

Muir District Camporee 2006

On the Trail to Eagle



**Anthony Chabot Regional Park
Bort Meadow**

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Dear Patrol Leaders, Scouts, and Scouters:

The 2006 Muir District Camporee will be held at Anthony Chabot Regional Park. The Camporee will be action packed with Patrol fun and spirit along with a chance to show off your Scout skills. We have new and exciting events this year, including an archery shoot event. While the events and competition are the high lights of the Camporee, we ask that each troop maintain the tradition of **backpacking** to the site (including adults), and bringing only items that are appropriate for a backpack (patrols will be scored on this). Vehicles will not be allowed into the site, except to drop off field event equipment (NOT CAMPING EQUIPMENT). There will be parking inside the gate for one vehicle per patrol, please make plans to get all other vehicles returned home. **A copy of current medicals is required at the first aid station for the duration of Camporee!**

We encourage you to carefully review the Camporee booklet before the Camporee. **Read the entire booklet carefully.** An explanation of all events, scoring and awards is in the Camporee Event Handbook, which you will receive after registration. It will contain the areas in which your patrol will be judged along with all other patrols. It will take a lot of effort on your patrol's part to win the "Presidential Award," but every patrol has an equal chance. The patrols that review and practice the events always do best.

Drivers should follow the directions to Anthony Chabot Regional Park on page 5 and 6 of this booklet. Scouts will be dropped off at the group campground gate (see page 6). Patrols and their adult leaders will backpack all of their personal gear, food, and equipment to the Camporee site beginning at the group site trailhead. Pack as though you were on your third day of a 50-mile hike (no fresh/perishable foods). The Camporee Staff will provide directions and assistance at trailhead and along the trail. **Trail inspections will begin as you hit the trail.** Arrive between 6 and 7 PM.

The staff will lead the campfire events on Friday and Saturday, beginning at 8:30PM. Camporee Events demonstrating Scout skills, leadership, teamwork, and Scout spirit will take place throughout Saturday. At the Saturday night campfire, the patrols will demonstrate their talents, so be prepared and plan ahead. Please list the title of the skit and/or song on the registration form (Patrols will be scored on their skits). During the campfire the Camporee awards will be presented,. All family members and interested Scouters are invited to visit the Camporee on Saturday and see Scouting in action. The Sunday program will emphasize Scout's Own. After Flags, each troop or patrol should be ready to contribute something to the Scout's Own program. We will then break camp. We will need everybody to help in the camp-wide sweep before any units are dismissed.

Registrations must be received by April 6, 2006. With your Scouting Spirit, we will have a terrific Camporee!

John Thomas Martin

Camporee Scoutmaster

Senior Patrol Leader

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Camporee Checklist

- ÿ Tour Permit**
- ÿ Medicals**
- ÿ First Aid Kit**
- ÿ Backpacking Equipment Only**
- ÿ Backpacking Food Only**
- ÿ Carpooling Plan**
- ÿ Read Entire Handbook**
- ÿ Submit Registration by April 6**
- ÿ Firearms Permission Slip**
- ÿ Archery Permission Slip**
- ÿ Adult Food Tickets**
- ÿ Practice Events – Review Scouting Rules**
- ÿ Field Event Equipment**
- ÿ Class A Uniforms**
- ÿ Patrol Flags**
- ÿ Prepare a Skit**

Directions to Anthony Chabot Regional Park

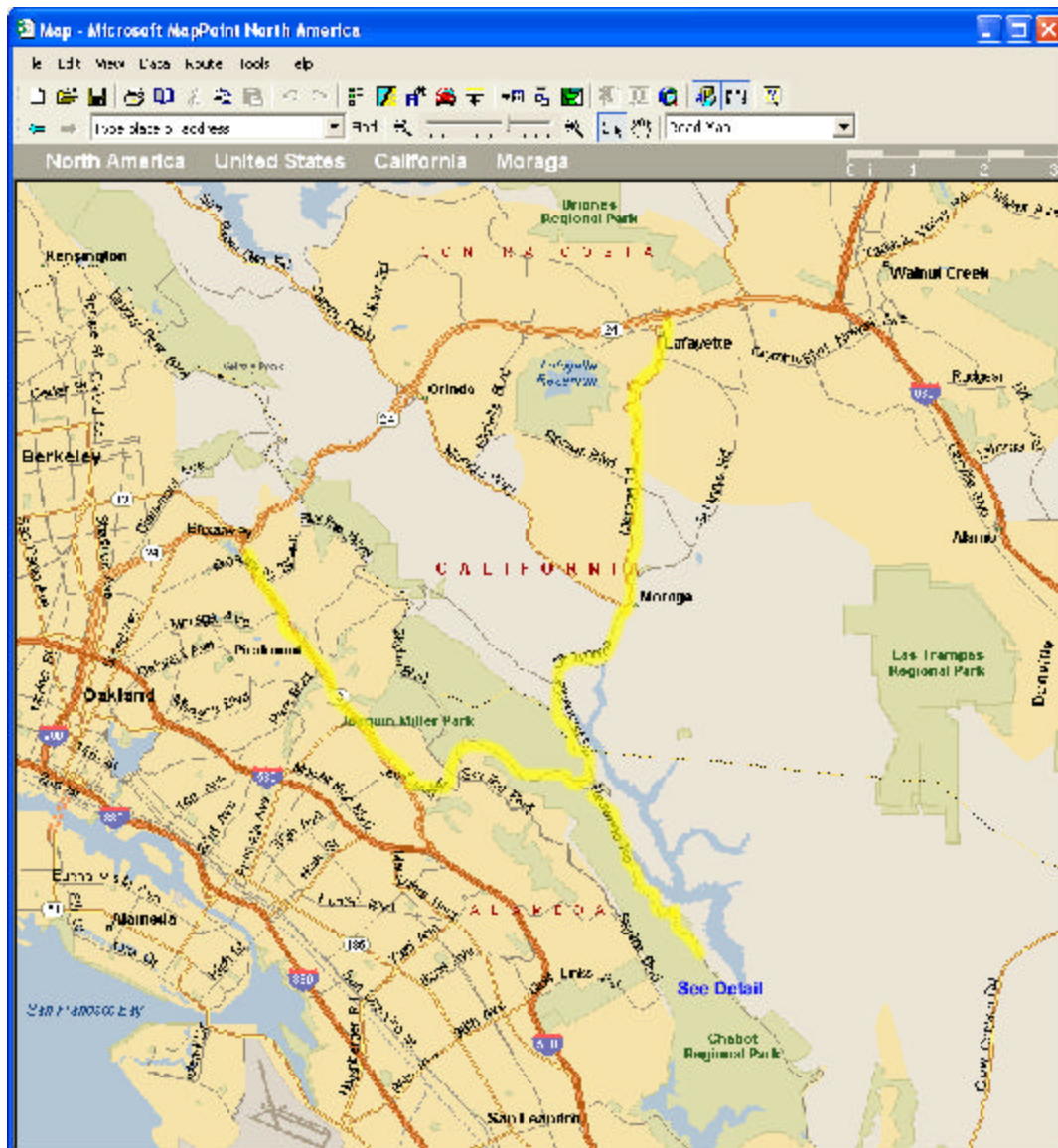
From Highway 24 in Lafayette, take the Lafayette exit to Moraga Road, proceed to the end and turn left at Pinehurst Rd. Proceed to Redwood Road and turn left to Anthony Chabot Regional Park's Bort Meadow Gate.

From Highway 13 in Oakland, take the Redwood Road exit and go up the hill. At the intersection of Redwood Road and Skyline Blvd., go straight (east) on Redwood Road to Anthony Chabot Regional Park's Bort Meadow Gate.

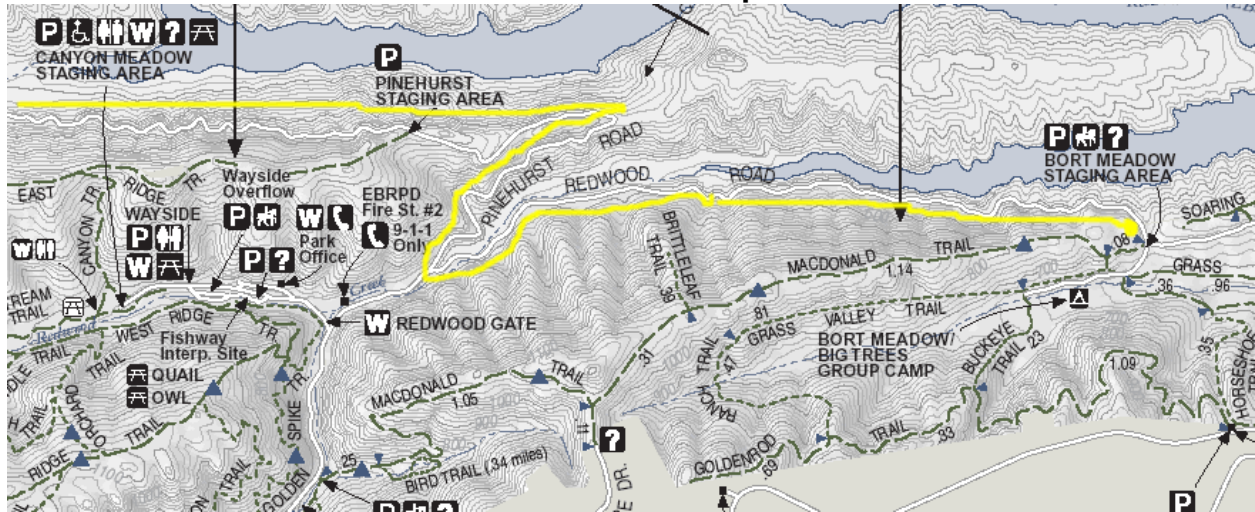
Patrols will backpack their food and camping equipment to the Camporee site beginning at the group campground gate. Prepare for inspection and follow the directions of the Camporee staff.

Field Event equipment can be driven into the campgrounds. Carpooling is essential, parking at Bort Meadow is limited, one vehicle per patrol please.

Overview Map



Park District Map



Camporee Staff Roster

Assignment	Scout/Scouter	Phone	Email
SPL	Scout:		
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Scorekeeper	Scout:		
	Scouter:		
Awards	Scouter:		
Campfire	Scout:		
	Scouter:		
First Aid Station	Scouter:		
Patrol Flags	Scouter:		
Bugler	Scout:		
Scouts Own:	Scout:		
Chaplain	Scout:		
Fire Marshal	Scout:		
	Scouter:		
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District Program Chair	Scouter: Bill Stanton	925-372-8234	bill.stanton@sbcglobal.net

**As you can see there are many open positions to fill!
Please contact John Thomas Martin or Bill Stanton to help**

Camporee Schedule

Friday, April 28th

6:00 - 7:00 PM	Check-in, Trail inspection, Set up camp (Staff will leave the gate by 7:15 PM)
7:30 - 8:15 PM	Event Sponsor's Meeting (Flag Pole)
8:30 PM	Opening Campfire
10:15 PM	Taps Adult/Camporee Staff Cracker Barrel

Saturday, April 29th

6:00 - 8:00 AM	Reveille, Breakfast
8:00 - 8:20 AM	Flags (Full Uniform)
8:20 - 8:40 AM	Patrol Leaders Council (Flag Pole)
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Late Arrival & Webelos Check-in
9:00 - 12:00 noon	Field Events
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Field Events
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Camp-wide Event
5:15 PM	Flags — retreat (Full Uniform)
5:30 - 7:30 PM	Dinner
7:45 PM	Chaplain Aide Meeting (Flag Pole)
7:45 PM	Patrol Leaders Meeting (Flag Pole)
8:30 PM	Closing Campfire Final Awards Ceremony
10:15 PM	Taps Camp-wide Cracker Barrel

Sunday, April 30th

6:30 AM	Reveille
6:30 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Flags & Announcements
8:15 - 8:45 AM	Scout's Own
8:45 AM	Break camp / final campsite inspection
9:30 AM	Camp-wide Sweep
10:00 AM	Turn in Evaluation Form

Camporee Scenario

“On the Trail of the Eagle” is the theme of the 2006 Camporee. The participation of your patrol in this exciting event will help everyone be better prepared for the exciting activities and opportunities of the coming year. Your demonstration of the Scout Oath and Law and Leave No Trace ethics at this event will develop and strengthen your character that will be an example to others throughout your life. The Camporee provides you an opportunity to share your scouting experience in Rank advancement and Merit Badge achievements. To learn from, and to teach fellow Scouts.

Your Patrol Leader and patrol have been well advised by your unit leaders. Your Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters are ready to offer you any advice you may ask for during this event. However, now is the time to demonstrate good leadership skills and team spirit for which you have been trained. **This is a backpacking experience. All patrol equipment and personal gear must be packed in.** Choose your meals as if you were on the third day of a 50 miler backpack trip. No glass containers, un-packable items, nor “fresh foods” are allowed.

Your Camporee Staff has worked hard to prepare for your arrival and participation in the Camporee Events. You can expect an explanation of all events, scoring and awards in the upcoming **Camporee Event Handbook**. Your campsite will be left in its natural state after you leave. Use your “Leave No Trace” camping skills so that others who come after you will never know you were there. Have a good time and a fun weekend as you “do your best” and work for recognition among your peers.

Good luck and good Scouting!!!

Special Notes:

1. The Camporee is on a time schedule. Scouts need to budget time wisely. Be sure you know what is to be done when, and allow time for preparation and clean up as necessary. Scoutmasters are to act as advisors, and let the Scouts make the choices.
2. Uniforms: Patrols are to be in the same uniform during competition. Class “A” uniforms will be worn by all Scouts, Staff, and Scouters at Flags and Scout’s Own. Your unit standards should prevail at all other times.
3. Inspections and expectations are covered in the **Camporee Event Handbook**.
4. Meal Inspections: We will inspect the preparation, serving, and clean up of the patrols.
5. Trail Inspections: Uniform requirement for the hike: all Scouts in the patrol should be in the same uniform: class “A”, activity, or troop. Uniforms should be correctly worn.
6. Campsite Inspections: Inspectors may open tents to inspect for proper storage of equipment or look for safety hazards. Packs will not be opened.

BE PREPARED FOR RAIN AND ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS

Check: Tents, flies, ground cloths, pads, pack covers, personal rain gear, and warm/dry clothes

Camporee Rules

VEHICLES:

Parking and vehicle movement within the Park is extremely restricted. Therefore, we have established firm rules with the Anthony Chabot Regional Park Staff. Because the area is a multi-use bicycle, marksmanship, horseback riding, and bird watching area, **the group campground gate will be locked at all times.**

All vehicles will park at the parking lot inside the group gate. There will be parking inside the gate for one vehicle per patrol, please make plans to get all other vehicles returned home.

Troop vehicles will only be permitted into the Camporee site for the purpose of dropping off and picking up field event equipment. Traffic on the group campsite road is restricted for the safety of the Scouts packing in and out.

Staff will be at the group campgrounds gate to:

- (1) welcome and register troops up to 7:00 PM Friday,
- (2) welcome and register Webelos 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM,
- (3) after the campfire for those who have to leave Saturday night, and
- (4) Sunday after the final Camporee sweep.

All other vehicle movements will be on an emergency basis only, and will be cleared through the Camporee Scoutmaster. Parents arriving to pick up a Scout at any other time will be required to walk from the group campsite gate.

Carpooling and delivery/pickup are strongly encouraged. No bicycles or vehicles of any type, other than Staff vehicles, are allowed in the campsite.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

MEDICALS:

In accordance with the Guide To Safe Scouting, each troop will provide copies of **current medicals** for the Camporee First Aid Station for the duration of Camporee. Medicals will be returned Sunday morning upon checkout.

CAMPSITE:

Your Patrol area will be assigned when you check in. Keep your patrol close together and within your camping area. Lay out camp for safety and convenience. Set up cooking and eating areas. All cooking is to be done in assigned Patrol camping areas. Use the suggested layout as your guide.

CAMP HEADQUARTERS:

Check the Bulletin Board for announcements: if you have any questions, go to the Information Table. Patrol Leaders only in the Headquarters Area please.

CAMPOREE RULES (continued)

FIRST AID:

First Aid Station will be near Camporee Headquarters. Make sure all patrol members know where it is located. All INJURIES. EVEN THOSE REQUIRING ONLY ONE BAND-AID MUST BE REPORTED TO PATROL LEADERS AND THE FIRST AID STATION.

CONDUCT:

Every Scout and Scouter is expected to live up to the Scout Oath and Law at all times. **Inappropriate language, smoking, and other non-Scout and/or unsafe activities such as tenting or “trashing” a patrol will result in immediate patrol disqualification and dismissal from the Camporee.** Treat everyone with respect.

FUEL STORAGE:

Keep fuel for backpacking stoves out of all tents and backpacks. Designate a place for fuel storage in your campsite away from your cooking area. Label fuel containers.

FIRES:

Anthony Chabot Regional Park Rules: All meals must be cooked on one or two burner propane or gas stoves. NO CHARCOAL STOVES OR GRILLS WILL BE PERMITTED. NO WOOD FIRES ARE PERMITTED IN THE CAMPING AREA. Sand and water buckets will be provided, and must be kept full. In any fire safety questions, the decision of fire marshal will be final. **Unit leaders (all adults) are to enforce fire safety practices throughout Camporee.**

WATER:

Water supply will be available at camp. DO NOT WASH DISHES AT WATER TAPS. Wastewater is to be dispersed properly. DO NOT DIG HOLES!

GARBAGE:

Each Scout Patrol and Webelos Den is to bring its own garbage bags. **Waste material is to be kept in garbage bags and MUST be carried out of camp and back home.** There are no dumpsters at camp.

JUDGING:

The judging (inspection) staff has attempted to make the inspections as educational and comprehensive as possible. The object of the Inspection is to give Patrols a list of things the Camporee Staff feels is essential and beneficial to good camping and to tell the Scout/Webelos objectively what skills they have mastered and what skills need improvement.

More information, about the Camporee in general, items being inspected, or “Camporee Rules” may be found in the **Camporee Events Handbook.**

CAMPOREE RULES (continued)

Judging questions or problems concerning judging should be brought to the ASPL of Inspections by the Patrol Leader only. Field judging problems must be brought to the attention of the Field Events ASPL by 4:30 PM on Saturday. Only personnel authorized by the Scorekeeper will be allowed in the score keeping area. This applies to everyone: Camp Staff, Scouters, Scouts, and Webelos.

SCOUTMASTERS:

Scoutmaster/Cubmasters are responsible for the safety of their Scouts and are to ensure that Scouts bring and take any prescribed medications.

TROOP FLAGS:

Troops are encouraged to bring troop flags on poles. Stanchions will be available at the "flags" site, to display your flag.

PATROL LEADER:

During Camporee, the term "Patrol Leader" will mean the actual Patrol Leader or another member of the patrol who is acting as the Patrol Leader. Patrols may designate an Acting Patrol Leader for every event and change as desired.

It is the Patrol Leaders' responsibility to make each patrol a place where everyone feels comfortable, no one is put down, picked upon, or ignored by the patrol. Each member of the patrol should live the Scout Oath and Law.

GUESTS:

Parents and friends of Scouts are encouraged to visit the Camporee. However, they should register at Camporee Headquarters. They are encouraged to attend the campfire on Saturday night. **Guests will need to hike in and out the 1.5 miles from the group campground gate. Overnight guests are not permitted at the Camporee.** This does not apply to the Webelos, as a parent or guardian with permission slips are required to be there.

SCOUT'S OWN:

A Camporee Patrol Chaplain Aide is a registered Scout and active in his Patrol. He should be either elected by his fellow Scouts or appointed by the Patrol Leader to represent the Patrol during Camporee Weekend in the areas of "Duty to God", "Scout Oath", and the "Scout is Reverent".

PATROLS:

Patrols competing in Camporee must have the same membership as they would at a meeting of the Troop. Special Patrols made up only of highly qualified Scouts and Leadership designed just for Camporee are not permitted. This is not in the spirit of Scouting. Scout Rank evidence is required (patch or card).

CAMPOREE RULES (continued)

PATROL FLAGS:

Each Patrol should have a staff-mounted Patrol Flag. The Patrol Flag should be carried during Saturday's field events. Patrol Flags will be judged at noon on Saturday.

COSTS:

The registration cost for each Scout and Adult is \$15.00, which includes the Camporee Patch. The cost for Webelos and their adults is \$10.00 each. The cost for Webelos and adults not staying overnight, but participating in field events and the campfire is \$5 each. Camporee staff and adults may provide their own meals or purchase a meal ticket for \$20.00 per person. The meal ticket includes 5 meals plus 2 cracker barrels. **The meal tickets must be paid for by April 6, 2006.** Sign up on the Registration Fee Form.

CAMPFIRES:

Everyone is to attend the Campfires. No one is to be in the Campsites during Campfires and when events are in progress. Security will be watching over campsites during these times.

EMERGENCY:

There will be no telephones at the Camporee Site. If there is an emergency at home and communication is required with someone at Camporee, a message will be given to the Camporee Scoutmaster if you call:

Police, Fire, Medical Emergency
Anthony Chabot Office Telephone
East Bay Regional Park Headquarters

911
(510) 639-4751
(510) 562-PARK

If there is an emergency at Camporee, see the Camporee Scoutmaster.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Travel time from the Concord area is about 45 minutes. The Camporee this year will be at the Bort Meadow at Anthony Chabot Regional Park.

Check in for Scouts on Friday, April 28 is from 6:00 PM to 7:00PM. Check in for Webelos on Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 AM to 9:00AM.

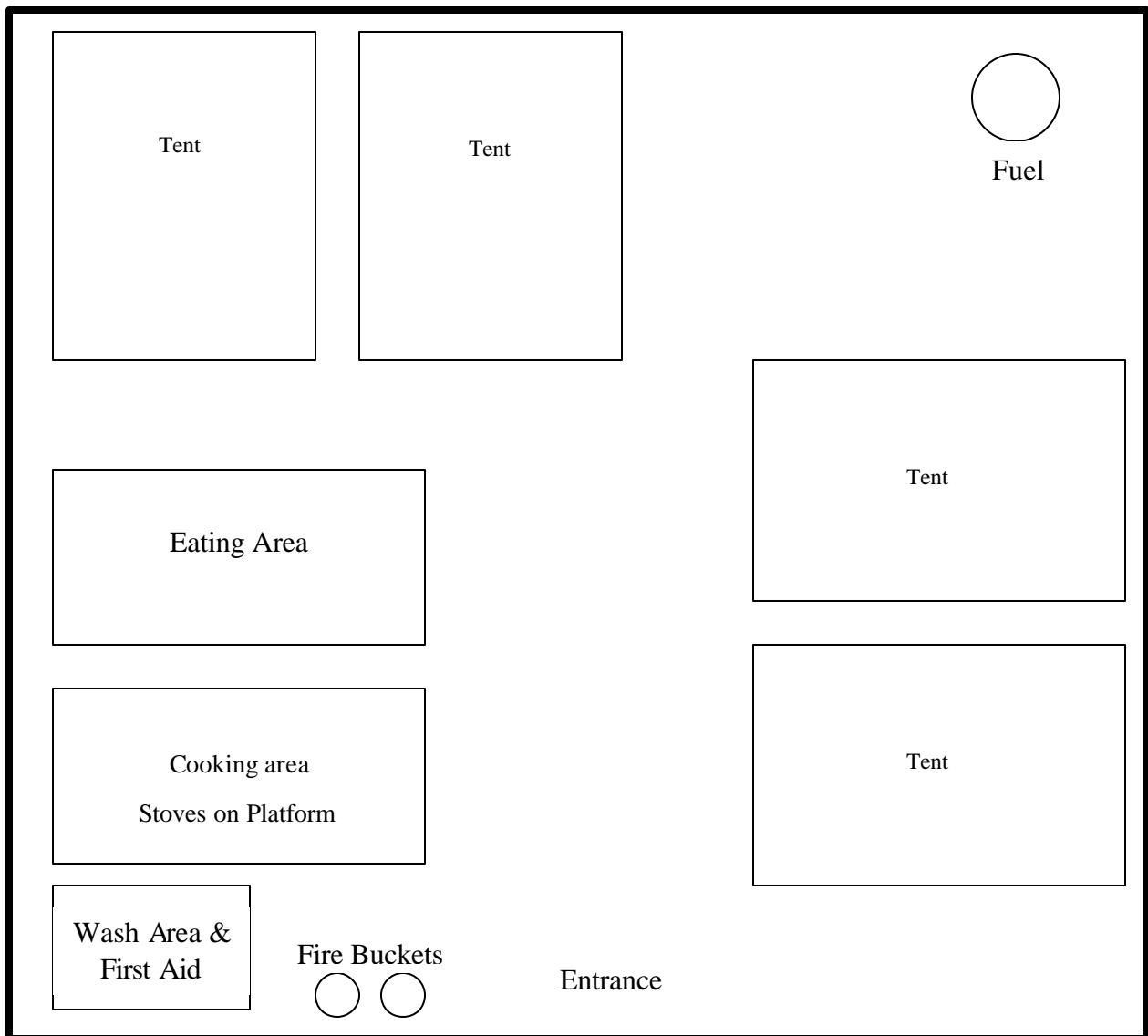
All patrols must backpack all of their equipment from the group campgrounds gate to the Camporee site. The hike will take between 10 and 20 minutes.

Suggested Patrol Camping Site

The diagram below is a suggested arrangement for the patrol site. Every effort has been made to allow for all areas needed for good campership. The Patrol site should accommodate a patrol of 8 Scouts.

Remember that each Patrol must camp within the designated boundaries. Keep your area clean and free from litter.

The cooking area should provide a sturdy platform for the stove. A small plywood base can provide this platform without extra weight.



Camporee Rifle Shooting Event

Once again this year, there will be a Rifle Shooting event at Camporee! The Camporee staff is very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to Muir District scouts. The Rifle Shoot will take place at the Chabot Gun Club, close by to our camp. Troops should visit their website at <http://www.chabotgunclub.com/> and familiarize their scouts with the range commands, safe gun handling procedures, and restrictions, as well as the 'How not to get yelled at' page. All rifles and ammunition will be provided by the district, along with ear and eye protection. We will be using .22 caliber rifles (the same ones used at Camp Wolfeboro). No personal firearms or ammunition will be allowed at the Camporee or at the gun range, by scouts or by adults. Unfortunately, under BSA regulations, Webelos and Webelos patrols will not be allowed to participate in this event.

Review these procedures below with your Scouts BEFORE Camporee so that we have a SAFE and smooth day at the range.

PERMISSION SLIPS AND CHECK-IN

Under California law we are required to have signed permission slips from a parent or legal guardian. There can be no exceptions to this rule. Please be very clear to your Scouts – no slip, no shooting and no range access. In order to provide Camporee staff time to allocate time slots (see below) and organize the transportation, all permission slips must be received by 9 PM on Friday at the Camporee check-in booth. If a Scout will be arriving late or coming on Saturday morning, arrangements must be made for his permission slip to be handled in with his patrol prior to the deadline. If your slip is not properly filled out, signed and turned in by 9PM Friday, you won't be able to shoot.

RANGE ACCESS

For safety reasons, our access to the range will be controlled. On Friday night at check-in, eligible scout patrols will be assigned a time slot for Saturday. On Saturday, at their assigned time, the patrol should report as a group to the rifle shoot check-in booth located at the Camporee. From there, Camporee adult staff will transport the patrol by car up to the range, where the scouts will first be given a safety briefing and then allowed their turn on the range. Following the completion of their firing time and target retrieval, the scouts will again be transported back to the camp area by Camporee adult staff. Patrols should allow approximately 1 hour for the entire process. No personal cars are to be driven to the range – access is only to be provided by Camporee staff, so that we control our impact on the public range. It is possible that in a large patrol with many parents we may not have adequate space for all the parents to access the range. Patrols, leaders or parents who cannot abide by this system will be disqualified and/or not allowed to shoot. We will need everyone's cooperation in this if we are to safely move several hundred Scouts through a public range in the span of a few hours.

Since we are using a public range and do not have control over the shooting cycles, there is always the possibility of delays during the day. Camporee staff at the check-in booth will have the latest information available on schedules available during the day for the convenience of the patrol's time planning. We will need everyone's patience with events that are beyond our control. Scout Law points 'friendly', 'courteous' and 'cheerful' will be useful on Saturday, with 'obedient' close behind!

AT THE RANGE

Scouts will be dropped off at the range and be directed to the safety briefing area. We need to control the scouts at the range – emphasize that wandering off down the range will get you and your patrol disqualified. Each patrol will be given a safety briefing while the patrol in front of

them is shooting. Scouts will be able to observe the range from a distance and ask any questions about procedures so that everyone is clear prior to approaching the firing line. After the safety briefing, on approach to the firing line, each scout will be provided with a target. During the cease fire period, the scout will go downrange, hang the target and return behind the red safety line without stopping at the firing benches (see below). After the "commence firing" command is given, the Scout will approach the firing bench, will be given ammunition, will shoot, and then (after the ceasefire command) retrieve their target and leave the firing line area. While at or near the firing line, Scouts will be expected to be aware of and obey all range commands given by either the public range master or by our own Scout range master. We will need to be very strict on safety, and if a Scout cannot understand or follow the procedures he will be removed from the range. For this reason troops are encouraged to review Chabot's range commands on their website with their scouts ahead of time.

Please especially review Chabot's requirement that NOTHING on or near the shooting tables is to be touched during the target change periods, and you cannot even stop near the shooting table. "Do not handle any firearms or equipment on or near the shooting benches during the target change period." They are strict about this. Scouts either need to be downrange hanging/retrieving targets or behind the red safety line. In our past experience we've found that when the scouts first walk past the rifles at the shooting benches (in order to hang their targets downrange before they shoot), they'll want to look at or touch the rifles or other shooting gear (like sandbags or old cartridges on the bench or on the ground nearby). They will need to resist this temptation, or unfortunately they will be removed from the range and disqualify their patrol. Safety is paramount at the range.

RETURN TO CAMP AND SCORING

After shooting, the targets will be collected by the scouts and turned in to Camporee staff at the range for scoring. The scores of all patrol members will be ranked, the lowest one tossed out, and the rest will be averaged to generate the patrol's score. This will allow patrols with different numbers of scouts to compete on an equal footing, and will not penalize a patrol should an individual Scout choose not to participate in this event. If a scout (especially younger scouts) are uncomfortable with firearms they do not need to participate in this event.

Scouts will not be allowed to linger at the range and will be transported by Camporee staff back to camp immediately after their shooting is completed. Again, we need to emphasize that wandering off at the range will get you and your patrol disqualified.

Scores will be posted and targets returned to patrols back at camp after all the shooting is completed and prior to the end of Camporee.

Take the time to review the above procedures with your Scouts BEFORE Camporee so that we have a SAFE and smooth day at the range.

- **PERMISSION SLIPS SIGNED AND TURNED IN BY 9 PM FRIDAY**
- **RESPECT AND FOLLOW RANGE ACCESS PROCEDURES**
- **UNDERSTAND AND OBEY ALL RANGE COMMANDS AND SAFETY PROCEDURES**
- **HAVE FUN!**

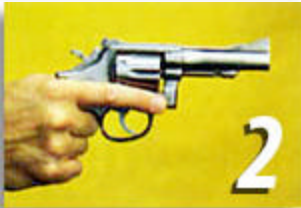
NRA Gun Safety Rules

The fundamental NRA rules for safe gun handling are:



1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.



2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.



3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.



When using or storing a gun, always follow these NRA rules:

- **Know your target and what is beyond.**
Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.
- **Know how to use the gun safely.**
Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine. Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.
- **Be sure the gun is safe to operate.**
Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular

cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.

- **Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.**
Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.
- **Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.**
Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors should be worn by shooters and spectators.
- **Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.**
Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.
- **Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.**
Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.
- **Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.**
- **Cleaning**
Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.

A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly.

Before cleaning your gun, **make absolutely sure that it is unloaded.** The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.

NRA Parents' Guide to Gun Safety

The Parents' Responsibility

In a home where guns are kept, the degree of safety a child has rests squarely on the child's parents.

Parents who accept the responsibility to learn, practice and teach gun safety rules will ensure their child's safety to a much greater extent than those who do not. Parental responsibility does not end, however, when the child leaves the home.

According to federal statistics, there are guns in approximately half of all U.S. households. Even if no one in your family owns a gun, chances are that someone you know does. Your child could come in contact with a gun at a neighbor's house, when playing with friends, or under other circumstances outside your home.

It is critical for your child to know what to do if he or she encounters a firearm anywhere, and it is the parents' responsibility to provide that training.

Talking With Your Child About Gun Safety

There is no particular age to talk with your child about gun safety. A good time to introduce the subject is the first time he or she shows an interest in firearms, even toy pistols or rifles. Talking openly and honestly about gun safety with your child is usually more effective than just ordering him or her to "Stay out of the gun closet," and leaving it at that. Such statements may just stimulate a child's natural curiosity to investigate further.

As with any safety lesson, explaining the rules and answering a child's questions help remove the mystery surrounding guns. Any rules set for your own child should also apply to friends who visit the home. This will help keep your child from being pressured into showing a gun to a friend.

Toy Guns vs. Real Guns

It is also advisable, particularly with very young children, to discuss gun use on television as opposed to gun use in real life. Firearms are often handled carelessly in movies and on TV. Additionally, children see TV and movie characters shot and "killed" with well-documented frequency. When a young child sees that same actor appear in another movie or TV show, confusion between entertainment and real life may result. It may be a mistake to assume that your child knows the difference between being "killed" on TV and in reality.

If your child has toy guns, you may want to use them to demonstrate safe gun handling and to explain how they differ from genuine firearms. Even though an unsupervised child should not have access to a gun, there should be no chance that he or she could mistake a real gun for a toy.

What Should You Teach Your Child About Gun Safety?

If you have decided that your child is not ready to be trained in a gun's handling and use, teach him or her to follow the instructions of NRA's Eddie Eagle GunSafe[®] Program. If you find a gun:

STOP!

Don't Touch.

Leave the Area.

Tell an Adult.

The initial steps of "**Stop**" and "**Don't Touch**" are the most important. To counter the natural impulse to touch a gun, it is imperative that you impress these steps of the safety message upon your child.

In today's society, where adult supervision is not always possible, the direction to "**Leave the Area**" is also essential. Under some circumstances, area may be understood to be a room if your child cannot physically leave the apartment or house.

"**Tell an Adult**" emphasizes that children should seek a trustworthy adult, neighbor, relative or teacher -- if a parent or guardian is not available.

The NRA's Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program includes an instructor guide, activity books, poster, and an animated video to explain its four-step safety message. For more information about the program, visit www.nrahq.org/safety/eddie or call (800) 231-0752.

Basic Gun Safety Rules

Although the NRA has complete gun safety rules available for specific types of firearm use (hunting and competition, for example), the following three rules are fundamental in any situation. Whether or not you own a gun, it is important to know these rules so that you may insist that others follow them.

- **Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.** Whether you are shooting or simply handling a gun, never point it at yourself or others.

Common sense will tell you which direction is the safest. Outdoors, it is generally safe to point the gun toward the ground, or, if you are at a shooting range, toward the target. Indoors, be mindful of the fact that a bullet can penetrate ceilings, floors, walls, windows, and doors.

- **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.** When holding a gun, rest your trigger finger outside the trigger guard alongside the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.
- **Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.** If you do not know how to check to see if a gun is unloaded, leave it alone. Carefully secure it, being certain to point it safely and to keep your finger off the trigger, and seek competent assistance.

Where to Get Training

The time may come when you or your family members want to learn how to handle and shoot a gun safely. In the case of a child, his or her attitude, learning ability, and physical and emotional maturity are some of the factors to be weighed before allowing formal instruction to begin.

When a parent decides a young person is ready, many training opportunities are available. For more information on [Youth Programs](#), call (703) 267-1505.

Providing instruction in the safe handling, use, and storage of firearms is one of the NRA's most important functions. [Basic Firearm Training Courses](#), taught by over 50,000 NRA Certified Instructors, are offered in every state. A program called "FIRST Steps" (Firearm Instruction, Responsibility, and Safety Training) provides a three-hour orientation to your specific firearm. For more information about taking any of these courses, call (703) 267-1430.

Gun Owners' Responsibilities

Most states impose some form of legal duty on adults to take reasonable steps to deny access by children to dangerous substances or instruments. It is the individual gun owner's responsibility to understand and follow all laws regarding gun purchase, ownership, storage, transport, etc. Contact your state police and/or local police for information regarding such laws. If you own a gun and do not know how to operate it, do not experiment with it. Point it in a safe direction, keep your finger off the trigger, and store it securely. Seek competent assistance and instruction at once. An untrained adult can be as dangerous as a curious child.

Store guns so that they are inaccessible to children and other unauthorized users. Gun shops sell a wide variety of safes, cases, and other security devices. While specific security measures may vary, a parent must, in every case, assess the exposure of the firearm and absolutely ensure that it is inaccessible to a child.

Camporee Archery Event

As a new feature for Camporee this year, there will be an Archery event! The Camporee staff is very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to Muir District scouts. The Archery event will take place at an isolated location in Bort Meadow. The area will be taped off with yellow tape and Scouts will not be permitted in the range or downrange without the express permission of the archery Rangemaster. Troops should review the Archery Merit Badge book and familiarize their scouts with the range commands, safe handling procedures, and restrictions. All archery equipment will be provided by the district, along with eye protection. No personal equipment will be allowed at the Camporee or at the archery range, by scouts or by adults.

Webelos and Webelos patrols will be allowed to participate in this event.

Review these procedures below with your Scouts BEFORE Camporee so that we have a SAFE and smooth day at the range.

PERMISSION SLIPS AND CHECK-IN

Under California law we are required to have signed permission slips from a parent or legal guardian. There can be no exceptions to this rule. Please be very clear to your Scouts – no slip, no shooting and no range access. All permission slips must be received at the Camporee check-in booth. If a Scout will be arriving late or coming on Saturday morning, arrangements must be made for his permission slip to be handled in with his patrol. If your slip is not properly filled out, signed and turned in you won't be able to shoot.

Archery Safety Rules

Archery is lots of fun, but fun can quickly turn into tragedy unless every archer observes some commonsense safety rules. As a Scout and an archer, you must learn and practice these simple rules.

Archery Range Safety Rules

A. Three Rules When on the Shooting Line

1. Know and obey the range commands (see section C below).
2. Always point the arrow in a safe direction, either at the ground or at the target.
3. When done shooting, place the bow in your bow stand and step back from the shooting line.

B. Three Rules When Retrieving Arrows

1. Retrieve arrows only when the shooting line is clear and the range officer signals "Retrieve your arrows."
2. As you walk forward to the target waiting line, pick up any arrows on the ground (your own and all others as well).
3. Only one archer may pull arrows from the target at a time; all others stand 6 feet back from the target at the target waiting line.

C. Range Commands

The whistle commands used on a range, and their related verbal commands, are as follows:

1. **Two blasts on a whistle**—"Step to the shooting line" You may step to the shooting line and pick up your bow. You may not pick up any arrows.
2. **One blast on a whistle**—"Commence shooting" You may pick up an arrow and shoot this end. When you are done, put your bow in a bow stand and step to the waiting line.
3. **Three blasts on a whistle**—"Retrieve your arrows." You may go downrange and retrieve your arrows. Follow the three rules for retrieving arrows (above).
4. **Four or more blasts on a whistle**—"STOP!" or "Cease fire!" Do not shoot. Immediately let down, place your arrow in your quiver and your bow in its stand, and step back to the waiting line until the emergency is cleared.

General Archery Safety Rules

- Keep all arrows in their quiver until ready to shoot.
- To carry arrows in your hands, carry them securely with both hands around all of the arrows and with your palms facing down. However, the best way to transport an arrow is safely in its quiver.
- Be sure the area around and beyond your target is clear before you shoot. Never draw a bow if anyone is in front of the shooting line.
- Always aim and shoot at a definite target; never shoot just for the sake of shooting. Be sure of your target and that it is safe to shoot at it. If you are not sure, take a closer look. If, after a closer look, you are still not sure, do not shoot.
- Shoot only at targets that are thick enough to stop your arrow. Do not shoot if there is any chance your arrow might ricochet (bounce off) from the target or other object and hit someone.
- Use arrows that are the proper length for you. Arrows that are too short can cause serious injury.
- Never shoot an arrow up into the air.
- Walk, do not run, on the archery range. If you run, you might accidentally cross in front of another group of archers, step on arrows lying on the ground, or fall and trip into a target and be injured by the arrows sticking out of it.
- When retrieving arrows from behind a target, particularly on a field range or at an isolated target, lean your bow against the face of the target or stick an arrow in the top of the target with the fletching up. This will warn other archers that you are behind the target.
- Always use proper safety equipment, including an arm guard, a finger tab or glove, and a bow sling.
- Always inspect your equipment before shooting. Repair or replace damaged equipment. Replace the bowstring when it becomes worn.
- Always have an arrow on the string when shooting a bow. Dryfiring—shooting a bow without an arrow—can seriously damage a bow and possibly injure the archer. Never dryfire a bow.

Parental Firearm Permission Form

Consent for Minor to Participate in Archery Field Event

Scout Name _____

Troop # _____ Patrol Name _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Phone# (_____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address (if different than above) _____

Phone# (_____) _____ - _____

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the minor (Scout) listed above, do hereby authorize and expressly permit the Muir District, BSA and their volunteers to furnish firearms (.22 caliber rifles) and live ammunition, to the minor named herein for the purpose of instruction in the handling and shooting of firearms, target shooting and related activities. **This expressly includes the shooting of live ammunition at a target range under the supervision of NRA Certified Instructors and Muir District adult volunteers.**

This authorization will remain in effect for said minor while he is participating in all Camporee programs or activities related to firearms, unless revoked in writing by the undersigned and said revocation personally delivered to the Camporee Rifle Range Coordinator. I waive all claims I may have against the Boy Scouts of America, activity coordinators, employees, volunteers, or sponsors associated with the above approved activities.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

BRING THIS FORM (COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN) TO THE CAMPOREE REGISTRATION DESK ON FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 20th. SCOUTS WHO DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM FRIDAY NIGHT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT.

Under California State law, there can be no exceptions to this rule.
**ACCORDING TO BSA REGULATIONS,
WEBELOS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT RIFLES**

Camporee Staff Use Only
Time: _____ Slot: _____ Check-in _____

Parental Archery Permission Form

Consent for Minor to Participate in Muir Camporee 2006
Archery Field Event

Scout Name _____

Troop # _____ Patrol Name _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

Phone# (_____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address (if different than above) _____

Phone# (_____) _____ - _____

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the minor (Scout) listed above, do hereby authorize and expressly permit the Muir District, BSA and their volunteers to furnish archery equipment, to the minor named herein for the purpose of instruction in the handling and shooting in archery competition and related activities. **This expressly includes the shooting of arrows at a target range under the supervision of BSA Certified Instructors and Muir District adult volunteers.**

This authorization will remain in effect for said minor while he is participating in all Camporee programs or activities related to firearms, unless revoked in writing by the undersigned and said revocation personally delivered to the Camporee Range Coordinator. I waive all claims I may have against the Boy Scouts of America, activity coordinators, employees, volunteers, or sponsors associated with the above approved activities.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

BRING THIS FORM (COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN) TO THE CAMPOREE REGISTRATION DESK ON FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 28th. SCOUTS WHO DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM FRIDAY NIGHT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT.

Under California State law, there can be no exceptions to this rule.

Camporee Staff Use Only
Time: _____ Slot: _____ Check-in _____

Registration Form
Muir District Camporee - April 28-30, 2006

Unit # _____

Scouts and Adults: _____ x \$15.00 per person = \$ _____

Webelos and Adults: _____ x \$10.00 per person for overnight = \$ _____

_____ x \$5.00 per person for day event only = \$ _____

Total number attending Camporee = _____

hats ordered: _____ x \$5.00 per person = \$ _____

meal tickets* for adults and staff only: _____ x \$20.00 per person = \$ _____

*Meal tickets must be purchased by April 6, 2006. There will be no payments made at Camporee!

Total enclosed (Camporee fees and meal tickets) = \$ _____

- Adult Leaders attending: 1. _____ phone # _____
2. _____ phone # _____
3. _____ phone # _____
4. _____ phone # _____

Table with 3 columns: Patrol Name, 1-8, skit or song. Each cell contains a blank line for input.

Please list any additional names on the back of this form. Camporee is limited to the first 200 sign-ups. Permission slips must accompany the registration form. The registration form and payment must be received in the council office no later than April 6, 2006. Please make checks payable to: Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, BSA. Mail the registration form and check to:

Mt. Diablo Silverado Council BSA
800 Ellinwood Way
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523