

Greetings to all units participating in the 2013 combined AT/CM Spring Camporee-Pioneer Days,

It looks like this is shaping up to be one heck of an outstanding Camporee. We think everyone is going to have a blast!

At this point, registration has closed for the Camporee. We would like to thank all the units that have finalized their unit's registrations!

There are a few issues that have come up that we would like to clear up so there is no confusion.

1. All registration forms and monies should be accounted for. However, we are still missing rosters and final payments from a couple of units, if you are one of them; please get your payments in as soon as possible. In some cases we have a deposit but no roster or final payment, we have to place final orders on many items by Monday, February 25. If we don't have a head count we won't have supplies for your unit. The following units still have outstanding rosters or payments or both, some we have talked to and arrangements have already been made and some need to contact us and fix the problem ASAP: **243, 274, 277, 570, 628, 740, 1011, 1812, 1998.**

2. We have been getting a lot of requests to add stragglers to the rosters and up until this point we have been able to do so. However, **as of Monday, February 25th, you will not be able to add any more Scouts to the rosters** for any reason. We will have ordered all supplies and will no longer be able to have the items on hand to accommodate them.

3. Bridging Webelos: We have set aside a limited number of slots for Webelos crossing over to troops. **You must contact us and give us the name of the new scout and he must be assigned to a patrol to compete in at the Camporee no later than March 15th.** After March 15th, no additional changes can be made, nor can any Webelos be added to the registration. When you come to the Camporee, the new Scout must show proof that he is signed up as a Boy Scout or he will not be able to participate. (Any Scout who doesn't show up on Appalachian Trail or Catoctin Mountain field sheets is considered as unregistered) This means you must have the Unit's Copy of the Scout's Application with you in case of any emergency. You can pay for these late crossovers at the Camporee.

4. Rumors that we are not able to get ammunition are sort-of true. We have struggled with finding enough ammunition for the Camporee due to the extreme shortages, but have found ways to do so. Right now, at shows, .22LR is selling for upwards of \$70 per 333 rounds (Walmart usually sells it for \$22 per 500 rounds but hasn't seen any in months). Check anywhere online and you'll find it has been sold out for months and not expected to be seen again until around the May-June time-frame. We will go through 4000-6000 rounds of .22 alone, not to mention the ammo for black powder, cowboy action, high-powered rifle and pistols. If you have a box of .22LR you'd like to donate to the Camporee, let us know.

5. **All scouts AND adults MUST have medical forms A & B with them to be at this Camporee.** If you do not have the medical forms you will not be allowed to check in and we will have to send you home. When you check out all medical forms will be returned to you.

6. All Scouts and Venturers must have both the Camporee and shooting sports permission form turned-in at registration in order to participate in this Camporee.

7. **On Friday night, March 22, there will be two Firearm Safety Briefings (Rifle) and two Firearm Safety Briefings (Pistol) - Every single Boy Scout *must* attend one of the Rifle briefings or they WILL NOT SHOOT on Saturday.**

8. **Every Venturer *must* attend both a Rifle and Pistol briefing or they cannot shoot the respective discipline on Saturday. There will be no exceptions and no make-ups for this. Each briefing is limited in seating so please make sure that you attend as soon as your troop is situated.**

9. **This Camporee is judged by patrol. A number of registration forms came in with a list of person, 1-??? with no patrol names and obviously not divided into patrols. (These units are NOT listed above) We will attempt to contact each unit to correct this however, if it is not corrected ASAP, the patrols will be assigned by the Camporee staff, given a generic name and compete as shown on the registration forms. No changes can be made to the patrols after March 15th.**

10. Patrols of 4 vs. Patrols of 8: All patrols will travel together during the Camporee, a patrol may not participate in any event unless at least 75% of the patrol is there together (meaning if 75% show up, they are the ones earning the points and if the other 25% show up later, they will get to participate but the points won't count as it is patrol based). Once the patrol competes, the score will be divided by the number registered in the patrol.

For example: the Tiger patrol of 4 registered scouts show up with all 4 people.

They all score 9 out of 10 points for a combined total of 36. $36/4 =$ Patrol Score 9.

The Lemurs show up with 7 out of 9 registered people (2 are off doing who knows what), they each score a combined total of 9 out of 10 points for a combined total of 63.

$63/9 =$ Patrol Score of 7.

This is the same way the competition ran 5 years ago and it went smoothly and gave the small patrols/troops the same footing as the large patrols/troops. Please make sure the patrols understand this and work together.

11. Please be aware that it is Palm Sunday weekend. In order to be able to hold a Catholic Service at the Camporee, we had to schedule it on Saturday and it is from 4-5PM. Patrols should plan accordingly.

12. **Some events hold greater point weight than others** (i.e., having a patrol flag! ... having a patrol flag that was handmade... having a patrol flag that has been used and not brand new!) All events, including the demos will have points for showing up and watching them and/or participating.

13. **This is not a timed round-robin Camporee**, if a patrol wishes to spend more time at Pioneer Cooking, they are free to do so and move on when they are ready. Some will linger longer at Black-powder or Tomahawk throwing. They have 6 hours to complete the various different stations plus an hour given for two of the more unique demonstrations. See the schedule below.

14. There will be a health and safety pamphlet going out in a couple of days with all the health and safety information for this Camporee. Please make sure you review it and also review the rules for the Camporee in the Camporee Leader's Packet. Certain items are very important such as "**No ground fires.**"

15. You will need elevated platforms or BBQ to compete in the Dutch oven desert contest. This contest will be judged by a some real top-notch chefs from our local area!

16. There WILL be a very limited number of extra patches for sale at the Camporee for those who wish to purchase them, at this time the tentative price will be \$5.00.

17. The final Camporee meeting will be March 17th at 4:00PM at the Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman's Club (the site of the Camporee).

18. The schedule looks like this (but is subject to minor changes):

22-Mar	1700-2000	Check-in & Campsite Setup
22-Mar	2000-2100	Rifle Safety Briefing (1st Session) Upper Level Clubhouse*
22-Mar	2100-2200	Pistol Safety Briefing (1st Session) Army Tent*
22-Mar	2000-2100	Rifle Safety Briefing (2nd Session) Upper Level Clubhouse*
22-Mar	2100-2200	Pistol Safety Briefing (2nd Session) Army Tent*
22-Mar	2200-2215	All SPL's must turn in Skit & Song info for Saturday's Campfire
22-Mar	2215-2300	Cracker Barrel for SM's & SPL at Administration Building
22-Mar	2300	Taps - Lights out
23-Mar	0630	Reveille
23-Mar	0800-0900	Webelos Registration
23-Mar	0830-0900	Opening Ceremonies
23-Mar	0900-1200	Camporee Programs
23-Mar	1200-1300	Lunch
23-Mar	1300-1330	Falconry Demonstration (No other stations open)
23-Mar	1330-1400	Hunting Dog Demonstration (No other stations open)
23-Mar	1400-1700	Camporee Programs
23-Mar	1600-1700	Catholic Worship Service (Lower Level of Clubhouse)
23-Mar	1700-1900	Dinner
23-Mar	1845-1900	Dessert Contest Turn-in (see Troop Competition page)
23-Mar	1945-2000	Assembly at Main Field & Evening Announcements
23-Mar	2000-2200	March to Campfire & Campfire Program
23-Mar	2200-2300	Cracker barrel for SM's & SPL at Administration Building
23-Mar	2300	Taps - Lights out
24-Mar	0630	Reveille
24-Mar	0900-0945	Non-sectarian Religious Services
24-Mar	1000-1045	Awards Ceremony
24-Mar	1045-1100	Closing Ceremony
24-Mar	1100	Check out

*No persons will be allowed to shoot without having attended their respective firearms safety briefing.

If you have any questions, concerns, want to volunteer on Saturday or anything else, please let us know!
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