



Club Welcome Gate Competition Guidelines

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Purpose

“And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twisted linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four.” – Description of the gate to the Tabernacle (Exodus 27:16 KJV)

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” – Jesus (John 10:9 KJV)

Gates are a functional element for a club campsite, facilitating transportation and increasing safety and awareness for those inside and outside of the campsite. A welcome gate designates where the flow of traffic into and out of a campsite should occur. In addition to the gate itself, incorporation of signage into the welcome gate traditionally is used to identify who the campsite belongs to, cementing the group's identity and delineating the group's space. This provides an opportunity for artistic representation of the people the gate represents. To encourage the furtherance of this tradition, a special competition for the welcome gate has been added to the 2025 Area Camporees.

Process

Evaluation

Judging for the Welcome Gate Competition will take place at the same time as the club campsite safety inspection by the campsite safety inspectors. This is not at a prescheduled time, but may occur at any time during the event after set up is completed. For more information, please reference the Inspection Manual's section on Camporee Campsite Inspections. This can be found linked at the [Florida Conference Pathfinder Manuals page](#) or on the [Area Camporee's Website](#). Pictures and guidelines for inspiration and implementation can be found in the manual as well.

Scoring

Two groups of categories: Functional Requirements and Bonus Features. The Functional Requirements harken to the essential functionality of a welcome gate and will be evaluated based on the three categories: (1) Walkability, (2) Club Name, and (3) Structural Integrity. Each of these three categories are scored on a scale from 0 to 4 points and have a minimum point

requirement of 2 to be considered eligible for 1st place or Grand Prize. This is because the function and safety elements of a welcome gate is the primary concern for having a welcome gate.

The Bonus Features have three categories of consideration: (1) Creativity, (2) Flags, and (3) Natural Elements/Recyclable Materials. Since these elements are not requirements, they are seen point wise as opportunities to pull ahead in scoring. However, decorative elements necessitate caution and careful consideration of the decorations. For example, a club with the Pathfinder and American Flag displayed could gain +2 points for Flags, but since they were displayed incorrectly, they lose -2, obtaining net 0 points for this category. Negative points for these categories in total will not be given.

Scoring is ranked as follows:

Points Earned	Placement
Top Score	Grand Prize Top Score*
>20	Grand Prize*
15	1 st Place*
10	2 nd Place
6	3 rd Place
<6	Participation

**Requires a minimum of 2 points for Walkability, Club Name, and Structural Integrity*

The highest scoring club (or clubs in the place of a scored tie) will receive the recognition of Grand Prize Top Score.

The scoring numbers for points earned curve translation for placement may be adjusted per area at the discretion of the Chief Inspector, Eric Stillwell. Though the numbers may shift, it will only be in the favor of the clubs. This is because this competition with its structural design is new for 2025.

Reward

All clubs inspected will receive a certificate that reflects their placement and their placement will be announced at the event. The Grand Prize Top Score Club(s) will additionally receive VIP seating reserved space at the final closing ceremony and an ice cream party (food allergies and/or dietary restrictions considered and to be discussed with club director(s) of winning club(s)).



Camporee Campsite Entrance Competition!

Let your creativity shine! Each Pathfinder club is invited to decorate the entrance to their campsite with a welcoming design that reflects either:



The Camporee theme:
“His Love, Our Mission”



Your club’s identity or name (e.g., Belleview Knights, Ocala Flames, etc.)

OR

**Your club’s
identity**

Use banners, signs, arches, or natural elements—whatever reflects your club’s heart and mission. Clubs are welcome to use decorations they already have or create something new!

✓ **Judging criteria will include:**

- Creativity and visual impact
- Clear representation of the chosen inspiration (theme or club identity)
- Use of natural/recyclable materials
- Neatness and structure



Winning club will receive a club ice cream party, special recognition, and priority seating at the Sunday closing ceremony!

Welcome Gate Competition Scoring Rubric for Area Camporees (2025)

Category	Description	Points Allocated				
		0	1	2* minimum requirement	3	4
Walkability	<i>Entrance Gates are designed to be pathways to clearly designate where traffic is supposed to flow into and out of a campsite.</i>	No path is available or is clear how to enter a campsite	Only good for a few people walking through and not cargo wagons, etc.	A pathway is clearly marked. However, it is only good for foot travel and/or is placed not in the natural pathway of the club.		A wide path is clearly delineated and follows the natural flow of traffic into and out of the campsite for crowds and cargo
Club Name	<i>Signs are meant to communicate and aid with navigation.</i>	No name is displayed	Club name is displayed, but is only suitable for standing next to the sign	Club name is clearly displayed but is only readable for walking traffic and/or font choice is difficult to read		Club name is clearly displayed and readable from a great distance
Structural Integrity	<i>Safety first! Having things secure, and orderly.</i>	Safer to walk around instead of through	Safe to walk through, but not secure for inclement weather.	Structurally secured such as to survive inclement weather.		Tie downs are marked for safety, and even decorative elements are anchored
Bonus Features	<u><i>Creativity:</i></u> (max +4) <i>This sign is not only functional, but is tastefully designed and reflects positively the spirit of Pathfinding. This includes, but is not limited to the local club theme, the camporee theme, or any other aspect of Pathfinders.</i>					
	<u><i>Flags:</i></u> (max +4) <i>Flags are included and are respectfully and properly displayed. Flags not displayed honorably and/or properly lose points.</i>					
	<u><i>Natural Elements/Recyclable Materials:</i></u> (max +4) <i>God is the master artist as is evidenced in His creation. Including natural elements can earn bonus points. However, failing to uphold the "leave no trace" Christian camping citizenship principles, will detract points instead.</i>					

Club Name (print): _____

Score:

Inspector Name (print): _____

Please show calculation and circle final score