

Orion District



Patrol Cook-off

April 9-11

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We are pleased to announce the 1st Orion District Patrol Cook-Off. We have enclosed information, which may be helpful for you in promoting your Boy Scout Troop in the cook-off. One of the main reasons we want your troop and patrols to participate is to have fun.

The cook-off will be in conjunction with our District Camporee, April 9-11, 2010. The cook-off will be a separate event from the Camporee competition. The Judging will be done by members of the District. (There has never been a District Member that wasn't an expert on food).

By not restricting the patrols to particular food items, this will give each patrol a very wide range of meals to prepare. It will also provide a good balanced meal and show the scouts just what can be done by observing other patrols.

You will find enclosed information and rules for this competition. We hope this information will be useful, and helpful in your Troop's and Patrols' participation. This cook-off is expected to be fun, challenging, and educational for the boys participating. Come, Join In, and have FUN!

Purpose: The purpose for the Orion District Patrol Cook-Off is to encourage competitiveness, not just between the Troops, but between the Patrols. It will give the boys great opportunities to use their imagination and their skills in outdoor cooking.

Objective: The main objective for this competition is to have fun. It is also to do the following:

1. Instill patrol and troop pride.
2. Assist in instilling patrol knowledge.
3. Teach team work among the patrol.
4. Encourage creativity.
5. Satisfy some of the cooking requirements for Tenderfoot through First Class, and the Cooking Merit Badge.
6. By observing other patrols, it will give the scouts ideas and recipes for the regular troop campouts.

Orion District Patrol Cook-Off Rules



- 1) A Patrol may consist of three to eight members. One Older (1st Class or Higher) can work with the New Scout Patrol as a ninth member.
- 2) There will be a two and a half hour time limit for food preparation and cooking. At the end of this period, one or more representative of the Patrol must be in line with their meal for judging.
- 3) ONLY PATROL MEMBERS of each Patrol will be allowed in the cooking area! Exception, New Scout Patrols can have the older scout. Each Patrol cooking area boundary will be roped or fenced off by the Patrol. The boundary material will be provided by the patrol. NO ADULTS (EXCEPT JUDGES) MAY ENTER THE COOKING AREA (EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCIES)!
- 4) Each Patrol will prepare their evening meal for at least eight people and ONLY ONE MEAL TURNED IN FOR JUDGING. The meal will consist of a meat (beef, pork, veal, lamb, fowl, wild game, or seafood), two vegetables (also included is potato or rice [one item may be substituted with a fruit]), bread (bread, cereal, or pasta), dessert, and beverage. The meal can be made as a one pot meal or multiple servings but must include all areas. An entire meal must be presented for judging. NO ADULTS CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE (EXCEPT TO CORRECT A POTENTIAL OR DANGEROUS SITUATION)! Judges are allowed and encouraged to make suggestions.
- 5) Ingredients cannot be precooked and must be combined, chopped, sliced, or diced during the competition, on site, including garnishes. No pre-cooked items are allowed unless it is in a can or original package and altered in some way. Fires can be started before the contest begins, but NO MEAL PREPARATION OR COOKING IS ALLOWED UNTIL THE OFFICIAL START TIME! Exceptions to starting early are:
 - a) Yeast breads that may require kneading and rising.
 - b) Items such as beans that require over night or long periods of soaking.
 - c) Other items must be cleared by the campout staff in advance.
- 6) There will be two areas of judging, Basic Field Judging, and Basic Food Judging. Each patrol will have available the Judging Score Cards (See page 5 & 6) for the judges use when they arrive at the patrol station. The Patrol Name and Unit Number is to be clearly written in the score cards prior to the Judges arrival. If the judges do not pick up the Food Judging Score Card, It is to be turned in with the prepared meal at the end of the cook-off.
 - a) Basic Field Judging – This consists of preparing and cooking the meal. It includes:
 - i) Set-Up - On time, Fully Prepared, Kitchen set up.

- ii) Patrol Dress & Etiquette - Appropriate dress for event, only authorized Patrol members in cooking area, and working together.
 - iii) Spectator Interaction - Communication and answering questions with spectators and sharing of ideas with other participants is encouraged.
 - iv) Use of Cooking Utensils Technique - Proper care and use of stoves and ovens, proper care and use of heat, completed recipes served to judges on time, and everything cooked is served (excludes drippings, excess gravies, & garnish).
 - v) Cleanliness - Personal cleanliness, appropriate food handling, and clean utensils and prep area, stoves and ovens.
 - vi) Sportsmanship - If Patrol shows bad sportsmanship, the judges may disqualify or deduct points.
- b) Basic Food Judging – This consists of the quality, appearance and taste of the meal. It includes:
- i) Overall appeal - Originality, creative ingredients, good recipe, and Good Sportsmanship.
 - ii) Appearance & Presentation - Visually appealing, pleasing aroma, appropriate garnish.
 - iii) Execution of Recipe - Cooked just right (not over or under done), color, volume, too moist or too dry (per recipe).
 - iv) Taste - Good flavor combination, appropriate seasoning, spices & herbs balanced for best flavor, and texture is tender, moist, or crunchy as appropriate.
 - v) Difficulty – Bonus If it is a difficult recipe, extra points may be awarded.
- 7) All cooking must be done in a Dutch oven, on a campfire, charcoal, or two burner propane stove, etc. Backyard barbecue grills and commercially made smokers are not permitted. You may use devices that one may find on a campout such as tabletop barbecue grills, Hobo Stoves, cardboard box cookers, etc. If the patrol uses firewood, they must provide their own.
- 8) Cooking fires and charcoal fires must be made in the designated area, to be announced.
- 9) Everything cooked and the recipe (or list of ingredients) MUST be presented to the judges. Burnt or undercooked sections of food will lead to disqualification. Meals must be presented to the judges' on time—NO EXCEPTIONS. All foods submitted for judging should be displayed in an appropriate plate, dish, bowl, cups, etc. For sanitation concerns, do not display foods on fabric.
- 10) The Patrols may use disposable dishes, bowls, cups, etc. or permanent ones when submitting their meal for judging. In case they use permanent items, their troop and number, and their Patrol name must be clearly affixed to the bottom for identification. All attempts will be made to return these items, but no responsibility can be held against the judges or the campout staff if lost.
- 11) Use good fire safety practices. Keep yourself and the public safe. You may use propane stoves to cook your meal (No liquid fuel stoves allowed).

- 12) Know and practice safe food handling procedures. The Patrol must provide its own dishwashing facilities and sanitation supplies. Each Patrol must provide its own coolers for all refrigerated items. There should be no finger licking. Tasting utensils must be washed immediately after use.
- 13) Garnishing the food is acceptable to complement the dish being presented.
- 14) Interaction with the public is encouraged. Please be courteous in sharing cooking information.
- 15) Each Patrol is expected to maintain their respective areas as clean as possible at all times. In the event that they use a wood or charcoal fire, after the competition all unburned materials and ashes must be removed. The area must be cleaned and Leave No Trace principles applied. Failure can result in disqualification as judged by the campout staff or the judges.
- 16) After the meal to be judged is turned in, the rest of the meals are to be brought to the designated area for sampling by everyone. All persons sampling the food must bring their own plates, bowls, and utensils.
- 17) In the event of a tie, the judges may call the tying Patrols together or separately and question them on the cooking skills, fire making, safety, etc., to determine a winner.
- 18) All judging decisions are final.



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FIELD JUDGING SCORE CARD

Scoring Range should stay within the following guidelines:

3: Satisfies requirements

2: Needs minor improvement

1: Needs Major improvement

0: Food should not be tasted by judges or crowd.

Patrol Name	Description	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Set-up	On time, fully prepared, kitchen setup	3	
Patrol Dress & Etiquette	Appropriate dress for event, only authorized Patrol members in cooking area and working together	3	
Spectator Interaction	Communication and answering questions with spectators and sharing of ideas with other Patrol members	3	
Use of Cooking Utensils Technique	Proper care and use of stoves and ovens, completed recipes served to judges on time and everything cooked is served	3	
Cleanliness	Personal cleanliness, appropriate food handling, clean utensils, prep area, and stoves	3	
Sportsmanship	If patrol shows bad sportsmanship, the judges may disqualify or deduct points		
TOTAL:		15	
Comments:			

Judge's Name: _____



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FOOD JUDGING SCORE CARD

Scoring Range should stay within the following guidelines:

- 7: Exceeded requirements
- 5-6: Satisfies requirements
- 3-4: Minor mistakes
- 1-2: Major mistakes
- 0: Unsatisfactory

Patrol Name	Description	Points Possible	Meat	Veg#1	Veg#2 or Sub	Bread	Dessert	Beverage
Overall Appeal	Originality, creative ingredients, good recipe, Good Sportsmanship	7						
Appearance & Presentation	Visually appealing aroma, garnish	7						
Execution of recipe	Cooked just right(not over or under done), color, moist/dry (per recipe)	7						
Taste	Good flavor combination, appropriate seasoning, spices balanced for best flavor, texture (Moist, Tender, Crunchy) for food	7						
Difficulty Bonus	Up to 10	10						
TOTAL		38						
COMMENTS								

Judge's Name: _____