

RIVER TRAILS REUNION



2004 SPRING CAMPOREE

2004 River Trails District Spring Camporee -- "River Trails Reunion"

Date: April 23-25, 2004

Location: Beaumont Scout Reservation – Lane Area

Check-In: Check-in before setting up camp. Site will be assigned according to size of group.

Cost: The Camporee fee covers the cost of all program materials. There is no camporee patch this year. The "Spring" segment of the Year of the Camper patch will be earned by attending the camporee. The cost is \$2 per Scout and adult attending. There is no charge for guests invited out for the day on Saturday. Please pay at the time of registration.

General Information: The reunion theme for this camporee was designed to bring as many current and former Scouts and Scouters from the River Trails District together in one place. Many Scouts and Scouters that go all the way back to the old Three Rivers District days are not active anymore. We'd like to see everyone join us, at least on Saturday, for a fun day of fellowship and comparing the good old days with today. For this to succeed, we need all current Scouts and Scouters to actively track down and invite the former Scouts and Scouters.

Special Activities:

- We are having a special hospitality area for all Eagle Scouts and current/former Scoutmasters.
- We will also have an area setup for taking group pictures. The pictures will be available on site and the cost will be minimal to only cover expenses.
- Everyone will meet at HQ for lunch on Saturday. Bring your chair and sack lunch.

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Staff Meetings:

- March 14, 2:00 at Lions Club, House Springs
- April 4, 2:00 at Lane Area, Beaumont
- April 18, 2:00 at Lions Club, House Springs

Questions? Contact your Scoutmaster, John, or Joel.

CAMP RULES

1. **NO alcoholic beverages.** If you get caught with them, you and your unit will have to go home.
2. NO fireworks, firearms, bow and arrow, etc.
3. NO pressurized fuel equipment (lanterns, stoves, heaters, etc.) ***unless*** you have taken the Greater St. Louis Area Council Training and have received your ***Toasted Chit and have it with you.*** Charcoal or wood is recommended for all cooking.
4. NO flames of any kind inside or near a tent.
5. NO heaters of any kind inside or near a tent.
6. Kerosene lanterns may be used to illuminate the campsite. However, battery operated lanterns are much safer and shed much more light.
7. Water sources are for filling water containers and drinking only, not for bathing or for washing the dishes. Please ask your scouts not to play with the faucets. This creates a muddy mess in a very short time.
8. NO live trees may be cut. Please follow the ***Outdoor Code.***
9. NO digging around any tents. Use proper pitching to avoid ditching.
10. **Sheath knives are strictly forbidden for all Scouts: Boy Scouts, Adults and Leaders.** *Totin' Chip* is **required** by the Scout to carry a folding pocketknife. These tools must be used safely and properly at all times.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION - - A SCOUT IS CLEAN

Half the fun of camping is learning to camp right. Several excellent books are available through Council or through your local library. Don't forget to ask within your own unit. You may have an Eagle Scout among the parents or leaders. These Scouters are a great source of information.

Clean up is the responsibility of each Scout and leader who participates in the Spring Camporee campout. Before you can officially check out on Sunday, a staff member will inspect your campsite.

The Commissioners staff will be judging each campsite to give out trophies in each of the six following categories. Judging will be held on Saturday after the lunch break and the trophies handed out at closing. We would like to show the public a great camporee site for the River Trails District so let's get each troop behind this contest. We'll be judging everyone, so why not everyone participate?

- 1.) Best Gateway- Traditional or Theme based.
- 2.) Camp Gadgets- Use of lashings and original ideas.
- 3.) Dining Fly Award- Setup for easy and efficient meal preparations, dining areas clean and organized, no clutter.
- 4.) Safety Award- First Aid visible and handy, ax yard setup properly, no knives, saws, axes stored improperly, fuel, lanterns and stoves stored and used properly.
- 5.) Communication Award- Scout nametags used on all tents, leader and senior patrol leader tents marked. Troop and patrol flags on display to identify each campsite.
- 6.) Best Overall Campsite- Tents in straight line, dining fly area neat and orderly, leader and boy tents identified, cleanup area organized, ax yard, camp gadgets, overall camp layout neat and organized, no trash or clutter laying around. In other words, the best of the best!

SCHEDULE

Friday

Check-in/registration	7:00-9:00	HQ (Sverdrup Lodge)
Scoutmasters meeting	9:15-9:45	HQ
SPL meeting	9:15-9:45	HQ
Staff meeting	10:00-10:30	HQ
Lights out (Scouts)	11:00	Campsites

Saturday

Reveille	6:30	Campsites
Breakfast and cleanup	6:30-8:15	Campsites
Assembly and flag ceremony	8:30	HQ
Morning projects	9:00-9:45 9:50-10:35 10:40-11:25	Project areas
Lunch	11:30-1:30	Everyone gather at HQ
Afternoon projects	1:30-2:15 2:20-3:05 3:10-3:55	Project areas
Supper	4:00-6:15	Campsites
Assembly and flag ceremony	6:30	HQ
Religious services	6:45-7:30	To be announced
Assembly and campfire	8:00-9:30	HQ
Lights out (Scouts)	10:30	Campsites

Sunday

Reveille	6:30	Campsites
Breakfast	6:30-8:15	Campsites
Assembly	8:30	HQ
Break camp and inspections	9:00-11:00	Campsites

PROJECTS

Disability Relay

(from Spring 1997 – “Disabilities Awareness”)



This project will require each patrol to complete a relay race. Each leg of the race will allow the Scouts to experience a different disability. Scoring will be based on time and teamwork.

The Patrols do not need to provide any materials for this event.

Tomahawk Throw

(from Spring 1999 – “Native American Heritage”)



Each Scout will be instructed in how to hold and throw a tomahawk and the safety precautions that should be observed during this event. Each Scout will be scored for accuracy.

The Patrols do not need to provide any materials for this event.

Troop History Trivia Hunt

(from Spring 1995 – “It’s a Mys-To-Ree”)



Patrols will visit each Troop and query the designated “Troop Historian”. The Troop Historian will be an adult that is available in camp during project times and supertime. Patrols will be given a set of questions to answer about the history of the district. If a Patrol cannot visit all Troops during the designated project time, the time set aside for supper can also be used to visit Troops. Answer forms will be handed in at the 6:30 assembly on Saturday evening. Scoring will be based on the number of correct answers.

Each Troop will be asked to complete a Troop History form and turn in a copy during registration. The Troop Historian can only provide answers that were turned in on the Troop History form. (Troop History form is part of this manual.)

PROJECTS (cont'd)

Camp Gadget Building **(from Spring 1996 – “Hiking and Camping”)**



Patrols will build designated camp gadgets using spars and lashings. Knowledge of the First Class lashings will be required. The Staff will provide gadget designs. Scoring will be based on proper lashings and teamwork.

The Patrols do not need to provide any materials for this event.

Fire Building **(from Spring 1998 – “I Can Survive”)**



Patrols will build (but not light) various types of fires and explain the use of each. Reference the Scout Handbook for types of fires and fire starters.

The project will conclude with a fire building and string burning competition between patrols. No lighters or matches will be allowed during the competition. Flint/steel or hot sparks with charred cloth are acceptable. Only natural materials should be used for fuel, such as bark, twigs, and sticks. No “special” fire starters (such as wax and Vaseline) will be allowed.

The Patrols need to provide all materials for this event.

First Aid Relay **(from Fall 1998 – “Emergency Preparedness”)**



This project will require each patrol to complete a relay race. Each leg of the race will allow the Scouts to demonstrate a different first aid treatment and carry. See the Second Class and First Class requirements for possible treatments and carries. Scoring will be based on proper treatment, time, and teamwork.

The Patrols do not need to provide any materials for this event.

PROJECTS (cont'd)

Campsites and Gateways (from Spring 1995 – “River Trails on Review”)



Each Troop campsite should have a gateway or entrance placed in the front of the campsite. Inside the gateway the Troop should display a history of their troop. Memorabilia and photographs would be appropriate. During the day a member of the Troop should be on hand to answer questions and attend to the display. Full Scout uniform should be worn.

During the day on Saturday, the Commissioners Staff will be conducting campsite inspections and will present special awards for the best campsites. Details provided elsewhere in this manual.

TROOP HISTORY FORM (troop copy)
 (keep at campsite for Troop History Trivia Hunt project)

Troop: _____ Chartering Organization: _____

1. List your Eagle Scouts:

Name	Month/Year Earned	Total # Merit Badges	Name	Month/Year Earned	Total # Merit Badges

2. List your Scoutmasters:

Name	Tenure Month/Year To Month/Year	Name	Tenure Month/Year To Month/Year

3. List the years your Troop attended Philmont: _____

4. List the years your Troop attended Sea Base: _____

5. List the years your Troop attended Boundary Waters: _____

6. When was your Troop first chartered? _____

7. How many merit badges did your Troop earn in 2003? _____

8. How many rank advancements did your Troop earn in 2003? _____

9. How many members of your Troop are on staff for this event? _____

10. List something unique about your Troop: _____

TROOP HISTORY FORM (staff copy)

(turn in at registration)

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Campfire Program
(turn in at registration)

TROOP: _____

Patrol Name: _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Title of Skit: _____

Description of Skit:

Scoutmaster's Approval: _____

Come Join Us!

River Trails Reunion and Spring Camporee

April 24, 2004

Lane Area, Beaumont Scout Reservation

All Current and Former River Trails Scouts and Scouters Welcome!



For more information contact: _____