

Lessons Learned from Camp Willett Camporee 2017

Event Management

1. Consider setting up a station (pop-up, chairs, sign, etc.) for the Medic at the activity field while activities are underway.
2. We had to drop one event due to not having sufficient support. Try to identify events and sponsoring units further in advance.
3. Need to provide more shade and water at activity field.
4. Schedule did not allow adults that were running events to participate in Dutch Oven cooking competition.
5. Need to map events to sponsoring units earlier in process (see #2).
6. Consider adding events:
 - a. "Water" event
 - b. Archery
 - c. Rope Bridge
 - d. "Physical" event like "blind obstacle course."
7. BB gun firing was popular. Consider adding more BB guns in order to reduce waiting time.
8. Errant axe throws required scouts to retrieve axes in ravine with poison oak. Some got poison oak. Consider relocating event or adding more straw bales.
9. Reconsider whether we invite Bears to camporee. Time spent getting there compared to time spent in activities may not be worth it and some of Bears seemed overwhelmed.

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10. Some complained there were too many awards at campfire. Some said it was just right.
11. Make an announcement at conclusion of campfire for attendees to pick up after themselves. There was a lot of trash left behind.
12. Consider scheduling Native American drummers at campfire as in previous year.
13. Consider reconfiguring scout gathering area around flagpole to allow scouts to be closer to the speakers.

Registration

Registration info is late and incomplete. Consider on-line registration. "Double Knot" was mentioned as one system at other councils may be using.

BSA.doubleknot.com unknown pricing

<https://eventsmart.com/pricing/online-registration-ticketing-savings-calculator/> cheapest

<http://www.planetreg.com/pricing.asp> \$.50 + 2% of the cost of each registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com/organizer/pricing/> 1% + \$0.99/ paid ticket (one ticket type) Professional(Scout and STAFF ticket type) 2.5% + \$1.99/ paid ticket

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<http://www.techsoup.org/support/articles-and-how-tos/few-good-online-event-registration-tools>

<https://www.paperlesstrans.com/nonprofit-comparison>

<https://www.eventzilla.net/en/pricing>

<https://www.ticketleap.com/info/pricing>

<https://www.regonline.com/pricing/?domain=en-US> \$3.95/registrant AND Not-for-Profit Discounts

1. Some units registered with incomplete medical records for scouts. This was a problem as one of the scouts without a medical form suffered from asthma and was treated by the doctor. Send an “e-blast” out in advance of the camporee providing a last minute checklist including complete medical forms.
2. Need to issue t-shirts to units when they register so that shirts can be given to scouts Friday evening
3. Have additional patrol score sheets pre-printed and available at the registration table.

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Logistics

4. Provide a fan for the HQ building.
5. Somehow try to better control the parking area to make best use of space.
6. Need to enforce “no vehicles in campsites” rule. Possibilities including posts with chain at entrance to campsites.
7. Need to establish VCC BSA account with Sunbelt rental.
8. We barely avoided a near crisis when porta-potty company cancelled at the last minute. We need to get commitment from porta-potty company (Cal-State) earlier.
9. Develop procedures and signs for kybos to indicate “in use” or “occupied.”
10. Make more prominent sign on “Ladies – only” porta-potty.
11. Garden hose and sprinkler for dust control on main road was good idea.
12. Need to add a sign at intersection of Hwy. 33 and Sulphur Mountain Road indicating it as the way to camporee. Add sign halfway up Sulphur Mountain Road indicating “You’re ½ Way There.”
13. Need to see if we can get newspaper coverage since we had more scouts than the other camporees. Can we provide copy and photos?

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14. Need to order trash/recycling services from Harrison two months in advance. Harrison staff needs to take before their Board of Directors to get approval. Need to request donation of contracts:
 - a. Nan Drake (nanodrake@aol.com and nand@ejharrison.com)
 - b. Peter Gutierrez (peterg@ejharrison.com) and (805) 647-8200 x-4349

Work Weekend

15. Work weekend was good but we need to plan it (or more than one) further in advance.
16. Need to identify a quartermaster to go to the camp early in the planning process (Oct/Nov) to start developing tasks and work items that need to be addressed during work weekends.
17. Get the road graded prior to the event was great. Need to coordinate that earlier or see if another resource can be identified to provide an alternative.
18. Advance posting of our intent to have a camporee warning bicyclists and hikers several weeks in advance was a very good idea.