

Nevada Area Council, BSA

Zephyr District - Sierra Nevada District -Great Basin

District



“Ring of Fire” Camporall 2023

LEADER'S GUIDE 5.0



October 13th, 14th & 15th
Buffalo Valley, NV

Registration available at

[Fall Camporall / Ring of Fire](#)

<https://scoutingevent.com/329-73456>

A weekend of adventure and experiencing
Earth and Sky!

All Activities are open for your participation.
If the one you're headed for is busy, go to another!

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NAC Fall Camporall

“Ring of Fire”

Leader’s Guide

The Nevada Area Council Fall Camporall references this year’s annular eclipse of the sun on the morning of Oct. 14th.

This event is an encampment that allows Scouts to interact with other Troops and learn and experience Scouting skills in an outdoor wilderness setting appropriate to both Earth and Sky. Most activities are designed to be done in patrols with some camp-wide activities.

Camp Leadership: Joe Prary – Camp Director
 Dan Deakin – Professional Advisor
 Jim Ferrigan – Site Liaison
 Erik Herth – Geology & Mining
 Jim Beaver – Astronomy & Medical
 Kent Hanson – Shooting Sports
 Joe Johnson – Staff & Chaplain
 Red James – Scout Skills
 Susan Robbins – Outdoor Ethics
 Ray Ritch – Council Activities

Native American Indian Land Acknowledgement:

“The Nevada Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, would like to acknowledge that this Camporall is being held on the traditional ancestral homes of the Northern Paiute and Western Shoshone People and offer respect and gratitude to their Elders both past and present.”

When: October 13-14-15, 2023

Check-in begins at 5:00pm, October 13 - Event Ends 12:00 Noon, October 15

Turn-in completed Troop roster for all those attending upon check-in!

Friday Night SM & SPL, Chaplain’s Aides Briefing 7:30 pm

Saturday Night Campfire 7:30 pm

Astronomy safety Briefing TBA at dark

Where: Joe Saval Ranch, Buffalo Valley Nevada. *Recommended access* (See maps at end of Guide)

Cost: \$15.00 per Youth & Adult-- Early Bird before 30 September 2023
 \$22.00 after October 1, 2023
 \$20.00 for Staff
\$ 8.00 for Day Campers (cost to cover Eclipse Glasses and “Ring of Fire” Patch)

Key date: Before October 1 - Register online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/329-73456>

Start and End time Events will begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday at noon. There will be a Scouts Own service on Sunday morning or if your Troop prefers you can do your own service.

Cubs Scouts Are invited to join the “Ring of Fire” to observe the eclipse and spend the day. Be advised some activities have age restrictions and are not open to Cub participation. Arrow of Light Scouts may camp as a Pack, but must do it separately from Scouts BSA,

Weather Be prepared for anything. It’s the desert in October. Nights can be cold. Days can be hot and sunny.

Vehicle Parking After unloading vehicles at campsites, all vehicles are to be moved to the parking location on the camp map. **NO VEHICLES** are to stay at campsites, or to be operated on or in the camping area during hours of darkness. After dusk, all vehicles must be escorted by a person walking ahead of the vehicle with a flashlight. Camp Director, or designee must be contacted before starting or moving a vehicle from the 'parking area.

Outdoor Ethics / Leave No Trace:

- Plan and prepare.
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- Dispose of waste properly - Carry it in – Carry it out.
- Minimize campfire impacts.
- Leave what you find.
- Respect wildlife.
- Be considerate of other visitors.

Fires / Camp Stoves – Open fires may be restricted at this time. Please plan accordingly to cook your meals over a camp stove. If allowed, all fires must be contained in an existing fire pit or an off the ground fire pan or barrel that you bring.

Vehicles and Trailers - Vehicles and trailers must be parked in the designated parking area and cannot be parked at your campsite.

For obvious safety reasons, please plan to be set up and vehicles parked immediately after unloading at your campsite. Sunset on October 13, 2023 is at 6:19 pm. For emergency exceptions, contact Headquarters.

Planned Activities

- Astronomy
- Eclipse (Sat AM)
- Geology & Mining in Society
- Shotgun Range
- Scout Skills
- Outdoor Ethics
- Tug of War
- and much, much more

What to Bring

Water ***This is a dry camp.*** There is no water at the Buffalo Valley Location. Troops must bring enough water to support their units for the weekend.

You must bring your own water for drinking and washing.

Chairs If you wish to sit, each Scout and Scouter will need to bring their own camp chair.

Shade We are in a pasture where there are **no trees**. Bring your own pop ups, shade structures or tarps and poles.

Dress - The BSA field or activity uniforms are always appropriate attire.

Picnic tables - There are no picnic tables available, you may want to bring your own tables and chairs.

Food - All meals are on your own.

Fire building material - If we are not under a fire restriction, all fires must be contained in a fire pit or an off the ground fire pan or barrel which you must provide. Bring your own fuel, wood or logs.

Health forms - Annual health form sections A&B for all youth and adults and held by the attending adult leader.

Roster of Attendance - To be turned in at check in - see attachment.

Sanitation

-Port-a-Potties will be provided.

-Please be prepared to pack out all your garbage.

Adult Involvement:

Two deep Leaders - Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth.

Patrol Method – Most activities at this event are meant for patrols and to be led by patrol leaders. Please allow the youth to gain leadership skills through experience.

Discipline – It is the responsibility of adult leaders to provide an environment of discipline and order. If disciplinary action is required remember the following:

Discipline must be constructive.

- Discipline must reflect Scouting's values.
- Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

Saturday Night Campfire Program

Sunset is at 6:19 pm Sat. night. Skits and Songs - In case you're asked to participate, your Troop should prepare a couple skits and songs in advance and make sure they meet the standards in the Scout Oath and Law. Skits should not contain death, water, toilet humor, or make fun of any group/individual. Please contact the Camp Director with your song, skit or run-on in advance of the campfire.

● **Camp Rules – We live by the Scout Oath and Law.**

Please remember to follow our youth protection policies that have been in place for years.

- Two deep Leaders.
- No one on one contact.
- Separate Accommodations & Tenting
 - Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
 - Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
 - For Arrow of Light Cubs, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
 - In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.
 - Spouses may share tents.

Respect Privacy

- The buddy system should be used.
- The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders. The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.
- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.
- All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited. Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.
- Sexual activity is prohibited.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

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“Ring of Fire” Camporall Events

- **Astronomy – The Nevada Area Council’s resident Astronomer will provide instruction on Eclipse Safety and the use of Solar Safety Glasses. On Friday and Saturday nights there will be, weather permitting, Star Gazing.**
 - **Astronomy Merit Badge - Partial – Astronomy Merit Badge is being offered. However, it cannot be completed unless the prerequisites have been completed prior to the “Ring of Fire” Camporall.**
- **Geology – Buffalo Valley is a geological Disneyland! It offers a unique opportunity for two merit badges!**
 - **Geology Merit Badge – Can be Completed.**
 - **Mining in Society Merit Badge – Can be Completed.**

For Geology and Mining in Society, materials (maps & specimens) for the Mineral Resource Option and Earth History Option so Scouts can choose. The two sections can both be done. Learn about minerals and why they're important to geologists, society, the nation, and you!

- **Shotguns Range – Scouts over the age of 14 can participate in the shotgun range.**
- **Scout Solar Skills – Scout Skill’s that revolve around the Sun will be demonstrated. (Signed Legal Guardian permission and release form required. Provided on page 9.)**
- **Outdoor Ethics- There’s no substitute for nature. Together we can protect it from impacts like overuse, trash,and harming endangered wildlife.**
- **Tug of War – Team up for this Sunday morning activity.**



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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Friday - 15 October

5:00 p.m.	Registration Opens
8:00	SM & SPL, Chaplains Aides Briefing
X:XX	Astronomy Program & Briefing – as appropriate
10:00	Lights Out

Saturday - 16 October

6:00 a.m.	Reveille
6:30	BREAKFAST
7:00	Opening, Welcome, and Flags
8:00	Partial Eclipse Begins
9:21-9:26	Totality
10:48	Partial Eclipse Ends
9:00	Events
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	LUNCH
12:30 – 4:30	Events Continue
4:30	DINNER
7:30	Camporall Campfire
X:XX	Astronomy Program - TBA
10:00	Lights Out

Sunday – 27 October

7:00 a.m.	Reveille & BREAKFAST
8:30	Opening and Flags
8:45	Scout’s Own
9:30	Tug of War, Merit Badge completion. and TBA
11:00	Closing Ceremony and Recognitions
11:00	Check out begins – Turn in Event Evaluations

“Ring of Fire” Camporall – Buffalo Valley, NV – Recommended Tenderfoot Route from Battle Mountain



From Battle Mountain, Nevada

Go to Exit 231 off I-80 and proceed South on SR305 for 11.3 miles,

Turn right on Copper Basin Road for 4.2 miles,

Veer left onto Willow Creek/Buffalo Valley Road in a southerly direction for 12.8 miles,

At sign for Joe Saval Ranch turn right and

Continue westerly for 5.6 miles to crossroads,

At crossroads, turn right and proceed northerly for 1.9 miles.

The entrance gate for “Ring of Fire” will be on your right.



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Legal Guardian Permission and Release Form for a Minor to Use Ammunition, BB Devices, & Archery Equipment

Child’s Name _____ Unit Type & Unit # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name _____

Parent’s Phone Number Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

I, (WE) the undersigned parent or legal guardian of (child’s name) _____, a minor, hereby (do___), (do not___) authorize BSA Nevada Area Council to loan a firearm including, black powder rifle, modern rifle, and shotgun to (my) (our) Scout to fire/use at the supervised range(s) while at 2023 Fall Camporall 13,14,15 October, 2023.

I, (WE) hereby give my child express permission and consent to be furnished and be in possession of a firearm(s) and ammunition provided by the BSA Nevada Area Council or by staff or members of the BSA Nevada Area Council, for the purpose of allowing my child to engage in lawful, recreational sport, including participation in instruction in the safe handling and shooting of firearms, target shooting, or in related firearms activities conducted under the supervision of the BSA Nevada Area Council Shooting Sports Director or under the supervision of NRA-certified Instructors and range staff retained by the BSA Nevada Area Council for purposes of providing such a program to my child and other BSA Scouts. (Cal. Penal Code §§ 27945, 29615, 29650, & 29655; and 18 U.S.C. § 922(x)).

I understand that for the purposes of this consent, “firearms” includes any handguns, or long guns that may lawfully be possessed by a minor under state and federal law, based on the age-appropriate programs in the BSA Shooting Sports Manual, Guide to Safe Scouting and Sweet 16 publications. I also give my child express permission and consent, pursuant to California Penal Code section 19915, to possess a “BB device” as defined in California Penal Code section 16250, based on the age-appropriate programs in the BSA Shooting Sports Manual, Guide to Safe Scouting and Sweet 16 publications.

I also give my child express permission and consent to be furnished BSA approved archery equipment, slingshots, and ammo, based on the age-appropriate programs in the BSA Shooting Sports Manual, Guide to Safe Scouting and Sweet 16 publications.

This form must be signed for all minor Scouts, even if their parent or legal guardian is on the range with the Scout.

This consent will remain in effect for my child, during the dates of this event from 13 October, 2023 to 15 October, 2023. I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by notifying the BSA Nevada Area Council in writing. This consent will only apply to firearms, ammunition, BB devices, archery equipment and sling shots furnished to or possessed by my child during any BSA Nevada Area Council event where a firearm, ammunition, sling shot or archery equipment and BB device is used as part of a program provided by BSA Scouts, and will not be valid for any other firearm’s related activity conducted during any time-period this consent is otherwise valid. A photocopy or facsimile of this written consent will serve as an original. This written consent form will be in the possession at-all-times of the BSA Nevada Area Council staff /instructors for safekeeping.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date



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Scouts, BSA Troop/Post # _____

All participants have screened negative for Covid-19 according to Leader’s Guide

Date: _____ Unit Leader’s Signature: _____

_____ Patrol

_____ Patrol

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_____ Patrol

Adults

**Ring of Fire Camporall – Buffalo Valley, NV –
Optional Roughriders Route**