

GUIDE
FOR
UNIT LEADERS

2014 PILGRIMAGE

Honoring “Calvary Officer Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee III”

This material is your guidebook to the 2014 Boy Scout Pilgrimage. Please review it closely as you finish your planning. **This information is for all groups attending ONLY the one day Pilgrimage held on Saturday, February 15, 2014.** All Cub, Scout and Venture adult leaders, all parents, cubs, scouts, ventures, siblings of all ages in or out of scouting and friends are invited to the Pilgrimage.

Registration: Check-In will begin starting at 8:00 a.m. at Valley Forge National Historic Park Welcome Center Lower Parking Lot. Follow directional signs from all major routes to arrive at the Park Visitor Center. Follow signs to the lower Visitor Center Parking Lot just right of the Welcome Center. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Parking: Follow the directions of the Pilgrimage Staff, IDENTIFIED BY RED STAFF JACKETS AND GREEN COWBOY HATS. All vehicles must remain on the lower Visitor Center Parking Lot for the full day. Yellow School Buses will provide transportation throughout the park for the day until 5:00 p.m.

Look for your troop or pack number sign to locate your check-in point. At registration you will receive a packet with your event patches and you will be assigned to a color coded group and receive the schedule of events for your color group.

The opening ceremony will begin promptly at 8:40 a.m. on outer line drive. Special needs visitors will board buses to get to the opening ceremonies. Packs & Troops will be assigned to a specific color groups and will follow a leader with a special colored flag along the route of the Pilgrimage. There will be a short presentation at each of the seven stations as noted on your master schedule. The entire range of Valley Forge National Historical Park will be open for Scouts and leaders to enjoy. **We encourage all units to bring a bag lunch including water. (Two bottles are suggested). After lunch, plan on visiting some of the many special attractions at the park.**

INFORMATION PRIOR TO EVENT: CALL BARRY KAUFFMANN @ 215-880-5488.

INFORMATION DURING THE EVENT: Please ask any Pilgrimage staff member. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY RED STAFF JACKETS AND GREEN COWBOY HATS. You may also use your cell phone to call the CONTACT HELPLINE 215-880-5488 if you need assistance or in any emergency.

2014 VALLEY FORGE PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:30 Registration at the Visitor Center PARKING LOT. (Lower Lot)

8:40 Opening – Outer Line Drive - After the opening, you will walk or be bused to your starting station. Your starting station will be assigned at check in.

Station #1 – Calvary

Station #2 – Rifles and Skirmishing

Station #3 – To Be Determined

Station #4- To be determined

Station #5 – To be determined

Station #6 – Game Show on “Light Horse Harry” Lee III

Station #7 – Music of the Revolution

Station #8 - Artillery

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES AT
VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

The Yellow School buses will run until 5:00 P.M. in the afternoon on Saturday. Please plan to stay in the park and bring your Brown Bag Lunch and enjoy one of our nation’s most hallowed sites.

After the Pilgrimage your troop or pack is invited to participate in the Encampment Award program:

- Get an Encampment award booklet (Included in your check-in packet at the park)
- Visit 3 additional areas within the Valley Forge National Historic Park
- Discuss the questions and discover some interesting history
- Patches and segments are available for this program, at \$2.00 additional cost on site

This experience could interest your group in participating in the Valley Forge Trail Award at a later time.

Scouts are welcomed at the Visitor Center & camp store for special displays throughout the day.

A PARK MAP WITH ALL ACTIVITIY SITES MARKED WILL BE PROVIDED AT CHECK-IN.BUS/TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS/PROBLEMS: CALL Tim English: 610-585-1432

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND COMFORT WE REQUEST THE FOLLOWING:

PARK RULES & REGULATIONS: All posted rules & regulations of the National Park Service regarding parking, fires, wildlife & natural resources are to be followed as posted. The use of skates, skateboards, roller blades are prohibited.

LEADERSHIP: Each unit must be under the supervision, at all times, of two adults, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age. Leadership must be knowledgeable about cold weather outdoor skills and must have recently attended a Cold Weather Seminar offered by the Cradle of Liberty Council. Out of Council units that cannot attend the required training must present some evidence of their skills. Please call Pilgrimage Chair Barry Kauffmann at 215-880-5488 for more information, to receive the printed Cold Weather Training Seminar information.

EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES: You must bring the attached “**CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY HEALTH TREATMENT OF MINORS**” form completed for each minor in attendance. This is a requirement for treatment at the nearest hospital. **You must report any emergency to the nearest STAFF member. Emergency Medical Technicians are on duty throughout the event. Staff members are easily identifiable by special jackets and patches.**

UNIT ROSTERS: Please bring 2 completed unit rosters of everyone in attendance. We will collect one copy. We must have the Unit number, Council, names and phone numbers of all attendees. It is the responsibility of each unit leader to have all information for every person in attendance from your unit. You must be able to account for all scouts at all times through the event!

FOOTWEAR/ATTIRE: “**SNEAKERS**” are not permitted at the Pilgrimage or Encampment by Youth or Adult due to the heightened risk of frostbite. Additionally, you may not participate in any event if not properly dressed for the winter weather conditions. According to The Guide to Safe Scouting Section XII on Winter Activities, it is the responsibility of the parents, leaders, and scouts to ensure that all youth are

properly dressed for the cold weather. Participants may be sent home without refund if they are not properly dressed for the weather. Your health and safety is a top priority. Be sure to bring lots of extra warm socks; dry feet are warm feet.

COOKING AND FIRES: NO FIRES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED IN THE PILGRIMAGE AREAS ON SATURDAY. Bring a lunch and water that does not require any cooking. Hot Chocolate will be available near Artillery Park.

REFUND POLICY: THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR THIS EVENT. PATCHES WILL BE MAILED TO “NO SHOW” REGISTRANTS.

THE ABOVE ARE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE “GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING”.

CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY HEALTH TREATMENT OF MINORS

Pennsylvania law requires consent be given before medical or health care services may be rendered to a minor, except where, in the judgment of the physician, an attempt to secure such consent would result in the delay of treatment which would create a risk to the minor's life or health. Even though you have provided this consent, all reasonable efforts will be made to contact you or a responsible member of your family in connection with any emergency treatment.

TO: PHOENIXVILLE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

Consent of the undersigned parent or legal guardian is hereby given to you to administer emergency medical and/or dental services to the minor child described below:

NAME OF MINOR CHILD _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ ALLERGIES _____

LAST TETANUS (DPT BOOSTER) DATE _____

ANY CURRENT MEDICATIONS _____

ANY CURRENT ILLNESSES _____

Name of Parent (Print please) _____

Signature of Parent _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

Nearest Relative or Responsible Adult _____

Phone _____

NOTE TO LEADERS, DUPLICATE LOCALLY AND SECURE PARENTAL SIGNATURES. This form is for troop use. It will not be collected at check in.

Directions to Phoenixville Hospital

**Phoenixville Hospital
140 Nutt Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460
(610) 983-1000**

From Valley Forge NP Visitor's Center

- Exit park onto Route 23 west
- Travel approximately 6 miles
- Hospital is on your left at the intersection of Route 23/Nutt Rd. and Route 29/S. Main St.

From Encampment Site / Pawlings Farm / Walnut Hill Barn

- Turn left onto Pawlings Rd.
- Road will merge with Route 23 west
- Travel approximately 1.5 miles
- Hospital is on your left at the intersection of Route 23/Nutt Rd. and Route 29/S. Main St.

Valley Forge National Historical Park

Welcome Center: The lower parking lot is near the Visitor's Center.

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