

Meridian District Camporee 2020 Guide for Units and Scouts

As of 10/19/2020

October 24-25, 2020
Virtual Meeting



Lead Troop	T201
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Scoutmaster	Jarad Ringener (T201)
Committee Chair	Fil de Cal / Mamatha Buddhala (T201)
Shadow Troop	T84

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Theme: Stronger Together



Nothing makes Scouting stronger than its diversity and commonalities. Diversities in culture, experience, interest, gender, faith, and languages. Together we find a fertile ground for growth in the commonality of the Scout Law and Oath, and the fundamental principles of leadership set by Lord Baden-Powell.

Now more than ever, we stand aligned and reaffirm the principles that bring us together.

Scouting is about giving back, not giving up.

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Going Virtual

In these challenging times, Scouts are best suited to respond to adversities. After all, that's what we've been preparing for over 100 years.

Our District feels strongly about offering the Camporee experience also in 2020, trying to make an inclusive, rewarding, fun and safe experience for all Youth involved.

Unit participation - from attending the event to hosting the games - is essential and very precious.

While we ask for your understanding as we grapple with the offline logistics and prepare for the inevitables glitches, we want to say **THANK YOU** for keeping the Scouting Spirit strong, your Scouts engaged, and a positive Camporee attitude.

The event has been shortened in time, but not in intensity. We are planning several meeting rooms to manage the interactions and maintain a 2-deep leadership at all times.

Lastly, be sure you take advantage of the highly anticipated collectible patches and T-Shirts, in the hope they become a memento of a once-in-a-lifetime event!

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Camporee Goals and the World Scout Emblem

Camporee Goals

- Develop Leadership
- Provide a safe and inclusive setting that fosters team-building through competition
- Build friendship and trust within Patrols
- Meet Scouts from other Troops
- Increase self-confidence
- Improve Scout skills and knowledge
- **And, HAVE FUN!**



- The **World Scout Emblem** is a purple, circular logo with a fleur-de-lis in the center, surrounded by a length of rope tied with a reef knot (also called a square knot). Baden-Powell used a fleur-de-lis badge awarded to British Army scouts and subsequently adopted and modified the badge for Scouting
- The **arrowhead** represents the North point on a compass, and is intended to point Scouts on the path to service and unity
- The **three leaves on the fleur-de-lis** represent the three parts of the Scout Promise: Service to others, Duty to God and Obedience to the Scout Law
- The **two five-point stars** stand for Truth and Knowledge, with the ten points representing the ten points of the Scout Law.
- The **bond** at the base of the fleur-de-lis symbolizes the Family of Scouting
- The **encircling rope** symbolizes the Unity and Family of the World Scout Movement

Registration

Troops: register online here: [TROOP REGISTRATION*](#)

Good news -- This year, we are **charging a flat fee per troop**, based on Unit size. We hope this will encourage attendance and participation from as many Scouts (and Scouters) as possible. **Camporee patches for all attending Scouts/Scouters are included in the flat registration fee.** Additional patches can be purchased separately.

T-shirts are not included, and will need to be ordered in the registration form. Please make sure you indicate the correct number for each size. After you complete and submit the registration form, an invoice showing the amount due will be emailed to the Unit Contact and the Camporee Registrar. Payment needs to be by check payable to **BSA GGAC**. The fee schedule is on the next page, as well as more details about patches and T-shirt cost.

Please follow these important registration deadlines:

- All participating units must submit their final registration online by **October 10, 2020**. We will order T-shirts in the sizes you list in the registration form. If you make changes after this date, we may not be able to provide the exact size mix you requested
- Your registration can be revised by before Oct 10 simply submitting a new online registration form. Submit the new form for all the Scouts (including candidates for Youth Staff) and adults attending. We will use the most recent registration as the current one. You will receive a new invoice, if applicable
- A \$100 late fee will be applied after October 10. **Please register early!**
- **Check drop-off only** - Call Mala @ (925) 588-1948 for arrangements. Please ensure your check is received no later than October 11
- There will be no refunds on overpayments, based on the new council policy
- **Registration fees are based on Unit's 2020 Recharter scout count, NOT registered participants!**
- **ALL ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO PRE-REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE ZOOM MEETING LINK - PRE-REGISTRATION LINK WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE UNIT'S CONTACT PERSON**

For each Scout Unit, please note the following additional information:

- 1) All Scouts and adults attending Camporee (this includes troop leadership, Adult and Youth Camporee Staff) **MUST be registered** with your Troop using the online registration process. Please note that any Youth Staff from your troop must be registered with your troop
- 2) Each attendee **must** have an up to date AHMR Part A Medical Forms [Part A](#)
- 3) As needed, all registered adults will be asked to help with maintaining proper virtual meeting etiquette throughout the duration of Camp
- 4) Scouts **do not** need to have a signed BSA permission form

* You can also find the Registration link on the District website: <https://meridian.ggacbsa.org/camporee/>

Registration Fee Schedule

Camporee 2020 Fee Schedule		
Registrant	Fee	Includes
Troop less than 50 Scouts (Flat fee)	\$200.00	Camporee 2020 Patch for each <u>attendee</u> (not entire Troop)
Troop with 50+ Scouts	\$300.00	Camporee 2020 Patch for each <u>attendee</u> (not entire Troop)
Late fee (after 10/10)	\$100	Please register early!
T-Shirt <small>50% Cotton, 50% wicking material)</small>	\$15.00	Please specify size in the Registration Form
Staff Perks	\$ ---	Patch, T-Shirt provided at no cost to Staff
Extra T-Shirts (collectible!)	\$15.00	Please specify size in the Registration Form
Extra Patches (collectible!)	\$10.00	Patch only. Can be ordered in the Registration Form
Fee System, explained	PLEASE READ	Our goal is to incentivize Scout participation. Against a nominal flat fee, each Unit is allowed unlimited registrations, up to the entire Troop and Adult membership.

NOTE:

Fees are based on Unit's scout count as of their 2020 Recharter, NOT registered participants.

(i.e. a 57-Scout unit will pay a \$300 flat fee (plus cost of T-shirts), regardless of how many Scouts/Scouters attend Camporee).

Each Unit is encouraged to sign up as many Scouts as possible.

Take advantage of the flat fee!

Contact:

Registration Questions:

Mala Quatman, Registrar

Meridiancamporee@gmail.com

Cell: (925) 588-1948

Schedule for Camporee 2020

(subject to change, Stay tuned for final confirmation)

Saturday, 10/24

- 3:15pm **ATTENDEES WILL JOIN BY USING THE ZOOM LINK PROVIDED (PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY). ATTENDEES WILL ENTER THE MAIN CAMPOREE ROOM**
- 3:30 Camporee Starts! Welcome, Flags, and Opening
- 4:30 Camp set up*
- 5:00 Patrol Games begin
- 7:30 End Patrol Games - Dinner and Camporee Contest
- 8:10 Campfire program
- 9:00 Lights Out

Sunday, 10/25

- 7:30am Reveille - Breakfast in camp
- 8:15 Flags
- 8:25 Scout's Own
- 8:50 Awards Ceremony and Recognitions
- 9:15 Final remarks and Closing
- 9:30 Camp dismissed

*Each Scout is encouraged to set up camp at their location. Tent or under-the-star accommodations are encouraged, depending on the weather conditions and available gear.

A camping night can be awarded to those Scouts who are prepared to spend the entire Camporee outdoors.

- Backpack, sleeping equipment, 10 essentials are required
- Scouts have to prepare and/or eat their meals outdoors
- Scouts should enter their homes only in case of emergency or to use the restroom

The goal is to simulate a camping night as much as possible.

Extension cords or extra batteries are recommended for continued access to Camporee events.

EACH UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING AND AWARDED THE CAMPING NIGHT TO ITS SCOUTS upon fulfillment of the camping requirements (see above).



Check-In: Saturday

Registration & Check-In: [Mala Quatman](#)

Key Points:

- Participants will receive the Camporee Main Room Zoom link after registration: Upon log-in, Scouts will be admitted. Scouts must identify themselves online with:
4-digit Unit Number-Patrol Name-First Name
(e.g. 0001-Gilwell-Robert)
Recommend to shorten/abbreviate longer Patrol names
- **All Attendees** Must be in CLASS-A UNIFORM at check-in
- Patches (including purchased extra ones and T-shirts) will be made available to all units for pick up after Camporee. Units will receive guidance on how to pick up the Camporee gear - including trophies/ribbons where applicable



Saturday Patrol Competition



Scoring: [Bhagat Aramandla T621](#)

Key Points:

- Units hosting a game station will use their Unit's Zoom account (or equivalent)
- Troops need to set up their stations in dedicated meeting rooms by no later than 4:45pm on Saturday, and ready to accept patrols by 5:00pm
- Events start at 5:00pm Saturday evening. Scouts will receive a roster with the customized rotation, and the link to the hosting unit's Zoom account (or equivalent). [Units are encouraged to stage a waiting room to ensure proper egress of Scouts after a game ends](#)
- Youth Staff will be assigned to each room for monitoring and keeping score
- To ensure proper rotation, each game will be assigned a 20' slot. Please make sure your game fits the time slot
- Each Unit may have multiple rooms to accommodate parallel sessions. **2-deep leadership is enforced**
- **Events close at 7:30pm.** All Scouts will be joining the Main Room using the provided link



Saturday Patrol Competition Events

PATROLS WILL BE PRE-ASSIGNED TO GAME STATIONS

ONLY TOP 5 SCORES PER PATROLS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Patrols are scored at the end of each game

	Event Name	Unit
1	Wink Assassin	T84
2	Kahoot - Scouting	T201
3	Kahoot - Merit Badges	T621
4	Escape Room Challenge	T803
5	Geography Treasure Hunt game	T805
6	Kahoot - First Aid Skills Game Station	T815
7	Jeopardy Game - Scout Heritage and Skills	T874
8	Treasure Hunt	T874
9	Jeopardy station	T888
10	Kahoot - Water Safety	T1776
11	Skit Audition	Youth Staff

Patrol Competition Scorecard



2020 Meridian District camporee – Patrol Competition Scorecard

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Unless a Patrol competes as 1 Player, Patrol Score is the average of all Patrol's members					
Unit # _____		Patrol Name: _____		Patrol Size: _____	
	All Members in Same Uniform (5 pts)	Proper Online behavior (15 pts)	ACTUAL GAME SCORE (Averaged)	Game Score: (averaged) (30 pts)	TOTAL POINTS (50 pts)
GAME STATION					
Wink Assassin (T84)					
Kahoot - Scouting (T201)					
Kahoot – Merit Badges (T621)					
Escape Room Challenge (T803)					
Scouting Treasure Hunt (T805)					
Kahoot – First Aid (T815)					
Jeopardy Game (T874)					
Geography Treasure Hunt (T874)					
Jeopardy Game (T888)					
Kahoot – Water Safety (T1776)					
Skit Audition (Youth Staff)					

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NOTES: _____

Camporee “Stronger Together” Competition

The Game:

Each Patrol will have a chance to guess the number of items in a vase. The vase will be viewed with a dedicated Zoom link. [Each Patrol member can submit one guess by typing it in the provided link to a Google sheet.](#) Scouts can access the Competition Room either as a Patrol, or individually, between 5:15pm and 8pm.

The Rules:

All same-patrol guesses will be summed up. The total is averaged by the number of patrol’s inputs, and then subtracted by the exact number of the items. Minus (-) sign will be removed, if necessary.

The resulting number will be the Patrol’s Score.

The smallest absolute number wins.

Example: There are 1,000 items in the Jar. Patrol “Eagle” has 3 members: Bob says “900”, Sree says “1250”, Marvin guesses “1040”. The resulting absolute number is 63.33. The patrol Eagle score is $63.33 = |((900+1250+1040)/3-1000)|$.

Patrols should work close together to define a strategy that maximizes their chances of winning (i.e. scoring the lowest number).



Saturday Night, Campfire!



SPL: Vedang Bhargava
Scoutmaster: Jarad Ringener

Key Points:

- Will take place in the Main Room
- Everyone is invited
- Includes Skits, Songs, and Scout Vespers
- Look for opportunities to sign up your Patrol for a skit or song. A Zoom link to the “Audition Room” will be available between 4:30 and 8:00 pm on Saturday. **1 Competition bonus points will be awarded to those who sign up even if they are not selected to perform**
- No scary skits (younger Scouts will be in attendance)
- Patrol Leaders - Attend Camporee with a fun original skit!



Sunday: Awards & Conclusion



Key Points:

- The Awards Ceremony will occur right after flags on Sunday morning
- Patrol competition results will also be communicated via email to all Units
- Camporee link will be taken down at 9:30am:
 - SPLs and SMs are invited to join a Feedback Breakout Room to provide thoughts and comments
 - A Survey will be issued shortly thereafter for all participants to provide feedback
 - Camporee T-Shirts (a collectible edition!) and patches will be made available shortly after Camporee for Unit pickup, or shipped to an agreed-upon address

Camporee Youth Staff - recruiting

Scouts who like to be considered for Youth Staff must be pre-approved by their Scoutmaster and nominated at the time of registration, using the Registration Form. There will be no separate Youth Staff Application. Troops can nominate up to 5 Scouts.

Nomination is not a guarantee of being accepted. There are limits to the total number of Youth Staff, and to the number from any one Troop. We need to have a balanced representation from all participating Troops.

To be considered for Youth Staff, a Scout needs to meet the following criteria:

- ★ Be Star , Life, or Eagle rank
- ★ Be aged at least 14 as of Saturday October 24, 2020
- ★ Be aged under 18 as of Sunday October 25, 2020
- ★ Be available to participate for the duration of Camporee
- ★ Have a robust and stable Internet connection
- ★ Be available to attend all training sessions
- ★ Have your Scoutmaster's approval

**Youth Staff Training is scheduled at 7:00-8:30 pm on:
Thur, October 15; Sat, October 17 and Wed, October 21**

Last day to submit an application is Saturday, October 10, 2020

Camporee Staff

Camporee Adult Staff - 2020		
Name	Troop	Role
Fil de Cal & Mamatha Buddhala	T201	Camporee Committee Chair
Andreas Metzger	T84	Assistant Committee Chair
Jarad Ringener	T201	Scoutmaster
Vedang Bhargava	T201	SPL
Mala Quatman	District	Registrar
Amy Kelly	T805	Assistant Registrar
Ganesh Harinath	T201	Youth Staff/Recruiting
Mike Jensen	T84	Youth Staff/Recruiting (Shadow)
Bhagat Aramandla	T621	Inspections & Scoring
Rand Mahoney	District	Online Communications
OPEN		Chaplain

Links to useful stuff . . .

[Troop Registration](#) - online, fillable form

[Meridian District website](#)

[Golden Gate Area Council website](#)

Things to Remember

Registration:

- Please Register by October 10 and pay on time
- Troops, register online here: [TROOP REGISTRATION](#)
- Youth Staff - To apply, please follow the requirements published on page 16
- Upon registration, your Troop will be provided with a Pre-Log-in link. Please have all attending Scouts/Scouters confirm their attendance via the link. A 2020 Camporee Main link will then be issued to each registered attendees

Patrol Game Rooms:

- Troops hosting Patrol Game Station must use their own Zoom link (or equivalent). We strongly encourage enabling a Waiting Room to monitor logins and facilitate egress of Patrols after the game is completed
- Please use the Patrol Competition Scorecard to award points as per the instructions provided

Remember to select:

- Youth Staff - if applicable. Please use the Registration Form
- Additional 2020 Camporee patches. Please use the Registration Form. As a reminder, all attendees will receive a patch (included in the flat registration fee)
- 2020 Camporee T-shirts. Please use the Registration Form

If planning to qualify for an eligible camping night:

- Have your backpack ready with all the necessary gear (including tent, sleeping gear, water, food, other essentials)
- Be ready to eat your meals (dinner, breakfast) outdoor. If you do not have / do not want to use a camping or backpacking stove, plan for cold meals
- Scouts are not allowed to enter their homes for the duration of the Camporee. Only exceptions are emergency and bathroom
- Eligibility is monitored and awarded by the respective Unit

