

**ADVENTURES OF THE 49'ERS
GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL**



Information and Leaders Guide

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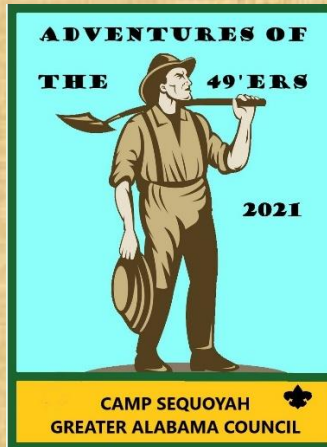
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The Greater Alabama Council invites you to *Adventures Of The 49'ers* is a three day Scouts BSA camping experience for your troop. Travel back to 1849 as Camp Sequoyah is transformed into the frontier with activities, demonstrations, competitions, and meals all centered around the life of a 49'er.

Camp Sequoyah and the surrounding area is steeped in history with the search for gold. In the 1830's gold was discovered in Cleburne County and created a boom for the area. Areas of Carr Creek were the site where men set out to claim their fortune by mining for gold. In the years after over \$5,000,000.00 worth of gold was discovered in the area. 30,000 ounces of gold came from Cleburne County alone.

In 1849 after the discovery of gold in California most left for the California Gold Rush. In the spirit of the prospectors of yesteryear we invite you to take up the mantle of the 49'er and engulf yourself in the 49'er lifestyle. You never know? You may strike it rich!!!!!! We hear..... "there's gold up em them hills!"

Seth Hill

Camping Director, Greater Alabama Council

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who Can Attend:

***Adventures Of The 49'ers* is open to all Scouts BSA troops. Both troops from the Greater Alabama Council and Out Of Council Units are welcome to attend. This event is only open to Scouts BSA troops. Unfortunately, the program is not offered to Cub Scout packs or dens.**

Registration:

Registration will be done through Jotform. This link can be found on 1bsa.org. Due to the nature of the program, registration will be limited to the first 200 participants. Registration deadline is February 19th 2021.

Event Cost:

The event fees for *Adventures Of The 49'ers* will be \$40.00 for youth and \$20.00 for adults. Event fees will include four meals, two cracker barrels, program supplies, insurance, and a patch.

Health and Safety:

All participants (youth and adult) will need to bring with them a BSA Health Form (A and B). There will be a medic onsite for the entire weekend. The medic will be stationed at the Camp Sequoyah Medic Lodge for the entirety of the event.

Check-In:

Check-in will begin at 4:00PM. Troops will check-in at the main parking lot at Camp Sequoyah. Health Forms and a Unit Roster will be submitted upon check-in. After check-in troops will be directed to their campsite for the weekend stay.

Camping:

While at Camp Sequoyah you will stay in pre-assigned campsites. Please note no tents are in place during this time of year at camp. Troops will be responsible for bringing their own tents. Hammock camping is also allowed at Camp Sequoyah.

Meals:

All meals will be served in the dining hall. Any dietary restrictions can be submitted to Seth Hill at seth.hill@scouting.org . Please submit dietary requests by February 19th 2021.

Preparing for Camp:

Suggested Packing List	
Tent	Flashlight
Sleeping Bag	3 T-Shirts
Sleeping Pad	3 Underwear
Scout Uniform	Light Weight Jacket
Toiletries	Sturdy Shoes (Hiking Boots or Sneakers)
3 Pairs of Socks	Towel

THE PROGRAM

The *Adventures Of The 49'ers* program is broken into three categories for your Scouts to participate in: Competitions, Activities, and Demonstrations. These events will last all day so you do not have to go at a specific time to participate. Scouts/Troops can attend the events at their leisure.

COMPETITIONS:

Shovel and Pick Competition	Individual
Covered Wagon Race	Troop/Patrol
Bucket Race	Troop/Patrol
Top Shot – Rifle	Individual
Top Shot – Archery	Individual

Competitions will be done by troop. However larger troops may compete by Patrol.

Shovel and Pick Competition (Individual):

49'ers knew their way with a shovel and pick. Two of the main tools needed to mine for gold, these resources were key to their success. Scouts will test their skill with these tools through a timed competition. The fastest Scout will be presented an award at the Closing Campfire/Awards Ceremony.

Covered Wagon Competition (Troop or Patrol):

The wagon was one of the key modes of transportation for those heading West to seek their fortune. Troops will build a wagon and race against the clock. The faster the time the faster you get to the choicest area to mine gold. Troops will be required to bring all the resources and materials they need to build their wagon. The competition will consist of the following rules:

1. The wagon must roll

2. The wagon must be covered
3. The wagon must fit two Scouts
4. The wagon will be pulled by three Scouts.

Materials and design are left to the choice of the troop. If competing by Patrols, patrols from the same troop may use the same wagon.

The fastest team will be recognized at the Closing Campfire/Awards Ceremony.

Bucket Race (Troop or Patrol):

The bucket was another key resource of a miner. Miners would use buckets for several things while mining for gold. Troops will compete in a bucket race relay to carry two buckets at one time from one point to another, then pass the buckets off to a fellow Scout, and repeat until all Scouts have completed the relay. Judging will be based on both time and how much water remains in the bucket after the relay is completed. The best team will be recognized at the Closing Campfire/Awards Ceremony.

- Team size will be determined by the smallest troop by attendance.

Rifle Top Shot (Individual):

A 49'er had to know how to use a rifle, from hunting to protection it was an instrumental part of their life. At Adventures Of The 49'ers our shooting range will be open to allow Scouts to hone their skills with a rifle. The best shot of the day will be recognized at the Closing Campfire/Awards Ceremony.

Archery Top Shot (Individual):

Like the rifle the bow and arrow were common in the frontier life. Our archery range will be open for Scouts to test their skills as an archer. The top shot of the day will be recognized at the Closing Campfire/Awards Ceremony.

ACTIVITES:

Gold Panning
Black Powder Shotgun
Climbing Tower
Black Smith Station

Gold Panning:

The gold pan was one of the main resources of a 49'er in his quest for riches. Scouts will have the opportunity to learn the techniques of panning for gold.

Black Powder Shotgun:

Come to the shooting sports area and learn how to load and fire a black powder shotgun just like the frontiersman used.

Climbing Tower:

Sometimes 49'ers had to climb or rappel to an area to get the gold! Learn these skills at our climbing tower.

Blacksmith Station:

Blacksmithing played a vital role in the life of a 49'er come to the blacksmithing area and try your hand at this age-old practice.

DEMONSTRATIONS:

Tanning and Hides
Edible Plants
Bead Work
Carr Creek Geology
Life On The Frontier

Tanning and Hides:

Life in the 1800's utilized all nature offered. Pelts and hides were used for clothing, were traded, provided warmth, and a common visual in the time. Learn about how to tan leather and preserve hides.

Edible Plants:

The 49'ers lived off the land. Many times, only having what nature provided as a food source. Join us for a presentation on edible plants of Alabama and discover how you too can live of the wild.

Bead Work:

Come learn how to bead on a loom. Beadwork was a way for people to dress up their attire and other items used in their daily life.

Carr Creek Geology:

Carr Creek produced some of the largest gold discoveries in Alabama. Come listen to a presentation on the geology that makes up this area.

Life On The Frontier:

Come learn about life in the 1840's and what these individuals endured and how they made it through their daily lives.

SCHEDULE

Friday:

Check-In	4:00PM-8:00PM	Parking Lot
SPL/SM Meeting	8:30PM	Private Dining Area
Crack Barrell/Fellowship	8:30PM	Dining Hall
TAPS	10:30PM	Campsite

Saturday:

Reveille	6:30AM	Campsite
Morning Assembly	7:00AM	Parade Field
Breakfast	7:15AM	Dining Hall
Activities Start	8:30AM	See Map
Lunch	12:00PM	Dining Hall
Educational Presentations	1:00PM	See Map
Activities Resume	3:30PM	See Map
Activities End	5:20PM	Camp-Wide
Evening Retreat	5:45PM	Parade Field
Dinner	6:00PM	Dining Hall
Campfire/Awards Presentation	8:00PM	Council Ring
Cracker Barrell/Fellowship	9:00PM	Dining Hall
TAPS	10:30PM	Campsite

Sunday:

Reveille	6:30AM	Campsite
Morning Assembly	7:00AM	Parade Field
Breakfast	7:15AM	Dining Hall
Scouts Own Service	8:30AM	Chapel
Camp Clean-Up	9:00AM	Camp-Wide
Pick-Up Health Forms/Patches	9:30AM	SM Pavilion
Depart Camp	10:00AM	Parking Lot

Adventures of The 49'ers Menu

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Biscuits and Gravy Salted Ham Eggs Milk Orange Juice Water Coffee	Hot Cakes with Apples and Syrup Fried Potatoes Milk Orange Juice Coffee
	Stew and Vegetables Johnnycakes Water Tea	
	Brisket Corn Beans Cornbread Custard Tea Water	
Nacho Bar Bug Juice	Brownies Ice Cream Cup Hot Chocolate	