

GUIDE
FOR
UNIT LEADERS

2014 PILGRIMAGE AND ENCAMPMENT
Honoring “Calvary Officer Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee III”

This material is your guidebook to the 2014 Boy Scout Pilgrimage and Encampment. Please review it closely as you finish your planning and packing. All Scout and Venture adult leaders, Scouts and Ventures are invited to the Pilgrimage and Encampment full weekend.

Welcome to Valley Forge National Historical Park

Our staff and the National Park Service are here to assist you in having a safe and exciting camping experience.

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OF OUR STAFF, IDENTIFIED BY RED “STAFF” JACKETS AND GREEN COWBOY HATS AND THE PARK RANGERS.

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

Encampment: February 14-16, 2014, check-in is at a remote parking lot near **Pawling Farm Area encampment site**, Valley Forge National Park from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday. If arriving late or if delayed please call Rich Hefner @ [215-370-0412](tel:215-370-0412) or John Smola @ [215-872-1475](tel:215-872-1475) and advise us of your approximate arrival time. **A local map is attached.**

If arriving Saturday morning, go directly to the Pilgrimage registration site at the lower parking lot at the Visitor’s Center. Check in there, enjoy the Pilgrimage, then go to the Encampment site for a Saturday afternoon set-up and check in.

Saturday morning, buses will provide transportation from the Encampment site to the Pilgrimage. The opening ceremony will begin promptly at 8:40 a.m. at the amphitheater. 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 eight stations as noted on your master schedule. So that all participants may have a meaningful visit to Valley Forge National Historical Park after the Pilgrimage program, buses will operate continuously until 5:00 p.m. Buses will follow a loop pattern. The bus route and schedule will be included with your check-in packet.

On Sunday, February 16th, 2014, check-out for out of state troops will begin at 8:00 a.m. Those troops traveling the furthest distance will have first outs. Council troops will begin check-out approximately 9:00 a.m.

Questions about the Pilgrimage and Encampment PRIOR to the event may be directed:
Barry Kauffmann, Pilgrimage Chairperson at 215-880-5488 (Anytime)

Pilgrimage: If you have registered and checked in at the Encampment area on Friday evening, your group will board buses at the Encampment area and be taken directly to the Pilgrimage site. No further registration is needed.

If you are arriving on Saturday, February 15, 2014, check-in will be at Valley Forge National Historic Park, Lower Welcome Center Parking Lot just right of the Welcome Center. There are directions to the main park entrance from all major routes. Registration will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Look for your troop or pack number sign to locate your check-in point. Your packet, including your patches, will be given at check-in, only if participating for the day.

The opening ceremony will begin promptly at 8:40 a.m. on outer line drive. Special need 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 eight 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 unit members to bring a bag lunch and bottle water & extra socks. After lunch, plan on visiting some of the many special attractions at the park, participating in earning the Encampment Award.

During the event please call the Pilgrimage Help Line at 215-880-5488.

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 registration)
- Visit 3 additional areas within the Valley Forge National Historic Park
- Discuss the questions and discover some interesting history
- A patch or segment is available for this activity, 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. Information about the Valley Forge Trail Award will be included in your check in packet.

If your Troop (Boy Scouts Only) is camping overnight at the Encampment site, you can participate in the above activity or return to the Encampment site for a wide range of fun activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND SAFETY NOTES

PARK RULES & REGULATIONS: All posted rules & regulations of the National Park Services 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 competent adults, one of whom is at least 21 years of age. Leaders must be savvy about cold weather camping and **must** have attended a recent Cold Weather Seminar. Out of council units that cannot attend the required training because of distance, **MUST** call Chairman Barry Kauffman at 215-880-5488 to make other arrangements and/or to receive the training information literature.

ROSTERS: **EACH UNIT MUST BRING 2 COPIES OF A UNIT ROSTER. ONE COPY MUST BE TURNED IN AT CHECK IN. TROOP MUST KEEP THE 2ND COPY. THE UNIT LEADER MUST KNOW WHERE ALL SCOUTS ARE AT ALL TIMES. THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY EVENING HEAD COUNT WITH REPORTS TO THE REGISTRATION TENT ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT “LIGHTS OUT”**

SANITATION AND CHARCOAL ASHES: All solid garbage must be placed in the large dumpster near the entry way to the campsite. **Charcoal ashes MUST be put in the designated containers near the Registration Tent. This is a National Park requirement. Violation of this requirement may result in citation by the National Park Rangers.**

Propane receptacles will be provided at the edge of the campsite area.

ACCIDENTS: **Report all accidents, fires, and property damage to the Registration Tent.** The Emergency Medical Services team will make transportation decisions. A parental consent form for medical treatment must be in the leader’s possession for each minor in attendance. The local hospital’s suggested form is attached. **All injuries, no matter how minor must be reported. EMT’s are on duty throughout 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 wood fires are permitted. No ground fires are allowed. Raised charcoal grills and propane stoves are permitted. Keep these away from tents, live trees, and shrubs. **NO FLAMES OR HEATERS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED IN TENTS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

CHECK-IN TIMES: Encampment, Friday, February 14, 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Pilgrimage, Saturday, February 15, 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Please submit your ROSTER upon check-in. Bus schedule for shuttle to the Pilgrimage will be posted at site board. All tent sites are 30’W X

50'D. Large unit will be given multiple sites. Units travelling from distances of over 3 hours may check in beginning at 2:00 P.M.

ENCAMPMENT CHECK-OUT: Check-out is between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Sunday, February 16th, after a staff member has cleared the site. Only then will the patches for the troop be issued. Check out for out of state/out of council troops will begin at 8:00 AM followed by COL Troops. No Troop will be permitted to pick up vehicles until equipment is piled and site inspection is completed.



TENTING AND SITE CONDITIONS: Please use the minimum number of tent pegs for each tent so as to cause the least disturbance to the ground cover. No trenching is permitted. **NO PORTABLE HEATERS ARE PERMITTED IN TENTS.** Straw or hay for bedding is allowed ONLY IF SEED FREE. All straw and hay **must be removed** before check out & may be put in the dumpster.



PARKING: Please follow the directions of the parking attendants at all parking lots. Illegal parking may result in the issuing of parking tickets by the Park Rangers. Vehicles at the Encampment site will unload all equipment at the edge of the campsites as there is no driving into your campsite. All drivers must remain with their vehicles at all times during unload and move vehicle to remote parking lot. You will be returned to camp by shuttle van. ALL VEHICLES MUST REMAIN IN THE ENCAMPMENT PARKING LOT THROUGHOUT THE ENCAMPMENT. All drivers are to remain with their vehicle during unloading. Then depart to parking areas and get a ride back via shuttle vans.

SATURDAY LUNCH: You will want to bring lunch to the Pilgrimage. You might back-pack sandwiches and drinks (there is NO WATER in the Park) and eat almost anywhere along your route. DO NOT plan to eat at the cabin behind the Washington Memorial Chapel, at the chapel itself nor, in the Valley Forge National Historical Park Welcome Center. Remember; please take your trash to the next available can. It's the "Outdoor Code". After Pilgrimage you can continue your tour and earn the Encampment Award (LEAVE NO TRACE).

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND "THE GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING". PLEASE OBEY ALL PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS AND FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS OF EVENT STAFF AND PARK PERSONNEL.

7:00 - 8:15 On going transportation by School Bus to the Pilgrimage Area.

8:40 Opening – Outer Line Drive - After the opening, you will walk or be bused to your starting station. Your color group and schedule 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

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Scouts are welcomed at the Visitor Center & camp store for special displays after the Pilgrimage.

A PARK MAP WITH ALL ACTIVITIY SITES MARKED WILL BE PROVIDED AT CHECK-IN.

**FOR BUS/TRANSPORTATION-QUESTIONS/PROBLEMS:
CALL Tim English 610-585-1432**

ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 14 - 16, 2014

FRIDAY SCHEDULE February 14, 2014

4:00-9:00 p.m.	Registration
5:00-9:00 p.m.	Fellowship Fire (weather permitting)
9:00 p.m.	Senior Patrol Leaders Meeting - REQUIRED ATTENDANCE!
9:30 p.m.	Scout Leaders Meeting - Group A REQUIRED ATTENDANCE!
10:00 p.m.	Scout Leaders Meeting - Group B REQUIRED ATTENDANCE!
11:00 p.m.	Taps

SATURDAY SCHEDULE February 15, 2014

6:00 a.m.	Reveille
7:00 a.m.	Flag Raising Ceremony and troop call out
6:00 - 7:00 a.m.	BREAKFAST
7:00 a.m.	First Bus Leaves for Pilgrimage
8:15 a.m.	Last Bus Leaves for Pilgrimage
8:40 a.m.	Pilgrimage Opening Ceremony
9:40 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Pilgrimage Program
2:10 – 5:00 p.m.	Troop Program (Buses Available), Encampment Award & Lunch
5:00 p.m.	Last Bus Leaves Visitor Center
5:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass at Encampment site
6:00 p.m.	Ecumenical Services at Encampment site
6:30 p.m.	Retreat and troop report
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	SUPPER
8:00 - 8:45 p.m.	Heritage Campfire
9:30 p.m. REQUIRED!	Leaders Meeting & Cracker Barrel–Group A
10:00 p.m. REQUIRED!	Leaders Meeting & Cracker Barrel-Group B
10:00 p.m.	Patch Swap
11:00 p.m.	Taps

SUNDAY SCHEDULE February 16, 2014

7:00 a.m.	Reveille
7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Break Camp and Check-out “Out of State/Out of Council Troops” followed by C.O.L. Troops.

GPS Coordinates are approximate!!

Encampment Check-in (Note: this is across the road from the Encampment site.

Parking lot for Schuylkill River Trails
GPS: 40.114618, -75.455443

Encampment site: Address of the Walnut Hill Barn

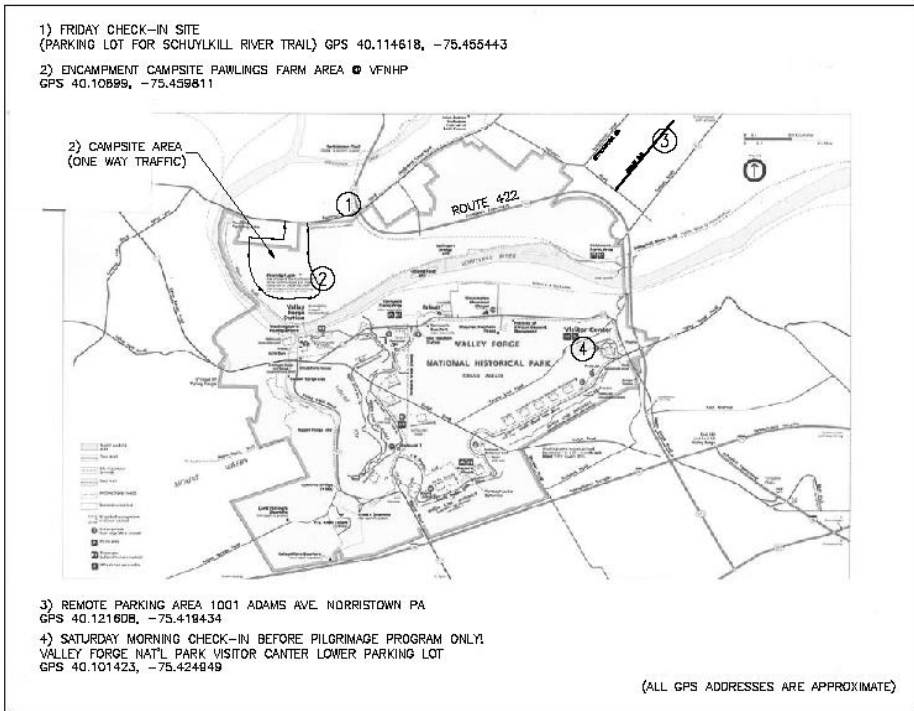
1380 Pawlings Rd. Audubon PA, 19403
GPS: 40.10899, -75.459811

Encampment remote area

1001 Adams Ave. Norristown PA, 19403
GPS: 40.121608, -75.419434

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

100 North Outer Line Dr. King of Prussia PA, 19406
GPS: 40.101423, - 75.424949



2014 Encampment Check-in Procedure

The Boy Scouts of America does not approve of “Caravanning” to and from scouting events. With this in mind a little trip planning and communication with vehicle drivers can help keep people from losing their way or breaking laws to keep up with the rest of the unit.

It is recommended that your unit plan to arrive at the Encampment registration site together if before 9:00 p.m.

We have changed the check-in procedure to allow units to gather together and streamline the unloading procedure.

Plan to arrive at Valley Forge Park after 4:00 pm and before 9:00 pm. Units travelling over three hours may arrive at check in after 2:00 P.M.

- Travel to the Schuylkill River Trail parking area on Pawling’s Rd. next to the 422 overpass. This is area **#1** on the attached map. Check-in for camp will occur here.
- Unit Leaders need to bring a copy of the unit roster and any unpaid fees.
- We will assign your campsite here, give you a check-in packet and ask you to rally your troop together before proceeding to the unload area.
- Travel to the unload area, **#2** on the map, as a group. Staff members will direct you where to unload vehicles. A campsite host will escort you to your site and help you define your camping area.
- **Drivers must stay with their vehicles.**

Directly after vehicles are unloaded drivers need to take their vehicles to the remote parking area **#3** on the map. This is located on Adams Rd. Follow arrows out of campsite area turn right onto Pawling’s Rd. and follow sign & map.

Important facts:

- Parking area will be under surveillance for your security all weekend long.
- If traveling long distances, each vehicle should have a relief driver.
- Pertaining to the above Scoutmaster should plan to be in the passenger seat for arrival at camp.
- Shuttle vans are provided by the camp to take drivers to their vehicles all weekend long.
- The above does not mean the whole troop.
- Late Friday evening Check-in will move to the campsite area.
- Units arriving Saturday morning travel directly to the Pilgrimage area. We will check you in at the Encampment after the Pilgrimage Program.
- Information will be available all weekend long, please ask if you are not sure of something.

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: LEADERS, DUPLICATE LOCALLY AND SECURE PARENTAL SIGNATURES.

FOR TROOP USE ONLY – This form will not be collected, but must be in the possession of the Unit Leader at all times!

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.

If your troop would like to participate in the Encampment Campfire, please complete and turn in with your initial registration or at the Encampment registration.

ENCAMPMENT CAMPFIRE

Please complete and return to Registration area by 5:00 p.m. Saturday.

TROOP # _____ COUNCIL _____ STATE _____

CHEER _____

SONG _____

SKIT _____

