

2010 Scout Expo

Instructions for Unit Leaders & Staff/Other

Scout Expo is only a few days away. We have created a checklist for leaders to make sure you enjoy this event to the fullest. Unit leaders, remember you may be the only one in your unit receiving this email. Please pass along appropriate information to all participants from your unit.

Download all forms, maps, and guides at <http://www.gec-bsa.org/program/scoutexpo>

Remember: *Be Prepared.*

Check In:

- ✓ **BE PREPARED:** 6,000 Scouts and Scouters have registered for Scout Expo 2010. The wait at the gate may be significant. Please be patient. Beale Air Force Base must maintain a high level of security and safety at all times. Don't forget we are the guest of this wonderful facility.
- ✓ **Please arrive in uniform:** If you have a uniform wear it. It will help you get through the gate more quickly. This includes drivers and leaders.
- ✓ **Car Pool.** Please attempt to reduce the number of vehicles traveling to Beale Air Force Base. Parking is limited and will be at a remote location.
- ✓ **Arrive together.** Units should attempt to arrive as a group. We understand this cannot happen in all cases, but every effort to make this happen will avoid confusion. Remember we have 6,000 participants arriving during small windows of time.
- ✓ **Paperwork/Gate Entry.** Please have your *valid driver's license (all adults in the vehicle), vehicle registration, and (up to date) proof of insurance* ready to show at the entry gate.
- ✓ **Fee Payments:** If your unit has not paid Scout Expo Fees please report to the Scout Expo Headquarters Friday evening after checking in or Saturday.
- ✓ **Unloading Gear:** Vehicles will be directed to their assigned Sub Camp (please make sure drivers know their Sub Camp Name (see below), District Name, Unit number, and departure date (Saturday evening or Sunday morning). Please share cell phone numbers in case you get separated. Vehicles will unload Scouts and gear while the driver remains with the vehicle. The driver will then drive the vehicle to the parking area as directed by Expo staff. Buses will be available to return drivers to Sub Camps. Please be prepared to unload quickly and to help keep traffic flowing.
- ✓ **Do NOT leave any vehicles unattended** while unloading. Drivers who are bringing Scouts and not staying should be prepared to unload and exit Beale AFB.
- ✓ **Parking:** All vehicles will be directed to a satellite parking area after drop off. Scout Expo will provide buses for drivers to return to the campsite. Please make sure you have downloaded and printed the *Parking Permit* and put on your dash in case we need to get in touch with you during Scout Expo. No vehicles will be allowed to park near or around the Sub Camps for extended periods of time. Please pack accordingly. Please be prepared to walk while participating in Scout Expo. Vehicles with handicapped placards may park in a designated area.
- ✓ **Units Bringing Trailers:** Units bringing Troop/Pack Trailers must enter the Wheatland Gate, even if you are scheduled to enter the Main Gate. Trailers cannot enter through the Main Gate. Please plan on your entire unit entering with the trailer to keep them together if possible. In other words if your troop is bringing a trailer, everyone in that unit will

enter through the Wheatland Gate. All Trailers are subject to search by Beale security which will delay entry onto the base.

- ✓ **Parking Permit:** We have provided a parking permit for identification purposes for all vehicles. Information needed include: 1) District, 2) Unit, 3) Cell Phone Number or Name of Driver and Date of Departure (Saturday or Sunday). Please put this form or information in a visible location on your dash before you leave your vehicle. The Parking Permit can be downloaded at <http://www.gec-bsa.org/program/scoutexpo>.
- ✓ **Sub Camp Check In:** When you check in at Sub Camp you will need to show your Tour Permit and permission slips. The Hold Harmless Agreements A or B (go to GEC-BSA Expo site to download these forms) will be required and collected by the Sub Camp Staff. All Scouts and adults must submit these forms in order to participate.
- ✓ **Scout Expo Payments:** Please make sure you have made your payments to the Golden Empire Council. If payments have not been made you will not receive t-shirts and patches at check in and check out.
- ✓ **Emergency Procedures:** Please review emergency procedures with your unit. Please stress using the Buddy System and make sure you let Scouts know what to do if they get lost.
- ✓ **Gate Entry/Sub Camp Assignments:**

Sub Camp SR-71	SR-71 has been assigned to two gates entries
Rio Del Oro	Enter Main Gate (except troops with trailers)
River City	Enter Main Gate (except troops with trailers)
Pioneer	Enter Wheatland Gate
Pony Express	Enter Wheatland Gate
Soaring Eagle	Enter Wheatland Gate

Sub Camp U-2	Enter Wheatland Gate
Amador	
El Dorado	
Gold Country	
Sierra Gateway	
Iron Horse	

Sub Camp Global Hawk	Enter Main Gate (except troops with trailers)
Nothern Rivers	
Ranchero West	
Buttes Area	
Trailblazer	
Yolo	

Units with Trailers (all vehicles in the unit with the trailer) Enter Wheatland Gate

- ✓ **Troops with Trailers:** Please enter through the Wheatland Gate with all vehicles in your unit.

Camping:

- ✓ **No Open Flames.** Cooking must be done on propane/butane stoves only. No white gas stoves or lanterns will be allowed due to the fire danger.
- ✓ **Watch Out:** Snakes, vernal pool markers, ammunition shells, rebar, hazardous materials. Please avoid and let staff members know about these items.

- ✓ **Grey Water:** Dispose of grey water in designated tanks. Please ask at Sub Camp headquarters for locations.
- ✓ **Porta Potties:** Please discuss the proper use of porta potties with your Scouts.
- ✓ **Digging:** No digging is allowed. Please limit staking to 8 inches.
- ✓ **Trash:** Please collect trash in plastic bags and take them to the proper dumpster. Please make sure bags are tied and sealed properly. Remember a Scout is Clean. Please encourage your Scouts to not only pick up in camp, but on the Scout Expo grounds in general.
- ✓ **Campsite:** Campsites are 40' x 40' and are marked with orange surveyor flags with the Sub Camp name and a grid location (example GH A1, U2 G7, SR71 D4, etc.). Not all grid sites are available because of vernal pools and areas with depression. Red, pink, white and orange flags without grid location are off limits to camping and walking. Designated paths are between campsite B/C, D/E, F/G H/I and 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7. Venturing campsites are located between Global Hawk grid locations A9 - G12.
- ✓ **Recycle:** Recycled materials will be collected at each Sub Camp Headquarter Tent.
- ✓ **Water:** Water is available, but we encourage units to bring water. The distance to water sources can be significant. Bringing water will save you long hauls. Encourage your Scouts and leaders to drink plenty of water and bring a water bottle.
- ✓ **Uniforms:** Everyone is to wear the t-shirt issued when you check in. The t-shirt is also used for identification purposes. In other words, individuals who are wearing a t-shirt are part of Scout Expo, others will be questioned.
- ✓ **Safety:** Encourage everyone to wear sunscreen, wear a hat, drink plenty of water, and use the buddy system. Make it clear to your scouts on meeting times and places.

Events

- ✓ **Leader's Meeting:** All Boy Scout Troop Leaders will meet at 9:00 PM on Friday Night at the Sub Camp Headquarter Tent. One adult leader and the SPL should attend this meeting.
- ✓ **Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony:** The OA will be conducting a call out ceremony immediately after the leader's meeting on Friday Night at 10:00 PM in front of the respective Sub Camp HQs. This will follow the leader's meeting. Please ask all OA members to wear their sashes.
- ✓ **OA Brotherhood Class Saturday** during lunch at Subcamp headquarters (Sashes are \$14.50 and you must be current in registration for OA or pay \$12.
- ✓ **Opening Ceremonies:** *Boy Scouts* will gather at 8:30 AM at the flagpoles in front of Scout Expo Headquarters. Please bring your US Flag and Troop Flag. *Webelos* will gather at 9:30 AM in front of the stage adjacent to the Webelos Sub Camp. You are encouraged to bring your US Flag, Pack Flag and Den Flag if you wish.
- ✓ **Flightline Displays:** We want to encourage participants to visit the Flightline. Buses will begin transporting Scout Expo participants starting at 9:00 AM to and from the Flightline. The last bus returning to Dragon Town will leave the Flightline at 4:00 PM when the exhibits close. ADA compliant buses are available.
- ✓ **Rifle Range:** A rifle range will be available for scouts over the age of 14 and Venturing Crew members. Bussing to the rifle range will be available.
- ✓ **Trading Post:** A well-stocked trading post will be available in Action Alley and on the Flightline. T-shirts, hats, patches, and Scout Expo souvenirs will be available. Also snacks and drinks will be on sale. Bring some extra cash for this stop.
- ✓ **River City Scout Shop:** The Scout Shop will be available near the Scout Expo HQ. Check it out.

- ✓ **Vendors:** Several food vendors will be available in Action Alley and on the Flightline. Bring cash if you want an extra treat. Sandwiches, burgers, Asian food, and more will be available. Some vending will be open during the Arena Show. Don't forget to pick up your trash.
- ✓ **Cooking Contest:** A special Dutch Oven Cooking Competition has been scheduled for the Action Alley area. All entries will be asked to register on Friday night at Scout Expo Headquarters. Preparation and cooking may take place between 12:00 Noon and 4:00 PM in Action Alley. Units entering the contest must bring an above ground charcoal platform. All materials must be brought to the contest area. Judging will take place in the Action Alley at 4:00 PM. Prizes will be awarded.
- ✓ **Arena Show Mobilization:** Mobilization will begin at 6:15 PM on the road in front of each Sub Camp HQ. Please line up 3 across as a unit. Look for Sub Camp Staff to assist you with the line up. Please wear your Scout Expo t-shirt to the Arena Show. Please bring water. Remember it is a 2.5 mile hike to the Flightline. Please bring a flashlight for the return hike.
- ✓ **Arena Show Buses:** We have scheduled a limited number of buses to take participants to and from the Arena Show for participants with special needs or feel they cannot make the hike (2.5 miles one way). ADA compliant buses will be available. Please let Expo HQ know if you are in need of an ADA ride to the Arena Show.
- ✓ **Arena Show Seating:** Your unit will be directed to sit down on the runway tarmac. **Please absolutely no chairs.** We encourage the use of blankets. A limited number of bleacher seats will be available.
- ✓ **Arena Show Behavior:** Please discuss with your Scouts about proper behavior. Flashlights should be kept off during the show. Scouts will be asked to remain seated during the show unless directed otherwise. Go to the restroom with a buddy and let the leadership know about their destination.
- ✓ **Arena Show Glow Sticks:** Unit leaders will be given Glow Sticks for distribution during Rededication Ceremonies at the end of the Arena show. Please designate an adult to pick up your unit glow sticks when they arrive at the arena show area. A distribution table will be located at the back of the arena show area for Glow Stick pick up. The glow sticks will be distributed to adult leaders by unit. Please do not pass out the sticks until directed by the Arena Show Staff. All unit leaders will be issued a trash bag to clean up your seating area and collecting glow sticks.
- ✓ **OA Brotherhood Ceremony:** Will follow the Arena Show. Please listen for announcements.
- ✓ **5K Fun Run/Walk:** We will be hosting the first Scout Expo 5 K Run at 7:00 AM on Sunday, May 2, 2010. The run will begin at 7:00 AM sharp so be prepared to run at that time. Arrive by 6:45 to pick up your number. Entries must sign in by 4:00 PM on Saturday. The 5 K Run table will be located in front of the Scout Expo Headquarters. You may also sign up in advance. Awards will be presented. This event is free and open to all Scouts, adults, and staff.
- ✓ **Interfaith Services:** Remember that a Scout is Reverent. Religious Services will be conducted on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. At this time Catholic, Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, and Interfaith Services are scheduled. We are attempting to add other services at this time. Check with your Sub Camp Staff for information on location and types of services available.
- ✓ **Sub Camp Games:** Each Sub Camp will offer two camporee type games. Global Hawk will have Kim's Game and a surprise event. U-2 will have Two Ropes and Lizzy Gator. SR-71 will have Radioisotope and Poison Peanut Butter Pit. Location for the games will be announced at Friday's night leaders meeting.

Check Out:

- ✓ Units may check out after the Arena Show or on Sunday morning after the Interfaith Services. Interfaith Services will begin at 9:00 AM. Check out will begin at 9:45 AM on Sunday. Units must have their sites inspected. Patches will be issued when the unit has cleared the site and picked up all trash.

Scout Expo 2010 Schedule

Friday, April 30, 2010

3:00 – 9:00 PM	Boy Scout Arrival and Check In	
9:00 PM	Boy Scout Leaders Meeting	Sub Camp HQ
10:00 PM	Order of the Arrow Call Out	Sub Camps
11:00 PM	Taps, Quiet Time	
11:00 PM	Scout Expo Staff Meeting	Expo HQ

Saturday, May 1, 2010

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Reveille, Breakfast, Clean Up	Troops
8:30 AM	Boy Scout Opening Ceremony	Expo HQ
9:30 AM	Webelos Opening Ceremony	Webelos Sub Camp
9:00 11:30 AM	Program	Dragon Town/Flightline
11:00 AM	Cub Scout Program Begins	Flightline
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Troops
12:15 – 1:00 PM	OA Brotherhood Class	Sub Camp HQ
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Program	Dragon Town/Flightline
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Dinner, Clean Up	Troops/Webelos
5:30 PM	Cub Scout Show	Flightline
6:00 PM	Cub Scout Check Out	
6:15 PM	Sub Camp Flag Ceremonies	Sub Camp HQ
6:15 PM	Mobilization for Arena Show	Sub Camp HQ/Road
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Arena Show	Flightline
9:00 PM	OA Brotherhood Ceremony	Announced at Arena Show
9:30 PM	Saturday Departure Check Out	Sub Camp HQ
10:30 PM	Taps, Quiet Time	

Sunday, May 2, 2010

6:45 AM	Check in for 5 K Run	Expo HQ/Road
7:00 AM	5K Run	Expo HQ/Road
7:00 – 8:30 AM	Reveille, Breakfast, Clean UP	Troops/Webelos
9:00 AM	Interfaith Worship Services	TBA
10:00 AM	Sub Camp Closing Ceremonies	Sub Camp HQ
10:00 – 12:00 Noon	Check Out	Unit/Sub Camp

Scout Expo Headquarters will be open from 3:00 PM Friday to 12:00 Noon on Sunday. Evening hours (11:00 PM to 6:00 AM) are for emergency situations only.