



Welcome to Mackinac Rendezvous XIV

September 20, 21, 22, 2013

Hello!!

The President Ford Field Service Council is proud to provide to your unit this information packet for our Mackinac Rendezvous. **Please be sure to carefully read and share this information with your families.**

The Mackinac region of Michigan is rich in American history and adventure! Our Rendezvous will have many new and a few traditional programs to take advantage of this history. We will be celebrating our fourteenth Mackinac Rendezvous and are excited to offer this premier Council event for your Scouts.

We hope that after you review this information, you will join us and come prepared to make it a **real highlight of your unit's Scouting year!**

See you on the Island!

Alex Castro, Chair
Mackinac Rendezvous

Mackinac Rendezvous “Quick” Facts Sheet

When: **Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22, 2013**

- 1) Plan to arrive for registration after **12:00 p.m. and before midnight on Friday, September 20th**.
- 2) Check out is **after the 9:00 a.m.** religious service **and** campsite inspection on **Sunday, September 22nd**.

Where: Our location is: **Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground**, two miles SE of Mackinaw City on US 23.

Fees: The regular Rendezvous fee is \$75.00 per person (youth or adult). The “Early Bird” fee is \$65.00 per person. Registration for the Rendezvous is limited, so please send your unit registration in by June 30, 2013 for the “Early Bird” or July 30, 2013 for the regular fee. (Late fee after August 1st is \$100 per person.)

Pays For: Campsite fees, boat fees, bus fees, Fort Mackinac fees, Colonial Fort Michilimackinac fees, Mill Creek State Park fees, supper on Saturday night, “Hit the Trail Snack Pack” on Sunday, plus all the Mackinac Rendezvous traditions: a collectors patch and pin, great programs, and, well, one grand adventure!

Program Highlights:

- Experience a spectacular living history encampment with our largest ever group of re-enactors!
- Friday and/or Sunday tours of Mill Creek State Park and Colonial Fort Michilimackinac!
- New Geo-cache program!
- Fort Mackinac program !
- Historical Buildings Tour and Island Tour!
- Downtown Shops (Fudge time)!
- Saturday Evening program!
- All new Passport program with special personal recognition item!
- Pre-Rendezvous order form for Rendezvous collectable items!
- Four Trading Posts!
- Venturing Social for all Scouts fourteen and older on Friday night!
- Super Saturday evening feast!
- Group Picture!
- Massive inflatable play slides (these babies are huge)!
- European trophy skull mounts displays!
- Scouting for Food – food pantry donation!

Timeline Details:

- 1) Your unit registration (on-line) is required to be completed on or before July 30, 2013. Remember “Early Bird” fee date is June 30th! After August 1st late fees will apply.
- 2) All participating units are required to have one adult (who is actually attending the Rendezvous) attend the Pre-Rendezvous Orientation on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- 3) Last minute unit “add ons” or changes are permitted until August 30th (none after that date).
- 4) Your unit’s final roster and other Rendezvous instructions will be mailed to you the first week of September.
- 5) Remember you must register on-line at michiganscouting.org/presidentford.

Last:

- Be at the Pre-Rendezvous Orientation! (Monday, August 19, 2013)
- Come prepared as a unit for a great event!
- Do something “historical” (or was that hysterical?) in preparation for your unit’s participation!
- Follow the registration timeline!
- Read and share this entire packet with all attending!
- Read this packet again, and register on-line before July 30th!
- We will have Troops and Crews from other Field Service Councils joining us!

MACKINAC RENDEZVOUS GENERAL INFORMATION

RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION

Complete unit registration with fees* by July 30, 2013 to reserve a spot for your unit at Mackinac Rendezvous. Registration will be limited to 2,000 staff and participants, so please don't delay. Registered units can continue to add new Scouts or Scouters that come into their unit to their rosters until August 30, 2013. All August 1-30 additions will be considered with paid late fees of \$100 per person on a space-available basis, unless the person is new to your unit in August.

All participants must be registered in the Boy Scouts of America. Parents or guardians of a registered Scout may attend but must be registered in Scouting. Names will be checked against unit rosters to insure that all participants are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

The fee* to attend Mackinac Rendezvous is \$75.00 per person. The "Early Bird" fee is \$65 per person (due June 30th). The late fee (after August 1st) is \$100.00 per person, unless the person is a new registrant in your unit.

The first week of September a printed confirmation of your final roster will be mailed to the primary leader you register.

We have uploaded all of these Mackinac Rendezvous pages to the **Michigan Crossroads Council** website – www.michiganscouting.org. Keep up to date on the Rendezvous by checking this web site regularly.

***PLEASE NOTE: \$40.00 of the participation fee is non-refundable. There are no refunds made after September 15th, except for medical reasons. Refunds must be requested in writing.**

UNIT PREPARATION

The weather at the Straits of Mackinac can change rapidly! BE PREPARED! Plan on appropriate attire for a wide variety of weather conditions including sun, wind, rain and even snow! It has all occurred at previous Rendezvous!!

Units are expected to be well-schooled in camp setup after dark and in adverse conditions. Bring only the tents and equipment you expect to be using. There will be a limited supply of firewood at the park.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREWOOD!

Troops should plan their own "on the road" Friday supper, Saturday breakfast and lunch and Sunday breakfast (food and preparations). Snacks and "fast food" meals will be available at one of the Rendezvous Trading Posts.

REQUIRED PRE-RENDEZVOUS ORIENTATION

Our experience has shown that a pre-Rendezvous orientation for units participating is critical for a smooth operation at the Rendezvous. A pre-Rendezvous orientation is set for Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. **ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL UNITS PARTICIPATING IN THIS RENDEZVOUS.** It would be best if your Rendezvous leader is the one in attendance at this meeting.

WHAT TO BRING

Bring your tents, ground cloth, metal stakes or spikes for rocky ground use, cooking gear to prepare meals in your campsite (Friday supper, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and Sunday breakfast), hand tools for campsite set up and clean up, dining fly, water jugs, first aid kit, Troop flag, plastic trash bags, and fire safety equipment, several changes of clothing, warm sleeping gear, rain protection, warm coat, gloves, hat, sun/wind screen, sunglasses, canteen, flashlight, camera, film, spending money and Scout Uniform. **NOTE: All Scouts and leaders will be expected to be in a Boy Scouts of America uniform (Scout, Venturer or adult) or in 1750-1850 historical attire while on the Island. Let's set a great Scouting example!**

RENDEZVOUS DAILY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

Registration begins at 12:00 Noon and ends at 12:00 Midnight!

As a courtesy to others, units will be expected to rapidly unload unit equipment and move their vehicle(s) to the designated areas **before** campsite set up can begin. **Troop/Crew trailer(s) are allowed in your campsite and tow vehicle may stay if it remains attached to the trailer.** No other unit vehicles are allowed in your campsite.

Experience history with our largest ever group of re-enactors in a spectacular living history encampment including black powder shooting!

There will be a Leader Cracker Barrel for an overview of the Saturday program and any last minute changes at 10:00 pm at the headquarters area.

All Rendezvous Trading Posts will be open from Noon until 10:00 p.m. on Friday.

The Venturing Social will be held at 11:00 pm for all Boy Scouts (14 and older) and Venturers.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

A great Scouting day to be on Mackinac Island!!!

The Rendezvous Day will begin with great living history demonstrations and a few other surprises too! The Island Program is getting a cool new focus with geocaching for both Scouts and adults! There will be several ways to collect your Passport Stamps including four that will be available at the Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground (most are on the island). Collect at least ten stamps to get **your personal recognition item**. The Passport Stamp Program is open to all participants.

Once again, we will have the infamous inflatables available before and after your island adventure.

Sound like a busy day? You bet! **So relax and let us do the cooking for you at our delicious Saturday evening feast!** And no Rendezvous evening is complete without an after dinner show (around 8:00 p.m.), so come let us entertain you!

Don't forget the 10:30 p.m. Leader Cracker Barrel to close out the Saturday activities and cover any last minute Sunday announcements! **We will collect your numbers for the personal recognition items at this meeting.** Then off to bed with a smile on your face, and good memories in your heart!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

Remembering that a Scout is Reverent, so wake up and worship with us at 9:00 am.

Units wishing a full religious service should plan to attend one of the churches in the area. A listing of these services can be provided upon request or found by looking up Mackinaw City on your computer.

We will be providing a **"Hit the Trail Snack Pack"** at checkout for every participant. (Not really breakfast – just a small snack.)

Campsite inspections will begin after the worship service. When the unit's campsite inspection is completed, a recognition kit will be provided for each unit.

SECOND YEAR WEBELOS REGISTRATION

By Troop Invitation Only!

Your second year Webelos and their leaders may be invited by your Troop to participate in this Mackinac Rendezvous!

Scoutmasters---this is a great opportunity for your Troop to build another partnership with your Second Year Webelos den and its leadership! Don't miss this opportunity to invite your Second Year Webelos den to join you!

Note:

1. The Second Year Webelos Den leader must attend the August 19th Pre-Rendezvous orientation with troop leader!
2. There will be a maximum limit of 400 Webelos (at a ratio of three Webelos Scouts to one Webelos leader).
3. Troop must assign a Super Den Chief from their Troop to every six Second Year Webelos participating.
4. No Second Year Webelos sign up is permitted except through a Troop registration.

There will be no First Year Webelos (fourth graders) registration to this Rendezvous by any Boy Scout Troop.

MACKINAC RENDEZVOUS PASSPORT

The always exciting Mackinac Rendezvous Passport will be returning with many new program features. This Passport will provide you with a daily schedule, maps and all the information you need to have a great time!

Passport Highlights:

- Those who collect at least ten of the fourteen Passport Stamps will receive a special personal recognition item.
 - Unit leaders will turn in the number of needed personal recognitions for their group at the Saturday night Leader Meeting.
 - Recognitions will be included in your Sunday checkout packets.
 - Passport stamps for your Passport will be located on both Mackinac Island and at Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground.
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EMERGENCY CONTACT POINTS AT RENDEZVOUS

Cell Phone:	616-322-5906	}	(These are Rendezvous staff member contacts)
	231-206-5270		
	616-460-5210		

Mackinaw City Police: 231-436-7861 OR 911

Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground 231-436-5584 or e-mail at: office@campmackinaw.com

NOTE PLEASE:

Units not registered with this Rendezvous may not participate in any manner with the Rendezvous. A Scout is trustworthy!! Participants on the boats, campgrounds, and Island areas will be required to display proper Mackinac Rendezvous XIV identification per written agents with boat services, campgrounds and Michigan State Historical Parks.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

May we bring our families --- younger children ---- spouses? No Please! Space is limited so we ask that only registered Scouters and Scouts participate.

Can we bring our own firewood? No please! Mackinaw Mill Creek Campground will provide a limited supply of firewood available at designated locations in the park.

What can we do to speed up check-in? Four things: 1) Come prepared with your information complete and correct. 2) Attend the required orientation meeting in August. 3) Follow sign in and vehicle unload instructions. 4) Relax – it will be a great weekend!

Are individual Health Histories required? Yes! Health Histories for both youth and adult participants are required. These health history forms need to be in the possession of one of the unit leaders at all times.

Can we bring bikes, skateboards or roller blades? No Please! Bikes may be rented on the island (see their booths upon arrival) and skateboards and roller blades are illegal in most areas of the island.

May Scouts or Scouters with special needs attend? Yes - please advise us of who they are and their needs (including dietary needs) at the August orientation meeting.

We hear Webelos can attend – how do they sign up? Yes – second year Webelos may attend with your Troop. Their registration is with your Troop registration only – a Webelos den cannot sign up on its own.

Do all our adult participants need to be registered in the Boy Scouts of America? Yes – you should be doing this anyway as a part of your unit youth protection plan!

We understand that some food is to be provided and some is prepared by our unit --- what do we need to bring? Great question! Our **Monday, August 19th required orientation meeting** will provide you with a recommended list. We recommend: charcoal, grills, propane and stoves, griddle, pots for boiling water and paper products to reduce dish washing. Also you will need food for Saturday breakfast and lunch and Sunday breakfast (Saturday supper and Sunday “Hit the Trail Snack Pack” will be provided).

Are Scout uniforms required? It is a public Scouting function, **so you bet!** A complete Scouting uniform is expected and so is the proper wearing of that uniform (tucked in, buttoned up, clean, etc.). Troop t-shirts or camp t-shirts can be worn in your campsite. Complete Scout uniforms are expected of every member of the Boy Scouts of America for the Saturday program – unless your unit has chosen to come in historical 1750 – 1850 Rendezvous attire!

What are lost Scout or “missed the boat” plans? Well, neither should happen if our security procedures and some good Scouting common sense are followed!! Tell your Scouts that: 1) All our security leaders wear **yellow security hats**. Watch for them if they need help. 2) Use the Boy Scout buddy system. 3) Stick together, and 4) follow the schedule!!

When can we get our vehicles and depart on Sunday morning? After three things have happened: 1) Rendezvous Religious service is over 2) Your campsite is cleaned, inspected, and signed off by a member of the Rendezvous staff, 3) You have picked up your Rendezvous packet of recognitions.

Other questions? Call us or e-mail Ron Willett at ronald.willett@scouting.org - and - - **be at the Monday, August 19th required orientation meeting!!**

FACILITIES / SECURITY

We are continuing to review ways to streamline the check-in procedures that begin at noon and end at midnight. A few changes have been made especially in the area of check-in and registration – so close attention should be given.

Following past procedures for check-in, each vehicle checking in will be given a **color-coded card** to be displayed on the dash with a time limit to have your vehicle in the campsite included. Once that time limit is reached the vehicle **must be moved to the parking area. Those units that bring a Troop trailer may leave their tow vehicle in the campsite as long as it is attached to the trailer.** If the tow vehicle is disconnected from the trailer you are expected to move it to the parking area.

If your unit does not have a unit trailer we suggest you consider renting or borrowing one for the weekend as this will allow for faster movement of vehicles in the camp and provide greater space in vehicles to transport Scouts and adults. (Use of an equipment trailer is not a requirement only an “experienced” suggestion!)

There is only **tent camping at the Rendezvous** so if you are planning to bring your camper, trailer or motorhome you will need to make specific arrangements, at your expense, with the Mill Creek Campground facility - (Phone: 231-436-5584 or E-mail: office@campmackinaw.com). The address for Mill Creek Campground is: 9730 US Hwy 23, Mackinaw City, MI 49701. The campsite for these vehicles will be located in the north area of the Rendezvous campground.

It is important to note that there is no longer a Rendezvous campsite inventory form required to be filled out and turned in to the service center by each unit. All participant registration is to be done on-line at michiganscouting.org. If you have any special needs persons or special requests, you can contact Jerry Kiste, Facilities Chair at jpkiste@yahoo.com or Ken Chudy, Security Chair at ken.chudy@shorelinecity.com.

Requests in the past have included special parking and transportation to events for handicapped persons, electrical hook-up for those with medical needs, or camping next to another Troop or Venturing Crew. Contact us if there is anything we can help you with.

Finally, picnic tables are in limited supply at the park where we are camped - - - plan to bring chairs.