

Pony Express District

Jayhawk Area Council

2021 Spring Camporee



April 23-25, 2021

Camporee Participants-

Alcove Spring and Naomi Pike Waterfall are located near Independence Crossing, a famous ford where pioneer wagons following the Oregon Trail forded the Big Blue River. The spring was named by a member of the Donner Party in 1846. Alcove Spring Historic Park is also the site of the first recorded death in the Donner Party - 70 year old Sarah H. Keyes, who died from tuberculosis.

The spring is productive all year around, but it also is fed by a small seasonal waterfall from snow runoff.

Travelers on the Oregon Trail carved the name Alcove Springs on the surrounding rocks and trees. John C. Fremont and his 1842 exploring expedition camped at Alcove Springs, and Marcus Whitman led a thousand emigrants to Oregon who stopped at Alcove Springs in 1843. Utah bound Mormons and California bound gold seekers followed, including the Donner party, most of whom later froze or starved in the Sierras.

We want to welcome you to Alcove Springs. Many pioneers travelled this very ground in search of a better life, and greater opportunities. I am excited for you to explore this ground and make your own discoveries.

There have been many challenges in organizing this event, and as we get closer to the end of this health crisis, we still need to be vigilant, and need everyone's help to have a safe event for everyone. Face masks will be required at all times during the event, except when eating and drinking. Everyone must check in at headquarters, temperature checks and COVID-19 waivers must be turned into Council staff for anyone attending Spring Camporee including day spectators and staff. Please make sure that all adults and Scouts are social distancing and practicing good hygiene during the event.

Please make sure you participate in all activities, so you can see as much of the park as possible. Again, thank you for coming!

Yours in Scouting-

Joe Pils
Scoutmaster, Troop 180

Welcome to the

2021 Pony Express District Spring Camporee

Theme Scouts will be spending the weekend at a popular resting point on the Oregon Trail. Roaming along a 1.5 mile stretch of the Oregon Trail, Scouts will pull their wagon, or tote their packs. The Camporee will provide them the opportunity to complete many of the requirements for the Pioneering merit badge, and earn the National Historic Trails Award.

As the pioneers before them, units will leave base camp and venture along the trail to various stops where “locals” will greet them and teach them Pioneering skills. Each of these skills builds on the next, culminating in a signal tower build deep in the woods.

In the late afternoon, participants will be sent to various areas of the park. With the help of “guides” they will perform a service project, leaving the park better than they found it.

Location Alcove Spring, Marshall County, Kansas. Check-in at the event headquarters Friday evening through Saturday morning.

Date April 23-25, 2021

Registration **To register, go to www.jayhawkcouncil.org**

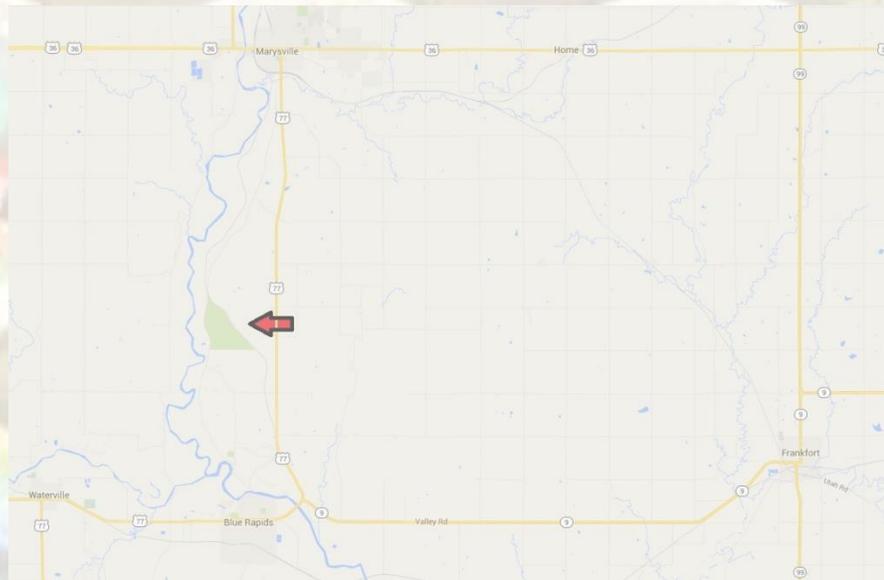
\$20 per Scout
\$15 per Adult

Attendees will need to check-in upon arrival at the Camporee. Registration and fees are due at the time of registration. Fees cover the cost of insurance, program supplies, awards, and other expenses by the Pony Express District Camporee.

Directions

From the North: Take US 36 to Marysville. Turn South on US 77 (10th St). Turn West on East River Road, look for orange “Scout Event” entrance signs. Follow signs to check-in at Alcove Springs sign.

From the South and East: Take K 99 North to Frankfort. Turn West on K 9. Turn North at US 77, Turn West on Tumbleweed, look for orange “Scout Event” entrance signs. Follow signs to check-in at Alcove Springs sign.



Check in

At the event headquarters, located in Grace’s Meadow, Spring Camporee and Council Staff members will greet you at between check-in hours of 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Friday or 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM on Saturday. **If checking in at other times you are asked to let the Staff know when you plan to arrive so someone will be available to open the gate and check you in.** Please bring a copy of your roster, your registration receipt, medical forms, and COVID-19 event waivers. Temperatures for all attendees will be taken by Council staff at this time. Late registrants can be added at this time.

Flags

All attendees need to attend the opening flag ceremony at 8:30 AM.

Uniform

All Scouts and Scout Leaders are asked to arrive in official (class A) uniform, but are allowed to wear Class B Uniforms or other Scouting appropriate attire during the event. Official (class A) uniforms are to be worn for the Saturday evening campfire/Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony.

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- Food** Each unit is responsible for their own meals at the Camporee. Patrol cooking is encouraged. Only limited water will be available at Headquarters, so **units are encouraged to bring their own water**. Cracker barrel will be served by the Camporee Committee on Friday night at Headquarters.
- Safety** All rules of the Guide to Safe Scouting will be observed. **Adult two-deep leadership is required at all times.** Report any accidents to the event headquarters.
- Trash** All attendees are responsible for their own trash. All trash must be removed from campsites.
- Departure** Units may depart anytime Saturday evening through Sunday morning following campsite inspection-checkout by Camporee staff.
- District Campfire & Order of the Arrow callout** There will be a District Campfire and OA callout ceremony from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Units are encouraged to practice their favorite skits, songs, and jokes and participate. The Callout ceremony will follow the campfire program. OA cracker barrel will follow from 9:00 PM to 10:00PM.
- Campfire is open to all Scouts, leaders, parents, and siblings.
- First Aid** We will have an RN on site to handle any medical issues.

2021 Spring Camporee Contact Information:

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Schedule of Events

Friday:

6pm – 10pm - Arrive, Check-in, Make Camp

Camporee staff will greet you upon arrival and show you to your campsite

9pm – 10pm - Cracker barrel for adults and SPL's. (Any final changes will be announced)

11pm – Lights Out

Saturday:

6:30am – Reveille, Breakfast in campsites

7am – 8am Check-in for one-day attendees

8:30am – 8:45am – Opening Flag Ceremony and Program Updates

9am – 11am – Morning program rotation

11am – 1pm – Lunch on the trail

1pm – 3pm – Afternoon program rotation

3pm – 5pm – Conservation Project

5:30pm – Closing Flag ceremony

5:45pm – Supper in campsites

7:30pm – 9:00pm – OA Campfire ceremonies

9pm – 10pm – OA Cracker barrel

11pm – Lights Out

Sunday:

6:30am – Reveille, Breakfast, Break Camp

8:00am – 10:00am – Campsite inspections and Check-out

9:00am – 9:30am – Camp Worship service performed by each Troop's Chaplain Aide.

Pioneering merit badge requirements that will be covered include:

1. Pioneering requirement 1
2. Pioneering requirement 2b
3. Pioneering requirement 2c
4. Pioneering requirement 3
5. Pioneering requirement 4
6. Pioneering requirement 5
7. Pioneering requirement 6
8. Pioneering requirement 7
9. Pioneering requirement 8

Historic Trails Award Requirements

1. Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or site.)
2. Hike or camp two days and one night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
3. Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site - such event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.
4. Your unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with your council service center.

Order of the Arrow eligibly requirements

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. (The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.)
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21
- Hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher
- Approved by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper
- Elected by the youth members of their unit.

Wagon or Pack Supplies:

Natural fiber rope
(knots/lashing), 1 5'
length for each Scout

Work Gloves, 1 pair
per Scout

Lunch/Trail Food

Water

First Aid Kit

Pocket knife, 1 per
Scout

Compass

Rain Gear

Loppers

Handsaw

Rake, and/or hand
cultivator

Shovel