

# **Camp Digalus**

# **Leaders Guide**

## **WELCOME TO CAMP DIGALUS**

Troop 30 is proud to present their Annual Camp Digalus Outing. It is our desire for every Scout, Parent and Leader to have Fun. This booklet is designed to help you with the outing. Should you have questions please feel free to ask any leader within Troop 30 for help.

### **DIRECTIONS**

Camp Digalus is held at Estrella Mountain Regional Park. For more information about the park and how to get there use the following web links.

<http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/estrella/Directions.aspx>

<http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/estrella/pdf/estrella-turf-area-www.pdf>

### **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE**

Review the map on the Digalus website. Each Den who has pre-registered will be assigned a campsite number. Share this campsite number and the map with all adults who will be driving out to camp. Make sure everyone driving knows their Pack, Den and campsite number and has a copy of the map. Bring extra copies of the map for your Cub Scouts.

### **WHEN YOU ARRIVE**

If you know your designated campsite and have a map, you can proceed to your site.

If you do not know where to go, drive through the DIGALUS entry way and look for the staff who will be directing traffic. They can tell you where to camp, but you will need to know your Pack and Den number.

Submasters / Den Leaders need to stop by the Camp Digalus HQ (Ramada #6) on Friday evening to pick up their registration packets.

### **CAMP SCHEDULE**

Camp Digalus is packed full of fun for the boys. The schedule will be posted on the Camp Digalus web site.

### **WEBELOS EVENTS**

The Webelos events are split into Webelos I and Webelos II competitions. The events will be posted on the Camp Digalus web site.

### **BEAR EVENTS**

Bear Dens get to compete in their own fun packed competition. The events will be posted on the Camp Digalus web site.

### **MIDWAY**

After the competition, its time to relax and have more fun. Each year our Midway changes according to our chosen theme. Please see Appendix D for this years events. Regular Midway events include the Dirty Derby and Coulter Run. Also, during Midway skits and songs for the evenings campfire will be auditioned.

### DIRTY DERBY

Remember when you built your last Pinewood Derby Car and wished that there weren't as many rules !!!! Well this is it. In fact only five rules:

1. The size of the car 4"wide, 6"high and 18" long
2. NO fuels or explosives
3. Maximum weight of 10 pounds
4. Car must have 4 wheels
5. The car must have a wood exterior with no exposed metal.

That's it anything else goes...NO other limit on materials used !!!

Each Den can enter one car to race down a 75 foot track, 3 lanes and no lane separation.

### SKITS OR SONGS

Show your scout spirit and do one or both (in good taste). Entrants will need to audition with only the best nine performing at the campfire. Please rehearse your skits or song and speak or sing with a strong voice so that the people in the back rows will be able to hear you.

Leaders if you have a noisy group be sure to let them do all the talking while they are doing their song or skit not when another den is doing theirs.

### SCOUT SPIRIT

Every den should be prepared with a den flag and yell. Our Event Leaders consider "Scout Spirit" when tallying the final scores. So don't let them ask you for a flag or a yell.

Show them what you've got SPIRIT!

Don't forget there will be a Den Flag Competition!

Our judges will be taking notes throughout the weekend about Packs and Dens that show SPIRIT.

At the awards ceremony on Sunday morning we will be presenting the Spirit Award.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

#### Den Flag Competition

At each event your Den attends present your Den's flag to the event judges.

Don't forget the Parade of Flags at the Saturday Night Campfire.

#### WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

Webelos Leaders - Don't forget that on this outing the boys have the potential to complete requirements on the following Activity Badges:

Outdoorsman # 1 (knots), 2 (pitch a tent using knots from 1), 3 (camp with Scout Troop), 5 (campfire), 6 (cook your own meal), 7 (camp fire safety)

Traveler #3, (car trip) 4 (cost/mile), 5 (map trips, navigate), 6 (pack for a trip) and 7 (car first aid kit)  
(Do these as part of your trip to Digalus)

Naturalist#6 (I.D. poisonous plants and venomous reptiles)

Showman Music #2 (campfire song) or Drama #4 (skit)...requires pre-camp preparation!

Readyman # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12 (first aid event...you should practice before camp!)

Sportsman #3 (earn two belt loops for individual sports...Archery, Marbles and Ultimate will be possible)

### BEAR ADVANCEMENT

Camp Digalus provides many advancement opportunities for Bear Scouts, so don't forget to check your books.

## **RULES, REGULATIONS & INFORMATION**

### PARKING

Driving on the field is prohibited by the park due to their irrigation system. Stay on designated roads. Ramada #9 and its parking area are reserved for Troop 30.

Most campsites have a few parking spaces adjacent to them, this is for loading and unloading. Do not use the space adjacent to someone else's campsites, as this is their loading and unloading zone. There will be a designated Parking Area for each block of campsites (A, B or C). Please have your vehicle in the designated area soon as possible after you get your camp set up. The parking area is a few hundred feet from your campsite (close enough to retrieve anything that you may need to get

RV's and Campers will be restricted to the designated RV lot. Do not park RV's anywhere other than the designated RV lot.

### Note:

You'll need to pay the parking fee at the pay station as you enter the park.  
No motorized vehicles are allowed on the grass.

### WEATHER

BE PREPARED! Temperatures may range from daytime high of 70 degrees to a nighttime low of 30 degrees. Rain is not uncommon in February so dress accordingly. Don't forget to bring sun block for during the day.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Scouts going camping is a fact of life, so we must be responsible campers.

Please use the trash receptacles on site.

### MEALS

Leaders are not camp cooks. Boys should prepare their own meals. Please bring your own food and plenty of pre-cut firewood, or charcoal, Coleman stoves, as there is no firewood in the area.

If you are going to have a fire, off the ground fire barrels only.

### Pets And Siblings

NO PETS - OR SIBLINGS PLEASE!!

Pets and Siblings are distracting and must be watched at all times.

Maricopa County does have a lease law, not to mention the hazards of ticks, fleas, and burrs or worse, so please be kind to them and let them stay at home.

### CAMPSITE CAMPFIRES

Fire barrels off the ground may be permitted depending on fire restrictions.

Bring your own wood.

### FIRE BUCKETS

Fire buckets should be a minimum of one gallon in size and be made of metal not plastic.

### CIGARETTES, ALCOHOL, FIREARMS, AND FIREWORKS

Are not part of this Scout Outing and should be left at home.

### DRESS CODE: B.S.A. STANDARDS

Class "A" Scout Uniforms will be worn to opening, camp fire and awards ceremonies, your shirt may be a little dirty or wrinkled, but it can still be tucked in and buttoned correctly, the hat, when put on correctly, with the bill to the front will help keep the sun off of your face.

The uniform shouldn't be worn sloppy, you are a Scout, wear your uniform with pride.

Saturday evening campfire attire may be the class "A" or class "B" uniform. During competition, the class "B" or appropriate casual clothing is in order.

Solid color pants with closed toe shoes are acceptable.

Don't expect to be awarded a ribbon without the den being properly dressed in Class "A" uniform at the awards ceremony.

### WATER

There is access to drinking water at the campsite.

### DEN CHIEFS

Den Chiefs are welcome to accompany their dens on campouts, provided that they are presently official and active Den Chiefs of their respective dens.

A Den Den Chief must be a registered Boy Scout at least 12 years old, and act in a mature manner.

We recommend that all Den Chiefs be trained. Of course, no Den Chief may compete in the competition events.

### THE STAFF

Yes, that's correct, staff is a special group of people, they are the ones that have given up many hours of their free time, and money, to work as a team to make an outing successful. What makes them so special is that they have all been active in their packs and troop and don't know how to say no when asked to help provide our youth a quality program.

To all of the people who have generously given their time to bring you this years Camp Digalus, your efforts are greatly appreciated for helping to make this event such a fascistic camp that it is.

#### TENTS / SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Past experience shows that if you want to get any sleep don't put any more than two boys to a tent.

Boys should share tents and leaders may share tents.

A female and male leader may only share if they are married (to each other).

#### HEY SUGAR!

Please limit the amount of sugar consumed by the boys.

#### TOILETS

All toilets in the park are available.

Please remind the boys that these are not play areas and to keep them clean.

#### DESERT SAFETY

Remember that we will be camping in the desert. There are creatures that call this place home and sometimes get upset when we humans don't respect their privacy by poking around their turf. Even though they would just as soon mind their own business, we are trespassing in their area and they will protect it.

Common sense should prevail in our actions, avoid confrontation with them. A word to the wise leader, have the scouts use the buddy system and don't go poking around in places they shouldn't be poking. Be sure you have a medical release form with you for each boy in your charge in the event of any type of accident. Be sure to bring a fully equipped first aid kit on all outdoor events and have leaders trained how to treat emergencies and not panic.

Please notify Headquarters of any accident or illness.

#### LIGHTS OUT

Some reminders may be needed for the more "enthusiastic" units. Lights out means no more loud talking. Esprit de corps becomes less obvious now and conversation should involve only tent mates. 10PM is lights out at Camp Digalus.

#### CAMPSITES

Your campsite will be preassigned and marked with flags and white lines. Please stay within the boundaries of your assigned campsite.

If you have special needs, let the Camp Digalus staff know before arriving at camp.

Please respect the other campsites, they are the other peoples home for the weekend, so don't walk, run, jog, hop or what ever you want to call it, through their homes without first asking permission. This includes cruising through Staff area or Headquarters on your way to or from an event. Rock barriers or flagging of campsite perimeter is not necessary and does not count for or against your campsite inspection score.

CRACKER-BARREL  
(ALL ADULTS WELCOME)

Time to wind down after a challenging day. Join us at cracker-barrel. This is a good time to meet with other Scout Leaders and Parents to discuss the highlights of a fun weekend and promote the Scouting Spirit.

Please rotate the adults so that every one has a chance to socialize, but make sure there is at least two adults at the campsite. You can make your program better by completing the attached critique sheet with recommendations and suggestions. The camping committee will review this information for future planning.