



Crossroads of America Council
 Boy Scouts of America
 proudly presents the fifth annual

Battle of Belzer - Civil War Days

October 24th, 25th and 26th, 2008
 Camp Belzer - Indianapolis, Indiana

"Scouts and Scouters camp, drill and even fight right alongside their Civil War reenacting partners in a mock battle staged at the end of Saturday. It's an immersion event in which Scouts and Scouting adults are introduced to what it was like to be in the service of their country during the epic struggle that has come to be known as the American Civil War. What we're really trying to do is ignite a passion within our youth, and in so doing, pass the torch of teaching our great Nation's rich tapestry of history to the next generation of reenactors." -Trent Champ, past event coordinator

Schedule

<u>Friday</u>		
1700	Check in	
1900	NCOs Call - Battalion HQ	and Company Drills
2200	All Hands Meeting - Amphitheater	1130 Dinner / Officer's Call
2300	Reenactor's Call - Pavilion	1230 Living History Presentation - School of the Soldier and Company Drills
2330	Tattoo - All Quiet	1500 Form Battalions
	<u>Saturday</u>	1600 Battle of Belzer
0500	NCOs First Call	1700 All Hands Meeting
0600	Reveille / Roll Call	1730 Supper
0630	NCOs Second Call - morning reports due, orders	2100 Nighttime Artillery Barrage
0645	Morning Formation / Colors	2200 Tattoo - All Quiet
700	Breakfast	<u>Sunday</u>
0800	Living History Presentation - School of the Soldier	0700 Reveille / Roll Call
		0730 Breakfast on your own (bring it or eat extra rations)
		0800 Break Camp / Camp Inspections / Get Patches

Registration

Troop _____ District _____ Leader's Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail (required) _____

Attendance

Number of youth attending _____ x \$35.00 = _____

Number of adults attending _____ x \$35.00 = _____

Adult Size T-Shirts (one per person) ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___ XXXL

TOTAL (CAM Code 6CWDAF) _____

Method of Payment _____ Unit Account _____ Check _____ Credit Card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Registration Deadline Friday, October 10, 2008

Return to any Scout Service Center, by fax to 317-921-3474 or by mail to
 Roesch Scout Service Center, PO Box 1966, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1966

Questions? Call 317-925-1900 or 877-925-1900 (toll free)



General Information



WHAT YOU GET: The \$35 registration includes Friday camping Friday and Saturday nights, an official event patch & T-shirt, interaction with reenactors, drills, program features, ration bag (food) and hot period authentic dinner on Saturday.

ELIGIBILITY: This event is open to the first 600 registered participants. Two deep leadership is a mandatory requirement for a unit to attend.

CAMP ASSIGNMENTS: Your unit will be assigned to either the Union Army or the Confederate Army based on anticipated reenactor to Scout ratios and the planned scenario being scripted. Assignments will be announced after close of registration but prior to the event.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: The reenactors are the overall event commanders, but in keeping with the Boy Scouts of America's philosophy of building leadership skills in our youth, they will look to your units leadership for individual Troop (Company) command. Everyone else, including adults, will serve as the rank of Private if you are a veteran of the event, or Recruit if your are new to the event. If your elected leadership is not attending, please assign people in advance to fill these positions. If you have less than 20 total youth and adults attending, you will be partnered with other units to attain the minimum Company compliment of 20 enlisted. Your combined units' leadership will choose the Company's leaders from those who are in attendance and are eligible.

GEAR TO BRING: Camping equipment, flashlights, first aid kits, canteens, mess kits, can openers, cooking gear, double shoulder strap day packs or book bags for carrying rations, rain gear, dry change of clothing, your Troop/Crew flag (to be used as Company flag); **Union Troops** - American flag, dark blue outer wear item to identify you on the Field of Honor; **Confederate Troops** - Confederate flag if anyone in your unit has one, light gray or tan outer wear item to identify you as a soldier for the Confederacy.

WOODFIELD RIFLES: Illustrated instructions for constructing both the basic and advanced models will be emailed to the registering leader.

FOOD: We issue individual Civil War era Army regulation ration packs that your Troop will draw from the Commissary upon arrival at camp. These are modern approximations of what was actually issued to soldiers of the day. We want to make this as much of an immersion experience as possible. Therefore, you are strongly urged to stick with this menu. Items such as candy or pop will be confiscated. People with special dietary needs are exempt from adhering to the ration packs, but should remove themselves to the parking lot to eat their outside food. Dinner is on your own Friday evening prior to arrival at the site.

EVENT RULES:

- No fire pits. Build your fires right on top of the ground. You'll be responsible for gathering your own firewood from around the camp, though you may bring your own charcoal if you choose. Build your fires on the leeward side of your camp. You'll be told which side that is. No fires are to be built within 20 feet of any tent or dining fly.
- You will not be allowed to take your equipment trailers beyond the parking lot. As such, you should come prepared to have your people utilize the camp's carry-alls to transport your equipment from the parking lot to your campsite.
- No ATVs. No electronic entertainment equipment (MP3 players, Game Boys, radios, etc.)
- Do not break the straw bales. Only the reenactors may do that for insulation around their primitive canvas tents.
- No gas or liquid fuel stoves or lanterns. Use Dutch ovens and flashlights or battery powered lanterns.

SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS: We will attempt to accommodate any special medical needs such as electrical power and accessibility. We ask that you make us aware of your needs in advance.



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