

U.S. GRANT PILGRIMAGE

“Spirits of 1869”

**April 26th-28th
Galena, Illinois**

Celebrating its 65th Anniversary, the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage is a weekend full of Scouting activities. Take part in the fun, activity, and friendship of Scouting with Scouts from around the region. The number one annual Scouting event for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Ventures. There is the option to register for camping at Canyon Camp or Chestnut Mountain where the \$21.00 fee includes both the Pilgrimage registration fee and the camping fee. Any other camping locations are separate and up to the unit to set up. Then come and take part in one of the Midwest's biggest and best Scouting adventures.

This year's theme, Spirits of 1869, highlighting events that took place in 1869 and some of the Spirits in Galena's History.

Pilgrimage Events

The weekend will be full of activities:

> Trail Hike

Participants will receive a map with 16-18 questions. The answers to these questions are placed at historically significant places around Galena. The hike is approximately 5 miles and takes 2-3 hours to complete. **Hikers who complete** the trail will receive the Pilgrimage Trail medal. **Trail medal is included in registration.**

> Bucket Brigade

A team competition where the team puts out “the fire” by passing buckets of water down the line. Schedule a time at Registration between 9-11am.

> Parade -

> History - Hunt

There will be changes coming to this activity, it will be like the Trail hike, but focused on the Generals. When complete come to the Trading Post to purchase the hat pin for \$TBD.

> Visiting the museums and other historical sites of Galena

> Cub Scout activity area (sponsored by the Order of the Arrow)

> Patch Trading

> Civil War and Revolutionary Re-enactors

Civil War Battle at 11:30am

Original Craftsmanship Demonstrations will be held at Grant Park. Live historical exhibits will include pottery, spinning, wood carving, clay molded animals, blacksmith, broom making, buck skinner, neckerchief slide carving.

Museum Tours – Included with Wristband

Every registered person will receive a wristband for the various places of interest. Leaders must make sure that their Scouts receive and wear this wristband. If the Scouts do not wear the wristband, they will need to pay the full museum price instead of being admitted for free! No exceptions will be made on the admission fees. This includes adults! All youth and adults **MUST** register.

Parking

FREE parking is available at the elementary, middle and high schools. Shuttle service will be provided from these lots to Turner Hall and back. Other parking lots require parking fees. Failure to pay will result in a parking ticket.

Registration Information

- Pilgrimage Fee
 - \$11.00 per participant (including adults) who register and pay before April 1, 2019.
 - \$14.00 per participant after April 1, 2019.
- Pre-registration must be postmarked by April 1, 2019.
- Registrations are accepted by sending the registration form to the Blackhawk Area Council service center – Blackhawk Area Council, 2820 McFarland Rd, Rockford IL 61107. Or online at blackhawkscouting.org/usgrantpilgrimage.
- Registered participants will receive:
 - A colorful patch
 - Wristband for free admission to area attractions
 - Pilgrimage Trail literature
 - Trail medal once completed with correct answers-**Turn in at table in front of Turner Hall**
 - History Hunt literature
- Every participant must register with the Pilgrimage. Registration will be checked.

By pre-registering, you assure yourself a reduced price for admission at the various points of interest in Galena, and \$3.00 per person off the registration fee.

Please Note: There are no refunds of registration fees. Registration fees can be transferred to another youth or adult.

Check-in

- Check-in will be at **Galena High School**, 1206 North Franklin St, Galena IL, 61036.
- Friday, April 26 – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Saturday, April 27 -- 8:00 am to noon

Trading Post

Turner Hall is the site of the official Trading Post. This is where you will be able to purchase mugs, hat pins, patches, t-shirts, and other Pilgrimage souvenirs. This is also the location to turn in your trail hike sheet to receive your trail medals.

Hours Friday April 26th 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday April 27th 8:30am to 1:00pm 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Pilgrimage Item Prices

- > Mugs \$8.00
- > Hat Pin \$5.00
- > 6" Event Patch \$7.00
- > Limited 6" Patch \$9.00
- > Trail Medals **\$Included with registration fee and completion of Hike.**

Unit Recognition Awards

- Unit coming the farthest away
- Troop with the largest contingent of Boy Scouts
- Pack with the largest contingent of Cub Scouts

- Crew with the largest contingent of Ventures
- Unit must be registered by April 15, 2019. These awards will be presented at registration when those units sign-in.

Pilgrimage Schedule

- Friday, April 26th
 - Registration – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 - Trading Post – 4:00pm to 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 27th
 - 8:00 am - Noon - Registration
 - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Trail Hike
 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am - Bucket Brigade Relay
 - 8:30 am - Noon - Cub Scout Activity Area – Grant Park
 - 8:30 am - Noon - Crafter Activity Area – Grant Park
 - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm - Trading Post Open – Turner Hall
 - 9:00 am – 11:30 - History Hunt
 - 11:30am -Civil War Battle along River below the Hwy 20 Bridge.
 - 1:00 pm - Parade line up begins.
 - 1:30 pm - Flag raising ceremony in Market House Square and Parade
 - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Resume Regular Trail Hike.
 - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Trading Post Open – Turner Hall
 - 4:00 pm - Catholic Service St Mary’s Church
 - 4:00pm - Non-Denominational Service First United Methodist Church
 - 5:30pm -Catholic Service St Michael’s Church
 - 6:00 pm - till done - Dodge Ball Competition Galena High School Tennis courts
 - 7:00 -8:00 -Ghost of Galena presentation at Turner Hall (scout trading post)
- Sunday, April 29th
 - Have a safe trip home

Camping Facilities

Check the U.S. Grant Web-site for camping facilities in the area. The State of Illinois has changed its group camping policy - no walk-ins accepted. Please contact the state park of your choice to make advanced reservations.

If your unit wishes to camp at Canyon Camp, please go online to the Pilgrimage Website.

If your unit wishes to camp at Chestnut Mountain, please go online to Pilgrimage Website.

- Please note when camping at Chestnut depending on the ground conditions we may need to keep trailers and vehicles in the parking lot. This decision depends greatly on the weather. All to keep from tearing up the grounds, we are their guest.
- New Camping Opportunities. Please visit pilgrimage online registration.
 - West Cross Rd. Limited to 3 Troops limited parking 2-3 vehicles per unit. Rustic camping with a local Scout unit bring in water.
 - Wooded Wonder Land. 610 S. Devils Ladder Rd. Galena IL 61036 Rustic camping.

Registration and Camping are combined through Pilgrimage Web site.

If you have any issues registering online, please contact Emily Cross at 815-397-0210.

Canyon Camp fills up fast. Camp fee for the weekend is \$21 per person. **Registration and camping are combined.**

Other Things to Remember

- Every unit must have two-deep leadership.
- Have in possession copies of individual medical history with parent approval in case of an emergency.
- Leadership by example. Adults and senior youth are reminded that we have an obligation to be that positive role model and display a positive image to the public.
- Numerous complaints in previous years have prompted the Galena Chamber of Commerce to work towards restricting the sale of hazardous toys in Galena. All adults are strongly urged to do their part also. Please discourage your Scouts from bringing, buying, or possessing any hazardous or annoying articles such as snappers, slingshots, whips, pea shooters, squirt guns, etc.
- Because we are in the Scout uniform for the weekend, adults should not be eating or drinking in the bars. It is the responsibility of adults to be a positive role model.

Patch Trading Information

A popular activity at the Pilgrimage is patch trading. The Market House will again be the location for patch trading. All patch traders must register with the Pilgrimage to participate. Only trading will be allowed – NO cash sales. The trading area will be supervised. A Galena city ordinance prohibits the peddling of goods – including patches. This ordinance will be enforced by the police. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE!!**

Pilgrimage Web Site: blackhawkscouting.org/usgrantpilgrimage

Blackhawk Area Council, 2820 McFarland Rd Rockford, Illinois 61107