

PILGRIMAGE AND ENCAMPMENT
Leader's Guide
2019
107th Annual
Honoring General Anthony Wayne

Encampment – March 8 to 10, 2019
Pilgrimage – March 9, 2019

All camping and activities are at the Valley Forge Military Academy site

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Pilgrimage and Encampment Committee Mission and Purpose:

An annual scouting event to experience the historical significance of the American Revolution and honor General George Washington and his Continental Army winter encampments.

Dear Unit Leaders and Scouts:

Welcome to the Pilgrimage and Encampment, our commemoration of the Continental Army's original encampment here during the Revolutionary War. The Pilgrimage portion provides learning opportunities of that era as well as modern times via a round-robin course. This Leader's Guide should provide you with all of the information needed to have an enjoyable, safe outing. Please review it carefully and share it with your leadership, parents, and youth.

George Washington's army wintered over in Valley Forge from December 19, 1777 to June 19, 1778. The 12,000 men and women of the Continental Army who arrived in Valley Forge suffered from starvation, disease, and exposure. While at Valley Forge the army was able to regroup and get coordinated training. On leaving Valley Forge in June, Washington's resupplied and newly trained army defeated the British at the Battle of Monmouth.

Our Encampment is both similar to and different from Washington's encampment. We come fully supplied with modern equipment and plenty of rations. However, we still face the uncertainty of weather conditions – anywhere from very cold to downright warm; and dry, snowing or raining. Day visitors to the Pilgrimage need to take weather conditions into consideration, too. Although you will only be here for the day, improper dress or inadequate food or water can make your day miserable.

Please also study our activity policies and procedures. Some come from our host facility, others are local municipal ordinances as well as the principles of the Scout Oath and Law and are meant to ensure that the Pilgrimage and Encampment operates safely, effectively, and enjoyably for everyone.

If you have any questions concerning the Pilgrimage and Encampment, please do not hesitate to contact us. The P&E Committee is made up of volunteers who are willing to assist you. Thanks and see you there!

Yours in Scouting,

Barry Kauffman
P&E Committee Chair & council activities chair
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PILGRIMAGE AND ENCAMPMENT LOGISTICS

Please feel free to ask questions and follow directions of our staff, identified by red “STAFF” jackets. People with disabilities should make arrangements in advance. See the Contacts page.

NOTE – THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR THIS EVENT. PATCHES WILL BE MAILED TO “NO SHOW” REGISTRANTS.

ENCAMPMENT (weekend camping and activities)

Advance Preparation

- 1) Read through this entire Leader’s Guide to make sure you have a full understanding of this activity’s requirements – and review with your leadership and youth
- 2) Be Prepared! Weather is an uncertainty. We’ve had warm/dry Januaries and Februaries, and very cold and snowy Marches. In anticipation of cold weather we recommend attending the Council’s ScoutingU in early February to get up to speed on topics such as cold weather dress, cold weather health & safety, and cold weather bedding and campsites. If you think you don’t need this training that’s when you know you do! Register on the Council website. Dates for this year’s ScoutingU are on the last Contacts page.

Prior to traveling

- 1) Just prior to packing and traveling, review weather conditions and make adjustments accordingly
- 2) Fill out TWO rosters that include the names and contact info for each participant – youth and adult
- 3) Gather up and bring individual medical forms for each participant
- 4) Bring current Drug Administration and Emergency Action Plan forms, if needed
- 5) Have each driver fill out the Vehicle Registration form (at the bottom of this document). The driver fills in his information twice on the form
- 6) Make sure all drivers have directions to get to check-in. No caravanning!

Arrival

- 1) Check-in should occur between 4:00pm and 10:00pm on Friday.
- 2) Follow the directions of the parking lot attendants
- 3) Check-in will occur when your entire group is in the parking lot
- 4) There will be a staging area where units can regroup
- 5) When everyone has arrived, an adult leader will go to the check-in trailer with the following COMPLETED forms
 - a. One copy of the roster
 - b. All of the completed Vehicle Registrations
 - c. NOTE – Medical, Drug Admin, and Emergency Action Plans remain with the unit and do not get turned in
- 6) Inform the check-in staff of the number in your unit (must match the number on your roster); if you have more people than you registered you will need to pay their additional fee. No-shows receive their patch – no refund.

Unloading and Camp Set-up

- 1) At check-in you will be assigned a campsite. The staff will direct you to the unloading area where your unit will unload their gear. Drivers must stay with their vehicles.
- 2) A campsite host will walk your unit from the unload area to your specific campsite.
- 3) Once unloaded, all vehicles will be driven to the remote parking area. From there drivers will be returned to the Encampment site via Council shuttle vans.

Campsite Set-up and Activities

- 1) Once your camp is set up you are on your own Friday evening.
- 2) On Saturday follow the “SCHEDULE” section of this guide for the day’s activities
- 3) It is recommended that you carry a small backpack, lunch, energy bars 2 bottles of water, extra socks
- 4) There will be no water along the Pilgrimage trail – bring you own!

Check-out

- 1) The check-out procedure is similar to that of check-in, but reversed.
- 2) Pack up all of the unit’s gear and take it to the unloading area
- 3) Have a campsite host inspect your site and turn in your evaluation
- 4) Following inspection drivers will be shuttled back to their vehicles
- 5) All unit vehicles will be loaded with gear and scouts and can leave
- 6) NOTE – out-of-council units can begin check-out at 8:00am; in-council units can check-out after 9:00am

Special Situations

- 1) Early check-in. If you need to arrive before 4:00pm on Friday connect with the “Early Arrival” person on the Contacts page to make arrangements (no earlier than 2pm); Late check-in (after 10pm) contact the “Late Arrivals” person on the Contacts page.
- 2) Partial check-in. Some units send an advance group to bring initial equipment. This is acceptable. Make sure the check-in staff knows that this is a partial check-in. When the rest of the unit arrives they need to check-in as a group, and remind the check-in staff that they are the follow-up group. That way we can direct them to their already assigned campsite.
- 3) Saturday morning check-in (by 8am). Go to the Pilgrimage check-in site, walk to the opening ceremony and enjoy the day’s activities – THEN set up your campsite.
- 4) Early check-out. Some units have to leave after Saturday’s programs. If this is necessary follow the check-out procedure listed above

PILGRIMAGE (day-long activity – for day visitors and those attending the Encampment)

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Prior to traveling

- 1) Just prior to packing and traveling, review weather conditions and make adjustments accordingly
- 2) Make sure all drivers have directions to get to check-in. No caravanning!

Arrival (Day Visitors Only)

- 1) Check-in should occur at 8:00am on Saturday.
- 2) Follow the directions of the parking lot attendants
- 3) One leader will check-in and pick up their unit's packet (schedule, patches, etc.)

Activities

- 1) Color groups
- 2) Follow the "SCHEDULE" section of this guide for the day's activities
- 3) It is recommended that you carry your bagged lunch, bottled water, extra socks in a day pack

Check-out

- 1) There is no need for Pilgrimage-only participants to check out. At the completion of the program you may leave; walk back to your vehicles.

NOTE: Food will be available at no cost between 11:35 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. at the pilgrimage site!

ACTIVITY RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

BEHAVIOR: We are guests using the facilities provided. We must follow their specific rules, as well as those of the local government. In addition, as scouts we should always be following our Oath and Law.

PROHIBITED: The following are absolutely prohibited by the host facility, BSA, and/or local government:

- Wood fires
- Ground fires
- The use of any heating device inside of a tent, shelter, kitchen or dining fly
- Use of skates, skateboards, rollerblades
- Parking anywhere other than areas specifically designated by staff
- No used propane cylinders or used charcoal in dumpsters

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 and trained in BSA Youth Protection

COOKING AND FUELS: Only charcoal (not on the ground) and propane camp stoves may be used for cooking meals. **NO INDIVIDUAL CAMPFIRES!** Charcoal ashes **MUST** be put into the designated containers near the STAFF tent. Empty propane container receptacles are also available for recycling near the STAFF tent.

ACCIDENTS: Fires, accidents, security issues, property damage and injuries (no matter how minor) must be reported to the P&E staff. We have on-site EMS personnel to assist with injuries and transport, if needed, to local hospitals. Please see them for any medical concerns.

FOOTWEAR/ATTIRE: Dress for the weather. In particular, dress in layers. If you are unfamiliar with cold-weather outings you should attend training sessions at the Council's ScoutingU. Be Prepared! 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. Participant's health and safety is critical. **Improperly dressed participants may be asked to leave for their own safety. NO SNEAKERS! You must wear hiking or waterproof footwear.**

TENTING: 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 or flames 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.

CAMPSITES: All tent sites are 30'W X 50'D. Each site should hold 16 participants. Small units (8 or less) may be asked to share a site. Larger units (more than 16) may receive an additional sites or partial.

FACILITIES: At the Encampment site there will be porta-pots, potable water, dumpsters for trash, and containers for spent charcoal. The Pilgrimage site will have porta-pots but **NO POTABLE WATER** or trash receptacles. Bring your own water and carry out your trash.

SCHEDULE

Encampment

Friday	4:00 p.m.	Encampment check-in opens	Through 10pm	
	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Fire @ Staff tent (weather permitting)	Through 9pm	
	9:00 p.m.	Senior Patrol Leaders meeting	Required	
	9:30 p.m.	Scout Leaders meeting - Group A	Required	
	10:00 p.m.	Scout Leaders meeting - Group B	Required	
	11:00 p.m.	Taps		
Saturday	6:00 a.m.	Reveille & breakfast		
	7:00 a.m.	Flag raising ceremony and troop call out		
	8:30 a.m.	Go to Pilgrimage site; meet with color Group assigned		
	9:00 a.m.	Pilgrimage Opening Ceremony		
	9:20 a.m.	Dismiss to Pilgrimage Stations		
	9:45 a.m.	Pilgrimage Stations (see below)		
	2:30 p.m.	Pilgrimage Ends - Return to Encampment site		
	2:45 p.m.	Encampment Site Activities (see below)		
	5:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass at Campus Chapel		
	6:15 p.m.	Ecumenical Services at Encampment site		
	6:45 p.m.	Retreat and unit report		
	7:00 p.m.	Supper		
	8:00 p.m.	Heritage Campfire		
	9:30 p.m.	Leaders Meeting & Cracker Barrel—Group A	Required	
	10:00 p.m.	Leaders Meeting & Cracker Barrel-Group B	Required	
		10:00 p.m.	Patch Swap	
		11:00 p.m.	Taps	
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Reveille & breakfast		
	8:00 a.m.	Break camp - out-of-council welcome to leave first		
	11:00 a.m.	All units should be gone		

Pilgrimage

Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Pilgrimage Only check-in & move to opening ceremony
	9:00 a.m.	Pilgrimage Opening Ceremony
	9:20 a.m.	Dismiss to Pilgrimage Stations
	9:45 a.m.	Pilgrimage Stations (see below)
	2:30 p.m.	Pilgrimage ends; return home or to Encampment site

PILGRIMAGE STATIONS

Follow your color group to the stations! Stations are subject to change.

Station #1

Marching Revolutionary-war style with wooden muskets

Station #2

Regimental Encampment

Station #3

Music of the Revolution

Station #4

Learn about the General Anthony Wayne in person

Station #5

Meet former president James Madison as a Congressman in President Washington's administration. Discuss the cultural and political environment between 1790 and 1799 in Philadelphia

Station #6

Women of the Revolutionary War camps

Station #7

Cavalry of the Revolution – live horses in a training arena

Station #8

Game show – honoring General Wayne

ENCAMPMENT SITE ACTIVITIES (Subject to Change)

Twixer Challenge:

A team of six scouts will be needed to lash and operate the “Twixer”. By utilizing two square and one diagonal lashing, the twixer’s main frame will be completed. Then, attaching guide lines to the apparatus, you will walk the twixer across No-Man’s land. Teamwork and leadership will be needed to take the minimum of four steps to get the twixer across. Two hot cheese pizza will be awarded to the patrol with the best lashing and shortest time to accomplish the goal. (All supplies will be furnished)

General Pulaski’s Polish Hunter’s Stew Cook-Off:

When General Pulaski “Father of the American Cavalry”, arrived in camp, he was cold; tired; and hungry. The camp cooks wanted to prepare a hardy stew to satisfy the general with a taste of home. Using locally procured food items as the main ingredients, the cooks prepared a satisfying meal called Hunter’s Stew. Around camp this meal became affectionately known as General Pulaski’s Stew. Traditionally, Hunter’s Stew, also known as **Bigos**, is a hearty, cabbage and pork-based stew that has been called the national dish of Poland.

This year’s cooking challenge will be for your camp cooks to prepare a stew to feed **your** cold, tired and hungry troop. You can use your own favorite recipe, but it must include at least one protein, one vegetable and a starch. Bring a sample of your unit’s stew to the registration tent Saturday evening at 6:30 for judging. Judging will be based upon taste, appearance, and originality. The troop creating the winning stew will enjoy fresh, delicious pizzas, delivered directly to your campsite for your troop’s Saturday night snack.

Survival Scavenger Hunt:

This scavenger hunt will separate the real scouts from the tenderfeet! This is a patrol event and not a race. The patrol that finishes with the most items will be awarded with a prize at the Heritage Campfire. Patrols can pick up their scavenger hunt list in the staff area after Saturday lunch. Bring your completed sheet and items back to the registration trailer to be checked no later than 5:30 p.m. Participants must stay within the encampment limits. Good hunting and may luck be with you! The team with the most items found will win two pizzas delivered to your campsite for your troop’s Saturday night snack.

Gateway Contest:

We realize that troops arriving at the encampment must travel light; therefore, the contest rules will be simple. The entire gateway structure must be free standing with all poles and guy ropes within your campsite borders. The gateway must be constructed utilizing two types of lashings, supporting a sign with your troop’s name, number, town, and state proudly displayed.

Gateway judging will take place Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm. The troop with the winning entry will be awarded two pizzas for their Saturday night snack.

Heritage Campfire:

The Heritage Campfire will be held Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. All troops are encouraged to participate. Troops are asked to complete the form included in the Leaders Guide with their song, skit and cheer. Completed forms need to be turned into the registration trailer Saturday evening by 6:30 p.m.

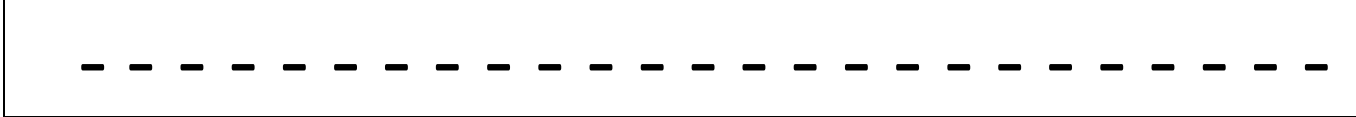
Potlatch Patch Swap:

Scouts are encouraged to bring along their patches for both display and trading Saturday evening at 10:00 p.m. in the Headquarter Tent.

VEHICLE TRACKING	
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	Fill In Below
Vehicle Owner's Name:	
Leader's Name:	
Cell Number:	
Unit Type:	Troop/Crew/Pack/Ship
Unit Number:	
Council:	
District	

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ENCAMPMENT CAMPFIRE

Please complete and return to Registration area by 5:00 p.m. Saturday if you would like to perform.

TROOP # _____ COUNCIL _____ STATE _____

CHEER _____

SONG _____

SKIT _____

DIRECTIONS TO PILGRIMAGE/ENCAMPMENT

Check back - information to follow.

Pilgrimage day directions and parking

Encampment @ VFMA football field

DIRECTIONS TO NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY

Check back - information to follow.

CONTACT INFORMATION

General Information & Pre-event Questions:	Barry Kauffmann	215-880-5488
Disability Concerns:	Barry Kauffmann	215-880-5488
Encampment Questions:	Rich Heffner	215-370-0412
Transportation Issues:	Tim English	610-585-1432
General Check-in Questions	Brenda Conallen	267-644-9002
Early Check-in:	John Kelly	484-363-1128
Late Check-in:	Rich Heffner	215-370-0412
Medical Issues:	Gabrielle Marcus Bob Pisch	215-870-6555 215-783-7648
Pilgrimage Questions:	Gary Bonfante	215-530-2045

For Cold Weather Training attend ScoutingU, February 2, 2019 at Valley Forge Military Academy. Register online @ colbsa.org – Leaders and Resources, Training, ScoutingU and PowWow.