CAMPING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

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General:

EXPO **2014** will have Cub, Boy, Varsity and Venture Scouts & families camping at Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs on Friday and Saturday nights. **Please register prior to April 12th so we can plan District and unit campsite assignments and get your location information out to you.**

This year there is a $3.00 fee for ALL registrations who will be camping. After March 31st Camping Fees increase to $5 UNTIL April 18th. After April 18th and at the door, the Fee will be $10 per person. All camping registration will be online. There is no registration after the 18th. Bring your rosters and money to Floyd Lamb.

Camping will be in the areas on the north and east part of the Park. Check in will start at 12:00 PM on Friday, April 25th. All units should depart prior to 5pm on Sunday. See attached park map. Units will be provided their camping locations prior to the EXPO.

We will be camping by Districts with camping locations assigned by your District EXPO Camping Director. This Director will be responsible for laying out their District camp site, assigning entry points, parking locations, unit notifications and managing their site.

Following the 8:00 pm Campfire Friday night, there will be a CRACKERBARREL at 9:30 pm for **two leaders from every camping unit**. It will be held east of Mulberry Lake. We will have food and drinks at the meeting, will go over the activities schedules, answer your questions, and most importantly socialize together.

Vehicles – Drop off and Parking:

For safety purposes cars and trucks will not be allowed on to the camping area at any time! Units should bring carts or wheelbarrows to haul in whatever they cannot backpack to their sites. **Exception must be approved by the EXPO Camping Chair, David Rooney**

DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF CAMPERS, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PARKING STAFF. SOME AREAS WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR DROP OFF OF YOUTH AND EQUIPMENT ONLY. DRIVERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES.

DO NOT PARK IN RED ZONES OR ZONES BLOCKED BY CONES/BARRIERS. VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED BY THE POLICE.

The drive area between the historical area and the maintenance buildings IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR any EXPO attendees. It is for Park Maintenance personnel only.

Access to the camping areas will be provided by your District EXPO Camping Director prior to the EXPO.

Check In:
Units will check in first at their designated District entry point and their District Camping Director will point them to their assigned sites.

--Units will provide their District Camping Director a roster of all people camping from their unit – scouts, adults and family members (see attached sheet). For units that did not pre-pay online, the $10 fee per registered Scout and Leader will be collected at this time – **cash or check only**.

--Again, units should bring carts or wheelbarrows to haul in whatever they cannot backpack to their sites.

First Aid:
First Aid stations will be located throughout the Park. Locations will be shown on the EXPO Program that will be provided to each unit upon check-in.

Water:
There is limited potable water at the Park. Units should bring water in with them.

Grey water, strained to remove particulates may be disposed of in the scrub brush on the east side of the Park, but at least 100 feet from any camp locations.

Food:
There will be food concessions at selected spots in the Park. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner will be available at designated concessions. These concessions will benefit the LVAC World Jamboree contingent and our Council OA Lodge.

Units may plan on preparing their own meals (see camping rules below for fire instructions). There are a wide variety of wildlife in the Park area including coyotes, feral cats, gophers, and rabbits. ALL FOOD SHOULD BE STORED IN SECURE CONTAINERS AND NO FOOD SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN TENTS.

As most Saturday daytime activities will occur on the south and west sides of the lakes it is suggested Scouts/families either pack a lunch to take with them, or plan on buying food from one of the concession stands (long lines can be expected during the lunch period).

Latrines:
There are limited public facilities available at the park. Scouts should be cautioned to be sure to leave them as clean or cleaner then when they arrive. There will be a large number of kybos provided by LVAC within the camping area and around the areas of Saturday events. **Selected**

kybos will be marked for women and handicap users. PLEASE, ASK YOUR YOUTH TO NOT USE THESE FACILITIES. Again, a Scout is CLEAN!!

Trash:
Each unit is responsible for the cleanliness in their assigned area. There will be trash dumpsters in a number of parking lots. Units should carry their bagged trash to these dumpsters**.** Trash barrels will be throughout the Park, but should be used for individual trash only – bagged trash should be placed into the dumpsters. **Units are reminded that Scouts leave an area cleaner than when we arrive.**

Lights
Floyd Lamb does not have illumination for the entire park. Units should bring sufficient lights for setting up and night activities. Supplemental lighting, provided by LVAC, will be used for parking lot and other area security.

Pets:
Sorry, no pets will be allowed in the camping areas out of courtesy to the other campers.

Some camping rules:
-- **All BSA policies and procedures will be followed with emphasis on the Guide to Safe Scouting**.

-- No cars or trucks will be allowed into the camping area at any time without the specific approval of the EXPO Camping Chair Dave Rooney.

-- **No stakes longer than 6", put in on an angle, may be used on any tent or structure in the camping areas and NO STAKES MAY BE USED IN THE BOOTH AREAS**. There are irrigation tubes in the ground at the park.

-- **NO WOOD FIRES**!

-- **Propane stoves are encouraged**, but charcoal grills are acceptable as long as they are 18" or more off the ground and high enough to avoid burning the grass underneath.

-- **NO FIRES/GAS LANTERNS will be in any tent**.

-- ALL FIRES/GAS LANTERNS will be under direct supervision and will have water buckets/fire suppressants adjacent to them. This includes charcoal fires.

-- There are wild animals, including gophers, feral cats, peacocks and coyotes in the Park area. **There should not be food in any tents and all food should be stored in sealed containers**. Further, all attendees should be cautioned to leave alone any animals roaming free. No personal pets will be allowed within the camping areas.

All units, leaders, parents and youth will follow the directions of their District EXPO Camping Director and the MEGA SCOUT EXPO staff.

NOTE: All bicyclists must wear riding helmets.

We will send you updates as necessary. Questions can be directed to your District EXPO Camping Director or to Dave Rooney at drooney430@cox.net.

Attachments

1. Floyd Lamb Park aerial view
2. Please bring the registration from your online signup with any corrections.

Have FUN!
Be SAFE!!
&
Thank You
For
Camping the
MEGA SCOUT EXPO!!!