



21 September 2002

## **2003 ENCAMPMENT**

**HISTORY:** Previous events took place in 1970 and 1984. Area included Florida into Eastern Canada. Second event included stakes from Virginia to Eastern Canada.

**WHEN:** Tuesday August 12, 2003 through Saturday August 16, 2003

**WHERE:** GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION – Rockbridge County Virginia

**WHO:** All Aaronic Priesthood age young men enrolled in LDS Scouting programs. From 30 plus Stakes from the Mid Atlantic Region. (Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and The District of Columbia)

**LINE OF AUTHORITY:** This event was approved by the Area Presidency and is under the direction of President Kent Colton, McLean Virginia Stake, who serves as chairman of the regional stake presidents' committee on scouting.

**STAFF LEADERSHIP:** Stakes have recommended individuals to participate on the Executive Planning committee. President Colton serves as the Chairman of the event. Ed R. Hayward serves as the Executive Director of the Event. Assistant Directors are Doyle Wilding, Earl Budd, Mike Kigin, and Duane Zobrist. Currently there are about 45 brethren and sisters serving in various assignments.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Each stake is responsible for their own transportation. It is recommended to use bus transportation. Efforts are being made for off reservation vehicle storage. Each unit is able to have access to one vehicle. All other vehicles will be placed in storage.

**FOOD:** Venturing and Varsity Scout Units will eat in dining halls. Boy Scout units will eat by patrol method cooking or heater stack option. Each Scout troop is responsible for its own cooking equipment.

**UNIFORMS:** This will be an uniformed event. All participants will wear the appropriate uniform of their chosen program. Class (formal) uniforms for all formal program activities and dinners. Class B uniforms for all other times.

Each stake's crew will determine the venturing uniform for this event. The uniform option is based on the following: The preferred uniform is dark green Venturing shirt with unit's choice of pants. Other acceptable uniforms could be one of collared Venturing activity shirts or a customized collared unit shirt with the Venturing symbol on it.

**COST:** The cost is set at \$ 200.00 per youth and \$ 100.00 per adult participant.

**THEME:** 'Prepare to Serve – Serve with Honor'

**UNITS:** Units will be provisional in nature. Each stake will organize a scout troop (30-40 boys), a varsity team (25-30 boys) and a venturing crew (20 – 25 boys). Stakes unable to sustain a viable unit may combine with another stake to form a particular unit.

**UNIT LEADERSHIP:** The following leadership is the minimum required for each unit. All leaders must have complete BSA basic training for the program area they will be serving in.

#### **BOY SCOUT TROOP**

- A current Troop Scoutmaster
- A current member of a ward' YM Presidency (2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor over Deacons)
- A current Bishopric member (2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor over Deacons)
- Another trained Leader of the Stake's choosing.

#### **VARSITY SCOUT TEAM**

- A current Team Coach
- A current member of a ward' YM Presidency (1<sup>st</sup> Counselor over Teachers)
- A current Bishopric member (1<sup>st</sup> Counselor over Teachers)
- Another trained Leader of the Stake's choosing. (Optional- Recommended)

#### **VENTURING CREW**

- A current Crew Advisor
- A current BISHOP
- A current Ward Young Men's President
- Another trained Leader of the Stake's choosing. (Optional – Recommended)

**PROGRAM ISSUES:** It is desired that Priesthood leaders take an active role in this activity. Wednesday evening and Saturday morning activities are to be under the direction of Stake Presidents. Wednesday was viewed to be a fireside and Saturday as a testimony meeting. The committee envisions the Stake President conducting one of these events and a counselor conducting the other.

**TRAINING:** Training is a key to assuring a successful program. The relationships committee is able to identify training courses and to assist those councils without varsity scout training.

**EQUIPMENT:** Venturing units will be housed in their own tents. Varsity units will be housed in reservation tents on a first come basis, then in their own tents. Boy Scouts will be housed in reservation tents on a first come basis, then in their own tents. Units will provide all cooking and other non-program equipment.

**MEDICAL FORMS:** These will be distributed with registration materials. National guidelines will be followed in coordination with state laws. We will be providing our own medical team.

**SWIM CHECKS:** We will be following the procedures currently used for the National Jamboree. Swim checks will be completed in advance of the event.

**REGISTRATION MATERIALS:** Informational material is part of the Leader's Guide distributed today. (Priesthood Conference on Scouting).

## **POINT OF CONTACT**

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