

## Executive Advisory Committee October 2021 - Minutes

Welcome/Introductions – Ron Whitehead

How the 2024 BTP Executive Advisory Committee Is Appointed

Driven by geography, gender, needs of the camporee, and titles. If items are not voted on at the Executive Advisory Committee (EAC), it will not happen at the camporee. There are always new faces brought in based on positions they hold. The board votes on who should be on the EAC every five years.

Review BTP EAC Membership, Terms of Reference & Power to Act Documents

Committee members serve until the next camporee.

January 26, 2021, EAC Minutes – Vote Requested

After this meeting a virtual vote was sent out to all members of the EAC to move the camporee West and 100% of the feedback voted 'yes' to move it to Wyoming.

Devotional was given - Gary Thurber

International Camporee History Video

Prayer Time – Ron Whitehead

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2019 Exit Survey Report – for more information slides presented can be viewed [here](#).

Numbers have continued to grow in attendance both internationally and within the NAD. There is no other camporee that has over 100 different country's coming. Baptisms have also continued to reach new heights every camporee.

Of the total attendance in the last camporee 10 difference conferences brought 45% of the NAD attendees. 55% of the attendees were brought by the remaining conferences.

Surveys have continued to go up as well; however, the number of respondents under the age of 20 taking the survey decreased in 2019 from 2014.

When looking at the Facilities/Services report the signage was the highest scored and showers was the lowest rating when comparing to all other areas. Overall, the camporee ranked a 47.16% in excellence, a 47.68% in average, and a 5.16% in poor.

Overall, with the Administration Rating the camporee scored a 67% in excellent, a 29.49% in average, and a 3.32% in the poor category. Volunteer staff registration experience was ranked the lowest.

When looking at the charts for Safety/Medical, medical support was ranked the highest with excellent and the value for golf carts were ranked the lowest for satisfaction. Overall, there was a 53% excellent rate, 34.23% average, and a 12.28% poor rating.

Communication onsite rating overall rated 57.23% in excellent, 37.44% in average, and 5.33% in poor.

Daytime -Onsite/Offsite rating was a 67% in excellent, 31.16% in average and a 1.85% in poor.

Nighttime Programming rating had an 88.98% in excellent, a 10.30% in average, and a 0.73% in poor.

Camporees ratings had a rating of 81% in excellent, 18% in average, and a 1% in poor.

## 2024 How Did We Get to Gillette, Wyoming? 2024 BTP Going West Video

### January 26 to October 13, 2021, Updates

#### 1. Gillette Community Meetings & Relationships

The community is very conversational, they all work together, and have come up with several ideas of different ways that we can partner together to help the community. One of those ways is once we leave, we can leave whatever we don't want with them at the doors to give it to someone who needs those items (ie. Extra chairs, wood, etc.)

Jessica Seders is the Visitor Bureau Executive Director. If you ever need anything she is a great contact.

There shouldn't be anything impacting the hotels the week that we are there as their annual bike ride moved their dates for us. If trying to book hotels now for the camporee, many hotels are making notes to add people in now in which that information will be entered in as soon as those dates become available in their software.

#### 2. Facebook Live Events – Victory Kovach

Have had four Facebook lives to help answer many questions. These Facebook lives happen every second Sunday of the quarter. During the live, we highlight someone in Gillette. Past Facebook lives are on the Frequently Asked Questions page.

### 3. Community Introduction Videos – Ron Whitehead

The whole package of 20 different videos was about \$35,000 that we were able to split with Gillette.

### 4. Social Media Report – Victory Kovach

Numbers continue to grow across all social media platforms. On Spotify the age that listens the most to our songs are ages 18-22.

### 5. BTP Newsletter Report – Victory Kovach

Besides the website the other biggest way to communicate is the Monthly newsletter as a lot of people pass it on to different people. There has been a 1% dip in numbers because of how far out from the camporee we are however, several people are still subscribing so it has not affected the amount of people we are reaching.

### 2019 & 2024 BTP Staff Organizational Charts 2024 Daytime Onsite Report – Ron Whitehead / Eddie Heinrich

The organizational chart is always changing. There are several positions that are open that we are looking to fill. This report can be found on the camporee website.

Trying to bring in a rodeo either every day or a little every day. It has already been mapped out where some of the honors and activities will take place (diagram can be seen in presentation PowerPoint). We are hoping to offer things we haven't offered before such as horseback riding.

We have lots possibilities that we might be able to offer. We are hoping to offer over 250 honors. We are going to ask each conference to bring 2-3 honors to help spread the load. There are honors that will be held offsite as well.

### 2024 Daytime Offsite Report – Ken Rogers

There will be two different bus collection locations, one on the east side of campground and one on the west side. Busses will be color coordinated depending on where you want to go. All the busses will be on a timed loop.

There may be some activities that are restricted due to participation limit. Group excursions to go see Mount Rushmore, Devils Tower, Yellowstone, etc. will not be part of the official list of activities offered.

### 2024 Facilities Report

The hangers in Oshkosh were roughly 40,000 sq ft. which is 160,000 plus the tents made up about 330,000 sq ft. In just Complex in door space is about 370,000 sq ft which does not include tents. We may not use a lot of tents because of all the prime space that we have in Gillette. This means that almost everywhere except for event pavilion 3 has air conditioning. They have also agreed to staff the toilets and making sure they are taken care of and clean from 9-5.

There will be 9 entrances for each of the different Unions. The Union would staff their own entrances to help manage the crowd that is coming into that Unions area. Gillette is building the roads and the entrances for us to be able to make this happen. In Oshkosh there was only four. Having many access points will help not have so many backups.

Question asked: If the Union has a hard time finding someone to staff the entrance, does it get left open and anyone is free to go? Is there a gate that would then be closed if no one is there?

Answer: The Union will need to communicate that, in which we will provide a camp staff member that would be able to supplement outside of the daytime hours. The Union will need to tell us, what policies need to be enforced related to coming and going. All gates will need to be staffed 24/7

Question asked: Are you going to have standard regulations on how each gate is monitored or are you going to leave it up to each Union?

Answer: There will be standard policies for the camporee that will be voted on within the EAC that will then be taken to all the other Youth Leaders to make sure everyone knows what the policies are. It is not up to you to do whatever you want to do, there will be guidelines that everyone will need to follow.

It was voted to have 9 different entrances.

## 2024 International Guests & Guinness World Record Report – Nestor Osman

Registration process for international guests must have their visa and registration code before registering for the camporee. This is because the rest of the world doesn't have background checks like we have here in the states.

A comment was brought up that the process to come to the international camporee looks backwards as normally you have to have the ticket first before you can even apply for a visa.

Answer: The embassy is looking for different things to guarantee that you will return to your country. If you have the ticket or not that won't help them in making the decision for you to get approved or not. There is an introduction letter online that is updated for every camporee that can be provided.

## 2024 Nighttime Report – Randy Griffin

The spot that is potentially being selected for the nighttime program area is across a busy road, there is discussion currently on what we can do about this.

It is a mile to get from the farthest sight to the nighttime program, however, we are looking at shuttles to take everyone back and forth.

Question: With were the stage is located will sundown be a problem?

Answer : We have looked a the sunsets and it shouldn't be a problem, it should be very similar to how it was at Oshkosh. Within a half an hour of the program starting the sun should be setting. We have thought about turning the stage different ways but it is the only location where it will fit.

## Closing Thoughts & Prayer

Should we look to grow the numbers of the camporee or keep it at 55,000?

- It was suggested that we should always strive for growth.
- Another comment was made about expanding the international number of tickets available.
- Would love to see more people at the camporee but we need to make sure that we commitments from people that are coming to provide honors and activities or else we can't have more or a lot more because we are reaching an upper limit of what we can handle.
- Another person said, "I would hate to turn away any child. Until we reach capacity, I would welcome all kids that want to come."

A question was asked on zoom that wasn't addressed: Are there any discussions about mixing the unions/conferences? To allow for greater chances for our kids to form friendships with people they may not have met yet instead of placing them with kids they see almost every year at conference campouts and already have made friendships with? I assume no, just because of the logistics of placing clubs in their conference and union within the allotted space on property...