

CAMPFIRE EVENTS (CPE) FAQ for ANGELES CHAPTER (as of 11-30-17 revised)

Campfire Events is here: <https://campfire.sierraclub.org>

A How-To Training is now available on our Resources site:

https://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc_oars_training. All past OARS users: you will have to register when you first log on to Campfire: your OARS password will not carry over.

Campfire Events (CE) Replacing OARS (The Online Activity Registration System)**1. Why is OARS replaced?**

With the Club's move to a new platform (Salesforce), OARS, along with the other databases (HELEN, WILD, LEADERS), is now obsolete and will no longer function. See bottom of this doc for more about the other databases.

2. When will Campfire be required?

Middle of January. At this time, OARS will go away.

3. I have heard Campfire Events was supposed to be implemented a long time ago, is it really ready?

Campfire is also the name for the new Clubhouse which is delayed. **Campfire Events** is one of several apps which will be available by logging into Campfire. Lots of different entities across the country have been using Campfire Events for a year now. Angeles Chapter had specific business processes that needed additional time to implement.

4. How will OARS entries be transitioned over to Campfire Events?

For events taking place in 2018 and are already entered in OARS, National will copy the OARS entries over to Campfire Events. The events will still be in OARS. **The Campfire events will not be active until the Sponsoring Entity has started using Campfire Events. Angeles is already starting to test this and will have results shortly.**

5. Will we be able to access past outings from OARS in Campfire Events?

No. But all past events are archived. If you want access to your past events, National IT will have a spreadsheet of past events with short / long descriptions. However, if you want to have your own access to your past events quickly, consider creating a report out of OARS going back as far as you like. Do this before the end of 2017; yes, we will have warning as to when OARS will be gone.

6. What training tools will be provided for Campfire Events?

National has a training doc and we now have one for Angeles now here:

https://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc_oars_training

- We will have a doc that includes Angeles-specific practices. Look for this coming soon.
- We will have a video created especially for Angeles that incorporates our rules.
- We will have webinars every week. **Schedule TBD.**
- Note: the linked training doc includes link to Campfire. Please do not enter your outings in Campfire until we say it's ok - should be very soon. Angeles entities should move over in similar timeframe when National IT is ready for us. Meanwhile, you can follow the instructions and set up your login. Login has nothing to do with your OARS password.

7. Will Campfire Events have a "mobile friendly" version?

Campfire Events is already mobile friendly.

8. Will there be tech support for Campfire Events during the implementation?

Yes, there is tech support for Campfire Events. campfire.events@sierraclub.org is the best way to reach tech support.

9. What are the main differences between OARS and Campfire Events?

A lot of the fields are the same but the interface is much nicer. Also, there are functions to recurring events, support registration, electronic wavers, and attendance taking.

Note: a new feature that may save outings chairs an important step is being tested: an automatic notification to our Safety Committee when an outing is made active.

10. Will participants be able to sign up (register) for an outing online?

Yes, if the event is set up to accept registration. [Setting up Registration for Events instructions](#). A separate HOW-TO on the new waiver will be available.

11. How will my activity be displayed on a website (list or individually)?

Website display (calendar or list) has not changed from OARS. The activity will flow onto Club calendars as usual.

12. ADDUP

We will have more information on ADDUP and its appeal for people looking for things to do. Here is how events look in ADDUP (your OARS entries already flow to ADDUP):

<https://www.addup.org/events>

Meanwhile, look here for some information:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/michael-brune/2015/04/addup-technology-activism>

14. What are the ways that I can copy and paste an event?

Copying events is the same as in OARS. There was a bug in OARS that made this difficult. That bug does not exist in Campfire Events - which also includes a handy recurring events function.

Other Databases: LEADERS / HELEN / WILD and etc.**1. When will these databases be replaced?**

- LEADERS will be replaced in the first quarter of 2018. More information to follow.
- HELEN will be replaced by the third quarter of 2018.
- WILD will still exist, just with added information, but will likely be replaced in 2018.

There will be more information coming about these when available.

NEW WAIVERS are coming, too. A separate FAQ. New waiver will not become mandatory until March, 2018. However, it is part of Campfire Events for on-line registration for outings.

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