

**45th PATRIOT DAYS
ENCAMPMENT
June 8-10 2012**

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Dear Youth Group Leader:

You and your youth group are invited to take part in the 45th Patriot Days Encampment. Each year, for one weekend in June, several thousand Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, and other youth gather at the Daniel Boone Homestead near Reading, Pennsylvania, to meet new friends and share in a unique camping experience.

The Patriot Days Encampment Committee operates the Encampment with the cooperation of the Friends of the Daniel Boone Homestead and Daniel Boone Homestead staff. The Committee is composed of volunteers with backgrounds in different areas of Scouting and is not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of the USA, or the Camp Fire USA.

Each year campers enjoy a wide range of interesting and enjoyable events, activities, and attractions through the entire weekend. Our program includes demonstrations, skill games, a camp fire, a dance, competitions, local craftspeople, and tours of the Daniel Boone Homestead. Other things are in the planning stages as we constantly update the program. Please use the "Comments" section on the Registration Form for any suggestions that you might have to change or enhance our program. We can always find space in the schedule for new activities.

Participation in the competitive events is optional and includes contests for camping skills, first aid, entrance gateways, races, volleyball, and others. Boys, girls, and young campers compete separately where appropriate.

Young camper groups are invited to camp for the weekend, though you may need to know that Patriot Days is not nationally accredited by any Scouting organization. You should follow the overnight camping rules of your parent organization.

Units may register to camp for the entire weekend or may register to come and visit on Saturday only for the day.

This pamphlet contains important policies, instructions, and other information. Read this pamphlet thoroughly and emphasize policies and rules and regulations to all of your campers before you come to the Encampment. Please make special note of traffic regulations.

We always need help on the Encampment staff, and encourage one or more leaders from your unit to contribute part of your time to help us with judging, running activities, patrolling off-limits areas, serving in the concession stands, and other tasks. Note at the "Help Section" on your Registration Form or enclose names, addresses, e-mails, or phone numbers under "Comments" for anyone you know who may be interested.

We welcome experienced adults, who can not come with a unit this year, to come for the day or the weekend and help with Encampment staff. Please return your Registration Form if you are an individual who is interested in coming without a unit. We provide meals to staff for a nominal fee.

Are you planning not to attend Patriot Days this year? If so, can we have some information from you so that we can keep our mailing list current? Simply fill out the Registration Form and indicate "0" for "Expected number of campers." Please indicate that you are not planning to attend this year and whether you would like to remain active on the mailing list. Feel free to list any other questions, comments, or suggestions and return the form to the address below.

The per-camper registration fee along with the minimum unit fee allows us to supplement the limited facilities at the Homestead, covering costs incurred in planning and set-up, and helping to fund operating expenses during the weekend. These expenses include portable toilets, ambulance coverage, trash removal, rental of the Daniel Boone Homestead, liability insurance, Encampment patch for each full weekend participant, program expenses, and the various other costs incurred to make Patriot Days possible. The Patriot Days Encampment is financed solely through proceeds from registration and concessions.

To assure a campsite for your group mail your Registration Form from the end of this pamphlet with your check or money order made payable to:

Patriot Days Encampment Committee

Feel free to include any comments, questions, or suggestions.

Please return your Registration by Friday, June 1, 2012

Send all mail to:

Patriot Days Encampment
PO Box 827
Shillington, PA 19607-0827

Visit us on the web at www.PatriotDays.org.

Yours for a successful Encampment,

Brian L Fichthorn
Patriot Days Encampment Committee

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INTRODUCTION

The Patriot Days Encampment Committee welcomes you and your youth group to the 45th Patriot Days Encampment. For one weekend in June, the Daniel Boone Homestead becomes the meeting place for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, and other youth who come from several states to meet new friends and familiar faces. We wish you the best for an enjoyable and fulfilling weekend.

We welcome any suggestions, questions, or criticisms that you might have throughout the weekend; feel free to approach us at any time.

Homestead Location. The Daniel Boone Homestead is located between Pottstown and Reading, about 2-1/2 miles north of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. The exact location can be seen on the inside back cover of this pamphlet.

Pamphlet. This pamphlet represents official Patriot Days policies, rules, and regulations. **Please be sure that you familiarize yourself and your campers with its contents before you arrive at the Encampment.**

REGISTRATION

Registration-by-mail. Send the Registration Form from the end of this pamphlet along with your registration fee to the Patriot Days Encampment, PO Box 827, Shillington, PA 19607-0827.

Units may register to camp for the entire weekend or may register to visit for just the day on Saturday.

Whether you are camping for the weekend or just visiting for the day on Saturday, your pre-payment of the entire per-camper registration fee will enable us to greatly simplify and speed the registration process on Saturday. If not pre-paying in full, you must register with \$50 non-refundable deposit which will be applied against your total per-person registration. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Patriot Days Encampment Committee.

Please be sure to return your Registration by Friday, June 1, to ensure a campsite for your unit. (Saturday-only visitors will not be assigned a campsite.) Prompt return of your registration also helps us to order the proper amount of portable toilets, concession supplies, and other services. If you have any last-minute changes after you have mailed your registration, please call us at (610) 775-3725, or e-mail PatriotDays@aol.com.

We will formally acknowledge receipt of your registration during the week before the Encampment. Check our web site during the week before the Encampment in case there are important updates.

You may submit your Group Roster via e-mail before you come to Patriot Days.

On the Saturday morning of the Encampment weekend campers will formally validate their registration in-person at Registration Settlement. Registration for Saturday-only visitors will be addressed when you enter the Homestead on Saturday.

REGISTRATION (con't)

Registration Settlement ALL WEEKEND UNITS. All units who camp for the weekend must validate their registration, even if you came with the registered amount of campers. A leader from each unit must come to Registration Settlement from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. on Saturday morning next to Encampment Headquarters (area A on the enclosed map).

Your Group Roster should be submitted, or changes made, at this time.

The amount which you prepaid as mail-in registration is applied as a deposit against the total due of \$20-per-camper-in-attendance or \$50 unit registration, whichever is greater. Any amounts owed to Patriot Days should be paid by check or money order. We will not be prepared to handle cash.

We will reimburse you by check at Sunday morning check-out for any amounts overpaid.

You will not receive your patches on Sunday morning if you do not settle with us Saturday morning.

Saturday-only Visitors. Those who register for Saturday-only will receive instructions when they enter the Homestead. The amount which you prepaid as mail-in registration is applied as a deposit against the total due of \$10-per-camper (\$5-per-camper for age 10 and under). Please submit a group roster at this time. Any amounts owed to Patriot Days should be paid by check or money order. Encampment patches are not included with day registration but will be available for sale.

Cancellation Policy. In the event that you must cancel, we will refund the amount of your pre-payment which exceeds \$50. Pre-paid registration up to \$50 is not refundable, and helps to defer expenses that we incur in anticipation of your attendance, including among other things portable toilets, program materials, food, and Encampment patches.

Group Roster. Please prepare a Group Roster "before" you come to the Encampment. Completion of the roster is required in order to comply with state health and safety regulations and is also useful for finding the owners of lost items or locating an individual in an emergency. The Group Roster should be submitted to officials on Saturday morning. Please be sure that your Roster includes the names of your campers and your leaders. You may submit your Roster via e-mail the day before the Encampment.

Campsites. Campsites are pre-assigned. Site size is determined by group size:

<u>campers</u>	<u>size</u>	<u>campers</u>	<u>size</u>
0 - 10	25' X 50'	31-40	100 X 50'
11 - 20	50' X 50'	over 40	150 X 50'
21-30	75' X 50'		

Campsite location is determined on a first-come, first-serve basis by order of postmark date of registration. Please plan any gateways, skill demonstrations, or exhibits according to your space requirements. If you need additional space, please describe your needs in the Comments section of your Registration Form.

You may be assigned to an overflow area located further from the main camping area if we receive your Registration after the June 1 deadline.

ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS

The Program. Patriot Days offers a variety of events and activities, both competitive and non-competitive, fun and educational. Participation is always optional.

A schedule of events will be available on our website, with a final copy at check-in.

Listed below, in no special order, are various parts of the program which we wish to highlight and which you may need to prepare for if you plan to participate.

New Activities. We welcome anyone who is interested in setting-up and operating any new skill game, activity, or demonstration. Please contact us as soon as possible at (610) 775-3725 or PatriotDays@aol.com to discuss your ideas and to make arrangements for resources and scheduling, or note your interests on the Registration Form. Suggestions for new activities are also welcome.

ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS (con't)

Homestead Tours. All groups are urged to take conducted tours of the Daniel Boone Homestead historical buildings during the Encampment.

Talents. If your unit has any special skills they would like to show off during the Encampment, bring this to our attention on the Comments section of your Registration Form. Please indicate whether any special preparation or area is required.

All campers are urged to bring musical instruments.

Games and Skills. The games and skills portion of the program will be getting under way Saturday morning. We always need help with running activities. Any leaders who have questions or would like to assist in running activities should indicate this in the "Help Section" of the Registration Form or approach us at the Saturday morning Activities sign-up. Send us your ideas for any other games or skills that you would like to introduce to Patriot Days.

Volleyball Competition. Please bring your volleyballs. Any adult leaders who would like to help in running the games are welcome; please approach us at the activities sign-up.

Teams should register on Friday night at Activities Sign-up next to Encampment Headquarters (Area A on enclosed map).

Volleyball participants will compete for the following awards:

Best Boy Team:

*1st place * 2nd place

Best Girl Team:

*1st place * 2nd place

Due to the large number of units involved only one team per unit may participate.

Adult leaders may not participate in competition but they may act as coaches.

Teams may be as large as you want but only six players are permitted on the court at one time. Substitutions are allowed during service exchanges and at the beginning of each game; you must notify referees of all substitutions. You may replace injured players at any time.

Teams must be ready when called and are subject to a ten minute grace period before forfeit.

Races. There will be three races:

* 3/4 mile - open to young campers aged 11 and under only.

The course is all macadam with two small hills.

* 1 Mile - open to all campers (including leaders) aged 12 and over.

The course is both macadam and dirt roads with two small hills.

* 1-3/4 Mile - open to all campers (including leaders). Campers aged 11 and under may, but are not encouraged, to participate. The course is macadam, dirt, and grass.

All races have awards for both male and female runners.

No prior registration is necessary. Participants should report at 8:30 AM for a 9 AM start.

ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS (con't)

Orienteering Challenge/Geocaching. The Orienteering Challenge has been discontinued and replaced with a Geocaching event. The orienteering map that we use is critical for the event. However it is so outdated that we can no longer use the map.

A limited number of the old Orienteering maps will be available for you to use as a fun, non-competitive event. We do not guarantee the accuracy of the maps.

Geocaching is an event that uses GPS, Global Positioning System, to find targets. The event will take place at the same time as the Orienteering event traditionally took place, 9am on Saturday. The event will not be a competitive event this year. If you are interested, please let us know on your registration form so that the organizers can plan better.

First Aid Challenge. Polish up those first aid skills if you plan to compete. Challenge participants should form 4 person rescue teams and come with supplies for the challenge, such as: blanket, triangular bandages, gauze pads, short & medium wood splints.

Each team will be given 5 minutes to react, treat and handle the emergency. Three to 5 minutes will be provided if an education explanation (feedback) is needed. The group will then move on to the next scene.

We need special volunteers for victims who should be willing to wear costumes, makeup, and to act. This event is unique, in that the person who runs the event, besides being an experienced first-aider, brings an element of reality to the event with her theater experience.

Trained first-aiders who would like to help with judging and whose units are not participating in competition should indicate their desire in the "Help Section" of the Registration Form, or approach us at Activities Sign-up on Friday as early as possible. Judges must be certified in First Aid by the American Red Cross or National Safety Council or Basic Life Support or an Emergency Medical Technician.

Teams should pre-register on the Registration Form at the back of this pamphlet. Last minute pre-registration changes should be made on Friday night at Activities Sign-up beside the Encampment Headquarters. (Area A on enclosed map). The event will take place behind the first aid area. (Area E)

Campsite Competition. Campsite competition participants will compete for the following:

Best Boy Scout Campsite:	Best Young Camper Campsite:
*1st * 2nd * 3rd places	*1st * 2nd * 3rd places
Best Girl Scout or Camp Fire Campsite:	
*1st * 2nd * 3rd places	

Co-ed units, unless mostly young campers, will be placed in the girl or boy category based on majority makeup of their registration.

No prior registration is necessary. We are planning to inspect all campsites. If you prefer not to compete in campsite competition, an adult leader from your group should communicate your desire to an inspecting official.

We assume that all units camp in basically the same manner and we judge accordingly. Units are only penalized when their campsite does not meet generally accepted standards. (*We recognize that different standards exist between girl and boy camping and adjustments are made accordingly.*)

ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS (cont')

Your campsite may be judged several times during the day on Saturday and in the late evening in the case of a tie. We look at how you arrange, present, and organize your campsite. We do the same with your kitchen area. We look at how safety-conscious you are, including preparation for accidents and fires. We look at how you care for your unit equipment. We look at how you care for and organize your personal equipment. We look for cleanliness. At mealtime we look for general punctuality, organization, safety, and cleanliness. Make sure that you identify your campsite and respect your boundaries.

We request that you cook at least one of your meals to avoid dependence on concession stands. We plan to randomly inspect one of your Saturday meals. You will lose points if leaders, instead of campers, appear to be preparing the meal.

Your campsite may be inspected more than once, by different judges, in each inspection. So expect that different judges may ask you the same question more than once.

To ensure that inspection procedures run smoothly, do not hamper the judges' work. Judges have been instructed not to show their score sheets or discuss scoring with the units during the course of inspection; you may study your score sheets after check-out.

Read this pamphlet very carefully to be sure that you do not lose points by neglecting Encampment rules and regulations.

Gateway Competition. Campsite entrance gateways will be considered for the following awards:

Best Boy Scout Gateway:

*1st place * 2nd place

Best Young Camper Gateway:

*1st place * 2nd place

Best Girl Scout or Camp Fire Gateway:

*1st place * 2nd place

Rope Bridges may not exceed a height of 5 feet at their highest point.

Structures (towers or gateways) over the height of 15 feet are not permitted.

Structure platforms may not exceed the height of 10 feet.

Gateway judges are looking for originality and good workmanship. We feel that it is important that gateways are homemade and constructed as much as possible by your campers; it is their gateway.

Please remember that a standard-sized campsite measures 50' X 50.' Your gateway, including guidelines, should not extend beyond the boundaries of one campsite, regardless whether your campsite extends longer than 50.'

The size of your gateway is not a consideration in judging.

All gateways should be constructed in a safe manner. If your gateway is designed for climbing or similar activity, operation of such activities must be strictly **supervised at all times by an adult leader.** *We reserve the right to restrict such use if we deem it necessary.*

Patriot Days Anniversary Cake Contest. Each year we feature a different theme, and have included in the past: chili, birthday cakes, natural desserts, hot dogs, Colonial foods, and many others. For our 45th Anniversary it is fitting that this year's theme is an Anniversary Cake

Basic rules usually include for all of the themes:

1. You must use charcoal to cook.
2. You must prepare in your camp site.
3. Your campers (no adults !!) must do all of the work.
4. Bring your entry to the judges at the lower lot on Saturday at 5:30 P.M.
5. Bring your recipe (with unit ID)

Judging Criteria: PREPARATION - PRESENTATION - TASTE

No prior registration is necessary. Use your imagination and *HAVE FUN!*

ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS (con't)

Campfire. Those who wish to be part of the campfire program should appear at Saturday morning Activities sign-up; or better yet, let us know on your application.

We screen skits to avoid repeating skits that we see every year. Use your imagination and be sure to practice. Just remember: all presentations must be in good taste and are limited to 5 minutes.

Singers and guitar players are greatly appreciated for campfire.

We encourage your short stories or poems (P.A. system is available).

Please have your group dress appropriately for campfire.

Bring your unit flag for display at the Campfire.

Dance. A dance is held after the Saturday evening campfire on the lower macadamed area. No costumes or face painting are permitted at the dance. We appreciate as many adult chaperones at the dance as possible.

Movies. Bring along some popcorn. There will be movies Friday night and again Saturday night running in concurrence with the dance (at a different location from the dance).

CHECK-IN AND TRAFFIC

Check-in for Saturday-only Visitors. Saturday-only visitors will be greeted by personnel who will give registration instructions and parking direction. All instructions below apply to weekend campers who arrive on Friday and check-out on Sunday.

Check-in for Weekend Campers. We request that all groups arrive at the Homestead between 4:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on Friday, if possible. Please note on your Registration Form if you plan on a late Friday night or Saturday arrival. We will not be prepared to check-in your group before 4:00 P.M.

Enter the Homestead by crossing Daniel Boone Road from the ***jug handle turn***. Traffic controllers will direct you to parking and/or check-in.

☞ ***Please remain in your vehicle at check-in - Drivers and Passengers .***

Leader in charge:

leader receives packet containing traffic flow map, campsite map, unit listing, schedule of events, and evaluation form.

Note: no money will change hands Friday night. All money settlement regarding the registration fee will take place on Saturday morning.

All other vehicles:

Will be directed by traffic personnel.

Traffic Regulations.

Do not obstruct the Traffic Flow.....and Never leave vehicle unattended while unloading.

Consolidate all of your heavy equipment into as few vehicles as possible to avoid delays in unloading. Passage through the unloading access road will be limited.

Transport your unit members in as few vehicles as possible. Fewer vehicles entering the Homestead will help us to ensure a smoother check-in.

Plan to carry your personal gear from the parking lot.

Scanners, Citizen Band radios, FRS radios, and similar communication devices should be turned off as you approach the Daniel Boone Homestead and remain off throughout the weekend. Airwaves must be clear for traffic and security personnel.

CHECK-IN AND TRAFFIC

➤ *Please follow these procedures strictly so that you can unload and park your vehicles as quickly as possible and ensure smooth flow of traffic.*

Vehicle with heavy equipment:

1. will be directed by traffic personnel to an unloading spot.
(If the ground is dry park with two wheels on the road but far enough to the side to let other vehicles pass. If the ground is wet park entirely on the road.)
2. Do not drive off the road to your campsite. No vehicles or trailers of any type will be allowed on the campsite fields.
3. Unload all gear
 - to side of road *before* you carry gear to your campsite.
 - Driver stays with vehicle while unloading.
4. Move vehicle immediately after unloading and follow traffic personnel direction to parking or exit

Vehicles which are leaving the Homestead promptly after drop-off:

- Drivers (1) who do not plan to stay, and (2) who carry only one passenger and light gear should plan to drop-off their passenger at the Homestead entrance. Information personnel will direct the passenger to his campsite.

Vehicles transporting campers and staying for the weekend:

- Follow directions of traffic personnel to assigned parking area.
- Prepare to carry as much equipment as possible from your parking area to your campsite.

Large buses:

Special unloading areas are available for large buses. We advise that you use smaller vehicles if at all possible; Homestead roads were not designed for large vehicles. Again, plan to carry as much equipment as possible to your campsite.

Be sure to observe the **5 MPH SPEED LIMIT**.

Refer to enclosed Homestead map for clarification of parking regulations and location of parking .

ORGANIZATION AND POLICIES

Leadership. Each group must be under control of its own adult leaders throughout the weekend. We require that at least two adults (*leaders, as defined by the rules of your organization*) camp with your unit throughout the weekend; an adequate number of adult leaders for the size of your unit must be present.

In an undertaking as large as this Encampment it is not possible for Encampment officials to constantly monitor each group. For this reason the group leader is responsible for his or her group and their actions. In case of any extreme misconduct the group responsible may be ordered to leave the Encampment. To avoid this possibility each group leader must assume personal control of his or her group at all times.

At taps each group leader must conduct a bed check to see that all campers are in their own tents. This check must be made prior to departure for any leaders' meeting.

Leaders must identify their tents, even if not in competition. We ask that each group leader identify his or her tent with the designation "LEADER" in any convenient manner (for example: hanging sign, painted on tent, etc.). This will facilitate both the judging and security functions of the Encampment. (If you are in campsite competition you will lose points if you do not adhere to this rule.)

ORGANIZATION AND POLICIES

Insurance. In today's world the subject of insurance has become more and more a concern in our lives. You should know that Patriot Days is a non-profit corporation and is not affiliated with, nor sponsored by, any Scouting organization, government agency, or any other group. We do not carry accident or medical or life insurance on participants or staff, as any effort to do so would be cost prohibitive and eliminate our ability to hold Patriot Days. You should be familiar with the rules of your parent organization and with the coverage provided by your own insurance policies as they relate to your activities that are not sponsored by your parent organization.

Security. An adult security force is on around-the-clock duty throughout the weekend. Approach them if any problem arises.

Individuals must not patrol the Encampment after hours.

Security issues after hours should be reported to the night security tent behind headquarters.

Event Staff. Patriot Days staff members will be identified with special t-shirts. Feel free to approach them with any questions, information, comments, or problems.

Announcements. Announcements will be posted at Encampment headquarters. Schedule updates, place changes, and other information will be posted.

Leaders' Meetings. Adult leaders' meetings will be conducted at the lower macadamed area (Area A) Friday and Saturday evenings. Check your schedule for times. Only one leader from each unit should attend this meeting. One adult leader must remain with your unit.

First Aid. Qualified medical personnel will be on duty through the weekend.

Emergency ambulance service is available close-by. If hospital transport is required the camper, if he be a minor, must be accompanied by an adult from the camper's group. Any fees relating to hospital transport are the responsibility of the patient and billed directly by the ambulance association on duty.

Be sure to bring a plentiful supply of sunscreen and beware of ticks during the weekend.

Water. Water taps are located at designated spots in the Encampment. Use these taps only to fill containers. No washing of campers or dishes is permitted at the water taps. Do not run water on the ground; consider those who must use the tap after you.

Please bring full water containers with you to avoid taxing the water supply.

Waste Disposal. Waste water disposal holes are located along the perimeter of the Encampment. Use these holes only for waste dish water and other wash water.

Place garbage and trash in plastic bags and dispose in containers placed throughout the Encampment. (In fact, costs for the Encampment could be kept to a minimum if you are able to carry your trash home with you.)

Charcoal, when dead out, should be placed in specially marked containers; **do not dump** on the ground, in waste water disposal holes, or in the dumpsters.

Broken equipment should not be left behind at the Homestead.

Dress. Each Encampment participant is expected to dress appropriately for camping, which could include group uniforms, T-shirts, hats with visors to protect from the sun, sneakers, and other casual gear. Dress that would be more appropriate for lounging at a swimming pool is not encouraged for Patriot Days. Note that the Homestead is open to visitors through much of the weekend. If your unit is in competition you group appearance directly influences your score for appearance. We suggest All campers should wear proper foot gear at all times.

Shelter. Use only tents for shelter. No camper trailers, travel trailers, or mobile homes are permitted on the Homestead. Kitchen/Cooking units which can be defined as trailers are not permitted.

ORGANIZATION AND POLICIES (con't)

Cooking. We prefer that cooking be done on charcoal burning stoves that do not touch the ground. If you choose to use propane stoves, they must be operated only under direct adult supervision. (This factor will also be taken into consideration by judges.)

Generators. Electrical generators should not be used at Patriot Days.

Campsite Maintenance. Each group must camp only in the area assigned to that group. No tents, pegs, lines or other items may cross the site boundary lines. No encroachments may be made on the company streets. No trees or shrubs may be damaged or disturbed for any reason. No holes may be dug. The site must be left in as good as or better condition than that in which it was found.

Please ***do not border your campsite with rope*** or any other physical boundary. It is acceptable to use flour or corn meal to border your campsite.

It is your responsibility to maintain site boundary markers and identification numbers.

Off-Limits Areas. Except for scheduled activities, all areas not detailed or specified as campsites or activity areas are off-limits to all campers. (Consult map you receive at check-in.)

Off-limits areas include the dam, the saw mill, and wading in the creek. Off-limits areas also include the boundaries of other units' campsites. ***Be sure to use roads and walkways*** instead of passing through the campsites of others.

Anyone attempting to vandalize State property, molest livestock, or enter posted off-limits areas is subjecting both themselves and their unit to eviction from the Encampment and violation of State laws.

Alcohol. Alcohol is not permitted on the Homestead. Aside from other considerations this item is prohibited on State land by State law. Violators of this prohibition will be evicted from the Encampment.

Water Guns. Water guns are not permitted at Patriot Days, and may be confiscated and returned to group leaders for keeping during the weekend.

Fireworks, Projectiles, and Glow Sticks. Neither fireworks nor 'toy' missiles are permitted. These items are prohibited on State land by State law. Violators of this prohibition will be evicted from the Encampment. Glow sticks have been the cause of numerous injuries as they rupture and release their chemicals; as a result these are also prohibited at Patriot Days.

Swimming. The creek looks very inviting on a hot day, but unfortunately the State does not permit swimming or wading for obvious safety reasons.

Loud Music. Please refrain from playing loud music from electronic devices that cause a nuisance to other campers.

Walkie-talkies. Walkie-talkies operated by campers interfere with staff and security communications during the weekend. Please limit their use if your unit uses this method of communications.

Pets. We all love the company of our pets, but we ask you not to bring them to Patriot Days. No matter how harmless your Snoopy may seem to you, he may just seem a nuisance to the next campsite and in addition, exhibit unpredictable behavior in a large crowd.

Wheels. We ask that you leave your wheels at home. This includes bicycles, skateboards, scooters, shoe skates, and rollerblades. They become hazardous on our pedestrian-filled roads.

OTHER INFORMATION

Refreshments. The Encampment Committee offers two concession areas. Profits offset the cost of operating the Encampment.

Supplies. Ice will be available at the Homestead. Milk, bread, charcoal, and other supplies are available by car a few miles away on Route 422 West toward Reading. Stores within 10 minute drive include Walmart, Giant Markets, Redners Markets, Home Depot, and Lowes among others.

Religious Services. The details concerning times and places will appear on the schedule that you will receive at check-in.

T-shirts. A limited number of Encampment T-shirts from this as well as prior years are available for sale. Supplies run-out quickly.

Patches. Each camper will receive one patch in return for his or her registration fee. A limited number of patches from past Encampments will be for sale. Current year patches may be sold after final registration needs are determined.

Surveys. We distribute survey forms which we encourage you to fill out with your opinions of the Encampment. Return your form to us at Check-out as you receive your patches. There is no need to identify yourself on these forms.

Unusual Weather. Patriot Days is held rain or shine. We watch weather forecasts closely throughout the weekend.

Activities run by Encampment staff are held "weather permitting." All activities and events by outside volunteers are held according to their best judgment.

In case of a severe weather forecast or weather events during the weekend, procedures for check-in, traffic, and check-out will change. Consult our website for special instructions in the event of severe weather forecast. We have adjusted parking arrangements in the past.

Note that there are no structures at the Homestead that are capable of sheltering all of the people who come to Patriot Days. You should make severe weather plans for your own group before you come to Patriot Days. Parking areas are within at most 15 minute walking distance.

Contact with the Daniel Boone Homestead during Patriot Days. We cannot receive calls at the Homestead around-the-clock during Patriot Days.

The Daniel Boone Homestead telephone number is (610) 582-4900, and is answered by Homestead personnel.

The Patriot Days number (610) 775-3725 will be answered during the weekend.

CHECK-OUT

Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure a smooth check-out procedure.

Be sure to observe all traffic regulations.

No vehicles are permitted to drive onto the campsite fields.

Roadways must remain passable during checkout.

Before your group leaves you must meet the following requirements:

1. All charcoal is checked dead out and placed in proper container;
2. All evidence of the Encampment is removed (campsite stakes should be laid by the side of the road). Campsite is policed and in equal or better condition than that upon arrival;
3. Trails to campsite are policed;
4. Any property damage is reported to official at check-out headquarters;
5. The campsite has been cleared of all equipment.

Check-out time is 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. and after closing ceremonies. There is no check-out during the closing ceremony.

Follow these instructions:

1. The unit leader should proceed to the check-out headquarters to obtain Encampment patches and submit completed survey;
2. The unit leader will submit the survey and then sign for and receive the Encampment patches. Junior leaders may not sign for nor receive patches or registration settlement checks;
3. You are free to leave the Encampment.

If you have any questions or would like to inspect your score sheets from the campsite competition, you may do so at check-out headquarters after closing ceremonies and after you check-out.

The Encampment Committee always needs help with cleaning-up and removing campsite stakes. We welcome anyone who would like to stay and help.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Running the Encampment is fun and personally rewarding to us, but it is also a **HUGE** undertaking for both committee members and staff. We want to make the event even more fun for your group, but to do that we badly need your help. We need you to give service to the Encampment, just as you would when you camp at home. An hour or two of your time would help us smooth out the problem areas and make everyone's stay more fun.

Please tell us what you can handle, so that we can plan our schedules in advance.

Would you like to come, but can't come with a unit this year? We welcome experienced adults who can come for the weekend or even just for Friday night or Saturday.

Water Wagon, Waterways, and Homestead property. Bring your camp chair, relax, and swap Scouting stories while chaperoning water facilities and Homestead waterways and property.

Concession Stands. We need adults to help us in the concession stands on Saturday.

Food Contest. Help us judge. Let the cooks impress you with their entry in the Cooking Contest.

Go-fers. We can run you ragged with all kinds of Go-fer tasks.

Crafts & Games. You can help us with the young camper games or games for older campers.

Races. We always need help keeping the roads clear during the Saturday morning races.

Volleyball. If you have 20-20 hindsight and actually know how the game is played, help us judge the volleyball games. You, too, can know the joy of being accused of being blind, biased, and totally ignorant of the rules of the game. Volunteer a few hours of your time and you can be insulted with the rest of us.

First Aid. Trained first aiders whose units are not competing are welcome to help with judging. Judges must be certified in First Aid by the American Red Cross or National Safety Council or Basic Life Support or an Emergency Medical Technician.

Campsite Inspection. We need people to wander through the campsites finding fault with nearly everything. At least that's what people tell us we do. We prefer to think we're fairly judging the campsite competition and we can use your experience. This one takes just a few hours.

Anything New?

Would you like to introduce a new event?

Do you have a special talent you would like to show off?

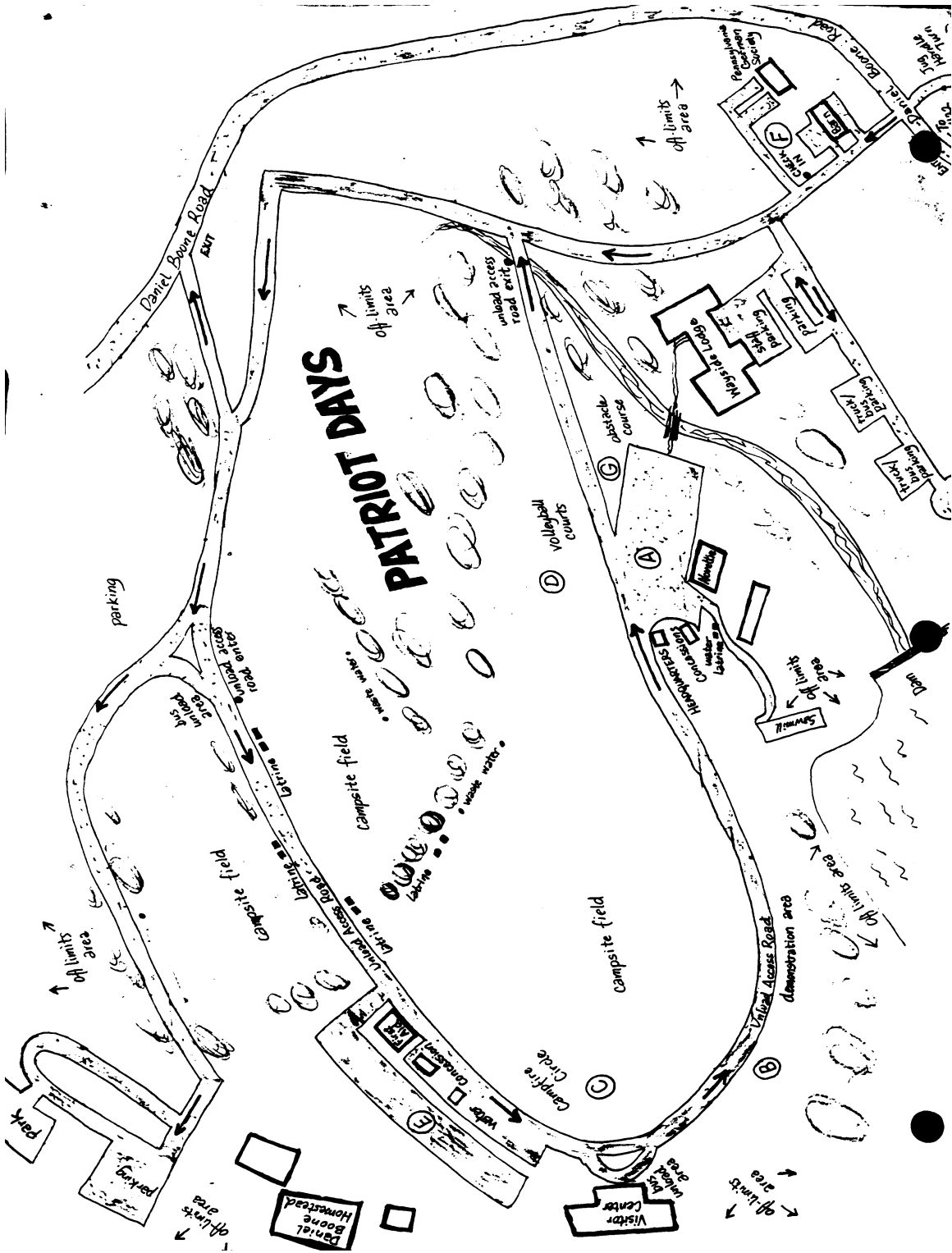
Do you have some fresh ideas that you would like to share? We're "always" need new blood.

Did we forget anything?

Please complete the HELP SECTION of the Registration Form.

Older Youth can earn community service hours by helping with many of the items above.

Thank you for your efforts.



REGISTRATION FORM 2012 PATRIOT DAYS

Group Name: _____ Place: _____
Circle → Boy Scout Girl Scout Senior Junior Cadette Camp Fire Other _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ e-mail: _____

Camp Leader: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell phone in camp, if any () _____ e-mail: _____

Expected Campers	Male Leaders	Female Leaders	Boys	Girls	Total
Ages 11 and over					
Ages 10 and under					

This is our unit's first time at Patriot Days: Yes: No:

COMMENTS SECTION	Describe special requirements for campsite space, suggestions for activities, other groups who would like an invitation, comments
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Signature of group leader: _____

I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read this pamphlet.

<input type="radio"/> Yes, Pre-register me for the First Aid Challenge	<input type="radio"/> Yes, Pre-register me for Geocaching Approx # _____ people may be attending the event
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Make Checks payable to: Patriot Days Encampment Committee

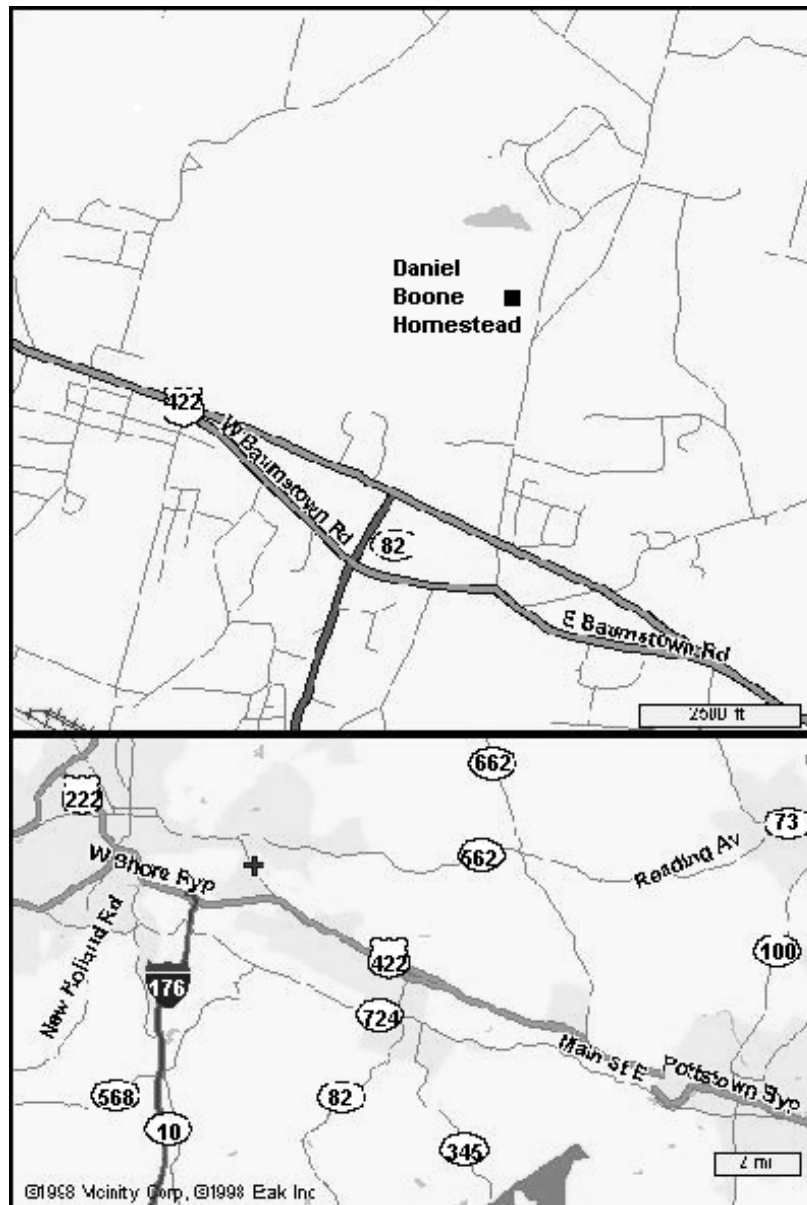
Send Registration by June 1 to:

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>My payment is enclosed for:</i></p> <p><input type="radio"/> \$ 50 minimum unit registration fee</p> <p><i>or</i> <input type="radio"/> \$ _____ full \$20-per-camper registration FULL WEEKEND</p> <p><i>or</i> <input type="radio"/> \$ _____ full \$10-per-camper age 11 and over SATURDAY ONLY</p> <p><i>or</i> <input type="radio"/> \$ _____ full \$5-per-camper age 10 & under SATURDAY ONLY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Patriot Days PO Box 827 Shillington, PA 19607-0827</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Camping for entire weekend ?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Visiting Saturday for the day ?</p>
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Note that the Full Weekend registration fee includes patch. Saturday Only fee does not.

HELP SECTION	Can you contribute some time during the weekend ? # of Adults: _____ # of Older youth: _____
Event preferred: _____	Preferred time: _____
Second choice: _____	Preferred time: _____

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<input type="radio"/> Other	<input type="radio"/> Boy Scout	<input type="radio"/> Girl Scout	<input type="radio"/> Camp Fire	<input type="radio"/> Young Camper
Unit: _____			Campsite: _____	
Postmark: _____			Received: _____	
Check #: _____			Bank: _____	
I acknowledge receipt of patches _____			Total campers	
I acknowledge settlement refund of \$ _____			\$ per camper \$ _____	
Patriot Days check # _____			less deposit _____	
Leader signature: _____			due/refund \$ _____	
*** Minimum Fee *** \$50.00 per unit				



(Note that the former Route 82 is now marked as Route 345.)

West on 422 from Pottstown

- The highway divides at Douglassville and joins again after Douglassville. A traffic light stands at Limekiln Road and then 422 divides again. Pass C & J Tire on your right and pass Monacacy Hill Road.
- Turn right at the traffic light on to Daniel Boone Road and proceed approximately one mile.
- Right turn into the jug handle turn and cross Daniel Boone Road to enter the Homestead.

East on 422 from Reading

- After the highway divides, go straight at the traffic light at Route 345 and then
- Turn left onto Daniel Boone Road and come to traffic light at 422 West. Cross 422 West and then proceed approximately one mile.
- Turn right into the jug handle turn and cross Daniel Boone Road to enter the Homestead.

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