

2017 Wilson and Pitt Districts Joint Camporee Addendum August 11, 2017

Question 1.

Why are Uniform Inspections part of the camporee competition? My unit for several reasons only requires a scout shirt. I feel this is very unfair.

Answer 1.

Uniform Inspections have been a traditional part of Wilson District's camporees since before 1998. We had one last year and there were no complaints. This is just one event, and there are ways to make up points in other events.

Question 2.

You are taking away points for having the troop trailer at the event but then in the camp site inspection you ask for all the stuff that we bring in ours. What gives?

Answer 2.

Regarding the trailer, we are giving bonus points for not having one at Camp Charles. We are encouraging a primitive camping style camporee. Originally trailers were not going to be allowed at all. But there were concerns about that, as well as being able to have enough materials at camp to scavenge. Hence the awarding of bonus points for not having a trailer at Camp Charles. Also we are trying to distance the patrols from using trailers is to make them think and prepare just what they need. I know it's very easy for when someone forgets something, they just go to the troop trailer to get it. The goal is to minimize what they need and get it as true to a survival setting as possible.

Question 3.

Our unit teaches each patrol to take some equipment on a hike of distance. One of those items is a tarp for shelter. It is something they can put up quickly and it is low impact(leaves no trace) when removed. So would a trail tarp, or any kind of "instant" survival shelter work for the SHELTER Event?

Answer 3.

When proofing the guidebook, it was not realize these key sentences are missing. Using **part** of Requirement 8 from Wilderness Survival MB for this event which states: "**Improvise a natural shelter. For the purpose of this demonstration, use techniques that have little negative impact on the environment.**" So to answer the question, they would lose some points with just a tarp as originally planned.

Question 4.

If you are going to make this big thing about sheath knives, what are we going to use them for? The guide used a lot of space for that subject as opposed to the amount of guide used to explain the events.

Answer 4

The intent was to inform. There is a lot of mis-information out there. Plus every single survival book discusses how sheath knives are useful tools and easy to carry in survival situations. And there will be the opportunity for

the Scouts to use them, if they so choose. I am thinking specifically the FIRE & WATER event, and possibly for the SHELTER building event.

Question 5

Can we get 4 ways to make a fire and then they are only asked to do three?

Answer 5

Multiple ways to start fires were given for information purposes. Some of those methods have been in BSA literature in the past, but no more. Others I have not heard about until recently. Part of having a POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE in a survival situation is having the knowledge, skills, and abilities to do what is needed. I would rather give out more information than needed than not enough.

Question 6

What are the four ways of transporting injured?

Transporting injured victims and first aid, is in both the handbook and merit badge pamphlet. Second Class requirement 6d wants you to explain how to handle an emergency situation not only at home, but in the backcountry. First Class requirement 7b asks a Scout to show by himself and with another how to transport someone for 25 yards. And First Aid MB requirement 6 gives you three options to do, with 6a wanting you to describe how to move someone and demonstrate it and 6b wanting you to improvise a stretcher and move a victim. And first aid skills are truly something that one needs to “use them or lose them.”

Question 7.

What is up with Orienteering? It seems very vague to me.

Answer 7

Regarding the orienteering, this was an idea by Scouts attending one of the planning meetings. Instead of a formal orienteering course, we want Scouts to use their orienteering skills to get from event to event. The idea was expanded upon by folks in Wilson. They suggested having an order to do the events in. For example the FIRE & WATER Event may be Control Point A, the SIGNALS event may be Control Point B, etc. But the #1 complaint last year was that we didn't give folks enough time to complete events. That's why there is no set schedule for the events. If an area has too many Patrols in front of them waiting, they can skip to the next event and come back. The PL just needs to record what the event was, the control point, and time. Time is being used to show they went in the correct order and did not just jump event from event.

Question 8.

Will Patrols have to sleep in their survival shelter?

Answer 8.

No, Patrols will not have to sleep in their shelter. But they can if they want to and can fit. Reason for not making patrols sleep in shelters are the following. First, there will not be enough time on Friday night to build a proper shelter before nightfall, especially if inclement weather occurs. Second, there is not enough materials at Camp Charles to build enough shelters for every Scout and Scouter attending. Units will have to bring in some

supplies for the patrol shelters. If units brought in supplies for each individual Scout instead of each patrol, two or more trailers would be needed to transport supplies. And we are trying to minimize.

Question 9

We don't have a 1 quart military canteen case in any of the patrols, could we use a 1 quart Ziploc bag instead? Yes, a 1 quart Ziploc bag for storing the survival kit in will be fine.

Question 10

Will Patrol Leaders need to tell you the campfire skits before lunch again this year?

Answer 10

Yes, we need to know the skits so that there is no duplication. Sadly this happened one year where 3 patrols did the same skit.

Question 11

Can Webelos Dens do a skit at the campfire?

Answer 11.

Absolutely, but it is optional for them.

Question 12

Are you expecting the Scouts to use their personal and /or patrol first aid kits for the FIRST AID Event?

Answer 12

Each Scout and patrol needs to have a real first aid kit with sterile equipment and supplies as needed. That's just part of "Be Prepared." However we know that using supplies when they are not truly needed starts to add up the cost. So while we do expect a personal first aid kit, and a patrol first aid kit at least in their patrol campsite, they will be allowed to bring a "practice" first aid kit with reusable supplies.

Question 13

Does the food for the cook off have to fit in the survival kits ?

Answer 13

No it does not. HOWEVER what you are cooking it on/with must be either scavenged or fit in a 1 quart bag/military canteen case. Plus you can use food items in your kit, i.e. bullion cubes, power bar, etc. as an ingredient.

Question 14

How many items will be used in the Bug Out Bag Event?

Answer 14

At this time that has not been determined. We will let everyone know as soon as possible.

Question 15

Why can't we keep a car in camp. We use it for transporting the trailer, and I like to keep a car in camp as an emergency vehicle, just in case.

Answer 15

No vehicles in camp is being reviewed. We had an incident last year involving a vehicle that we would like to avoid.

Question 16

Can we light a fire using another fire? We are not using matches to start it.

Answer 16

NO YOU CAN NOT! Yes lighting a fire from another is the easiest and fastest way of starting a fire. And yes, you are not using matches. But it is also common sense that once you have a fire going, to keep it going and use it to start other fires. But the purpose of this event is to learn to start fires with the resources on you, or that you can scavenge. So the Scouts would be missing out on if they were to do this.

Question 17

So we can bring in supplies to build the shelters, but what do we do with them afterwards?

Only three options can be thought of at this time: take apart and burn at campsite campfire, bring back home, or if stuff found at Camp Charles, scatter the materials around so that no one would notice.