

High Desert District Calico Camporee, California Inland Empire Council, BSA

## 2020 CUBOREE Guidebook

# 2020 “Cowboys and Aliens”

April 24-26, 2020

Calico Ghost Town, Yermo, CA



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# YEEEE HAAAWWWW!!

YOU are

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at the High Desert District Calico Cuboree  
Calico Ghost Town, Yermo, CA April 24-26, 2019

Iffin' you city slickers be lookin' fer a Rip Roarin', Knee Slappin', Horse Snortin', Cow Pokin', Good Time, then y'all better head on over to the Calico Cuboree right yonder at Calico Ghost Town in Yermo, California! It's put on by our trusty district; High Desert. And y'all know what that means?! It's gonna be one heck of a good time!

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Just check out some of these events that's gonna be happenin':

- Chili Cook off
- Glow Dance Party
- Pool Noodle Ponies
- Pudgy Pony and Marshmallow Shooters
- LeatherWorking
- UFO Construction Zone
- Enough mustaches to choke a horse!
- And a whole lotta everything else that happens when you're in the Wild West! There's even special time to go up to the Calico grounds and peruse the area and its history. Make sure to visit the saloon for one them Sasperillas!



And oh yea, almost forgot! ~ There's gonna be a whole lot of caterwaulin' at the Friday evening GLOW Party and the Saturday Evening Campfire with them pesky Older Scouts!!

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So giddy up! You just gotta come to this here thing! It don't cost but \$25 per Scout or even one a dem growed up Scouters at \$15... and you gotta bring your own grub, and thats a purdy square deal for this much fun!

All you buckeroos oughta set your sights on having a great time at the great Calico Cuboree! If you got one of them fancy newfangled computers things, you can register online at [ciechbsa.org](http://ciechbsa.org). Click on the camping icon and look for the High Desert District Calico CUBOREE!

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# WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

February 2020

Dear Scouts and Scouters

Thank you for joining in on the High Desert District Calico Cuboree. This program was created to provide a well-rounded, fun-filled, hands-on learning program for the youth and their families. Inside this guideline booklet, you will find all the essential rules, registration materials, weekend information and events for the Cuboree.

The events that are being offered at the Cuboree are designed to help the cub scouts learn teamwork techniques, handbook requirements, as well as get a taste of our local community history. This guidebook is provided so that all units can “Be Prepared” for what is to come and what is expected to be brought with you to Calico. We are expecting a huge turnout from units all over the High Desert as well as surrounding units from other areas outside our District. With this being said, please plan ahead and register early to guarantee a spot for the Cuboree. Please make sure each Scout has seen or read the rules of Cuboree and that they are prepared to abide by them.

Also, since this is a themed weekend being at the historic Calico Ghost Town, it is encouraged to have every person attending wear theme appropriate attire while in camp (1880 era Wild West, NO guns). We will be having costume contests for the youth AND the adults so go all out and have fun with the theme. ALL awards will be distributed on Saturday during the nights Campfire.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you at this year’s Calico Cuboree!

Happy Camping!!

Yours in Scouting,

Heidi Battaglia

High Desert District Calico Cuboree Director

Charter Organization Representative for Units 5678 / 5679

# GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

These rules are the general framework around which this Cuboree will be operated. The Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code are the guides for ALL behavior at this Cuboree. Packs or individuals who do not conform to this spirit will leave the Cuboree.

\*\*A registration fee of \$25.00\*\* will be charged to cover the cost of Cuboree camping, supplies, patches, and prizes for each scout. Adult scouters are \$15.00 each. All fees due must be paid in full upon check-in at camp. Registration Deadline is April 15, 2019.

\*\*There will be **NO PARKING OF ANY VEHICLES** in the Cub Scout camping areas. All vehicles will be parked (except designated emergency vehicles) in lower parking area.

\*\*Campsites will be assigned by the Program Director. Each Pack will be required to use the minimal space for its campsite. All packs are required to exercise "low-impact" camping techniques. Administrative and Program Staff will dismiss packs from campsites upon check out.

\*\*Packs and/or individuals should not plan on arriving to the Cuboree before 3:00 p.m. Friday. Campsites will not be assigned prior to this time.

\*\*Participation/Event lanyards must be worn at all times at the event. Lanyards are to provide each scout/unit their designated times for morning and afternoon events.

\*\*EACH person attending is to follow the Leave No Trace Principles throughout the camping weekend. There will be NO climbing or digging on the hillside.

\*\*Each scout needs to be reminded of the Buddy System if they are to leave the designated area to use the restroom or anywhere else for that matter.

\*\*Be respectful of each other. Remember that words hurt.

\*\*Be respectful of each family's camping area. \*\*Scouts are NOT to enter another family's tent unless permission by the parent(s) is given.

\*\*No cooking, bbq's or individual campfires in tent area unless otherwise designated.

\*\*No alcohol what-so-ever during camping weekend.

\*\*No smoking in camp area. Designated smoking area will be away from camp.

\*\*No one is to leave the campground area unless permission is given to do so or the time permits on the itinerary for family time. If a need arises to leave due to an emergency, please locate Heidi Battaglia, Camp Director at 760-217-7805 so that they are aware of the situation.

\*\*Each Unit is responsible **for bringing their own water for drinking AND cooking with**. Please make sure to bring ample water because Calico tends to be hot and dry. It is NOT recommended to drink Calico water.

# GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

\*\*Please take time to say hi to other families you may not know. This is a PACK TEAM BUILDING weekend so be open to working together.

\*\*If you see someone in need of help, in need of assistance of any kind, please be COURTEOUS and lend a hand.

\*\*Parents, as night-time approaches and time for lights out, PLEASE make sure to keep the talk in the tents to a low minimum to be respectful of those that are trying to sleep around you.

\*\*Technology: Phones, hand-held games, tablets, etc, should not be used during this camping weekend (exception - we have Super Scouts (special needs scouts) that need this type stimulation to control anxiety and/or meltdowns, SO, if the need arises for your scout to have this type time-out, please send them to your tent so that they are not followed by other scouts or become a distraction).

\*\*Please be respectful of props, facades, and photo opportunity booths.

\*\*Parents: this is a family campout with lots of bonding time so please keep the phone use to a minimum unless taking pictures.

\*\*All campfire skits, songs, etc., must conform to Scouting standards, and must be submitted to the Program Director upon check-in. Those with the best descriptions/scripts will be chosen for the Saturday night Campfire show.

\*\*Any two-way radios in use MUST NOT operate or interfere with the same channel as the Cuboree or Camporee staff. We need clear uninterrupted communication for emergency use. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated. The channel for the staff will be distributed at the Friday night meeting.

\*\*Unit leaders are responsible for the supervision of their units at all times. Remember two deep leadership is required at all times. Please enforce safety and discipline.

\*\*Understand that the purchase of, possession of, or consumption of any alcoholic beverages, illicit drugs, or firearms by a youth or adult at Cuboree will not be permitted and will result in immediate dismissal from Camporee.

## **CHECK-IN:**

Units should not plan to arrive at the Cuboree site before 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Please have the following information available at check in:

- A unit roster of scouts and adults with addresses and phone numbers.
- Pre-registration fee receipt and any balance owed.
- Health Forms Medical A & B (will remain with unit) for pack members and participating adults including staff.
- Medical Authorization (Permission Forms) for treatment signed by parent / guardian.

# GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

## **FIRST AID:**

First Aid will be available at all times at the First Aid Tent. Units should have adequate first-aid supplies as part of their unit's equipment. All injuries, even if treated at the unit level, are to be reported to the First Aid Tent in a timely manner.

## **PACK/UNIT**

- Flag (Pack)
- Bundle of wood for Saturday night Campfire
- First Aid Kit
- Shelters / Tents
- And any other items that your pack would bring while camping
- Water for drinking AND cooking throughout the weekend.
- Kitchen set-up. Meals for unit (Each unit responsible for own food and meals, as well as chili cook off prep)
- Glow sticks and/or glow paint for Friday night's Glow Dance Party



## **PERSONAL (Campers)**

- Clothes (appropriate for the weather)
- Tent (or share) **THICK METAL TENT STAKES!!** Calico grounds are extremely hard.
- Rope for tent just in case of high winds in the evening.
- Toilet Articles (Towels, Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, Soap, Shampoo, etc.)
- Sleeping Gear (appropriate for the weather)
- Compass
- Poncho
- Water Bottle (STAY HYDRATED)
- Camp Chair
- Change to buy snacks and cold drinks from Sheriff Gary's Refreshment Stand
- And any other items that you would bring and need while camping



*If there are any questions about Cuboree please feel free to contact the Camp Director:  
(760)217-7805 ~ Heidi Battaglia .*



# IF NOTHING ELSE, READ THIS!!

\*\*Check-in time is **from 3pm-9pm**. Do NOT arrive earlier.

\*\*For those that are tent camping, please **bring thicker metal stakes** because Calico ground is VERY hard and the thin metal stakes that the tents come with, as well as plastic stakes are subject to break easily. **Bring ROPE** as well just in case of strong winds.

\*\*Each family is encouraged to **bring 1+ bundle of wood** for Saturday night campfire. If there is enough wood collected, we will have a campfire on Friday night as well. **NO** individual campfires.

\*\*Each Pack is responsible for their **own meals and Cracker Barrel** each day. As a family, please bring extra snacks and any dietary needs that you need to be as comfortable as possible.

\*\***Each unit must bring ample water for drinking AND cooking**. Calico can get very hot so please **bring a hand-held water bottle or hydration pack** for each person attending. Water will be limited but available throughout camp (do not drink tap water from the Calico area).

\*\***Wear comfortable shoes**, like tennis shoes, hiking boots or cowboy boots. **NO sandals or open-toed shoes!!!** Ground is hard, dirty and many critters.

\*\***Bring Glow Sticks and/or glow paint** for Friday night Glow Dance Party.

\*\*Don't forget **sunscreen**. Even if the skies are overcast, the rays are sure to find you!!

\*\***NO PARKING OF ANY VEHICLES IN CAMP SITE -NO EXCEPTIONS** (unless part of staff and/or props). Designated parking is in lower area of Calico grounds. Drop off of camping gear and supplies at designated camp area is permitted but cars must be moved immediately.

\*\***Wild West / Western COSTUMES** (1880 era) encouraged for all scouts, leaders, parents and guests!!! Sheriff badges will be provided for all scouts and siblings and is included in price paid for event. Sorry, but **NO GUNS!!!** This is a touchy area for Calico so only select staff will be wearing toy guns. There will be a costume parade and contest.

\*\*You **MUST** adhere to the activity schedules your scout is given which is shown on each individual lanyard as well as your welcome folder. This is **IMPERITIVE** because of the number of stations and number of scouts attending Cuboree. You **CANNOT** leave the station early and go to another station of your choice. All staff will have schedules and names of each participant for each time period.

\*\***Medical forms (A & B)** for each PERSON attending must be turned into each Pack representative BEFORE event day in case of emergency. Medical forms will be checked and returned to each unit to keep during event.

\*\***NO ALCOHOL WHAT-SO-EVER** to be brought to camp grounds as well as **NO SMOKING**. Designated areas for smoking will be identified away from camping area.

\*\***Questions, concerns, ideas, etc:** Contact Heidi via Facebook Pack page, call or text 760-217-7805 or email at [hbattaglia67@yahoo.com](mailto:hbattaglia67@yahoo.com)



# CUBOREE ITINERARY

## Friday:

3:00-9:00pm:

Check-In (WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ENTRANCE BEFORE 3pm unless previously arranged)

\*Each family to check-in at main gate then proceed to camp area for further instruction.

\*Set up camp area.

\*Dinner is ON OWN for each family.

4:00-8:00pm: Activity: First Aid Kits (one per scout / sibling) at First Aid Tent

6:00-8:00pm: Activity: Glow Dance Party at activity area

8:30-9:30pm: Cracker Barrell (ALL units/families bring a dessert, Kitchen area)

10pm: Taps – All Quiet In Camp

## Saturday:

6:00-8:15am: Breakfast per Pack & Clean-Up

8:15-8:45am: Flag Ceremony (1 representative from each Den, Field Uniform)

8:45-9:00am: Change into Western Attire for ALL

9:00-9:15am: Sheriff to Deputize all Scouts, siblings (badge provided)

9:15-9:30am: Costume Contest Parade at activity area

9:40-12:30pm: Old Fashioned Fun Centers / See Breakdown for each individual Unit. You **MUST** stay with the schedule you are given.

\*Western Costume Contest for ALL - winners announced during award ceremony on Sunday

\*Leather Works / Neckerchiefs

\*Rock Gallery / Catapults

\*UFO Construction Zone

\*Pool Noodle Ponies

\*Pudgy Pony / Marshmallow Martians

\*Calico History 101

\*Alien Rescue Mission Obstacle Course

12:30-1:30pm: Lunch per Pack

1:30-4:00pm: Calico Grounds Unit/Family Time (on own)

\*\*\*\*History Scavenger Hunt\*\*\*\* (Scavenger paperwork in Check-in folder - bring back completed form and win a special treat!!) Calico offers on-ground activities at an **additional price**, such as

\*Gold Panning

\*Maggie Mine

\*Mystery Shack (must check in for tour)

\*Train Ride (must check in for ride)

# CUBOREE ITINERARY (con't)

4:00-5:30pm: Skills For FUN Testing (OPTIONAL)

- \*Horse Wrangling
- \*Horseshoe Toss
- \*Beanbag Boot Toss
- \*Snake In My Boot Relay



5:30-6:45pm: Chili Cook-Off / Dinner per Pack

6:30-6:45pm: Flag Lowering

7:00-8:30pm: Campfire Program for ALL (Chili Cook-Off Awards Presented First)

8:30-9:30pm: Cracker Barrel (per Pack) along with campfire

10:00pm: Lights out

**Sunday:**

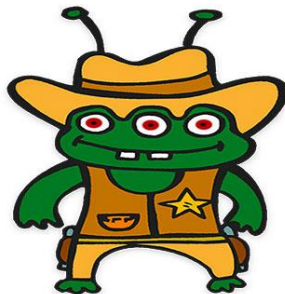
6:00-8:30am: Breakfast per Pack

8:30-10:00am: Alien Rocket Send-Off! Report to activity station.

10:00-10:30am: Any additional Awards / Wrap-up. Report to activity station.

10:30-12:00pm: Pack-up / Camp Inspection / Check out / **Leave No Trace**

12:00pm: Free time on Calico Grounds with family



**Hope y'all have a rootin' tootin' time here at Calico!!! Only fun and laughter is allowed!!!!!!**

# CUBOREE EVENTS

## FRIDAY ACTIVITIES 4:00pm~8:00pm

First Aid Kits

## FRIDAY ACTIVITIES 6:00pm~8:00pm

Glow Dance Party

## SATURDAY ACTIVITIES FIRST SESSION 9:40am~12:30pm

Leather Works & Neckerchiefs

Pool Noodle Ponies

Rock Gallery / Catapults

UFO Construction Zone

Pudgy Pony & Marshmallow Martians

Calico History 101

Alien Rescue Mission Obstacle Course

## SATURDAY ACTIVITIES SECOND SESSION 4:00pm~5:30pm (OPTIONAL)

Horse Wrangling

Horseshoe Toss

Beanbag Boot Toss

Snake In My Boot Relay

## WESTERN COSTUME CONTEST

## CHILI COOK OFF

## CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

## ALIEN ROCKET SEND-OFF



# RULES FOR CUBOREE ACTIVITIES

## FRIDAY ACTIVITIES 4:00pm~8:00pm

Two separate activities will be held Friday evening for all scouts and siblings to attend at their leisure, either while family is setting up their tents or when camp set-up is complete. Scouts and siblings can attend as individuals or with their unit.

**First Aid Kits** will be held in the First Aid Tent. First Aid Kits are to be worn throughout the entire weekend.

**Glow Dance Party** will be held at activity area. All that attend can wear glow sticks, glow paint, clothing that glows, etc. Appropriate music will be played for dancing and fun. Each unit must have a representative to watch over scouts attending from their unit.

## FIRST SESSION 9:40am~12:30pm & SECOND SESSION 4:00pm~5:30pm

All scouts/siblings will receive a lanyard in their welcome folder. This lanyard is to be worn ALL Saturday. Event times will be featured on the lanyard so that each scout/parent/leader knows where to report to each station and at what times.

**YOU MUST** adhere to the stations listed and times listed. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule due to the increased number of participants attending this years Cuboree.

Each Staff working each station will have names of EVERY scout/sibling that is to be at their stations during the scheduled times. If you arrive at a station that you are not on the list, you **MUST** find the correct station. Staff will not have time to direct you where to go. If your scout loses their lanyard, each **FAMILY**, please refer back to your welcome folder for the copy of the schedule stapled inside.

First Session activities are fun, hands-on, learning based activities. Most are theme related to the Calico era. Scouts will receive instruction from staff that is knowledgeable in their station.

Second session activities are optional, fun-filled skills based activities. Each activity will be done with teams racing against one another for fun.

## WESTERN COSTUME CONTEST FOR ALL

Western costumes are encouraged for ALL in attendance of the Cuboree – from the youngest to the oldest. Calico Ghost Town was once a booming town in the 1880's, so this era is preferred but open to all western wear. You can be as creative as you prefer – from truly authentic wear to as crazy western get-up you can find. Have fun with the theme. **NO GUNS WHATSOEVER!** ONLY Staff may wear certain type toy guns with the approval of Calico Grounds prior to event.

Judging: A panel of judges will be roaming the grounds during **FIRST SESSION ACTIVITIES** and may come to you asking your name for a certain category of their choosing.

Awards for costume contest will be given directly after the Calico Cattle Run Closeout on Sunday.

# RULES FOR CUBOREE ACTIVITIES

## CHILI COOK-OFF

Chili Cook Off is open to adult individuals, families, dens, and/or units as a whole for entry. Be creative as you like with your chili. The more entries the better.

NAME YOUR CHILI with a sign NO LARGER than 8 ½” x 11” made to Western or Alien theme for a special award.

DO NOT add your personal name or unit information to what can be viewed. Place this information on the backside of your sign.

Your chili will receive a number and judges will be only viewing numbers for categories.

Chili can be prepared at event using the freshest of ingredients, or can be made previously and brought to event to be heated up. Please make a label for your chili stating ingredients used (for allergy purposes and judging categories).

All sampling utensils and cups provided by Cuboree.



## CAMPFIRE PROGRAM SATURDAY EVENING 7:00pm-8:30pm

Campfire Program will consist of all Cuboree participants.

Campfire will take place on Cuboree side at designated firepit.

All participants are to bring own chairs.

Awards for Cuboree Chili Cook Off, Costume Contest and Campsite awards to be presented during Campfire Program.

Skits, songs, etc., must conform to Scouting standards, and must be submitted to the Camp Director upon check-in. Those with the best description/scripts will be chosen (time permitting) for the Saturday night Campfire Program.

## ALIEN ROCKET SEND-OFF SUNDAY 8:30am- 10:00am

Scouts and siblings will closeout the weekend with an ‘Alien Rocket Send-Off.’ Units will be placed together as Teams creating a group ‘ROCKET’ that each and every scout MUST work together on so that our friendly aliens can return to their planets. Fun Fun Fun!!

# AWARDS

## WESTERN COSTUME AWARDS

Most Authentic 1880 Era Costume Male Youth & Adult  
Most Authentic 1880 Era Costume Female Youth & Adult  
Most Authentic Costumes for a FAMILY  
Most Creative Costume Male Youth & Adult  
Most Creative Costume Female Youth & Adult  
Craziest Western Costume Youth & Adult  
“It’s Western Somewhere” Costume Award Youth & Adult  
Most Colorful Western Costume Youth & Adult  
\*\*Calico Sheriff Gary’s Favorite Costume Choice Male Youth & Adult  
\*\*Calico Sheriff Gary’s Favorite Costume Choice Female Youth & Adult  
\*\*\*Calico Ghost Town’s Choice Costume Award

## CHILI COOK OFF AWARDS

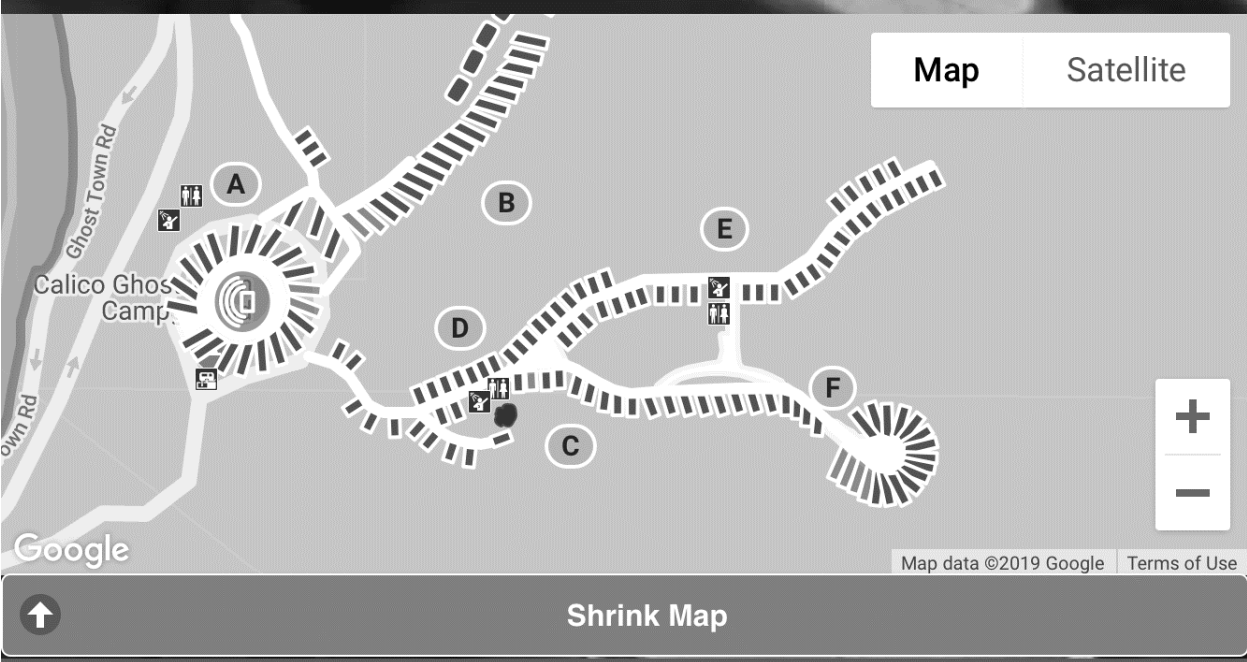
Most Creative Chili  
Best Vegetarian Chili  
‘Everything but the Kitchen Sink’ Chili  
Best ‘No Beans’ Chili  
Most Meaty Chili  
Best Non-Traditional Chili  
Most Kick-in-the-Pants Spiciest Chili  
Most Likely to ‘Need Pepto Later’ Chili  
Most Traditional Chili  
\*\*Calico Sheriff Gary’s Favorite Chili  
\*\*Best OVERALL Chili  
\*\*Most Creative Chili Name



## SCOUT SPIRIT AWARDS

Most Scout Spirit Male Youth & Adult  
Most Scout Spirit Female Youth & Adult  
Unit with the Most Scout Spirit (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Friendliest Unit  
Most Helpful Unit

# CALICO CAMPING SITE MAP –APPENDIX A



Packs and families for the Calico Cuboree will be placed in the D and E sections.

