

BAY AREA COUNCIL, B.S.A.

CAMP O-REE

Dear Scout Leader,

We are happy to announce the return of our council-wide Camp-O-Ree. We have high hopes that you and your Scouts will have a fun and fulfilling experience. This event is not a test you have to endure, but rather a friendly competition between patrols. Camp-O-Rees can be an important tool you can use to help promote Scout skills, teamwork and the patrol method in your unit.

The **patrol method** is king at this Camp-O-Ree. Let your veteran patrols stand on their own, for instance, let them decide if their how to set up their camp site to their best advantage. Let them decide if their tents are better in a straight line, or in a circle, anything in between.

Your **new Scout patrols**, (first year Scouts) will not compete with veteran patrols, they will compete with other new Scout patrols. How much help new Scout patrols receive from adult leaders is your call, make sure that you give them just enough so that they will have a good time.

If your adults want to compete, please limit it to setting up an adult camp site that sets a good example for your Scouts, and you can also work with your Scouts on a camp site gateway.

Thanks to your suggestions from last year's Scout-O-Rama, we have changed our skills station score sheets, to put more emphasis on the skill. We are also asking each unit to contribute a new Scout skills station. Try to make your new Scout skills station teamwork oriented.

Please encourage your Scouts to participate in as many activities as possible, for the more things that they do, the more points they can earn.

We know that this Camp-O-Ree is going to be a great event because of the hard work of the Camp-O-Ree staff and the generous contributions from individual Scout units. The annual Camp-O-Ree is going to be a great tool for you to keep your Scouts' skills sharp, so they will **BE PREPARED** for anything.

Yours in Scouting,

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