Battlefield and Heritage Trails
2020
District Spring Camporee

“In the Shadows of 1864”

April 24, 25, 26
Schroeder Family Farm
965 Pumping Station Road,
Gettysburg, PA. 17325

(Leaders Guide)
General Information

The Battlefield and Heritage Trails Districts Activities Committees present
“In the Shadows of 1864” 2020 Spring Camporee. This Camporee is open for Packs, Troops, Crews, and Ships.

Contact Information: If you have questions or concerns, call or email
- Battlefield District: Christopher Lontz (717-827-4569); christopher.lontz@scouting.org, or
- Heritage Trails District: Michael Adelberg (717-827-4571); Michael.Adelberg@scouting.org

Registration: The camporee fee will be $10 per scout, paid through Tentaroo. The $10 camporee fee will include both a patch and a replica Union kepi (one size fits all) for each participant. There will be an optional, separate fee of $4 in order to participate in Sunday’s Battlefield guided hikes. Please note this hike is an age appropriate activity for Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts, but not for Cub Scouts. We will also have an option to have mock Rifles produced for your unit at a price of $5 per rifle. ONLY REPLICA RIFLES WILL BE PERMITTED! ABSOLUTELY NO REAL FIREARM OR GUN OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED! These options will also be paid through Tentaroo, but will be separate, optional items from the $10 registration. Registration hard deadline for the camporee is Friday April 1, 2020. After that time, no further registrations for the Sunday hike can be accommodated since the licensed battlefield guides will be contracted based on hike registration numbers on April 1. Similarly, our contractor will not be able to produce rifles in a reasonable time to return them to your unit to customize after April 1, therefore all Rifle orders must be made no later than April 1. Late registrations for the campsite portion of the camporee may be accommodated at the rate of $16 per participant, but late registrants will not be guaranteed a patch and/or kepi, cannot register for the Sunday hike, and will need to produce their own mock Rifle. Units will provide all their own meals. Please have one adult check-in to complete your unit’s registration and turn in your Roster on Friday evening by 8:00 PM or if your unit arrives Saturday morning check-in is 7:30 - 8:15 AM. Program will begin at 8:30AM. Changes in registration will be corrected at that time.

Staff: Volunteers who will be helping as staff should register as staff so that we can collect contact information for you. Staff will receive a complementary patch and kepi at no fee, but will still need to pay for a Rifle if they would like one to commemorate the event.

Camping: Campsites will be assigned beginning at 5:00 PM Friday, April 17th. Units are welcome to arrive and set up their campsites as early as 12:00pm noon on Friday, April 24th. This is encouraged for units who have to travel a long way Friday night so that they can arrive and be ready to go for the Friday night activity. There will be a Scouts BSA camping area for Troops, Crews, and Ships, and a Family Camping area for Packs who choose to spend the weekend. The Scouts BSA camporee site will be divided by a “timeline” laid out on the ground. On one side of the line will be modern tents, modern trailers, modern stoves, vehicles, etc. When a person crosses the timeline to the other part of the camporee site, they should act as if it is now 1864. That includes speaking in the first person as if it is really 1864. “I wonder what President Lincoln is doing today. When will this war ever be over?” etc.
Cub Pack Information: Cub Scout Packs will be assigned sites in the Family Camping area or may attend just for the day on Saturday. For those Packs attending on Saturday, we would encourage you to plan for an all-day outing including the Saturday evening activities. Please remember you will need lunch and dinner or make plans to eat with your local Troop.

Vehicles and Parking: Only vehicles and trailers carrying unit gear will be allowed to go to the campsites to unload. Please unload vehicles immediately and remove vehicle from camping area. Vehicles carrying personal gear must go directly to the parking area and personal gear may be carried to the campsite. One trailer per unit may be unhooked and left in the campsite for the weekend. Trailer’s wheels must be chocked and you must use jack stands or blocks under the rear of trailers.

All vehicles must be parked in the parking areas. There will be no vehicles permitted in the program area. This is ensure the safety of our scouts.

Campfires: Units must bring their own firewood. All fires in the camping area must be up above the ground. All use of charcoal must be above the ground. Units should bring their own equipment to protect the ground. ABSOLUTELY NO GROUND FIRES WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE CAMPING AREA

Trash: Units are responsible for removing all trash from the campsite. Do not leave any wood, ashes or charcoal behind. Please, “Leave No Trace”.

Water: Units are asked to bring their own water. There will be water available for refill.

Pets and Animals: Animals are not permitted except for service animals, per the New Birth of Freedom’s Pets in Camp Policy (available upon request).

First Aid: First aid will be available during the event. Units may take care of minor injuries but must report all injuries to a first aid officer. Unit leaders are responsible for having a current BSA Health and Medical Record for each participant. Health Officer information will be distributed at registration.

Health, Safety and Behavior: Leaders and parents are responsible for the health, safety and behavior of all scouts in their care. Please provide sufficient leadership so Scouts are supervised at all times. If a situation warrants, individuals may be asked to leave the premises.

Uniforms: It is highly recommended that participants wear blue jeans and a long-sleeved flannel shirt so that with their kepi, they will “look the part”. (The blue sack coats just haven’t arrived yet from the Quartermaster Department). Class A uniforms will NOT be required, or expected, at any part of the weekend including religious service.

Mock Springfield Rifles: In order to have a true experience, each Scouts BSA, Venturer, Sea Scout, and Webelo/AOL Cub Scout needs to have a mock Springfield Rifle. Units have a few options for producing Rifles.

1. Units can produce their own Rifle by printing out plans (available on New Birth of Freedom’s website on either the Battlefield or Heritage Trails District pages), purchasing the materials, cutting them out, and giving them to your scouts to be personalized.
2. Units can order them through Tentaroo before April 1 and have them produced by a contractor for $5 per Rifle. In order to make sure our contractor has enough time to produce them, all orders must be placed no later than April 1. Once produced, rifles will be delivered to the York

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Scout Office. Your District Executive will get in contact with you once your Rifles are produced about getting them to your unit. If you are out of council, please contact Christopher Lontz about receiving your rifles.

THE ONLY RIFLES ALLOWED THIS WEEKEND WILL BE THE WOODEN ONES PRODUCED BY THE PLANS ATTACHED. NO OTHER GUNS (FUNCTIONAL RIFLES, PELLET GUNS, etc.) WILL BE PERMITTED. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Here are some pictures of the produced rifles ($5):

Worship Services: There will be an 1864 era church service held on Sunday morning at 8:00am. (See schedule)
**Program Activities:** Friday evening all Scouts BSA will enlist in the Union Army as recruits for the 150th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (the Bucktails). Due to heavy losses in the Battle of Gettysburg a year earlier, the 150th is looking for replacement recruits. The new recruits will spend their Saturday living, eating, sleeping, drilling, and marching as recruits did in 1864. (see program outline for more details).

Cub Scouts will have a program offered during the day on Saturday that will allow them to experience some similar activities Scouts BSA will experience, but at a Cub Scout level, and some games of the 1860’s.

**Scouts BSA (Troops, Crews, Ships, and Webelos Dens):**

For Scouts BSA program, we’ll have the following stations on Saturday for them to attend:

1. Artillery
2. Cavalry
3. Medical
4. Music
5. Veteran Campaign
6. Camp Cooking
7. Soldier Games

These stations will be mixed in with a schedule of drill sessions to prepare them for Saturday night’s parade through camp. The schedule will look like this:

**Cub Scouts:**

For Cub Scouts, we’ll have the following stations on Saturday for them to go around, visit, and participate in to experience what life was like back home while brothers and fathers were off fighting in the war:

1. Candle-making
2. Milking a cow
3. Drawing water from a well

And other stations as our committee decides on them. This is still an area under construction, keep checking back for more updates!

**Check Out:** Check out will be Sunday morning, following church services. Hike participants will be driving to the intersection of Reynolds Avenue and Route 30. Beginning at 10:00. Groups of 40 will be dismissed in fifteen minute increments. More detailed instructions will be made known at Camporee’s Leaders Meeting.

**Program Station Information:** To facilitate forming the youth participants into company-sized units of about 40 recruits each, Scout units may have to be split up for Saturday’s activity period and for Sunday’s hike depending on registration numbers. The Cub Scout program will mirror the WEBELOS and Scouts BSA but will be a separate activity for K-3rd grade aged children.
**Roster Submission:** Registration must be done on TENTAROO. Only numbers will be counted; names will not be collected on Tentaroo. Unit Roster information is to be turned in at time of check-in using the form on the following page.
UNIT ROSTER
Battlefield & Heritage Trails District
2020 Spring Camporee

**THIS FORM TO BE TURNED IN AT TIME OF CHECK-IN AT EVENT**

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