Scouting Friends:

Congratulations on being accepted to the 51st Annual West Point Camporee. My staff and I could not be more excited about kicking off the second half-century of scouting excellence at West Point. We are working hard to put together the most outstanding and action-filled program to date, and cannot wait for your arrival.

I truly believe that the West Point Camporee represents the best that Scouting has to offer. Upon arrival, your scouts will be in-processed and placed in a military environment. This includes being assigned a Cadet Cadre member to guide your troop through the weekend. You will conduct physical training “PT” as well as various military training sites detailed in the information below.

Our Camporee this year is held in memory of 2LT David Rylander, USMA Class of 2011. 2LT Rylander died May 2, 2012 in Logar province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 7th Engineer Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY. David is an Eagle Scout and was a devoted member of the Scoutmasters’ Council Staff during his time as a Cadet. We ask that you keep him and his family in your prayers during your time at the Camporee, as many of the outstanding programs we currently run throughout the weekend are a product of his dedication and inspiration. 2LT Rylander—Well Done; Be Thou at Peace.

This packet, compiled by the Council’s Invitations Officer, CDT Benton Beltramo, 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. A more comprehensive version of this packet will be sent out once more details are set in place.

For the most up to date information regarding the camporee, please keep checking the Scoutmaster Council Website at http://www.westpoint.army.mil/uscc/dca/clubs/scou/index.html and like our facebook page at “West Point Scoutmaster’s Council” https://www.facebook.com/ScoutmastersCouncil. Please use our Facebook page to post questions that all troops may benefit from. Using this forum rather than email will allow us to better serve all troops in an efficient manner.

Please use the next few months to train and prepare your units. This Camporee promises to be the most action-filled to date, and I cannot wait to share the weekend with you.

Yours in Scouting,

Patrick Mitchell
Cadet, USMA Class of 2013
Commander, Scoutmasters’ Council
51st Annual

Scoutmaster’s Council Camporee

Invitation Packet
51<sup>th</sup> Annual West Point Invitational Camporee

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**Updated versions of these will be posted on the scoutmaster council website for downloading and use in preparing for camporee and on the Scoutmaster facebook

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   Will be sent out by the end of January, in addition to Trading Post information and parking information.

4. REGISTRATION FORM (Must be postmarked with payment by 21 January 2013)

5. TRADING POST ORDER INFORMATION

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

*Invitations and Registration:*
Cadet Benton Beltramo
Attn: SMC
P.O. Box 202
West Point, NY  10997
E-mail: scoutmastercouncilstaff@gmail.com
1. INFORMATION PACKET

A. Camporee Rules

- The number of participants and vehicles which is entered on the registration form you mail in by 21 January 2013 is the number of participants and vehicles you are allowed to bring to the camporee. Troops coming with more than the amount of participants or vehicles on the registration form will not be allowed to register.
- During Registration on the Friday of the camporee we require that only the scoutmaster or adult in charge of registration get out of their vehicle and approach the registration tent in order to keep lines to a minimum and help registration proceed quickly.
- 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 will 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 Parade 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, 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 physical training pants or military style camouflage while at West Point.

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 cumulative points in the events listed below. Please check the scoutmaster council website for updated site list and description about these competitive sites. We recommend training for 2nd and 1st class basic scout skills in order to prepare for the various sites at the camporee.
Competition Sites open on Saturday (Check Website for Updates)

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Competition held within the sub-camps during the weekend

Campsite Inspection: 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 (Updated Info Posted March 2013, subject to change)

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 to burn a string that is at a given height. The Scouts will be graded on how fast they are able to burn through the string and the materials they use to build their fire.
   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. **Demonstrations** – There will be a variety of cadet club 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 contact CDT Connor Gerencser <scoutmastercouncilstaff@gmail.com>.

4. **The following do not count toward troop points but individual awards are given for:**
   a. **Scoutmaster’s Cook-Off:** Scoutmasters are invited to participate in a cook-off at lunch time on Saturday. There are five categories: main dish, chili, Dutch Oven, lightfighter and dessert. Please refer to the enclosed letter for more detail about this competition.

   b. **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:

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**Friday, 26 April 2013**

0600       | Scouts      | Reveille                                       | Campsites                     |
NLT 0615   | All         | PT (Cadet Hosts link up with Troops)            | Campsites                     |
0700-0745  | Scouts      | Breakfast                                      | Campsites                     |
0700-0845  | Cadets      | Breakfast/hygiene/prep sites                   | Respective Sites              |
0830       | Scouts      | Opening ceremony                               | Parade field                  |
0845       | NJ Nat Guard| Helicopter Demo?                               | Parade Field                  |
0900-1200  | All         | USMA Clubs Sites open                          | AO Frederick                  |
0900       | All         | Competitive Sites open                         | AO Frederick                  |
0900       | All         | Trading Post open                              | Parade field                  |
1000-1200  | Scoutmasters| Scoutmaster cook-off                           | Mess Hall                     |
1200-1245  | Cadets      | Working lunch                                  | Rotation to Mess Hall         |
1300       | All         | Competitive Sites re-opens                     | Activity sites                |
1300       | All         | USMA Club Sites re-opens                       | AO Frederick                  |
1700       | All         | Competitive Sites close                        | Activity sites                |
1700       | All         | USMA Club Sites close                          | Parade Field                  |
1715-1800  | All         | Drill practice                                 | Parade field                  |
NLT 1730   | SPLs        | Scorecard Due                                  | S3 “A Frame”                  |
1800       | All         | Dinner                                         | Mess Hall/Campsites           |
1900       | Optional    | Jewish services                                | Vicinity Scout Museum Tent    |
1945-2100  | All         | Campfire                                       | Parade field                  |
2115-UTC   | Scoutmasters| Scoutmaster’s meeting                          | Mess Hall                     |
2400       | All         | Taps/accountability                            | A-frames                      |

**Saturday, 27 April 2013**

0600       | Scouts      | Reveille/Hygiene                               | Campsites                     |
0700-0745  | Scouts      | Breakfast                                      | Campsites 0945                |
0815-0845  | All         | Assembly for closing ceremony (in position)    | Parade field                  |
0900       | All         | Attention sounded (review begins)              | Parade field                  |
0915       | All         | Pass in review                                 | Parade field                  |
NLT 1030   | All         | Trail open for optional march out              | Lake Frederick                |
1030       | Scouts      | Troops closeout/depart                         | Campsites                     |
1030       | Cadets      | Continue breakdown                             | Lake Frederick                |
1400       | All         | Trail Closed                                   | Camp Natural Bridge           |

* Bull Hill is a challenging 3-mile hike leading from the parking area to the campsite. Please bring appropriate footgear and equipment. 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 trail will be open on Friday night AND Sunday morning. In a change from years past, Lightfighters ARE EXPECTED TO HIKE OUT ON SUNDAY AS WELL.**

**Events likely to change based on weather and availability**
E. Facilities Provided

- **Parking**- ONLY one parking pass per troop will be issued at check-in. This pass will clearly state that one vehicle will be allowed to be parked along Proctoria Road that leads into Lake Frederick. Other vehicles with equipment are allowed to be driven into the Lake Frederick Camporee area but only to drop gear and then must be parked at Harriman Park where shuttle service back to Lake Frederick will be provided. A map will be posted on the SMC Website showing the route that will be taken to get to Lake Frederick. Other vehicles will be parked at Harriman park (approximately seven miles away, by road). **Cars left at Lake Frederick without a pass will be towed at owner’s expense.**
- **Campsites**- Campsite size is based on the number of registered participants in each troop. The campsite location will be based on the time that the troop’s registration and payment is received. Do not expect anything larger. Space is a premium and we have over 200 troops coming to the 51st SMC Camporee so please be understanding and patient.
- **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/porter potties 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.
2. INSTRUCTIONS

A. PAYMENTS
The Camporee fee is $25 per participant, which includes scouts and adults. In order for us to properly forecast facilities and memorabilia, each unit must pay the non-refundable, non-transferable fee of $25 for each person. **Fees must be postmarked no later than 21 JANUARY 2013.** During in-processing, each unit payment status will be checked to ensure compliance. Payment fees for scouts who do not attend will not be refunded or transferred to the remainder of your balance.

B. MEDICAL / LIABILITY FORMS
Medical and liability forms will be released no later than 15 February 2013. You will be required to bring them with you upon arrival to West Point.

C. REGISTRATION
Fill out and return the attached Registration Form and return it with your $25.00 deposit per person, postmarked by 28 March 2011. The form should be mailed to CDT Ben Beltramo 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 will email you a confirmation that all your information has been received.** 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 Benton Beltramo
Attn: SMC
USMA P.O. Box 202
West Point, NY 10997

D. DIRECTIONS (to the Camporee Check-In Site):
Parking and arrival will be very similar to last year. More details will follow with Camporee Information Packet, which will be released with the liability forms and Trading Post Information.
4. REGISTRATION FORM

51st 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. Primary Point Of Contact Name:____________________________________________

4. Primary Point of Contact Mailing Address:_____________________________________

Primary Point of Contact Phone Number: (H)_____________________________________

(W)_____________________________________

6. Secondary Point of Contact Name:____________________________________________

8. Secondary Point of Contact Phone:___________________________________________

7. Type of Unit (Check one): BSA:____ GSA:____ Explorer:____ Venture:____

Other:_________________________________________

8. Type of Registration (Mark only one): Lightfighter:_____ Mechanized:_____ Armor:____

9. Number of Anticipated Vehicles Driving to Camporee:___________

10. Total Amount Owed: (total adults_____ + total scouts_____)x $25=________

11. Number of participants completing Bull Hill hike (reminder all Lightfighters are expected to hike in and out) :________

12. Leaving Early, i.e. Saturday night Yes_____ No_____ When____________________

13. Special Considerations (e.g. medical needs, etc.):______________________________
5. TRADING POST INFORMATION

Scoutmaster’s Council 2013 Camporee

This year’s Trading Post will be offering the following items. Information about ordering and prices will be released at the end of January.

1. Patches – 100% embroidery. Design based on the 1st Calvary Division. Patch will be yellow colored with black lettering. ***EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A PATCH WITH THEIR FEE

2. Neckerchiefs – 100% cotton.

3. Hats – Camporee patch design on the front of the cover.

4. Travel Mug - image of the Camporee patch design on the side

5. Lapel Pins – Pin with backing using current patch design.

6. T-Shirts- These shirts will only have a screened print of the patch.

7. Sweatshirts- These sweatshirts will only have a screened print of the SMC card logo and the camporee design