Venturing Officers Association

2012 Annual Rendezvous

Northeastern Pennsylvania Council 501, Boy Scouts of America

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"Back to Medieval Days"

May 11th-13h, 2012

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Camp Acahela

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Please take the time to familiarize yourself and your Crew Advisor with the information contained in this packet. Also included are copies of the all the necessary forms for your use. Please take note of critical dates such as the return date for Early Registration forms. Please feel free to make duplicate copies of these forms and this booklet for your participating Adult Scouters and Scouts and have them filled out, signed and ready for inspection at check-in.

Check-in and campsite assignments will begin at 5:00pm on Friday, May 11th. Please plan to attend the Leader's Meeting for all Venture Crew Advisors and Crew President's or for the Acting Crew president for the week at 7:00pm where any last minute changes to the program schedule will be discussed. ***You will want to attend the Friday evening program!***

Council Venturing President *Cara Sepcoski*

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General Information

1. **MEMBERSHIP** All participants of the Rendezvous must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. The Venture Crew Advisor or Crew President or for the Acting Crew President for the week shall present a roster at check-in of all scouts attending.

   Crews participating in this Rendezvous will need to have their Scouts already signed up for the individual events that they would like to participate in. Events do NOT need to be done as a crew, they can be done on an individual basis.

2. **TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP** All units attending the Rendezvous must comply with the BSA policy requiring that "two registered adult leaders or adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings".

3. **SITE LOCATION** Camp Acahela

4. **OFF-LIMIT AREAS** Some portions of the camp will be considered **OFF-LIMITS** and are to be avoided by everyone. These areas will be clearly stated during the Friday evening and Saturday morning meetings. Anyone found in these areas may be asked to leave the Camp.

5. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/TOBACCO PRODUCTS** Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted at a Scouting function. Anyone found possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages will be required to leave the Camp. The use of any tobacco product is discouraged at any time at a BSA event.

6. **NON-SCOUTING EQUIPMENT** Guns, sheath knives and other such equipment not accepted by Scouting are prohibited. Any equipment of this kind will be confiscated and returned to adult leader upon check-out. Fireworks are prohibited as well. Camouflaged clothing is not appropriate for Scout functions as per BSA policy Please leave your personal electronic entertainment (IPods, CD players, MP3, etc.) at home so everyone can enjoy the outdoor experience peacefully.

7. **CRITTERS AND PLANTS** Bring your personal first aid kits for temporary treatment. All Crews should have a large, properly labeled and visible First Aid kit available in their campsites at all times during the Rendezvous .

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8. **WEATHER** Everyone must be fully prepared for conditions at this time of year. Temperature ranges over the weekends could be quite cold to quite warm (this is Northeastern Pennsylvania!). Scouts are encouraged to bring necessary clothing to be as comfortable as possible at both of these extremes. Appropriate personal rain protection is also an excellent idea, as it has been known to (occasionally) rain during Scouting events in the past. To help with this, we will prepare a ***"Weather Rock"*** station to help us forecast the weather!

9. **FIRST AID** There will be a First Aid station staffed 24 hours per day for any Scout or Scouter needing assistance. The First Aid Station will be centrally located and marked with a Red Cross Flag. Please be sure to advise your Crew members of its location, to be announced at Friday's meeting and the Saturday morning Flag ceremony.

10. **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** In cases of emergency, the telephone number(s) to call are:

    John Sepcoski – 570-527-1970

    Council Office 570-207-1227

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REGISTRATION

1. **CHECK-IN** Will begin at 5:00pm on Friday, May 11th for normal arrival and at 7:00am on Saturday for late arrivals. The Crew Advisor/ Crew President must present the completed Consent to treat and Crew Rosters and pay any outstanding fees at this time.

2. **CONSENT TO TREAT FORMS** The Crew Advisor must have an Annual Health and Medical Record (Form 34605) for each Scout participating in this Rendezvous. A copy of this form may be downloaded and will be examined by our Health and Safety Officer at check-in. Only Parts A & C of this form need to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. However, they DO NOT need to be notarized. These forms must be kept in the Crew area throughout the Rendezvous and available during the Campfire Inspection. (Forms can be found at *www.scouting.org/forms*)

3. **CHECK-OUT** Final check-out for everyone is to begin at 10:00am Sunday. Those not staying Saturday night must check out with the Rendezvous Staff after 5:00pm on Saturday. In either case, you're Rendezvous Inspection and Rendezvous Evaluation forms must be completed and returned before you receive your patches and check-out packet.

4. **RENDEZVOUS EVALUATION** Please fill out the included Rendezvous Evaluation and return it at check-out. Be fair and honest in your opinions as they will have a bearing on future Rendezvous s. All suggestions or improvement are greatly appreciation.

5. **TOUR PERMITS** Because this Rendezvous is a District event and is being held on BSA property, a Local Tour Permit is NOT required.

6. **REGISTRATION FEES** Each Scout, Team Member, Venturer, and Adult Scouter will be charged a registration fee of $30.00 to participate in the Rendezvous. The fee covers the costs for event insurance, a Rendezvous patch, supplies for the events and administration costs (supplies, port-a-potties, etc.).

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CAMPING

1. **CAMPSITES** Each Crew will be assigned a campsite adequate for the number of Scouts indicated on your Crew Registration form. Last minute additions to your Crew Roster may result in overcrowding of campsites so please have an accurate attendance count for Registration. Be reminded to have a First Aid Kit, trash bags, Crew Duty Roster, Meal Planner, and Consent to Treat forms visible in your campsite.

2. **COOKING AND SANITATION. Saturday dinner is provided as well as a continental Sunday breakfast. each Crew can cook additional items / cracker barrels in their camp site. You must furnish your own food, ice, stove fuel, wood or charcoal.**

   All Crews are encouraged to use charcoal or stoves (liquid or propane). BSA rules for handling of liquid or gas fuels should be followed (*Guide to Safe Scouting*).

3. **CAMPSITE INSPECTION** Each campsite will be inspected and rated during daylight hours on Saturday. A check list for this inspection is included in this packet. We will use BSA's Low Impact Camping Guidelines.

4. **FIRE SAFETY** Each Crew is to provide its own chemical fire extinguisher per Crew cooking area. You do not need cans of dirt or water available.

5. **WATER** Abundant fresh water is available at the Dining Hall. HOWEVER, it will be several hundred feet from our Camping areas. All Crews should bring their own water and containers to transport the water to their campsites as needed.

6. **VEHICLES AND PARKING** No motorized vehicles other than the Crew trailer are to be parked in the campsites at any time. Good road access will allow all equipment to be unloaded as quickly as possible at the campsite, and the vehicles moved to the designated parking area to allow everyone a chance to approach their campsite. **Only properly marked Staff or Handicapped vehicles will be permitted in camp**.

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LEADER INFORMATION

A. LEADER MEETING

The designated Adult and Scout Leaders at your campsite (preferably the Crew Advisor and Crew President) must attend the **Leader Meeting at 7:00pm on Friday.** At that time, any questions on check-in materials received or on the schedule of activities may be discussed. Additional information on activities or schedule changes will also be presented at that time.

B. OPENING

We will have an opening ceremony including flag raising and invocation at 8:45am on Saturday. In keeping with our theme, we are asking that every Crew carry their American, and Crew flags to this ceremony.

C. SKIT AUDITIONS

All crews are invited to present a skit/song for the Saturday campfire. Please let staff know of your performance selection by Saturday dinner.

D. MAIN CAMPFIRE

We anticipate another spectacular, outstanding, explosive, dynamic campfire Saturday evening. There will be plenty of skits and songs, so be prepared for a good time!

F. Dutch Oven Dessert Contest

Adults and youth are invited to participate in out Dutch Oven Dessert contest. Crews are encouraged to make as many desserts as they can and bring them to our Saturday night Cracker barrel, but only one entry is allowed per 8 crew members. For example if there are 10 crew members, 2 desserts may be entered. Participants may start cooking at lunch time Saturday. Judging will be at 6:45 pm Saturday Night before dinner. Best Tasting dessert wins!

G. SCOUTS OWN SERVICE

Religious services will be held at 8:30am on Sunday. We will have a printed program for you to take home to use as guidelines for your own Crew's services.

H. Saturday Dinner

Saturday Dinner will be a Medieval Feast in the dining hall. This meal will be as authentic as possible, and as such, All participants are encouraged to dress up in costume for this feast!

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Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, May 11, 2012

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Check in of units, Campsite set ups HQ Area
7:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Crew Advisor and CREW PRESIDENT meeting- Dining Hall
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Sword and Shield Making (Group 1), Tunic Making (Group 2)- Dining Hall
9:30 pm to 11:00pm	Sword and Shield Making (Group 2), Tunic Making (Group 1)- Dining Hall
11:30pm	Lights Out

Saturday, May 12, 2012

8:45am to 8:55am	Flag ceremony and announcements. Meet at Flag Poles in Lower Field
9:00am to 11:50am	Crew events
12:00pm to 12:50pm	Lunch – On your own at campsites. Official start time for Dutch Oven Contest
1:00pm to 4:00pm	Crew events
4:00pm to 4:45 pm	Free Time
5:00pm to 6:30pm	Tournament- Outside Dining Hall
6:45pm to 7:00pm	Flag Ceremony- Outside Dining Hall-Also have Dutch oven Desserts in for judging.
7:00pm to 8:00pm	Feast – Provided – Dining Hall-Please be in Costume
8:15pm to 9:00pm	Campfire
9:15pm to 11:30	Cracker Barrel and Movies- Dining Hall
11:45pm	Lights Out

Sunday, May 13, 2012

8:30am	Scouts Own Service
9:00am – 10:00am	Continental Breakfast – Dining Hall
10:00am	Checkout

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CAMPSITE INSPECTION

Crew: _____ 150 Points Max

1. ALL motor vehicles moved to parking lot? **25** _____
2. American Flag properly displayed at Campsite? **15** _____
3. Crew Flag properly displayed at Campsite? **15** _____
4. Unit site perimeter properly marked? **5** _____
5. Entire Campsite free of litter? **10** _____
6. Crew boxes off of the ground? **10** _____
7. First Aid Kit available and ready in case of emergencies? **10** _____
8. Adequate water supply evident? **10** _____
9. Tents pitched orderly by Crew and ready for rain? **10** _____
10. Personal gear clean and properly stored? **10** _____
11. Crew Duty Roster posted in Campsite? **10** _____
12. Crew Membership Roster posted in Campsite? **10** _____
13. Garbage in bags or cans and protected from animals? **10** _____
14. Bonus – Campsite "*Hospitality*" Offered? **5** _____

Total Score _____

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Rendezvous Evaluation

Please take time to fill out this Rendezvous evaluation. Your comments are always welcome and will be used in designing future events. Please be honest with your thoughts about what was good and what needs improvement next year.

	FANTASTIC		GREAT		AVERAGE
EVENT LOCATION	5	4	3	2	1

Comments:

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CHECK-IN PROCEDURE	5	4	3	2	1

Comments:

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ACTIVITY STATIONS	5	4	3	2	1

Comments:

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SATURDAY CAMPFIRE	5	4	3	2	1

Comments:

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	FANTASTIC		GREAT		AVERAGE
SCOUTS OWN SERVICE	5	4	3	2	1

Comments:

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CAMPSITE INSPECTION 5 4 3 2 1

Comments:

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INFORMATION PACK 5 4 3 2 1

Comments:

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CHK-OUT PROCEDURE 5 4 3 2 1

Comments:

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM NEXT YEAR?

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ANY OTHER COMMENTS? _____

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UNIT REGISTRATION FORM

Crew _____

Crew Advisor _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Address _____, State _____

Assist. Advisor _____ Phone _____

Total Scouts Attending _____ x $30.00 ($35.00 After 4/30/12)
($50.00 After 5/07/12) = $ _____

Total Adults Attending _____ x $30.00 ($35.00 After 4/30/12)
($50.00 After 5/07/12) = $ _____

Total Crew Attendance _____ Total Amount Due = $ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ***Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, BSA***

PLEASE NOTE "ON THE CHECK"… THAT IT IS FOR THE
VENTURING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION SPRING RENDEZVOUS

SEND COMPLETED UNIT REGISTRATION FORM & THE REGISTRATION FEES Together.

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PROVISIONAL (Scouts without Advisor Attending) REGISTRATION FORM

Crew _____

Crew Member _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Address _____, _____State _____

Total Scouts Attending _____ x $30.00 ($35.00 After 4/30/12)
($50.00 After 5/07/12) = $ _____

Total Crew Attendance _____ Total Amount Due = $ _____

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