

Patriot District Spring Camporee

April 26 – 28, 2013

Verdun – Adventure Bound

The theme for the Patriot District Spring Camporee is Outdoor Adventure. Scouts and webeloes will have numerous choices to challenge themselves and have fun. All day Camporee events will include a high ropes challenge course for scouts 13 years and older, a low ropes challenge course for boys 10 to 12 years old and Pioneering merit badge. Among events on both challenge courses will be the traverse of a *slide –for-life* that carries a scout almost 1000 feet through the forest and over the fields. Most events in the high ropes course take place over 20 feet in the air using specially constructed apparatus. The low ropes course takes place at ground level and requires the completion of several intriguing events. Scouts taking Pioneering merit badge can complete the merit badge at the camporee and will construct several useful items to include a rope bridge. There is no limit to the number of scouts and webeloes taking the challenge course but there is a limit of forty scouts for Pioneering merit badge.

Scouts and webeloes can choose two half day events, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. The choices are Native American Lore, fishing, marksmanship and archery, and volley ball and a nature hike. Each event is open to forty scouts and webeloes at a time.

The camporee will have the traditional events that bring us together as a district; Opening and Closing ceremonies, outdoor church services, a Saturday night campfire, the Order of the Arrow call-out and a senior patrol leader/scoutmaster cracker barrel. The camporee will be held from Friday night, April 26 till Sunday morning, April 28, 2013 at Verdun – Adventure Bound, 17044 Adventure Bound Trail, Rixeyville, Virginia 22737, telephone (540) 9374920. The cost is twenty dollars (\$20) per scout, webleloe, or adult. There is an additional charge of thirty six dollars for scouts or webeloes taking the high or low challenge course. There is no charge for adults that are just helping out on Saturday and are not camping for the weekend.

It is important that units notify Joe Casey by e-mail or phone by **March 18, 2013** that they plan to attend the camporee. His e-mail is jmccasey@verizon.net and his phone number is (703) 455-9050. Units need to notify Joe of the approximate number of participants, and the number of scouts/webeloes for each event. A scout can attend either one full day event (High Challenge Course, Low Challenge Course or Pioneering merit badge) or two half day programs. **Troops must notify Joe of the number of Challenge course participants so that facilitators can be hired.** Final camporee registration and payment will take place Friday evening on-site as units arrive.

Troops are requested to volunteer to provide the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader and the Flag Detail for the Opening and Closing ceremonies. The Camporee Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for conducting the Camporee Opening and Closing ceremonies and acting as Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday night campfire. This is a great opportunity for a senior scout to display his leadership abilities. Also, the camporee is looking for at least two scout buglers or trumpet players. As always, the camporee staff is in need of adult volunteers to support the different events. Volunteers should phone William Dexter, the Camporee Director at (703) 978-2632 or send an e-mail to wtdexterjr@gmail.com.