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**Spring Camporee Leader's Guide
2015**

**Boy Scouts of America
Asia East District, Far East Council**

Star Warriors!

**Tama Hills, Japan
April 24 – 26, 2015**

From The Program Directors

Welcome to the 2015 Japan District Spring Camporee. Our theme is *Star Warriors!* This year is new with a combined Cub Scout and Boy Scout focus running in tandem, which we feel will provide independent programs but allow for program overlapping when needed. Whether you are a family of veteran campers or just getting introduced to the concept, our camp program is designed to teach you something new while you enjoy the fun of outdoor games, adventures, skills and crafts.

The primary goal of our Camp is to provide youth with an exciting weekend of adventure, learning, and fun. The family camping method for Cub Scouts and the Patrol Method for Boy Scouts stresses character building, citizenship, physical development and creativity. This will be a positive Scouting experience full of sportsmanship, fitness, fun and adventure!

If at any time we can help improve your time at Camp, we will be eager to see you. Fun, learning, and the opportunity to complete some requirements toward your goals await you at 2015 Spring Camporee!

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Registration and Check-in



Anyone without base access privileges must complete the base entry request, posted at <http://www.fareastcouncil.org/> by April 2, 2015. Failure to do so may prevent access the event.

Registrations after April 9th will be accepted on a space available basis and will incur an additional late fee.

Upon arrival at camp, you must check in at Baden Powell Lodge where our staff will confirm your registration status and collect any balance due for camp fees. Each Scout must submit a Medical form and consent (part A & B). Forms are available at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

Camp Fees:

COST	
Registered Cub Scouts, Siblings, and Parents	\$30 Each
SAJ Scouts and Scouters	\$35 (¥4250) Each
Late Fee (register after April 9)	\$5

**For families of 4 or more, there is a \$5 discount per person.*

***Please email John if you have any questions on this (john.cuenin@scouting.org)*

DUE DATES:
Base access Gate List: 2 April
Registration: 9 April
Forms available at
<http://www.fareastcouncil.org/>

Medical

All units must have medical forms for their participants in possession. A registered nurse or corpsman will be on site for minor medical emergencies. For all other emergencies there is a Japanese hospital next to Tama or we may take DOD insurance holders to Yokota if needed. Parents, legal guardians, or adult leaders will be responsible for holding prescription medicine and giving the proper dosage to youth in camp.



Medical professionals who will be attending Camporee this year are asked to contact the Camp Director or District Executive as soon as possible. A discounted registration fee may apply for those individuals.

Checkout

Patches will be issued at check-out following inspection of your camp site by camp staff. Remember: Leave no Trace. Please remove all trash from your campsite and remove ashes from your fire pits. Camp will end on Sunday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m.

Meals

BRING YOUR OWN BREAKFASTS, DINNER AND SNACKS!

(Limited quantities of perishables can be stored in Baden Powell Lodge refrigerators as space permits).

Saturday Lunch will be provided. **Persons with dietary restrictions due to medical, religious, or ethical reasons are required to submit their requirements to the Camp Director no later than April 15th.** We highly recommend that they bring their own food if needed.



The following Grace if none other is offered will be said before lunch and is encouraged at all meals:

*For each new morning with magic's light,
For rest and shelter from the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
Amen*

Belt Loops and Awards

Success should not be measured in the number of awards earned, but on what is learned about oneself and about the world at large. While the focus of this camp is fun and learning, Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to complete some or all of the requirements for Archery, Hiking, and Activity Pins. Additionally, many requirements of the Webelos Activity Badges for Outdoorsman and Naturalist can be accomplished. Finally, many parts of the Outdoor Activity Award will be met (see attached description).

Scout Masters!

This is a good opportunity to work with your units on passing off or checking on scout's progress towards first class trail. For our older scouts and crew members, the camporee will provide them with service opportunities and using the EDGE method in teaching younger scouts necessary skills for safe camping and outdoor adventures. This is also a good chance for any board of review candidates for advancement as there will be other leaders there to assist in this process.

Units should order awards before Camp in order to ensure that they will be available to be promptly awarded to qualifying youth.

Telephone Use

The telephone at Camp is for emergency use only! Emergency numbers are: 224-3421 or 042-377-7009. Cell phone reception at Tama Hills is unpredictable. Parents not on site could experience long delays in reaching their son or unit leader.

Safety and Security

Unit Leaders should know the location of all youth and adults at all times. **In the event of an emergency, all personnel will gather at Fukuda Field. The emergency signal is** either a loudspeaker playing an alert or three long blasts on a car horn. A ROLL CALL will be taken when everyone is assembled. In the event of inclement weather or darkness, the muster location will be at Baden Powell Lodge. Emergencies include natural disasters, severe weather, missing Scout or adult, intruder in camp, and other emergencies so deemed by the District Executive, Camp Director, or Program Director.



PERSONS LEAVING THE CAMP AREA MUST CHECK OUT. The Camp Staff is legally responsible for all attendees under BSA Youth Protection Policies. It is critical that Packs or Troops that come together, stay and leave together. However, if a departure is necessary, please notify the Camp Director of your destination and departure time. When you return, please notify the Camp Director of your return. If you depart without authorization, you may not be permitted to remain upon return or may not be allowed back for future events.

TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP IS REQUIRED. Please ensure that Scout units are accompanied by at least two adults at all times, one must be a registered adult leader. *Tiger Cubs should be accompanied by a parent at all times.* Some Cub Scout activities will require parent cooperation in order to maintain a safe environment for all. Each Unit must have at least one registered Leader in Camp at all times.

THE BUDDY SYSTEM WILL BE IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES. Adults are authorized and encouraged to kindly remind any scout of the need for a buddy. The smallest group in Scouting is two.

FOR CUB SCOUT FAMILIES: THIS IS JUST LIKE A FAMILY CAMP! CUB SCOUT YOUTH SLEEPING OVER AT TAMA MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

See the attached information/warning regarding wildlife at Tama Hills.

Tobacco Usage

Adults will not use tobacco products in the tents or in front of the Scouts. The designated Adult tobacco use area is below the bathrooms and around the corner, out of sight of scouts. Please dispose of your smoking material properly.

Behavior, Hazing, Harassment, and Practical Jokes

Scoutmasters, Cubmasters and leaders are responsible for the behavior of their Scouts at all times. Remember the Scout Oath and Law. Hazing (of any form), harassment (of any form), and practical jokes have no place at Camp. Stealing Unit flags, misplacing articles for lost and found, pulling down tents, graffiti, and disturbing other campsites will not be tolerated. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated either. Scouts or adults caught hazing, harassing, engaging in any form of the above behavior or defacing property will be sent home immediately. Every adult must be actively involved in maintaining discipline, even when they are not “your” Scouts.



Vehicles

Vehicles are to be used only to transport equipment to the Campsite on arrival, and from the Campsite upon departure, and as otherwise permitted by the Camp Director. *Vehicles will be parked in a designated area at all other times.* In any case, room must be left for the passage of emergency and service vehicles at all times, please park COMPLETELY off the road. No Scout or adult will ride in the bed of a truck at any time. **SCOUTS and SCOUTERS will use an approved safety belt at all times.**

Prohibited Items

Scouts and adults are not permitted to bring sheath knives, fireworks, water guns, alcoholic beverages, pornography, portable audio equipment, and other items that may disturb or endanger others in camp. Pocket knives may be carried only by Bears, WEBELOS, and Boy Scouts, and then only in their own *campsite if they are carrying the Whittlin' Chit.* Prohibited items will be confiscated, retained by the Camp Director, and returned when the individual returns home. In the case of alcohol, drugs, pornography, or illegal items the individual will be sent home and/or referred to military police. Accelerants (any liquid fuel) are not permitted at Scouting events and activities.

Throwing items, running in camp & conservation

Scouts are not permitted to run in camp areas except where the event has been cleared for such use. Rock/Stick throwing is strictly prohibited. Both of these actions are extremely dangerous and may result in injuries and Scout's removal from the Camp. Scouts will stay on designated trails to help prevent erosion and for safety. Running through the brush/woods and taking shortcuts on trails will be avoided. We discourage looking for firewood in grassy areas due to snakes. Be careful.

Showers

Showers are available at Tama. **Adults will not be allowed in the shower area with the youth.** A separate time will be posted for adult showering. The shower schedule is included in the camp schedule. *Please bring your own toiletries.*

Lost and Found

Please inventory and mark everything you bring to Camp. Each year, we have many unclaimed items left over. Please advise all Scouts and leaders to mark all personal items with their name and unit. Please check the lost and found box in Baden Powell Lodge before checking out. All items left at the end of camp will be donated or thrown out.

Non-Discrimination Policy

All programs, facilities food and services are available at the Japan District Camp to all participants equally without regard to race, creed, religion or national origin.

Activities and Program

Our Campers will be split into one of 6 groups for activities: Each will rotate through six activity areas and then have patrol/family time to explore or take part in several optional activities. All activities are subject to change due to weather conditions and staff availability. We anticipate offering the following activities:

*Star Warriors Training Schedule (Cub Scouts)

- First Aide Station
- Pod Relay Race Station
- Slingshot Station
- Scavenger Hunt Station
- Craft Station
- Archery Station



*Star Warriors Training Schedule (Boy Scouts)

- Through the Wormhole
- Flag of the Republic (knots and lashings)
- Battle on Endor (first aid station)
- Blaster Training (blow darts)
- Ewok Shelter building
- Fire Breathing Krayt Dragon

*Family/Pack/Troop time:

- Visit the Scout Store
- Explore Camp
- Take a shower, eat a snack, or even take a nap.

Camp Schedule

Friday April 24

1800 Check-in begins at Baden Powell Lodge
 1800 Youth showers (until 2100)
 2100 Cracker Barrel for Staff/Unit Leaders at BPL
 2100 Adult showers (until 2300)
 2200 Quiet Time

Saturday April 25

0630 Breakfast in campsites
 0700 Check-in resumes
 0830 Opening Ceremony and split into groups

CUB SCOUTS	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
0900 – 945	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6
1000 – 1045	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1
1100 – 1145	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2
1200 - 1245	Lunch					
1300 - 1345	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
1400 - 1445	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4
1500 - 1545	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5

BOY SCOUTS	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
0900 – 945	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6
1000 – 1045	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1
1100 – 1145	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2
1200 - 1245	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
1300 - 1345	Lunch					
1400 - 1445	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4
1500 - 1545	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5

1600 Pack/Troop time/ Dinner in camps

1800 Flag Retreat/Campfire

1930 End Activities for the day

1700 Youth showers (until 2130)

2100 Cracker Barrel for Staff/Leaders

2130 Adult showers (until 2300)

2200 Quiet Time

Sunday April 26

0630 Breakfast in campsites

0800 Flag Ceremony

0815 Inter-faith Religious Service

0930 Conservation service project

1030 Closing Ceremony

** Please see posted signs for last minute changes*

What to Bring

****SUGGESTED PERSONAL ITEMS****

Pack all clothes in Ziploc bags to keep clothing dry & Put your name on everything!

- Passport or Government Issued ID describing your citizenship (Japanese drivers licenses may not include the nationality. If you have one of these new licenses, please bring your passport or remember your password.)
- Uniform: Everyone is encouraged to wear full uniform, the Camp T-shirt or other Class B shirt. Class A should be worn for Flag Ceremony each morning and during dinner.
- Jeans/Pants
- sweatshirt, sweater or fleece top
- sweatpants
- 2-3 pairs of socks
- 2-3 pairs of underwear
- light jacket/coat – Remember after the sun goes down it may get chilly!
- **poncho or rain jacket**
- Flashlight with good batteries
- Canteen or Water bottle
- Bug Spray or lotion
- Sun Screen
- Required medications
- Tent (Make sure you have all your poles and stakes)
- Sleeping bag/small pillow
- Sleeping pad or mattress
- plastic ground cover
- Flashlight with good batteries
- Fork, spoon, knife, plate, cup – plastic or metal
- Pocket knife (Adults and Bears or Webelos with Whittlin' Chip only)
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, small towel, hair brush.
- 2 small garbage bags for wet/dirty clothes or trash
- Personal first aid kit
- Camp chair



****SUGGESTED PACK, DEN, TROOP UNIT OR FAMILY EQUIPMENT****

- Tents with “NO FLAMES IN TENTS” stenciled or posted on the entrance of the tent.
- Plastic water carriers
- Lanterns with spare mantels and gas or batteries
- Cooking kits
- Camp Stoves
- Charcoal or propane for stoves
- Tarps and guide lines
- Pack first aid kit
- Lockable footlocker to store valuables
- Repair kits (duct tape, wire, twine, sewing, glue, seam sealer, tools)
- Ice Chest for food (Some refrigerator space may be available in Baden Powell Lodge)
- Bulletin board
- Pens, paper, clipboards, and thumbtacks
- Insect repellent
- Sun Screen
- Fire buckets (One per tent)
- Cash/Yen
- Pen/pencils/Notebooks
- Camera with extra film and batteries
- Lawn chairs
- Anticipated Awards

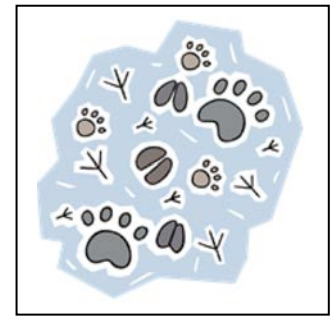
Meals: BRING YOUR OWN BREAKFASTS, DINNER AND SNACKS.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR COOKING EQUIPMENT! Limited supplies are available but please identify your needs in advance!

A WORD ABOUT WILDLIFE AT TAMA HILLS

Tama is as safe an environment for camping as one can imagine. But it helps to be forewarned. Please be aware of the following creature cautions.



1. Mosquitoes. Large and Hungry. Don't forget your bug spray.

2. Crows. Likewise, Large and Hungry. Do not leave any food sitting out on a table, and do not leave bags of garbage lying around unattended. All of the camp sites at Tama have metal garbage cans, and they are serviced regularly. Use them.

3. Snakes. There are several varieties of snakes at Tama Hills. Two are poisonous. They are easily frightened of noises and tend to avoid humans. Still, it is important to take precautions. Do not allow your children to play in, or look for firewood in, tall grasses or patches/piles of bamboo. This is where snakes live. If you see a snake, assume that it is poisonous. Do not play with it. Do not even hang around to observe it. Tell one of the staff or your leaders so that we can alert the Tama service crews. Fortunately, the bites of these snakes are not fatal, but will be very, very painful. There is a hospital just outside the gates to Tama in case of an emergency such as a snake bite.

4. Tanuki badgers. There are "Tanuki" in Tama. They can be seen scouring for food near the garbage cans at the main Boy Scout camp area. They are a bit larger than a dog, and can be vicious. The best way to avoid them turning up in your campsite is to put garbage where it belongs. Do not leave any food items outside, particularly at night (they are nocturnal animals), and do not store food in your tent. All food should be secured in tightly closed containers or better yet, in your car. If a tanuki should come into your campsite, do not accost the animal. Stay in your tent until the animal moves on. They are afraid of noises and generally avoid humans. If you go out of your tent at night, please be sure to carry your flashlight or a lantern with you, for all kinds of safety reasons, including avoiding surprise contact with wildlife such as a tanuki.

5. Hornets. Hornets' nests sometimes are found under the eaves at the roof level of buildings in Tama. Their stings can be very very painful. Avoid the nests. Do not allow children to play near them or poke them with sticks. Recently this has become a big issue at Tama. Be warned.

6. Wild Boars. Wild boars have been seen in Tama but not recently. Wild boars generally avoid humans but can be vicious if startled. If you see a wild boar, please notify a member of camp staff immediately.

6. Delightful animals. Tama is full of songbirds, including all sorts of warblers and nightingales. Owls can be heard at night from time to time. Tama is particularly wonderful for those who wish to hear bird calls in the early morning and at dusk. There are many kinds of butterflies, lizards and toads. Tama is one of the few remaining mixed tree forests near Tokyo, and thus is a haven for all sorts of wonderful creatures. Encourage your children to observe, but not to injure or kill, birds, butterflies, toads, snakes or insects.



CUB SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD

Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Boys may earn the award in each of the program years as long as the requirements are completed each year. The first time the award is earned, the boy will receive the pocket flap award (shown above), which is to be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Each successive time the award is earned, a wolf track pin (also shown above) may be added to the flap. Leaders should encourage boys to build on skills and experiences from previous years when working on the award for a successive year.

Requirements

All Ranks

Attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/ Webelos Scout resident camp.

Rank-Specific

- **Tiger Cubs.** Complete one requirement in **Achievement 5, “Let’s Go Outdoors”** (Tiger Cub Handbook) and complete three of the outdoor activities listed below.
- **Wolf Cub Scouts.** Assemble the **“Six Essentials for Going Outdoors”** (Wolf Handbook, Elective 23b) and discuss their purpose, and complete four of the outdoor activities listed below.
- **Bear Cub Scouts.** Earn the **Cub Scout Leave No Trace Award** (Bear Handbook, Elective 25h) and complete five of the outdoor activities listed below.
- **Webelos Scouts.** Earn the **Outdoorsman Activity Badge** (Webelos Handbook); and complete six of the outdoor activities listed below.

Outdoor Activity Options.

With your den, pack, or family:

1. Participate in a nature hike in your local area. This can be on an organized, marked trail, or just a hike to observe nature in your area.
2. Participate in an outdoor activity such as a picnic or park fun day.
3. Explain the buddy system and tell what to do if lost. Explain the importance of cooperation.
4. Attend a pack overnighter. Be responsible by being prepared for the event.
5. Complete an outdoor service project in your community.
6. Complete a nature/conservation project in your area. This project should involve improving, beautifying, or supporting natural habitats. Discuss how this project helped you to respect nature.
7. Earn the Summertime Pack Award.
8. Participate in a nature observation activity. Describe or illustrate and display your observations at a den or pack meeting.
9. Participate in an outdoor aquatic activity. This can be an organized swim meet or just a den or pack swim.
10. Participate in an outdoor campfire program. Perform in a skit, sing a song, or take part in a ceremony.
11. Participate in an outdoor sporting event.
12. Participate in an outdoor Scout’s Own or other worship service.
13. Explore a local city, county, state, or national park. Discuss with your den how a good citizen obeys the park rules