



12th Annual Camp Cookeree November 13 – 15, 2009

Welcome to CoHo Area's Camp Cookeree. In previous years, Camp Cookeree has focused on creative cooking in a standing camp, and we think it is time to expand the purpose and challenge of this camp. In addition to Saturday night's Cook Off, there will be mystery events that may involve an off site day hike, a tour of a local industry or displays of 'Cooking at Camp' combined with the One-Burner Stove Make Me a Nutritious Lunch non-competitive competition.

Throughout our time in Scouts we have learned many ways to cook a camp meal only to fall back on our usual standbys. Standbys will not be allowed at this camp, challenge yourselves and those around you. The entire weekend will be devoted to the fine art of camp cooking.

At this camp, all Scouts are encouraged to experiment and try something different. Meals of all sorts have been prepared in the past, from Cajun Blackened Trout, T-bone steak to a full course Turkey dinners. But wait, this isn't just a chance to work on cooking skills, but presentation as well. Candlelight dining and waiters in cumber buns have been observed in the past. The worst that can happen is that you burn your supper. The best is that you will have challenged yourselves and learned a new way of doing something that can quite often be dull and routine.

As stated the purpose of this camp is to refine your cooking skills. In order to encourage a little friendly competition, there will be a cook off on Saturday night in which all patrols will participate. The patrol that best demonstrates the spirit of creative cooking will be awarded the coveted Camp Cookeree Trophy.

Each patrol must prepare their meal from scratch. A patrol leader from a different patrol will be assigned to eat with you. This leader will evaluate the patrol's efforts. Scouters are encouraged to walk around and observe other patrols. Scouters **may not** aid in the preparation of Saturday night's meal. The Scout Program is designed to be youth driven, and Scouts judging Scouts is in the spirit of the program.

The Meal will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 1) The meal must be nutritious
- 2) Creativity/Difficulty (taking into account the patrol's ability)
- 3) Spirit
- 4) Preparation and presentation. (Clean up as well)

The emphasis of the marking is on nutrition, creativity, and spirit, presentation carry's a lesser weight. A trio of Scouters will be selected to wander the campsite to observe the various meals and patrols in action. Their judgment will account for 1/5 of the total marks a patrol may receive. In the event of a tie, the Camp Chief will convene a Court of Honour to determine a winner.

The mystery event combining into **One-Burner Stove Make Me a Nutritious Lunch** competition will be made with foods that your patrol would take when out on a backpacking trek. This meal will be a timed event with the maximum time allotted being 45 minutes to set up, prepare, eat, clean up and re-pack for continuing the days activities. Foods should be of a nutritious nature that will provide your patrol with the energy to continue on a trek. Items to bring, to be prepared, are single burner stoves; trail pots and pans, day hike pack, appropriate footwear (**no running shoes and no 'gum' boots**), hiking clothes suitable for all types of weather conditions and your food. Think lightweight backpacking and Leave No Trace (LNT) when preparing for this event.

Location: Othello Tunnels Campground, Hope BC. Take the Trans Canada to the Coquihalla (No.5). Once on the Coquihalla take the first exit and follow it to the right as it crosses under the Highway. At the stop sign, turn left and follow this road for approximately 5 km. The campground will be on your right. The proper address is 67851 Othello Rd., Hope BC 604-869-9448.

Arrival: anytime after 5pm on Friday night. Sites will be on a first come first serve basis.

Departure: anytime after closing on Sunday morning.

Cost: \$17.50/person. This includes 2 nights camping and a Camp Cookeree badge. The Camp Chief, or his designate, will collect all funds on Friday evening after you have settled into camp.

Payment: Cash is preferred. Receipts will be issued at camp.

Rules: There is only one rule for this camp, THE SCOUT LAW. Scouters are responsible for the behavior of their youth. If you are having a problem please see the Camp Chief. All groups are responsible to complete the Camping and Outdoor Activity forms and have them signed by their Group Committee; in addition they must provide a copy of their medical certificates to the Camp Chief.

Please plan for the weather. It has rained and snowed on previous camps. There is a covered shelter that we expect to be enclosed with polly. All groups are encouraged to bring firewood for a communal campfire. Drying facilities are available on site for anyone who gets really wet.

Program for **Friday night** will be up to the individual Troop Scouter to organize. On **Saturday** there will be Opening, the compulsory One-Burner Stove Make Me a Nutritious Lunch non-competition competition, Dinner Cook Off, and Campfire. **Sunday** will start with Scouts Own, Trophy Presentation, Closing then clean up and departure.

If you have any problems, questions, or concerns please contact me. I would like an attendance figure from your Troop no later than November 5, 2009. I hope to see all of you there.

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