

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
**UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY**  
West Point, New York 10996

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF



15 February 2006

Scouting Friends:

You are invited to the 44th Annual West Point Invitational Camporee! I am delighted to extend this invitation on behalf of the Scoutmasters' Council – we have an exciting, fun-filled weekend in store for you!

This packet, compiled by the Council's Invitations Officer, CDT Joshua Jones, will provide you with invaluable information about the camporee so that you can be both safe and successful at this year's event. It also contains some forms that we need you to return to us quickly so that registration and the camporee can run smoothly. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

The mission of our organization is to provide scouts with positive role models and opportunities for personal growth through cadet/scout interaction, while at the same time enhancing West Point's public relations and providing cadets with leadership opportunities. Nearly 200 cadets volunteer to participate in scouting events over the course of the year and the camporee serves as our culminating event – an average of 2,500 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Venture Scouts travel to West Point to be challenged and inspired! The camporee is the result of a great deal of hard-work and dedication that entails a rigorous hike, a round-robin style competition, a cook-off, campsite/gate-way judging, displays, and demonstrations – and of course, a campfire.

The Camporee fee is \$17 per participant, which includes scouts and adults. In order for us to properly forecast facilities and memorabilia, each unit must pay a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$12 for each person. **Deposits must be postmarked no later than 1 April 2006.** During in-processing, each unit will pay the remaining \$5 per attendee. Deposits for scouts who do not attend will not be refunded or transferred to the remainder of your balance. If you wish to take home the memorabilia for a scout who did not attend the remaining \$5 balance

must be paid.

Again, I am delighted to extend an invitation to your unit and I look forward to seeing you on the trail!

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Cacossa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Pete Cacossa  
Cadet, United States Military Academy  
Commander, Scoutmasters' Council

**44th Annual**  
**Scoutmaster's Council**  
**Camporee**



**Invitation Packet**



## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual West Point Invitational Camporee

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Any questions that you have between now and the Camporee should be directed to the following individual-

*Invitations and Registration:*

Cadet Joshua Jones

Attn: SMC

P.O. Box 2843

West Point, NY 10997

E-mail: [joshua.jones@usma.edu](mailto:joshua.jones@usma.edu)



# 1. INFORMATION PACKET

## A. Camporee Rules

- Due to space limitations, troops **MUST NOT** arrive with greater than 25 scouts and 10 adults (for a total of 35) people. Troops coming with more than 25 scouts or more than 10 adults will not be allowed to register.
- Absolutely no open flames are permitted at Lake Frederick. All cooking needs to be done with camp stoves.
- No cat holes or sump pits. Latrines will be provided.
- No locking knives with blades longer than six inches, or butterfly knives.
- Profanity is prohibited during the camporee.
- No cutting down trees.
- Troops are expected to clear with the cadet in charge of their campsite before leaving on Sunday.
- Vehicles are strictly for emergency use. No driving on Lake Frederick grounds from midnight Friday until after the Review on Sunday.
- Please do not touch any military training refuse (spent rounds, barb wire, etc.). Report it to a cadet staff member if it needs to be removed.
- Do not play with the wildlife.
- All Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Venture Units must comply with all applicable national policies. This includes, but is not limited to tour permits, camping permits, two deep leadership, patrol method, and uniforms.
- The minimum uniform for all scouts throughout the camporee will be a class B uniform with scout pants and a scout T-shirt or scout polo shirt. The class A uniform will be required for reveille and retreat formations, formation on Saturday and all subsequent activities Saturday evening, and for the religious services, and the awards ceremony on Sunday. Gym clothes and shoes are the uniform for Saturday morning PT, be prepared to get them dirty and not be able use them for the rest of the weekend.
- We ask scouts *not* to wear elements of a military uniform, such as BDU pants, while at West Point.
- If your troop will be utilizing walkie talkies or radios of that type, channels **19 and 20** are **not** to be used by troops and are reserved for use of the staff.

## B. “Best Overall Troop” Award

This year the camporee will not only be a time of interesting events and demonstrations, but also a forum for troops to show off their skills. Points will be awarded in different categories, with the overall best troop determined for each sub-camp and the overall winner for the entire camporee. Winning troops will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday. The winner of the award is the troop with the most points in the following events:

### Competition Sites open on Saturday

Camouflage  
Litter/First Aid  
Knot Tying  
Leadership Reaction Course  
Drill

Firebuilding  
Fitness Challenge  
Grenade Toss  
Swiss Seat/One-Rope Bridge  
Commander's Challenge  
Land Navigation  
Static Weapons  
RB-15: Water Course

### **Competition held within the sub-camps during the weekend**

Campsite Inspection

Again, these are the only events that will be graded. In order for a troop to maximize its points, it is encouraged to complete as many events as possible. To maximize the number of events covered, troops may consider breaking down into patrols and move through the events separately. However, if more than one patrol from the same troop goes to the same site, the score of the first patrol will be the one that counts toward the troop score.

## **C. Site Descriptions:**

### **1. Graded Events (Round-Robin):**

- a. **Camouflage** - At this site Scouts will learn how to properly apply US Army camouflage. They will be graded on their ability to apply what they have learned to a time standard.
- b. **Litter/First Aid** - At this site Scouts will fashion a litter and perform first aid techniques. Scouts will have to apply what they know to an "emergency" situation. They will be graded on proficiency and time.
- c. **Knot Tying** - At this site Scouts will tie various knots. They will be graded on their ability to correctly tie the knots.
- d. **Leadership Reaction Course** - At this site Scouts will be given a specific problem to solve using given materials. The Scouts will be graded by time with time added to their score for errors (touching minefield).
- e. **Drill** - This site is mandatory for every Scout in attendance. The Scouts will learn the US Army drill and ceremonies techniques that they will use for the closing review.
- f. **Fire Building** - At this site the Scouts will have to build a fire using materials they find to burn a string of a given height. The Scouts will be graded on how fast they are able to burn through the string.
- g. **Fitness Challenge** - Fitness being a very important aspect of military life the Scouts will be graded on the relative fitness of their patrol.
- h. **Grenade Toss** - Scouts will be taught various techniques for throwing grenades. After they are taught they will throw a dummy grenade for accuracy. The most accurate patrol at different ranges will win.
- i. **Swiss Seat/One-Rope Bridge** - Scouts will be taught how to tie a US Army rappel seat and will be graded on their ability to re-tie the seat in 90 seconds. They will then have the opportunity to cross a One-Rope Bridge using their seat.
- j. **Land Navigation** - Using very basic Land Navigation Techniques Scouts will

- negotiate a Land Nav course for time.
- k. **Commander's Challenge** - This event will not be announced until the Camporee. It will be tough and of a military nature.
  - l. **RB-15** - The RB-15 is a US Army raft. If these are not available due to supply issues, we will use canoes. The Scouts will have to negotiate a course on the lake. The fastest patrol will win this site.

## 2. Non-Graded Events:

- a. **Static Display:** The contents of the static display will be United States Military Weapons and accessories.
- b. **Wilderness Survival** - The Scouts will be exposed to basic survival skills.
- c. **Demonstrations** – There will be a variety of demonstrations for the scouts throughout the weekend.

## 3. Other Graded Events:

- a. **Campsite Inspection:** Each troop will be judged on the neatness of their campsite. Judges will be looking for planning in the layout of the troop's area, safety, and cleanliness. **Lightfighter troops** will be graded with the expectation that every item could have been brought by them over the trail, deductions will be made for items that could not have been brought in a scout's backpack (i.e. folding picnic tables, picnic gazebos, or the RV Camper with cable TV parked in the middle of the patrol's site.) If you are not sure whether your troop applied as a lightfighter or normal troop, please refer to the mailing label of this packet or contact CDT Joshua Jones (joshua.jones@usma.edu).

## 4. The following do not count toward troop points but individual awards are given for:

- a. **Skit Performance:** Each troop is welcome to present a skit on Friday night for a chance to perform at the campfire on Saturday night. Judges will look for originality, humor (clean), and length. Scoutmasters are welcome to join.
- b. **Scoutmaster's Cook-Off:** Scoutmasters are invited to participate in a cook-off at lunch time on Saturday. There are three categories: main dish, chili, and dessert. Please refer to the enclosed letter for more detail about this competition.
- c. **Troop Gateway Competition:** Troops are encouraged to prepare a gateway for their campsite, to be judged by camporee staff. The troop must bring all materials and completely remove the gateway before leaving Sunday morning. Troops may not utilize trees, vines, or other vegetation from Camp Lake Frederick grounds.



## D. Tentative Time Schedule:

TIME	PERSONNEL	EVENT	LOCATION	Uniform
<b>Friday, 5 May 2005</b>				
1300	Scouts	Registration/Bull Hill Trail open	Camp Natural Bridge	A or B
1330-1830	Scouts	*Hike to Lake Frederick	Bull Hill	A or B
1830	Scouts	No more groups admitted onto Trail		
2030	Scouts	Movie	Parade Field	A or B
2130	SPLs	SPL Meeting and Safety Brief	Mess Hall	A or B
2230	Scoutmasters	Scoutmaster Meeting and Safety Brief	Mess Hall	A or B
2400	All	Taps/accountability	A-frames/Campsites	A or B
<b>Saturday, 6 May 2005</b>				
600	Scouts	Reveille	Campsites	Gym
NLT 615	All	Physical Training (PT)	Vicinity Campsites	Gym
0700-0745	Scouts	Breakfast	Campsites	B
830	Scouts	Opening Ceremony	Parade Field	B
845	All	Competition Sites Open	Sites	B
900	All	Trading Post Open	Lakeside	B
	All	Military Static Displays Open		B
1000-1200	Scoutmasters	Scoutmaster Cook-off Preliminaries (if needed)	Camping Areas	B
1230-1300	Scouts	Lunch	Activity Sites	B
1300-1400	All	Cav Scout Club & 2 <sup>nd</sup> US Cav re-enactment demo		
1400	Scoutmasters	Cook-off finals	Mess Hall	B
1630	All	Sites closed	Activity Sites	B
	All	Cavalry Tactics Demonstration	Campfire Site	B
1700	All	Drill Practice	Parade Field	B
1730	All	Jewish service	Static Display Tent	A
	All	Protestant service	Campfire Area	A
	All	Catholic service	Flagpole	A
1800	All	Dinner	Mess Hall/Campsites	B
2015-2130	All	Campfire	Parade Field	B
2230	Scoutmasters	Scoutmasters' Meeting	Mess Hall	B
2400	All	Taps/accountability	A-frames	B
<b>Sunday, 7 May 2005</b>				
0700-0745	Scouts	Breakfast	Campsites	A or B
945	All	Assembly for closing ceremony	Parade field	A
1015	All	Attention sounded / Review begins	Parade field	A
1030	All	Pass in review	Parade Field	A
1100	Scouts	Troops close-out/depart / Bull Hill Trail Open	Campsites	A or B
1200	Scouts	No more groups admitted onto Trail	Bull Hill	A or B

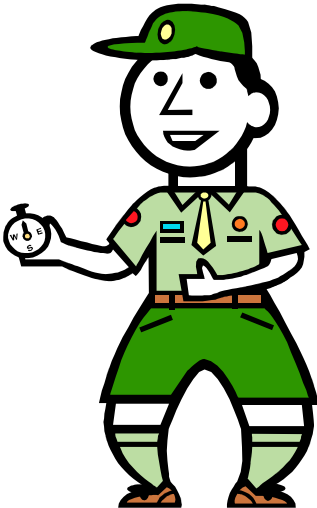
\* Bull Hill is a challenging 3-mile hike leading from the parking area to the campsite. Please bring appropriate footwear and equipment. Those unable to participate in the hike can be dropped off at the campsite. No one will be allowed to start on the trail after 1830. All personnel arriving after that time will be directed to the campsite for drop off. **Note: The Bull Hill trial will be open on Friday night AND Sunday morning for those wishing to pack out as well.**

## E. Facilities Provided

- **Parking-** ONLY one parking pass per troop will be issued at check-in. This pass will clearly state that one vehicle be allowed to remain in the immediate area of Lake Frederick. All others will be allowed to drive through the area to drop off gear, but may not remain. Other vehicles will be parked at Camp Buckner (approximately seven miles away, by road). Cars left at Lake Frederick without a pass will be towed at owner's expense.
- **Campsites-** Each campsite is approximately 25'x25'. Do not expect anything larger. Space is a premium and we have about 130 troops coming to the event. We understand it will be cramped, that's why we are telling you now.
- **Water-** Potable water will be supplied in water trailers spread throughout the camp areas.
- **Bathrooms/Latrines-** No bathrooms are available to scouts except for emergencies. Latrines are located throughout the camp area.
- **Garbage-** Dumpsters will be provided. Please help us by throwing trash inside, not next to, dumpsters.
- **Food and shelter are not provided.** Troops may bring whatever is necessary to cook with or on. No open pit fires are allowed.

## F. Items for Sale at the Trading Post\*

- Patches
  - Current and past, as well as a NEW back patch
- Neckerchief
- Neckerchief Slide
- Caps
- Lapel Pins
- Bull Hill Pins
- T-shirts
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- Mugs  
(Prices not yet available)

\* This is a tentative list, subject to change.

**Patch Trading Area!** There will also be a patch trading area where scouts and adults can barter their patches for other troop and council patches. This site will be adjacent to the trading post and *open all weekend!* Make sure to bring your patch collections to this spot to find other patch traders from all over the camporee!

## **2. INSTRUCTIONS**

### **A. PAYMENTS AND DEPOSITS**

The cost to participate in the Camporee is \$17.00 **per participant (both scouts and adults)**. We require a \$12.00 deposit per participant prior to your arrival at the Camporee. This deposit is nonrefundable and non transferable. Checks should be made out to **Scoutmasters' Council**. We will not accept cash. Checks and registration forms should be returned together. The final \$5.00 per person will be collected upon arrival at the Camporee. If you happen to have a scout drop or add to your roster we will not adjust the price accordingly when you inprocess. This is to cover the cost of the material that we have already ordered. If you would like to go ahead and pay the extra \$5.00 then we will give you the souvenirs to take home to your scouts but we will not refund or transfer the initial \$12.00.

### **B. MEDICAL / LIABILITY FORMS**

Enclosed in this packet are four different liability forms:

- a) **Release from Liability (Minors):** Each minor participant in the Camporee must have a separate copy of this form completed.
- b) **Release from Liability (Adults):** Each adult participant in the Camporee must have a separate copy of this form completed.
- c) **Release from Liability (Organization):** Each organization (troop, post, etc.) must have a separate copy of this form completed.
- d) **Medical History:** Each minor participant in the Camporee must have a separate copy of this form completed.
- e) **Accountability Roster:** You will also be asked to provide a simple name roster of the scouts and adults that you have with you when you inprocess at Camp Natural Bridge. This will be for accountability reasons if there is an emergency and we have to find you.

You will find only one copy of each form enclosed in this packet. Please photocopy additional forms as needed. **Bring these forms with you to the Camporee on 5 May 2006. Please, do not return these forms prior to the Camporee. Please arrange these forms alphabetically by last name and separate Scouts from Adults in the same order as shown above. No one will be admitted to the Camporee without these forms.**

### **C. REGISTRATION**

Fill out and return the attached Registration Form and return it with your \$12.00 deposit per person, **postmarked by 1 April 2006**. The form should be mailed to CDT Joshua Jones at the address below. Even if you cannot attend the Camporee we need the registration form returned indicating that you are unable to attend. We have many troops on the waiting list who would like to attend, and your prompt refusal of an invitation will be appreciated. If you will be leaving early, i.e. Saturday night, please also indicate this on your registration form to let us know.

CDT Joshua Jones

Attn: SMC  
USMA PO Box 2843  
West Point, NY 10997

## **D. DIRECTIONS (to the Camporee Check-In Site):**

**NOTE: DO NOT turn directly into Camp Natural Bridge when coming to registration. This is a *huge* safety hazard with commuter traffic along Rt. 293 as well as vehicles exiting Camp Natural Bridge. Please enter at Camp Buckner and follow the posted signs to registration.**

### **From NORTH (Albany)**

Follow I-87 South, New York Thruway to Exit 17, Newburgh. Take Route 17K East to Route 9W. Take Route 9W South to West Point. Take Exit 1 to Route 293.

Follow 293 for 4 miles to the traffic light at Camp Buckner. Turn into Camp Buckner and follow signs for Camp Natural Bridge Parking.

### **From WEST (Pennsylvania)**

Follow I-84 East to Exit 10, Newburgh/Route 9W. Take Route 9W South to West Point. Take Exit 1 to Route 293. Follow 293 for 4 miles to the traffic light at Camp Buckner and follow signs for Camp Natural Bridge Parking.

### **From NORTHEAST (New England)**

Follow I-84 West to Exit 10S, Newburgh/Route 9W. Take Route 9W South to West Point. Take Exit 1 to Route 293. Follow 293 for 4 miles to the traffic light at Camp Buckner and follow signs for Camp Natural Bridge Parking.

### **From SOUTHEAST (New Jersey/New York City)**

Follow Palisades Parkway North to the end. Follow signs to Route 9W North, West Point/Newburgh. Take Route 9W North to West Point. Take Exit 1 to Route 293.

Follow 293 for 4 miles to the traffic light at Camp Buckner and follow signs for Camp Natural Bridge Parking.

### **From WEST (Western New York State)**

Follow Route 17 to Exit 131, Route 6. Take Route 6 East to Route 293. Follow Route 293 for 3 miles to the traffic light at Camp Buckner. Turn into Camp Buckner and follow signs for Camp Natural Bridge Parking.

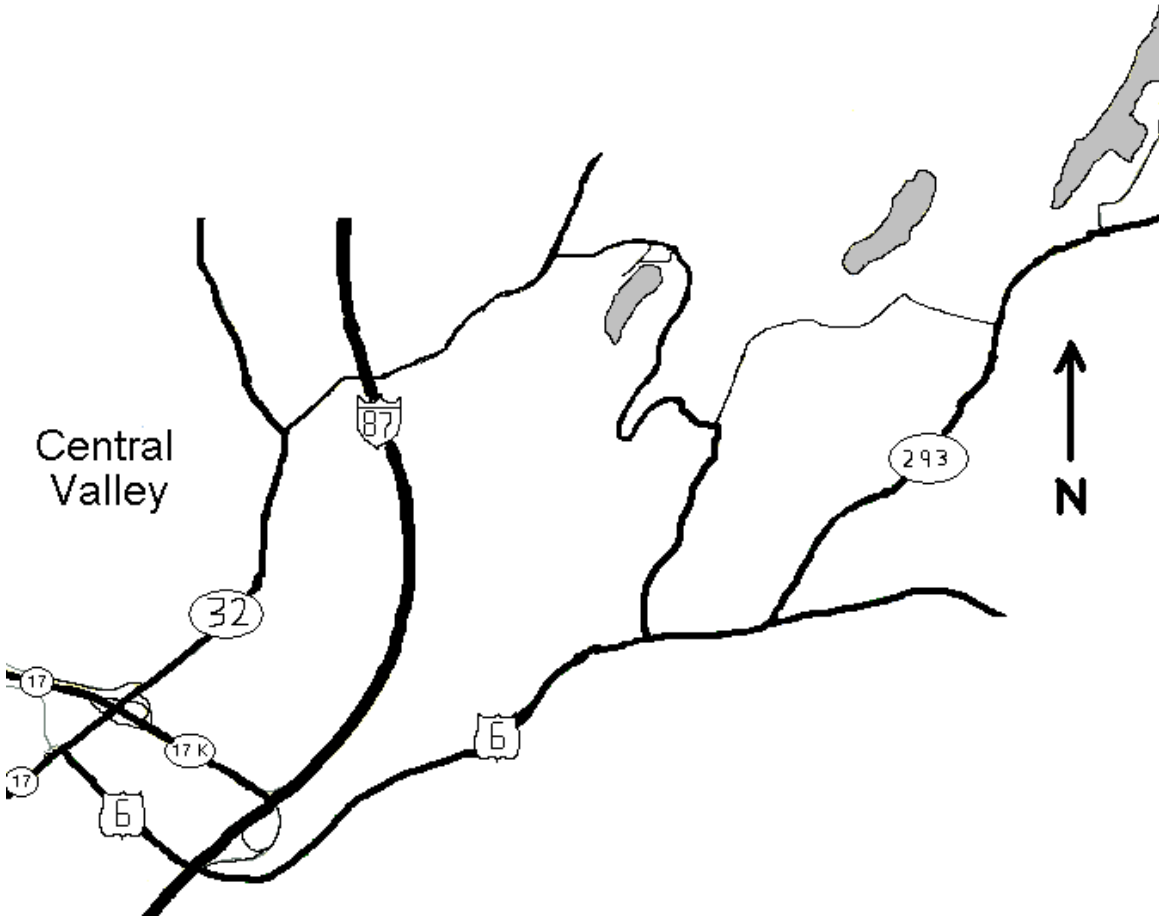
### **From Check-In Site to LAKE FREDERICK**

Exit parking lot of Camp Natural Bridge and turn right. Follow Route 293 West and merge onto 2-lane Route 6. *Immediately shift to right lane!* Watch right side of road for marked entrance (within 1000 ft. of lane change). Turn right into entrance (Ridge Road) and follow to next intersection. Turn left and follow until

next intersection. Turn left again and follow Proctoria Road to Lake Frederick.

**The Frederick Loop:**

From Natural Bridge head south on Hwy 293 (right) for about 2.3 miles to Hwy 6. Go straight at the interchange to get on Hwy 6 heading **West**. After about .5 miles turn right (north) onto Ridge Rd. The road turns into Proctoria Rd. Follow it for 2.15 miles into Frederick. After unloading, follow Proctoria Rd out of Frederick and turn left onto Smith Clove Rd.



Follow this road for about 1.25 miles to Hwy 32. Turn left (south) and follow for about 1.35 miles. Go past the Woodberry Commons Outlet Center to your left. After the Outlet Center you'll go through 2 lights, under Hwy 17 and to another light. Stay in **center** or **left** lane to turn left (East) onto Hwy 6 at the third light. Follow Hwy 6 for about 2.25 miles (long uphill). Turn left (north) at top of hill on Ridge Rd to go back to Frederick or head straight for .5 miles to Hwy 293. Follow Hwy 293 for 2.3 miles to Natural Bridge or 3 miles to Buckner.

### **3. LIABILITY FORMS**

The next 5 pages contain the liability forms each scoutmaster must photocopy, as described in section 2.B. These **Must be presented at the Camporee on 5 May 2006 for each participant to be admitted.**

- A. Release Form Liability (Minors)
- B. Release Form Liability (Adults)
- C. Release Form Liability (Organization)
- D. Medical History
- E. Accountability Roster

**Again, please separate these forms into Scout and Adult and put them in alphabetical order. Thank you.**

**Release Form Liability (Minors)**

In consideration of receiving permission from the Superintendent, West Point, New York for \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of participant*) to enter upon the premises of West Point for the purposes of participating in the West Point Invitational Camporee on 5-7 May 2006 the receipt of such permission being hereby acknowledged, the undersigned parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of participant*) hereby releases the Superintendent, West Point, New York, and the United States Military Academy, the Department of the Army, its agents, officers, servants, and personnel of and from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, including, but not limited to claims based on the negligence of any of the above parties, arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, death or injury that may be sustained to or upon the person or property of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of participant*) while in, on, or upon the premises of West Point on the aforementioned date or en route to or from these premises. Furthermore, the undersigned certifies that he/she is the parent or legal guardian of, and has the authority to sign this release for \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of participant*) and agrees that he or she will assume liability for any loss, damage, injury death, claims, demands, actions or causes of action which may be brought by the above participant, or his/her representative as a result of the requested activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*signature of parent/guardian*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*date*)



**Release Form Liability (Adults)**

In consideration of receiving permission from the Superintendent, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, to enter upon the premises of West Point for the purposes of participating in the West Point Invitational Camporee on 5-7 May 2006, the receipt of such permission being hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby releases the Superintendent, West Point, New York, and the United States Military Academy, the Department of the Army, its agents, officers, servants, and personnel of and from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, death, or injury that may be sustained by the undersigned, or any property of the undersigned, while in, on, or upon the premises for the purpose of the aforementioned activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(signature of individual)*                      \_\_\_\_\_  
*(date)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(witness)*

**Release Form Liability (Organization)**

In consideration of receiving permission from the Superintendent, West Point, New York for members of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of organization*) to enter upon the premises of West Point for the purposes of participating in the West Point Invitational Camporee on 5-7 May 2006 the receipt of such permission being hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of organization*) hereby releases the Superintendent, West Point, and the United States Military Academy, the Department of the Army, its agents, officers, servants, and personnel of and from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, death or injury that may be sustained by any personnel of the undersigned, or any property of the undersigned organization while in, on or upon the premises for the purpose of the aforementioned activities, or en route to or from these premises. Furthermore, the undersigned certifies that he/she has the authority to sign this release for \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of organization*) and agrees that \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of organization*) will assume liability for any loss, damage, injury, death, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action, incurred or brought by any participating member of his/her representatives as a result of the requested activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*signature of representative of organization*)      (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*witness*)

## Medical History

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(*Scout's Name and SSN*) hereby grant permission for my child to attend the West Point  
Invitational Camporee, 5-7 May 2006.

I authorize the agents of the West Point Invitational Camporee to request medical  
treatment as necessary to insure the well being of my dependent scout. I understand that a  
doctor is on call during the Camporee.

I understand that emergency medical treatment will be provided at Keller Army  
Community Hospital at West Point. I understand that if I am not a military service  
member, inpatient care will be provided on a temporary basis and that my child will be  
transferred to a civilian hospital as appropriate.

I understand that I will be directly billed for inpatient charges incurred at Keller  
Army Community Hospital.

I certify that my child has had a physical examination, signed by a physician,  
within one year of the Camporee. My child is in good health and able to participate in the  
camp program and activities. Special physical and/or medical limitations requiring  
medication or special treatment are listed on the reverse, as well as any current  
medication.

Last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Business (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*signature of parent/guardian*)                      (*date*)

**MILITARY ONLY:** Sponsor's Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ AD or RET

Sponsor's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Family Member Prefix:

\_\_\_\_\_

ER USE ONLY: Non-Military Camporee Patient Category is K99.5



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**Adult Last Name**

**First Name**

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## 4. REGISTRATION FORM

### 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WEST POINT INVITATIONAL CAMPOREE

Please make checks payable to West Point Scoutmaster's Council and include your troop # and hometown on your check. *Please print legibly!*

1. Troop / Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. City / State: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Scout Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Scout Leader's Home Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Scout Leader's Phone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
  
(W) \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Type of Unit (Check one): BSA:\_\_\_\_ GSA:\_\_\_\_ Explorer:\_\_\_\_ Venture:\_\_\_\_  
Other:\_\_\_\_
  
8. Total Amount Owed: (total adults \_\_\_\_\_ + total scouts \_\_\_\_\_ )x \$17= \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. Deposit Owed: (total adults \_\_\_\_\_ + total scouts \_\_\_\_\_ ) x \$12= \_\_\_\_\_
  
10. Amount Owed upon arrival: (total adults \_\_\_\_\_ + total scouts \_\_\_\_\_ )x \$5= \_\_\_\_\_
  
11. Leaving Early, i.e. Saturday night Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

12. Special Considerations (e.g. medical needs, etc.):

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# “BE PREPARED”

- It has rained to some degree 36 of the 44 years at the Camporee.
- To any of you that attended five years ago you remember the sunburning weather we had on Saturday and the foot of snow we had on Sunday.
- Since the camporee is in the beginning of May, we hope for the weather to be better but remember...

**BE PREPARED**

**DRESS APPROPRIATELY**

**TAKE CARE OF YOUR TROOPS**









Scoutmasters:

Good day. I have been tasked with taking charge of this year's Scoutmasters' cook-off contest for the Camporee. Scouts entries are welcome to but since scouts are expected to be participating in other events, it is not encouraged. This year's cook-off will occur on the Saturday afternoon of the Camporee (6 May 2006). Judging will occur for three categories: chili, main dish, and dessert. You may enter in as many of the categories as you wish by following the guidelines below.

At registration, you will be asked if you plan to compete in the cook off. Based on the number of entries, there may be two stages of the contest. If there is sufficient interest, a first elimination round will occur in the morning at each of the camporee's main campsites. Members of the area staff will judge the food and notify those selected to compete in the championship. In the afternoon, the championship will be held with at least one dish in each category representing each camping area. Details will be provided at the Friday night SPL and Scoutmasters' meeting.

During the championship round, there will be 5 judges. Each judge will score your creation in the areas of *taste* (40 pts), *appearance* (10 pts), *aroma* (10 pts), *originality* (10 pts), *aftertaste* (10 pts), and *presentation* (20 pts), for a total possible score of 100. Each category is self-explanatory except the presentation. For *presentation*, we will be judging the overall method in which the food is delivered to the judges. Points may be awarded for anything ranging from the cook's appearance and description of the food to props or even a background story about the entree. This story can be as creative, amusing and historically or factually correct as you like. You will be given a maximum of 5 minutes to set-up and present your creation.

You are to be self-sufficient with regards to the materials that you will need. We will provide a place for the competition, the judges, and of course prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place per category.

If you have any questions, I ask that you contact me via e-mail. You will receive further guidance regarding the details of this event, i.e. time and location, on the Friday night of the Camporee.

Remember the majority of the judges eat in the Mess Hall on post, so we are definitely excited about getting some awesome tasting entries. Plan well and make good food.

Respectfully,

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# Other Opportunities to Visit West Point

The Cadet Scoutmasters Council is a cadet club comprised of cadets who are interested in scouting activities, most of whom are former Boy and Girl Scouts. Some of our main activities include providing cadet tours for Scout groups that participate in Scout Day in the fall and hosting an annual camporee in the spring. We also try to coordinate cadet tours with visiting groups throughout the year. Information on each of these activities, as well as additional information for visiting West Point is provided below.

1. **Scout Day.** Every year the Office of the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics hosts “Scout Day” for scout groups that desire to attend sporting events. More information about scout day can be found by calling the Army Ticket Office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY.

a. **Football.** Scouts groups are given the opportunity to buy tickets to the game and to a tailgate and each participant will get a Scout Day patch. The cadets in our club provide tours for scout groups after the parade and before the game.

b. **Hockey.** Scouts can earn a Scout Day patch by touring the halls of the sports complex and submitting the correct answers to five questions regarding the history of Tate Rink and Army Hockey.

c. **Men’s Basketball.** Scouts can earn a Scout Day patch by touring the halls of the sports complex and submitting the correct answers to five questions regarding the history of Chrystl Arena and Army Basketball.

d. **Women’s Basketball.** Scouts can earn a Scout Day patch by touring the halls of the sports complex and submitting the correct answers to five questions regarding the history of Chrystl Arena and Army Basketball.

2. **Camporee.** Every year the Cadet Scoutmasters Council hosts a camporee at Lake Frederick for approximately 3,000 scouts from about 120 different Boy and Girl Scout troops. The camporee is very popular and we typically can only accommodate about half of the troops who apply for an invitation. The next camporee is scheduled 5-6 May 2006. Complete up to date information about the camporee can be found at <http://www.usma.edu/uscc/dca/clubs/scou/index.html>. Please note that information for next year’s camporee is usually not posted until September the year prior.

3. **Cadet tours.** Typically we try to find cadet volunteers from our club to provide short tours of the cadet area. If the group is camping at West Point (see Lake Frederick below), the cadet may even have the opportunity to camp with the troop. Making this happen requires as much advanced notice as possible and is of course subject to limitations caused by academy events and cadet schedules.

#### 4. **General information for scout groups visiting West Point.**

a. **Visitor Center and Museum.** The Visitors Center provides an excellent central starting point for all visitors to the U.S. Military Academy and offers information and guided bus tours. The Visitors Center and West Point Museum are located just outside the Highland Falls entrance (i.e. Thayer Gate) to West Point and is open to the general public on a daily basis. The Visitors Center is open daily, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Operating hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Call (845) 938-2638 for information. Gift Shop’s Telephone Number: (845) 446-3085. The Visitor Center website can be found at: <http://www.usma.edu/PublicAffairs/vic.htm>.

b. **Lake Frederick.** There is a camping facility for Scout Groups on the United States Military Academy reservation called Lake Frederick. It is located about 12 miles from the main post. Reservation information can be found at <http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/outdoor/frederick2.htm> or by calling (845) 938-2503.

c. **Historic Trail.** There is a West Point Historic Trail that the scouts can hike as well, with a booklet and patch sold at the Visitor Center Gift Shop. It’s 4.5 miles long and takes folks through all the West Point sites of interest. An additional .5 miles can easily be added to the hike in order to satisfy the 5 mile hike requirement for the Boy Scout Second Class rank.

d. **Parades.** Cadet parades or “reviews” are held on select weekends in the fall and spring. Typically in the fall, reviews will be held on the Saturday of every home football game. You can find a complete schedule at <http://www.usma.edu/uscc/corpsofcdts/cdtreviewschedule.htm>.

e. **Mess Hall.** Requests to eat in the cadet mess are handled by the United States Corp of Cadets S4, Ms. Barbara McNally at 845-938-5974 or [Barbara.McNally@usma.edu](mailto:Barbara.McNally@usma.edu). Please note that there are

many factors that influence a troop's ability to eat in the mess hall and all requests are handled based on events occurring on the date in question. Please know that opportunities to eat in the Cadet Mess are limited so you are encouraged to plan ahead.