**Patriot District Spring Camporee**

**“Zombie Apocalypse”**

April 26 – 28, 2019

Camp Snyder

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Haymarket, Virginia 20169

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As of April 7, 2019

 As Scoutmasters read this letter there are several actions Units must take to make sure the camporee is a success. They are:

1. Contact Patrick Ring and notify him that your unit will attend the camporee. Final registration and payment is not due until arrival at the camporee on Friday, April 26. 2019. Patrick Ring’s e-mail is pring978camporee@gmail.com and his phone number is (703) 674-6178.
2. Contact William Dexter, Camporee Director and notify him your unit would like to sponsor or co-sponsor a Scout Skills event. His phone number is (703) 978-2632 and his e-mail is wtdexterjr@gmail.com.
3. Attend a camporee planning meeting with an adult leader and a Senior Scout on Monday, April 8, 2019 from 7-9 PM in the cafeteria at Laurel Ridge Elementary School in Kings Park West, 10110 Commonwealth Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22032. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss/explain how the Scout Skills Competition will be organized, conducted and scored.
4. Attend a camporee reconnaissance at Camp Snyder on Saturday morning on April 13, 2019 at 10 AM. The purpose will be to see where you completion site will be located.

The Patriot District is open to Scout Troops, Venture Crews, Explorer posts and Webelos Dens. Webelos dens can attend on Saturday - Unfortunately due to changes in Scout rules, Webelos dens can’t camp overnight at camporees. The camporee will be held from Friday night, April 26 till Sunday April 28, 2019. Patriot District will camp on the camporee field at Camp Snyder. The cost is eighteen dollars ($18) per participant. There is no charge for adults that are just helping out on Saturday or Sunday and are not camping for a night. The cost for Webelos and Webelos leaders is ten ($10) dollars. Final camporee registration and payment will take place Friday evening on-site as units arrive. Units and individual staff members are asked to pay by a check made out to NCAC-BSA. Additionally, each unit must fill out a registration form shown at the end of this guide.

**The theme for the Patriot District Spring Camporee is “Zombie Apocalypse” – Scout skills in Action.** The Ebola epidemic is out of control in the Congo and there is a fear that the disease could spread to the United States by late summer. Also, there are unconfirmed reports that the disease has mutated and that some victims are showing Zombie like symptoms. During the programscouts at the patrol level will demonstrate basic scout skills they will need later in the summer when they support first responders as part of the **Zombie Response Force**.The program will consist of a Patrol Skills Competition where patrols will be challenged at several stations where they will prove their proficiency on basic scout skills. Each troop will be asked to sponsor a station and the senior Scouts running the station will work with the Order of the Arrow to organize and execute the competition.

On Saturday, the program will be divided into two parts. Each part will be three hours long. Units will be scheduled to participate in each part either in the morning or the afternoon.

The Patrol skills competition will be scout planned, scout organized, scout conducted, and scout scored. Ten troops are needed to sponsor an event. A tentative plan is listed. Troops can select an event listed or submit a proposal for a different event. Each event should be organized to handle two patrols at a time to participate and structured to allow a patrol to complete the task in 20 to 30 minutes. Partial credit will be awarded to patrols that do not complete the task.

Troops will organize into patrols of six to ten scouts. The patrols will attempt to complete all ten competition events. At each event the patrol will be scored on their ability to work on the task and their demonstrated scout spirit.

**PATROL SKILLS COMPETITION EVENTS**

**Maximum Patrol score per event is 20 points, 10 points for skills and 10 points for Scout spirit.**

**1. Transport Zombie Brains for Medical Evacuation.** Troop XXX sponsors this event.

Your patrol will safely transport Zombie brains by constructing a device of metal cans and rope that will allow you to safely transport the brains to an evacuation site.

**2. Build a Fire.** Troop XXX sponsors this event.

Your patrol has hiked to a camping spot and needs to build a fire(s). All materials except tinder will be supplied by the host. Each patrol must supply its own tinder. The object of the fire building exercise is to know how to start a fire as quickly as possible. Your patrol may use one of three methods: Spindle and bow, flint and steel, or three matches. The fire(s) must be sufficiently strong to burn a string. The scoring will be based on the difficulty of the method, timing, teamwork, and Scout spirit. The method for building the fire will be determined by the patrol prior to the event and should be certified by adults in the unit prior to Camporee.

**3. Tie It Up.** Troop XXX sponsors this event.

Patrols are required to use rope to establish their camp. Therefore, scouts need to know their knot skills and this event will test the patrols on their ability to tie a square knot, two half hitches, a taut-line hitch, sheet bend knot and a bowline knot. These are classic knots from the Boy Scout Handbook. The patrols will be scored on their skills and Scout spirit.

**4. Compass and Pace Count.** Troop XXX sponsors this event.

Given a compass and a pace count, Patrols must record a safe passage trail through a Danger Zone so that follow on groups of civilians will be able to travel safely. Patrols will be judged for skill, Scout spirit.

**5. Where’s My Link up Point with the Zombie Response Force?** Troop XXX sponsors this event.

This is an orienteering event in which the lost patrol must go from Point A to Point D while visiting Points B and C using a compass. The orienteering course allows each lost Patrols to link up with the Zombie Response Force to find its way. It is required that each patrol have a compass and individuals who know how to use the compass. Instructions will be given to the patrols in order for them to navigate the 4 marked points.

**6. Splitting Wood.** Troops 1525 and 1526 sponsor this event.

Patrols are required to split wood to build up a supply to support their encampment.

**7. Donut Holes.** Troop 1131 sponsors this event.

While on a mission to salvage survival equipment at the Scout shop the patrol wonders into an adjacent bakery and finds some left over donut mix and cooking oil. Since they are hungry, they decide to cook Donut holes. As a reward, they also get to eat them.

**8. First Aid.** Troop XXX sponsors this event.

Your patrol comes upon a group of civilians fleeing Zombies. Numerous people are injured. Your patrol will be required to determine the best first aid treatment for the injuries received. The injuries include burns, broken limbs and the need for CPR. The patrols will be required to identify the injury and perform First Aid with the materials provided. Points will be allotted for demonstrated skill in first aid and Scout spirit.

**9. Team Challenge.** Troop XXX sponsors this event.

A surprise challenge in team building will be prepared for each patrol. There will be no description of this event other than it involves team building so that the patrol will not have an opportunity to prepare in advance. The goal is to surprise the patrol with a task to be performed as a team.

**10. Improvised Stretcher Transport.** Two members of your patrol fall into a hole and break their legs. The Zombies are following you and you must build stretcher quickly out of walking poles and a blanket and carry your fellow scouts to safety. The scoring will be based on timing, teamwork, and Scout spirit. The method for building the stretcher comes from the Boy Scout Handbook.

**Camporee Adventure Activities**

The second part of the program will be a chance for scouts to challenge themselves and have fun. They include dodge ball, volley ball, marksmanship with air rifle shooting, archery, and rock wall climbing. These events will not be scored and will not be part of the patrol competition.

Additionally, a new Patriot District camporee activity will be the dessert competition where Scouts can enter their favorite dessert. This competition will be voluntary and as many teams that want to can enter. Deserts will be judged for their taste, presentation and ingredients. There will be two categories, one for Scouts and one for adults. A cast iron Dutch oven will be awarded to the winning patrols and other cooking instruments will be given to second and third place winners.

The camporee will have the traditional events that bring us together as a district; Opening and Closing ceremonies, Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel, outdoor church services, a Saturday night campfire, and the Order of the Arrow Call-out.

The Order of the Arrow will provide the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader for the Opening and Closing ceremonies. The Camporee Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for conducting the Camporee Opening and Closing ceremonies. Also, a member of the OA will act as the Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday night campfire. This is a great opportunity for a senior Scout to display his leadership abilities. The camporee is looking for at least two Scout buglers or trumpet players. Additionally, as always, the camporee staff is in need of adult volunteers to support the different events. Volunteers should phone William Dexter, the Camporee Director at (703) 978-2632 or send an e-mail to wtdexterjr@gmail.com.

**CAMPOREE SCHEDULE**

Friday, 26 April 2019

Noon **(Optional)** Staff No Host Lunch

1:30 pm Staff Arrives

2:00 pm Camporee Headquarters Opens

5:00 pm Camporee Staff Dinner

6:00pm Scout Check-in and Campsite Setup Starts

9:00pm SPL/SM Meeting

9:30pm SPL/SM Cracker Barrel

11:00pm Taps

Saturday, 27 April 2019

7:00 am Reveille

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am Opening Ceremony

9:00 – Noon Morning Activities Sessions (Half the Troops will attend the Scout Skills Competition and the other Troops will attend the Adventure activities.)

Noon – 1 pm Lunch

1 - 4:00 pm Afternoon Activities Sessions (Half the Troops will attend the Scout Skills Competition and the other Troops will attend the Adventure activities.)

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Dessert Competition Judging at Camporee Headquarters

7:00 pm Religious Services; Protestant at the Camp Snyder Chapel, Catholic Mass on the Camp Snyder Cafeteria patio, Muslim at Troop 114 campsite and Jewish at Camporee Headquarters

8:00 pm Campfire Rehearsal

8:30 pm Campfire Starts

9:30 pm OA Call Out (At the end of the campfire)

11 pm Taps

Sunday, 28 April 2019

7:00 am Reveille

8:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Closing Ceremony

10:15 am Checkout Begins

11:00 am Camporee Closed

**STAFF**

**DISTRICT STAFF**

Position Name

District Chairman Steve Smith

District Commissioner Dave Astle

District Executive Ashley Felton

Program Vice Chairman Bill Dexter

**CAMPOREE STAFF**

Position Name

Camporee Director Bill Dexter

Administration Pat Ring, Kelly O’Malley, and Lee Cass

Program Director (Scout Skills Competition) Kevin Reed

Logistics Bill Dexter

“Grubmaster” Vacant

Budget Bill Dexter

Photographer Bill Snowden

Sound System Ashley Felton

Commissioners Dave Astle, Lee Cass, Ken Gaul, Paul Hoffman, and Jack Oliva

Marksmanship Ken Gaul, Jack Oliva, and Kelly O’Malley

Archery Michael Stonkey and Fatin Elhajj

Dodgeball Paul Hoffman

Volley Ball Ashley Felton

Climbing Wall John Merchant and John Cavan

Religious Services

* Protestant Gary Klinger
* Jewish
* Muslim Fatin Elhajj
* Catholic

OA Chapter Chief

Adult Dessert Judge Paul Hoffman

**SCOUT CAMPOREE STAFF**

Position Name

Camporee Senior Patrol Leader OA Chief

Opening Ceremony Scouts – OA

Closing Ceremony Scouts – OA

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**Patriot District Spring Camporee 2019 Registration Sheet**

**Unit Designation**

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**Unit Designation**

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**Number of Webelos Scouts attending X $10 per scout =**

**Number of Webelos adults attending X $10 per person =**

**Total Amount Paid = Check# Cash**

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