

# 2012 RHEINGOLD DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE

## LEADER'S GUIDE



*"On The Trail Of A Mountain Guide"*

October 5-7

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# 1. General

## 1.1 Who

The Troops and Crews of the Rheingold District. Webelos cannot participate.

## 1.2 What

The purpose of this Camporee is to provide a safe, fun-filled activity. The theme for this Camporee is **“On The Train Of A Mountain Guide”** and Patrols should be prepared to show off their skills during a competition on one day, and enjoy a hike in the Alps on the other day.

## 1.3 When

Friday 5 Oct. to Sunday 7 Oct. Units should plan on arriving between NET 1700 and 2000 (the leaders' meeting begins at 2100) Friday, 5 Oct and departing on Sunday (about 1800) **Please do not arrive early Friday afternoon, because all campsites may not be marked.** Troops will be able to drop off gear at their campsite no cars are allowed on the Camping area, troops should not plan on having their cars immediately available.

## 1.4 Where

Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Kandersteg Switzerland. Detailed directions and check-in procedures will be provided in the participant's guide.

## 1.5 Sponsorship

This is event has been organized by the Swiss Troops (T681 Basel, T684 Zürich and T63 Bern) of the Rheingold District of the Transatlantic Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

# 2. General Admin

## 2.1 Registration

Registration is via the TAC website.

## 2.2 Fees

The cost is \$55.00 per Boy Scout participant and Scouter. This includes the camp fee, Camporee supplies, Patch and T-Shirt.

## 2.3 Campsites

The available space at KISC will be divided according to unit size. Assigning units to campsites will depend on pre-registration numbers.

## 2.4 Participants Guide

A participant's guide will be posted on the Rheingold District Website. This will serve as a final update prior to the Camporee

## 2.5 Camporee Staff

Principal Camporee staff members are listed below.

Camporee Director	Rick Hautekeete
Competition Director	John Van Dyke
Adventure Director	Rob Grantham
Administration Director	Julian Mason
Registrar	TAC Office
Religious Services Coordinator	Bill Sundstrom
Aid Station Director	TBD

## 2.6 Two Deep Leadership and Youth Protection

National BSA policy requires that "Two registered adult leaders, or one adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings. There are a few instances, such as patrol activities, when no adult leadership is required. Coed overnight activities require male and female adult leaders." National BSA policy also states that "When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian." It is the unit leader's responsibility to see that these policies are enforced within his/her unit. Specific Youth Protection arrangements for the Camporee will be explained at the Leader/SPL meeting on Friday night. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Camporee director or to the District Executive.

## 2.7 Camporee Food

Units are responsible for bringing their own food and the means of preparing it. You will need food for Friday (or eat before you arrive), three meals Saturday, two or three meals Sunday. Food items can be supplied from KISC by prior arrangement. Please observe BSA Leave No Trace guidelines.

## 2.8 Emergency Contact

All units will provide a cellular phone to be used as a primary contact for members of their unit. The emergency numbers for the Camporee will be provided at registration. Emergency numbers are only to be used in case of an emergency. The Camporee headquarters will maintain a 24 hour watch for emergency information.

## 2.9 First Aid

The First Aid Station will be located adjacent to the Camporee Headquarters Area and will be marked with a prominent sign. All injuries, even minor ones treated in the campsite, must be brought to the First Aid station personnel for treatment and/or recording. More specific information on the locations, if any, will be provided at the Friday night leaders' meeting.

## 2.10 Parental Authorization

In case of serious injury or illness requiring emergency medical services or hospital treatment, a current "new" BSA physical and permission of a parent or guardian are required. These forms must be accessible to the adult leader/leaders at all times and will be spot checked during registration procedures.

### 2.10.1 Medication

Units will be responsible for their scouts medications.

## 2.11 Traffic Control and Parking

All participants will be expected to obey the traffic rules in effect at KISC at all times. Permitted parking areas will be marked and all parked cars will have to display a KISC parking permit – these will be distributed at the Leader/SPL meeting. There is limited parking available at the

campsite side of the KISC site and no cars are allowed in the camping areas. Units will need to park in the campsite car park and transport their equipment using KISC wagons. It would be helpful if cars could be moved away from the campsite car park once the equipment has been unloaded. **Remember a Scout is Courteous.** *If everyone remembers this we will have no parking problems.*

### **2.12 Fire & Ambulance Service**

In the unlikely event that fire or ambulance services are needed, send a runner to the Camporee Headquarters, so that an emergency call can be placed and the Camporee Director can be notified immediately. If the emergency call is placed from a cellular phone within your area, you still must send a runner to the Camporee Headquarters to notify the Camporee Director of the emergency and to arrange for the emergency equipment to be directed to the correct location.

### **2.13 Patrol Method**

The Patrol Method provides the overall guidance for the Rheingold District approach to the Camporee program. In all instances the emphasis will be on boys leading other boys as intended by Baden Powell.

### **2.14 Religious Services**

A religious service will take place on Saturday evening. Scouts will be provided details for services at the SPL update on Friday night. The location will be the campfire circle.

### **2.15 Campfire Program**

We will have a Saturday night campfire program. An opportunity will be provided at the Friday night SPL update to volunteer for the program. Also each troop/patrol can nominate a skit or song or both for the campfire. Coordination will occur at the Friday night SPL meeting.

### **2.16 Camporee Patches & Ribbons**

Patches will be one per attendee. Ribbons one per unit attending.

### **2.17 Adult Volunteers**

Many of the events on the Saturday and Sunday programs will require adult volunteers. Lest the camporee director resort to the draft, please indicate what **YOU'D LIKE TO HELP WITH** at the leader's meeting. The camp staff will provide the material for the competition stations, along with scoring guidelines, score sheets etc. Station graders should bring their own chair, and a healthy dose of patience.

## 3. Registration and Check-in/out Procedures

### 3.1 Upon Arrival

One Adult (Assistant Scoutmaster, etc.) will report to Camporee Headquarters to complete registration by turning in a completed registration form, confirm fee payment and review of physicals and permission slips. To assist the staff, please pay with checks or money orders. These should be made payable to "TAC-BSA."

### 3.2 Campsite Assignment

Units that provide an email registration form will have a campsite assigned and will receive a check in packet at registration. Units that do not will be processed first come first served at registration

### 3.3 Locating Your Site

At registration a guide will be assigned to take you to your site. The number of guides is directly dependent upon the number of volunteers available. After you unload the gear, please move your car to the main parking lot. Remember vehicles and trailers will be ground guided by Camporee staff to their site for the purpose of unloading gear only. Other than initial unloading, only vehicles in support of Camporee operations will be allowed into the camping area

### 3.4 Late Arrival & Early Departure

If a unit is not going to arrive Friday night, please indicate this when you send your attendance roster. If your unit is going to leave Saturday night, make sure you indicate this at Registration. If your unit must leave on Saturday evening, your site will be cleared by the Camporee staff after you've packed out.

### 3.5 Check-Out Procedures

Each unit will receive a checkout and program evaluation form at registration. Additional copies will be available from the Campsite Commissioners. After you have cleared your campsite of all units and personal gear, policed the area, send someone to registration. Units will be checked out on a first come first served basis. When the inspector arrives, he/she will inspect your camp, sign off on the check-out/evaluation form.

## 4. Camping Guidelines

### 4.1 The Campground

As members of the Boy Scouts of America, it is our obligation and responsibility to see that everyone respect and observe the rules and regulations in this package and follows guidance provided by the Camporee Director. Litter is unacceptable. Remember the BSA **Leave No Trace** guidelines, all units are reminded to keep the impact of camping on the environment to a minimum. Be sure to leave the area in better shape than when you arrived! Be sure to leave your campgrounds and adjacent areas in better shape than when you arrived. Any pioneering projects, camp aids, etc., must be disassembled and the wood should be taken with you or placed where the Camporee staff members direct.

### 4.2 Ground Conditions

The campground is fairly flat and campsites will be either in an open field or wooded area. Protect your tents by bringing sturdy ground cloths and protect your body by bringing foam pads or air mattresses for a good night's rest. Dining flies are permitted. There will be few if any picnic tables available in the campground area.

### 4.3 Natural Habitat

Cutting trees, shrubs, or bushes within the campground or neighboring areas is prohibited. Wood that has fallen from trees may be used for firewood. ***Do not molest or interfere with the area's plant life or wildlife. Do not harm the snakes, they are a protected species!***

### 4.4 Tent Ditching

***Tent ditching or other changes made to the ground contours to improve campsites is prohibited.*** Remember that proper pitching of tents does not require ditching.

### 4.5 Cooking and Ground Fires

Units must bring their own stoves, charcoal grills, and fuel for cooking. Charcoal and propane are recommended. Liquid charcoal lighters are not allowed. ***Ground fires are prohibited but elevated fires are permitted and should be in accordance with leave no trace principles.*** There is an extremely limited number of fire barrels available. Do not count on one being there for you!

### 4.6 Fuel

***Liquid fuel is prohibited.*** The only Fuel allowed is propane or charcoal.

### 4.7 Water

Water may be available at a central location within the camping area, if not water will be available at the KISC chalet. Carrying of water will be required. Water bottles should be carried during the programs on Saturday and Sunday, as drinking water will not be readily available in the program areas. ***Proper hydration is key to keeping our Scouts healthy.*** To avoid the serious consequences of dehydration, ensure everyone regularly consumes water, especially as they travel to and from program areas and while in the areas. Washing of dishes at the central water location is prohibited. ***"Frequent and clear."***

### 4.8 Latrines

Toilets will be available at convenient areas throughout the Camporee area. Please respect them and keep them clean. ***DO NOT place trash, soft drink cans, or KP gray water in toilets. Do not WASH dishes in the bathroom sinks!!***

### 4.9 Trash

Every unit should bring a supply of plastic trash bags to securely bag their own trash. A recycling centre will be available for Camporee waste material.

### 4.10 Campsite Inspections

The Camporee staff will perform a health and safety inspection on Saturday. Units will be graded on good food handling practices, establishing a healthy campsite and providing a safe environment.

## 5. Camporee Rules

### 5.1 Law of the Camporee

As in all Scouting activities, the Scout Oath and Law will be the ground rules of the Camporee. As with all outdoor events the BSA Leave No Trace guidelines also apply:

1. Plan Ahead And Prepare
2. Travel And Camp On Durable Surfaces
3. Pack It In, Pack It Out
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Use-see para 4.5



6. Respect Wildlife
7. Respect Others

Any individual who does not behave as he should may be putting his unit's future Camporee privileges in jeopardy and jeopardizing future Camporee privileges of our district. Units that do not comply with these rules will be asked to leave immediately.

## **5.2 Health and Safety**

The rules in the preceding paragraphs are for your health and safety. Please follow them and be careful. The Health and Safety Committee will be alert to safety hazards and unsafe activities throughout the Camporee. Please assist in the elimination of hazards or reckless acts as they are observed or brought to your attention. Don't be the subject of future safety briefings.

### **5.2.1 Pick-Up Trucks**

The Boy Scouts of America regulations state that Scouts may not ride in the back of pickup trucks. This rule will be strictly enforced at the Camporee. It is the unit leaders' responsibility to assure that all Scouts are transported in safe vehicles with adequate seat belts.

### **5.2.2 Flames in Tents**

Cooking or lighting with OPEN FLAMES of any kind in any tent is prohibited. Electric battery lanterns and flashlights are recommended.

### **5.2.3 Knives**

Knives are tools. Any Scout or Scouter observed using a knife in an unsafe manner will have their knife confiscated and held for the remainder of the Camporee by a member of the Camporee staff. In addition, Scouters that have their knife confiscated will be the subject of ridicule from other Scouters.

### **5.2.4 Illegal Drugs and Alcoholic Beverages**

Illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages of any kind are prohibited!

### **5.2.5 Firearms**

Firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, bow and arrows, or slingshots of any kind are prohibited!

### **5.2.6 Fireworks**

Fireworks are prohibited!

### **5.2.7 Electronics**

No hand held games, head phones, I-pods or electronics will be brought to the Camporee. Items used for entertainment on the trip to Camporee will be left in the vehicles glove box, or secured by adult leaders. Cell phones are allowed for emergency use.

## **5.3 Proper Uniform**

BSA Field Uniforms (Scout shirt and Scout pants or Scout shorts with proper socks) shall be worn throughout the Camporee. ***No military garb or fatigues, including camouflage, shall be worn.*** Inclement weather gear is an exception.

## **5.4 Discipline**

Leaders will be responsible for the behavior of their Scouts at all times. Adult leaders, who are not helping in the events, should circulate through the events in which their Scouts are participating.

## **5.5 Quiet Hours**

All activities will be subject to quiet hours and lights out from 2200 hours to 0600 hours. Leaders in each troop are responsible for enforcing quiet hours and lights out. Quiet hour behavior will be expected during religious ceremony.

## **5.6 Severe Weather**

In the event of severe weather, units will seek shelter at the KISC chalet. Individual units will account for their youth and adults.

# **6. Program**

## **6.1 Program**

The overall theme for this year's fall Camporee is "The Trail Of The Mountain Guide."

## **6.2 Program Changes or Cancellations**

The Camporee Director is the only individual authorized to change or cancel a scheduled activity or event. Any necessary changes will be made at the earliest possible time and posted in writing at Camporee Headquarters.

## **6.3 Coordination**

There will be a mandatory SPL & Adult Leaders Meeting on Friday night in the registration area at 2100 for specific information regarding the overall camp schedule. Maps and a summary of the events will be handed out during this meeting, it's important that every troop send their SPL and an adult leader.

## **6.4 Program**

The program will consist of several stations which will measure the patrols Scout skills, teamwork, knowledge, and preparedness. All stations will use parameters set from the Scout Handbook, Fieldbook, and First Aid, Camping, Orienteering, Pioneering, and Wilderness Survival merit badge pamphlets. On the first day approximately one half of participants will follow the program and the other half will go on a hike, this will reverse on the following day.

## **6.5 Patrol Composition**

Patrols should have a minimum of 5 and maximum of 8 Scouts. Patrol integrity should be maintained as much as possible. Patrols should not be stacked; the patrol should be the same Scouts that make up that patrol at home station. A patrol made up of eight older Scouts or Eagle Scouts with different patrol patches is not competing within the spirit of the event. New Scout patrols are acceptable, as well as Venture Crews. Depending on registration, Venture Crews may compete in their own category.

### **6.5.1 Patrol Adults**

Patrols are comprised of youths. Not adults. Adults needing to accompany a patrol due to special needs of a scout or scouts, may be pre-coordinated at registration. Adults will not coach patrols during competition.

## **6.6 Individual Gear**

Each Scout will have a day pack with the ten scout essentials. Notice it says "each" scout. Not one scout carrying the bag for one or more others.

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0403/d-outs.html>

1. Pocketknife.
2. Individual first aid kit.
3. Socks, jacket as appropriate.

4. Flashlight or headlamp.
5. Rain gear.
6. Water.
7. Compass.
8. Matches or firestarter.
9. Sun block, hat, sunglasses.
10. Trail food/snack

[Don't be surprised if the patrol is graded on this.]

### **6.6 Patrol Gear**

Each patrol should have at a minimum a patrol first aid kit.

### **6.7 Adult Help.**

Adult volunteers will be needed at first aid, knots, lashing, orienteering, and wilderness survival stations, as well as roving scout knowledge evaluators. Indicate where you'll help on the registration form. ***Small hint: Volunteer or be drafted.***

### **6.8 Campfire Program**

All units will participate in the campfire by adding their own song or skit. Adults are encouraged to put one on as well, no reason we can't be entertained by you as well! Our MC for the campfire will schedule the various skits and songs. Please plan to have the leadership come to the registration desk with their skit information to be placed on the roster.

# RHEINGOLD DISTRICT CAMPSITE INSPECTION SHEET

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Area and Topic of Inspection	Points Possible	Points Earned
<p><b>1. Campsite and General Organization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American and Unit Flag and/ or unit number visible</li> <li>• Campsite entrance marked</li> <li>• Campsite boundary is identified</li> <li>• Activity Schedule and Duty roster posted</li> <li>• Leadership area offset from scouts area</li> </ul>	<b>15 points</b>	
<p><b>2. Patrol Method</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scouts are tented by patrol with patrol Identifier visible (flag or marker)</li> <li>• Tents are organized and properly pitched</li> <li>• Tents have ground cloth, cloth properly placed under the tent.</li> </ul>	<b>15 points</b>	
<p><b>3. Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Aid Kit is present and location is known/visible</li> <li>• Guy lines and tent lines marked</li> <li>• Chemical fuels are properly stored</li> <li>• Fire suppression equipment is present and easily available</li> </ul>	<b>30 points</b>	
<p><b>4. Food, Health and Hygiene</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooking area is covered</li> <li>• Dishes and utensils are properly cleaned and Stored</li> <li>• Water supply is present and convenient</li> <li>• Cooking areas (tables, stoves, coolers, etc.) Are organized and clean</li> <li>• Hand-washing facility is present and used</li> <li>• Dishwashing area is clean: and have supplies For sanitizing dishes (soap, disinfectant, Containers (3))</li> <li>• Garbage, facilities are available, maintained and used</li> <li>• Food properly stored in container. Perishable stored in cold containers/coolers</li> </ul>	<b>40 points</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100</b>	

**RHEINGOLD DISTRICT, TAC, BSA**  
**CAMPOREE APPLICATION / PERMISSION SLIP**  
**PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THIS FORM CAREFULLY**

My child [ward] \_\_\_\_\_ of Troop/Venturing Crew Number \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend **The Fall 2012 Rheingold District Camporee at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Kandersteg, Switzerland from 5 -7 October 2012**

**I have read the list of recommended personal gear in the Boy Scout Handbook and have satisfied myself that my scout is properly clothed and equipped for this activity.**

I understand that that the following are **absolutely prohibited** at the Camporee: illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages of any kind; firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, bow and arrows, or slingshots of any kind; fireworks of any kind unless as part of the Camporee and supervised and controlled by the Camporee staff.

**Parents' Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Scout's Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

If, in the event of an medical emergency and I cannot be reached at the emergency telephone number provided below, I understand that the chief Health and Safety Officer for the Rheingold District is the person authorized to act in situations requiring medical assistance. Unless I have noted otherwise in sections one through five, **BELOW**, my son does not have any medical history [conditions, diseases, allergic reactions, etc.] about which a physician would need to know.

**1.) ACUTE MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND MEDICATIONS:**

**2.) CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND MEDICATIONS:**

**3.) ALLERGIES:**

**4.) DRUG ALLERGIES:**

**5.) OTHER INSTRUCTIONS / RESTRICTIONS:**

EMERGENCY TEL. NO.:

INSURANCE COMPANY:

POLICY NUMBER:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

# RHEINGOLD DISTRICT CAMPSITE CHECKOUT SHEET

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Check-out Sequence	Completed/ Verified	Initial
<b>1. Campsite and General Clean-up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campsite entrance removed</li> <li>• Campsite boundary removed</li> <li>• Area free of litter/trash</li> <li>• Trash packed-out or taken to dumpster</li> <li>• All gear and equipment removed from campsite</li> <li>• Fire extinguished coals cold to the touch and scattered</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Administrative Check-out Camp Headquarters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section #1 completed</li> <li>• Physicals/Permission Slips Returned (if necessary)</li> <li>• Fee Payment Confirmed Patches Issued</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Checkout completed</b>		