

2014 CHRISTMAS ON THE CHISHOM TRAIL



Information & Registration

December 12-14, 2014

John Nichols Scout Ranch

Dear Venturer,

The Venturing Officers Association of the Last Frontier Council offers you this invitation to attend Christmas on the Chisholm Trail, to be held on December 12-14, 2014 at John Nichols Scout Ranch.

This year, events are setup for each Venturer to have fun, get to know other Venturers and get to experience what it was like to live in days of the pioneers.

Check-in for the event will occur at John Nichols on Friday at 5:30pm, December 12, 2014.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me with your questions. The Camporee Committee and I look forward to sharing with you this special event.

Yours in Scouting,

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General Information

Summary

Christmas on the Chisholm Trail is designed as a fun weekend of pioneer activities for all Crews, Ships and Teams and any Boy Scouts of the age of 14.

Registration

The cost for registration is \$20 for every person attending (adult or youth). Every person will receive a patch for the event and all meals provided with your registration fee. Registration after December 5th will be \$25 a person so you will want to register early. Guests that want to join us for dinner can register for \$5 until December 5th then the cost will be \$7 a person. The last day to register is December 10th.

You may register by completing the registration form online at:

<http://www.lastfrontiercouncil.org/event/1587948>

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record

Every participant at Christmas on the Chisholm Trail will need to bring a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A and B must be completed. Download the form at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/ahmr.aspx>

Check-In

Please make plans to check-in from 5:30pm – 8:30pm Friday evening. Members of the camp staff will meet you at the Program Office. You will need to turn in a roster and a completed medical form (Part A & B) for every youth and adult that will be camping with you. Put as much equipment as you can into one or more vehicles. The fewer vehicles to unload the faster everyone can get setup and start to have fun. After you unload and set up camp, please remove all vehicles to one of the parking areas at the top of the hill. Part of the fun is camping in the woods, not in a parking lot.

Campsites

Depending on the number of total participants at the event we will camp as a group on Kickapoo Field directly south of the stairs next to Eagle Lodge. Units are encouraged to decorate their tents in a Christmas theme. Keep in mind that there is not electricity in that area of camp.

Leader's Meeting

There will be a leader's meeting Friday evening at approximately 10pm to answer any questions and recruit help for the next day's activities if needed. All adults and Crew Presidents should make plans to attend.

Food

All meals for the weekend will be provided. This will include all meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. A meal will not be provided on Friday evening so please eat before your arrival. There will be a Cracker Barrel on Friday evening but it will consist of just a light snack.

Western Wear Contest

Everyone is encouraged to wear clothing from the time period when the Chisholm Trail was in use (1867 – 1884). There will be a contest for the top three, best dressed folks for the weekend. The winners will be announced at supper on Saturday night. Guests coming Saturday evening are encouraged to dress in their best western wear as well.

Activities

The activities will begin at 8:45am Saturday at the flagpole with an opening ceremony. The programs will begin at 9:00am and end around 5:00pm. Every paying participant, youth and adult, may participate in any of the activities. Activities will include:

Personal Safety Awareness Training – Friday Evening (required for new Venturing Award)

Blacksmithing demonstration and workshop by Black Bull Forge
Tomahawk throwing
Knife throwing
Black powder muzzleloader shooting
Pioneer games
Oklahoma Quilt Society demonstration and workshop
Dutch oven cooking and demonstration by the Central Oklahoma Dutch Oven Society
Pioneer candy making
Western Wear Contest
Saturday evening gift exchange
Saturday evening Melodrama

Camp Service Project

A short service project for the camp is still being planned and will be announced on Friday night at the leader's meeting.

Chuck Wagon Dinner

The activities will close around 5:00pm with a closing flag ceremony. Supper will be served at 6pm. If you have guests coming for supper and the melodrama please make sure they are preregistered. We will need the headcount in order to make sure we have enough food for everyone. Guests should arrive at 5:30pm and should bring a chair to sit in.

Melodrama

Once again there will be a melodrama performed by the youth on Saturday evening immediately following supper.

Gift Exchange

After the melodrama is over and our guests have departed we will have a gift exchange. The format will be Left-Right Pass the Gift game. Everyone that wishes to participate should bring a wrapped Scouting related gift not to exceed \$10 in price.

Chapel

Remember that a Scout is reverent and respects the rights of others to their religious beliefs. Chapel will be a non-denominational service. One youth from each unit will meet with the Chaplain for the event during lunch to plan the service.

Clean em' up and move em' out

Chapel will be over around 9:00am. Time to head home! Everyone should police their campsite before leaving. Remember that a Venturer is clean and always leaves a campsite cleaner than when they found it. Camp closes at 11:00am, if you plan to stay longer, you must clear this with the staff. Staff will be packing equipment and not able to provide any supervision.

2014 COCT Schedule (tentative)

Friday

5:30 – 8:30pm	Arrival and Setup
9:00 – 10:00pm	Personal Safety Awareness Training
10:00 – 10:30pm	Leader's Meeting and Cracker Barrel
10:30pm	Lights Out

Saturday

7:30 – 8:30am	Breakfast
8:45 – 8:50am	Opening Flag
9:00 – 12:00pm	Program Areas Open
12:00 – 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 – 4:30pm	Program Areas Open
6:00 – 7:30pm	Supper
7:45 – 8:30pm	Melodrama
9:00 – 10:00pm	Gift Exchange and Cracker Barrel
11:00pm	Lights Out

Sunday

7:30 – 8:30am	Breakfast
8:45	Chapel
9:00 – 11:00am	Breakdown
11:00am	Checkout

Rules to help you plan

1. Remember that we require two-deep leadership for each unit.
2. If a Venturer and an adult are sharing one tent, then the adult must be a parent or guardian of the youth. Adults sharing tents with youth other than their children is not allowed. BSA Youth Protection guidelines must be followed.
3. NO ONE IS TO RIDE IN THE BACK OF A PICKUP. You must have seatbelts for each person in the vehicle.
4. The MAXIMUM speed in camp is about 10 miles per hour. If there are youth around then one must drive NO faster than walking speed (about 3 MPH).
5. Please do not leave camp property without notifying the staff.
6. Please inform us at registration of any serious medical conditions of which you are aware. Please report all major accidents to the Camp office.
7. Bring a poncho, raincoat, or other rain gear with you. The show will go on rain, snow or shine.

Please address any comments or questions to:

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