

Sagtikos District

SCC-BSA

Presents

# Valley Forge & The American Revolution Winter "Event" oree 2021



*“Deeds, not Words.”* George Washington

January 30, 2021

Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

Fee: \$15 per scout(\$18 late fee)

\$6 per adult (\$7 late fee)

Registration Deadline: January 18, 2021

Online Registration Only at [www.sccbsa.org/sagtikoswinter](http://www.sccbsa.org/sagtikoswinter)

# A Scout is:

**Trustworthy** *"A promise must never be broken."* Alexander Hamilton

**Loyal** *"Equal laws protecting equal rights . . .  
the best guarantee of love and loyalty of country."* James Madison

**Helpful** *"The happy Union of these States is a wonder; their Constitution a miracle; their example the  
hope of Liberty throughout the world."* James Madison

**Friendly** *I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for  
withdrawing from a friend.* Thomas Jefferson

**Courteous** *"Be courteous to all, but intimate to few . . ."* George Washington

**Kind** *Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave  
unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."* Benjamin Franklin

**Obedient** *"Honour and obey your natural parents altho they be poor."  
George Washington, as a young boy*

**Cheerful** *"I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself. For I  
have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but  
by our disposition."* Martha Washington

**Thrifty** *"Beware of little expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship"* Benjamin Franklin

**Brave** *"O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."* Francis Scott Key

**Clean** *"Keep your nails clean and short, also your hands and teeth clean yet without shewing any great  
concern for them."* George Washington, as a young boy

**Reverent** *"Our Constitution was made only for moral and religious people."* John Adams

A large, stylized cursive signature of John Hancock, written in black ink on a light gray background. The signature is highly decorative, with long, sweeping flourishes and a prominent 'J' at the beginning.

# **American Life and Times in the Late Colonial & Young Republic Era**

## **1755-1815**

Our “event”oree re-enacts life in late 18th century and early 19th century America, with an emphasis on the people, the places and the events of the American War of Independence (1775-1783). The greater historic period beginning around the time of the French and Indian War (1754-1763) and ending after the War of 1812(1812-1815) is also of interest.

All games and activities reflect the colonial American theme. Your unit should embrace the theme in preparing for the troop challenges.

As this time period was not without practices that in today’s society would be deemed unacceptable, any cultural motifs, such as costuming, should strive for a reasonable degree of authenticity. All character portrayals-patriot, loyalist, native or other-shall be approached with respect and dignity. Controversial topics should be avoided.

Please keep in mind that this “event”oree was organized and is wholly staffed by volunteers. Kindly be respectful of their efforts and time.

If your unit has an event idea or activity, and wishes to “man” a booth for the day, kindly contact Paul Charbonneau or Billie Jo Vozza.

A special thank you to **Troop 179**, their scouts and leaders for “leading the charge” !

We look forward to a great event!

**PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEIR OWN FOOD AND HYDRATION. THERE IS NO SHARING OF FOOD NOR DRINK.**

# Valley Forge, 1777-1778

**Historical Importance:** Valley Forge was where the American Continental Army made camp during the winter of 1777-1778. It was here that the American forces became a true fighting unit. Valley Forge is often called the birthplace of the American Army.

**Why was camp set up at Valley Forge?** First, it was close to Philadelphia where the British were camping for the winter. He could keep an eye on the British and protect the people of Pennsylvania. At the same time it was far enough from the British so that he would have plenty of warning if they decided to attack. Valley Forge was also a good place to defend if the army was attacked. There were high areas in Mount Joy and Mount Misery to make fortifications. There also was a river, the Schuylkill River, that served as a barrier to the north.

**What did they eat?** In spring of 1778, at Valley Forge, General Washington ordered that the 12,000 men encamped there, each was to receive daily: 1-1/2 pounds of flour or bread, 1 pound of beef or fish, 3/4 pound of pork, and 1 gill of whiskey or spirit; or 1-1/2 pounds of flour, 1/2 pound of pork or bacon, 1/2 pint of peas or beans, and 1 gill of whiskey or spirits, as or when they were available.

**The PATROL METHOD** - When in camp, the soldiers were housed in tents, except those in cold areas during winter; however, the basic plan was for six soldiers to share either a tent or a "hut" and, as at sea, the six created a "mess" or an eating unit which received the rations fit or available for six men and then cooked the food themselves. We're making it 10!

**Grubmasters-** Where soldiers had families on campaign with them, those women who were considered as companions for the men were also included in the rations and usually they served as cooks for their mess.

**Were the conditions bad?** The conditions that the soldiers had to endure at Valley Forge were horrible. They had to deal with cold, wet, and snowy weather. They were often hungry, as food was scarce. Many of the soldiers didn't have warm clothing or even shoes as their shoes had worn out on the long march to the valley. There were few blankets as well. Living in cold, damp, and crowded log cabins made matters even worse because it allowed disease and sickness to spread quickly throughout the camp. Diseases such as typhoid fever, pneumonia, and smallpox took the lives of many soldiers. Of the 10,000 men who began the winter at Valley Forge, around 2,500 died before the spring.

**WE WILL BE OUTSIDE FOR THE DAY! DRESS FOR THE WEATHER, BRING THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT, AND BE FULLY PREPARED!**

# “Event”oree Schedule(tentative)

## **Saturday**

- 8:00 am *Mustering Up:* Check in, set up & Campsite Pioneering Projects
- 9:30 am *Star-Spangled Banner*, At 1st Station location  
*Pledge of Allegiance*  
*Declaration of Intentions*- instructions  
Reading of “*Declaration of Independence*” - All as a cohort at Assigned Station
- 10:00-10:30am *Station Rotation*
- 10:40am - 11:10am *Station Rotation*
- 11:20 - 11:50am *Station Rotation*
- 12 noon-12:30 *Station Rotation*
- 12:30 - 1:00pm *Lunch*- remain at station assigned for lunch
- 1:00 pm- 1:10pm *Scout's Own* at assigned station
- 1:10pm - 1:40pm *Station Rotation*
- 2:00pm *Calling All Minutemen* - Order of the Arrow Call Out ( tentative)
- 1:50pm - 2:20pm *Station Rotations*
- 2:30pm-3:00pm *Station Rotation*
- 3:10pm - 3:40pm *Station Rotation*
- 3:45pm-4:30pm *Discharge Warrants* - Break Down & Departure



# *Poor Richard's Almanack* - "Event"oree Guide

The "event"oree activities consist of individual stations and group learning. Each unit will rotate through the stations throughout the day using the schedule provided to them. The stations may require the use of a scout skill, or may just be for fun. Each activity should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

## *Stamp Act Taxes* - Camporee Fees

Fees	By 12/28	After 12/28
Scouts/OA Provo Unit	\$15	\$18
Adults	\$6	\$7

Please note that registration beyond the deadline will be accepted, but patches may be delayed or unavailable

## *Minutemen* - OA Provo Unit

If you are First Class and 14-years or older, and your Unit is not attending, you may join the Minutemen, made up of scouts from different units who will function as a group. You must bring with you a completed BSA Medical Form(Parts A, B1, B2) and complete the additional OA Provo Unit Registration Form.

## *Disease Protocol* - COVID Guidelines

In the first years of the Revolutionary War, [George Washington](#) and his [Continental Army](#) faced a threat that proved deadlier than the British: a smallpox epidemic, lasting from 1775-1782. Infrequent outbreaks and wariness of inoculation made his troops very susceptible to the disease. After heavy losses in [Boston](#) and [Quebec](#), Washington implemented the first mass immunization policy in American history. At ALL times, current COVID protocol must be followed by all attendees- including, but not limited to wearing of masks, social distancing, proper handwashing/use of sanitizer, no sharing of or cooking of food, limitations on inside group gatherings, etc.

## *Marching Orders* - Schedule for the day

Due to COVID restrictions, groups may be no larger than 10. **Should your unit have more than 10, you will need to split your group up ( decide your groupings prior to the morning of the event).** Groups will have an opportunity to visit each station, and must follow the schedule provided to them.

## *Enlistment Orders* - Registration

Upon arrival, each unit must submit a completed roster, COVID Pre-Screening Forms and BSA Activity Consent Form for each participant attending this event.

## ***Field Medics - Medical/First Aid***

Camp will provide appropriate 911 or EMS coverage. Report any and all injuries to a camporee staff member. In the event of a medical issue, please do not call 911, contact a staff member. Units must have **completed, unexpired BSA medical forms** on hand for each person attending this event.

## ***Thomas Paine's Common Sense - EVENT SAFETY CHECKLIST***

District Staff has completed theirs, so kindly complete one at the Unit level.

## ***The Old North Church - Scout's Own Interfaith Service***

Scouts Own will be held at the end of lunch, within your group. Kindly pause to read these words before travelling to your next station.

## ***Calling All Minutemen - ORDER OF THE ARROW CALL-OUT***

The Secatogue Chapter will be conducting a Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony on Saturday afternoon at 2:00pm for those members eligible (dues paid and 5 months since your induction). In addition, the Trading Post on Saturday will be open to purchase O/A paraphernalia. ***This is tentative***

## ***Hardtack & Jerky - Battlefield Rations***

*Hunger is the best pickle. - Poor Richard*

Minutemen did not have time to go back to their encampments for lunch, and neither shall you. Gather your daily rations and pack wisely, for you will have to find a place and time to eat your mid-day meal while out in the field. ( You will remain at the activity station and have lunch during the set time. Do not proceed to another station during lunch.)

## ***Powdered Wigs, Tricorns, Petticoats and Greatcoats - Costume Contest***

All Scouts and leaders are encouraged to dress as colonials. Costumes may be worn throughout the day. Final judging will be held prior to Saturday's lowering of colors.

PLEASE NOTE: While the Host Unit and District Volunteers will do their best to have all the scheduled activities available for this event, outside factors - weather, participation, Covid restrictions - may bring about a need to alter our day. Please be understanding, as this way of hosting an event is new and different for us all!

# Valley Forge & The War of Independence

## Activities

***The Culper Spy Ring*** - Using techniques available during the Revolutionary War, Scouts will take part in navigating the obstacles and deciphering codes to complete tasks. Methods include invisible inks, Jeffersonian cypher wheels, secret codes, laundry line messages, flickering lights, and more. . . .

**Skills:** knots, trail signs, observations, codes

**History:** In 1778, Benjamin Tallmadge established a network of spies known as the Culper Ring. Using secret agents, couriers, and coded messages, the Ring provided crucial information to General Washington regarding British troops and the occupation of New York. According to legend, Anna Strong used her laundry line to send signals from Long Island to Washington's agents in Connecticut. The Ring is also credited with uncovering the Benedict Arnold conspiracy.

**Assignment:** Uncover clues and relay a coded message to Washington's spymaster.

### ***Rocket's Red Glare Tower Building & Flag Raising***

**Skills:** knots and lashings, flag etiquette

**History:** In the War of 1812, British warships attacked Baltimore Harbor, which was defended by Fort McHenry. The fort was bombarded relentlessly for 25 hours, but it successfully held the harbor. Francis Scott Key witnessed the attack and rejoiced to see the flag still flying. He penned his famous poem which later became our National Anthem.

**Assignment:** each unit will be responsible for building a tower to hoist their flag at their encampment. Units need to supply their own supplies for this event.

***Boston Tea Party*** - make tea, but be sure to savor the tea. . . there might be a shortage soon!

**Skills:** Firebuilding, fire starting, fire extinction

**History:** The Townsend Act and the Tea Act imposed taxes on all tea imported from Britain, while granting a tea monopoly to the British East India Company. In defiance, a patriot group known as the Sons of Liberty disguised themselves as Indians, boarded British merchant vessels in Boston Harbor, and cast the cargo of tea into the water.

**Assignment:** Start a fire using flint and steel. Flint and steel will be available for use, but units should bring their own supplies, as well.

## ***One If by Land*** -signalling

**Skills:** communication, signals and codes

**History:** According to the poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Paul Revere began his ride to warn colonists of a British attack after receiving a signal from the Old North Church. One lantern indicated that the British would attack Boston by land. Two lanterns indicated an approach by boat across the Charles River.

**Assignment:** Use signal lanterns to transmit a message to your patrol/unit using Morse code (Code card provided) Units must bring their own method of signalling ( light source)

## ***Mason and Dixon Line*** - navigation

**Skills:** Map and compass, pacing, measurement

**History:** In order to resolve a land dispute in 1763, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon were hired to perform a definitive land survey. Their work was highly accurate. Today, the line still forms parts of the borders between Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia. During the Civil War, the line famously symbolized the divide between the northern and southern states.

**Assignment:** Use navigation to transport the supply boxes

## ***Colonial Supply Transport*** - Engineering & ingenuity

**Skills:** Engineering and S.T.E.M.

**History:** Throughout history, especially in times of war, soldiers had to transport all of their supplies with them, as storage bunkers were few and far between. During colonial times, food, ammunition, encampment structures, medical supplies, etc., had to be pulled either by soldiers or animal power.

**Assignment:** Build a moveable apparatus sufficient to transport supplies, rations, and even injured soldiers. Navigate through our obstacle course and navigation directions, and test the strength of your creation.

Units must bring their own supplies for this event.

## ***Encampment at Valley Forge*** - Campsite Set Up

**Skills:** Camping, Historical Portrayal

**History:** Valley Forge was where the American Continental Army made camp during the winter of 1777-1778. It was here that the American forces became a true fighting unit. Valley Forge is often called the birthplace of the American Army.

**Assignment:** You don't have to camp like a Revolutionary War soldier, but you can take a walk through our site. Take a tour and allow our guide to explain what you are seeing. See black powder in action, and maybe even get a chance to shoot.

## *Leatherstocking* - tomahawk throw

**Skills:** physical fitness, sports

**History:** Leatherstocking is a character in the novels of James Fenimore Cooper. He was loosely based on the frontiersman Daniel Boone. Boone is best known for exploring and settling the Kentucky territory. As an officer in the militia, Boone defended frontier settlements against Indian attacks during the Revolutionary War. After being captured by Chief Blackfoot of the Shawnee, Boone was adopted into the tribe. He was presented with a ceremonial tomahawk, a weapon with which he was quite adept.

**Assignment:** Prove your prowess with the tomahawk to earn Chief Blackfoot's respect. ( Only if weather is above 32 degrees)

## *Revolutionary Weaponry*- Rifle Shooting

**Skill:** target shooting

**History:** There was no standing army at the outbreak of the American Revolutionary war - each colony had relied upon the local militia made up of part time citizen-soldiers, used for local defense. There were no uniforms and there were limited supplies of weapons and gun powder. The range of weapons first used in the revolutionary war therefore included household and farming implements that could be put to lethal use. The most common Revolutionary weapon was the flintlock musket, commonly known as the Brown Bess, and was first used in 1768. The rifle was slower to load but more accurate than the musket. The rifle had a longer effective range. Sharpshooting riflemen were used as snipers against the British to great effect, especially during the Battle of Long Island

**Assignment:** Test your skills, zero in on your targets, because your life as a Revolutionary War soldier depends on it. (Scouts under 12 will use airsoft)

## *Bowling on the Green* - skittle pitch

**Skills:** physical fitness, sports

**History:** Ninepins or lawn bowling was a popular pastime in colonial America. In Washington Irving's story, Rip van Winkle, the title character ventures into the Catskills for a ghostly game of ninepins. Winkle falls into an enchanted sleep and awakens 20 years later, having missed the entire Revolutionary War.

In 1841, Connecticut banned ninepins due to its association with gambling. Dedicated players circumvented the letter of the law by adding a tenth pin, leading to the modern game of bowling.

**Assignment:** Bowl over the king pin - George III. To avoid arrest, we shall play the Norse variant known as Kubb.

# Sagtikos District Spring Camporee Roster, January 9, 2021

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Registrants	Position	YPT Current	Trained for Position
1.		YES or NO	YES or NO
2.		YES or NO	YES or NO
3.		YES or NO	YES or NO
4.		YES or NO	YES or NO
5.		YES or NO	YES or NO
6.		YES or NO	YES or NO
7.		YES or NO	YES or NO
8.		YES or NO	YES or NO
Scout Registrants		Scout Registrants	
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2.		22.	
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20.		40.	

I verify that only those participants listed on this roster are in attendance, that all participants have signed a BSA Event Consent Form, that all youth are registered with SCC-BSA and that the unit is in possession of unexpired BSA Medical Forms Parts A&B (at a minimum) for each participant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Sagtikos District  
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Valley Forge  
&  
The War of Independence  
Winter Camporee



DATE: January 9, 2021

LOCATION: Baiting Hollow Scout Camp

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15.00 per SCOUT/OA PROVO (\$18 Late Registration)  
\$6.00 per ADULT (\$7 Late Registration)

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN December 28th!!

**Online Registration Only at [www.sccbsa.org/sagtikoswinter](http://www.sccbsa.org/sagtikoswinter)**

**OPEN TO ALL Troops, Webelos II & Crews ONLY**

Contact: Paul Charbonneau at 646-341-0783 [troop179cc@yahoo.com](mailto:troop179cc@yahoo.com) or  
Billie Jo Vozza at 631-671-6935 [bjvozza@gmail.com](mailto:bjvozza@gmail.com)

**Volunteers** We are asking for adults from your Unit to supervise your cohort.

UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF SCOUTS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15= \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# OA Provo Unit Participant Consent Form

Do you want to attend this event, even though your Unit has decided not to? OA Provo is the way to go! Meet scouts from other units, work as a patrol for the event, learn fun skills, and more. . . .

Event Name: Sagtikos District Winter "Event"oree  
Date of Event: Saturday, January 9, 2021  
Time: 8am - 4:30pm  
Location: Baiting Hollow Scout Camp  
Cost: \$12 per scout  
For more information, contact Ray Coyle, 631-806-0601,  
[Secatoguechapter@aol.com](mailto:Secatoguechapter@aol.com)



## REQUIREMENTS

- Scouts must have 1<sup>st</sup> class rank
- Crew members must be at least 14 years old
- All paperwork needs to be turned in by the deadline
  - this form
  - Part A, B & B of the BSA Medical form
  - Registration and Payment to be completed at [www.sccbsa.org/sagtikoswinter](http://www.sccbsa.org/sagtikoswinter)
- Scouts must bring their own food and drink**
- Absolutely NO WALK-INS

**Email all forms/medicals to [bjvozza@gmail.com](mailto:bjvozza@gmail.com) by the deadline**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Scout Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Rank**

Current Leadership Position: \_\_\_\_\_

I, hereby give permission for my child to attend the Sagtikos District Event as described above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Emergency Contact Number**

***Special Instructions ( including allergies, medications and dietary constraints ):***

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