to end turn left ...Entrance to Matthews Reserve is on the right about 300 feet after left turn.

This is the entrance road to the land, this road is pretty much a 1 lane road so traffics will have to be staged when entering on when exiting.

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