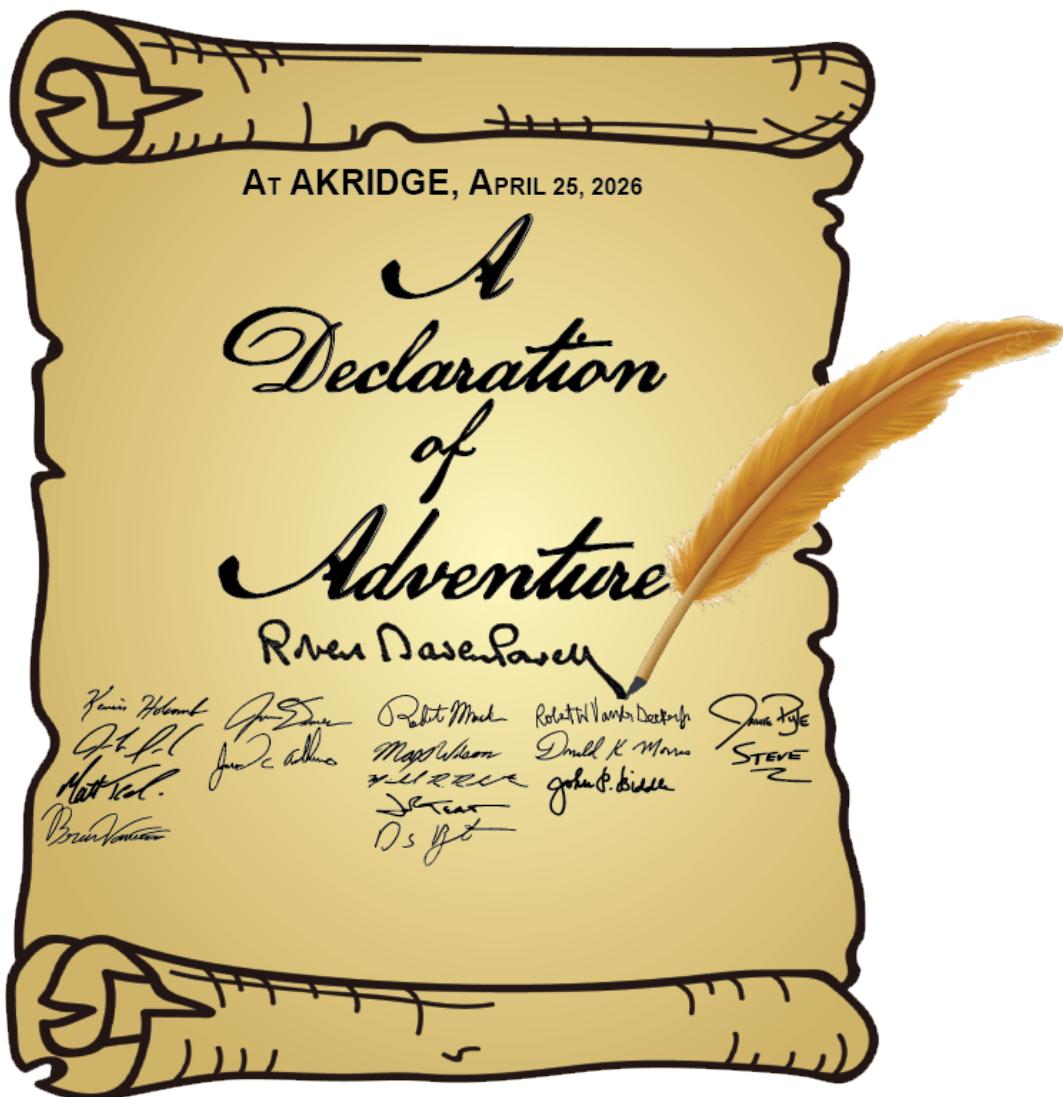


The Del-Mar-Va Council
invites you to share in the fun at the
2026 Council Jamboree
24-26 April, 2026
PROGRAM GUIDE



This Program Guide supplements the Leader's Guide and provides an overview of programming that will occur on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Each timeframe, called a Patriot Pathway, covers a major period in U.S. history.

Scouts and Scouters love patches! Earn the commemorative "participation patch" (not for sale) to complete the set by collecting at least 15 signatures on your personal ***Declaration of Adventure Passport*** signed by the people running the stations.

Focus Area (do at least 3 of 4)	at each...	Timeframe (visit all 4)
1. History Stops		1. Colonial
2. Crafts		2. Antebellum - Civil War
3. Activities		3. Reconstruction - WWII
4. Skills Challenges		4. Cold War - Future

PLUS visit least three (3) different stations/areas at the **Midway**.

Visit and participate in at least three of the four focus areas in each timeframe (Colonial, Antebellum-Civil War, Reconstruction-WWII, Cold War-Future) must be completed, plus at least three areas from the Midway, **for a total of 15 stations throughout the day to earn the patch**. All adults/older youth who volunteer to run a station for at least half of the day will also receive the participation patch.

Prior to the Council Jamboree, we recommend your unit takes time to visit and walk one of the many historic trails on Del-Mar-Va to gain insight and set the mood for this Jamboree. More details can be found on the council website at <https://www.delmarvacouncil.org/historic-trails-hiking/>. You can even earn a patch or a medal by completing them.



This document will likely be revised by the time of the actual event. All program updates will be posted, sent out via email prior to the event and announced at the opening ceremony on Saturday morning. We appreciate your patience and understanding if we must cancel a station due to weather, emergencies or other unforeseeable incidents.

Unit leaders and adult participants are strongly encouraged to help with station operations. Most stations do not require any prior talent or skill set. All instructions and materials will be provided. If a station is of particular interest to you, please contact our program chair, Dennis Redington via email (dennis.redington@sussexvt.k12.de.us) to let him know your preference and receive instructions prior to the Jamboree.

The Colonial Period

Pre-1812

Focus Area: History Stops

Historical Actors

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Come by and talk with people who party like it's 1699. See the clothes they wore, the items they cherished and the stories they would tell around a campfire before our country became a country.

Historical Documents

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: At this station, come read the words of our forefathers as they attempted to create this country. Life-sized copies of the Declaration of Independence, US Constitution, The Bill of Rights and other founding documents will be on display along with transcriptions.

Focus Area: Skills Challenges

Crossing the Delaware

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: Head on down to the pond to canoe from one bank to the other just like George Washington and his men did on Christmas Night of 1776. We promise that the water will be way warmer than it was for them.

Note: Anyone who wishes to be in the boats needs to follow the Safety Afloat guidelines and have a unit leader sign off on current swim classifications (still valid from summer camp 2025).

Stalking

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: At this station, scouts can try their luck at identifying animals by their scat and/or footprints. Each group (patrol/den/etc.) will get to make one plaster cast to take with them as a souvenir of reliving the art colonialists had to use to find food and avoid becoming food for something else.

Johnny Cakes

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Here you get to try your hand at making Johnny Cakes. These simple flatbreads were a staple item in homes, in the woods or on the march.

Minute Scout Skills

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Just like the minute to win it challenges, scouts will try to see if they can be the fastest at simple tasks such as knot tying, plant/animal ID, etc. Just like the minutemen, you never know what will be next to pop up.

Focus Area: Crafts

Tricorn Hats

Target Audience: Cub Scouts

Overview: There are few more iconic symbols of the colonial period than the tricorn hat. Come on over and make one so that you can show off your inner American spirit for the rest of the day.

Quill Pens

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: You can't think about the signing of our founding documents without thinking about those awesome feather pens they used to do it. Come to the quill pen area and make your very own that you can use to sign your official A Declaration of Adventure T-shirts or our New Declaration before you leave.

Focus Area: Activities

Ben Franklin's Kite Lab

Target Audience: Cub Scouts

Overview: Come on by and make your very own kite to fly on the sports field. Though the story of how Ben Franklin did it has been highly misrepresented, he did build a kite and used it to help us understand that lightning does contain electricity. Please do not try to recreate the story at home.

Colonial Games

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: It is sad that most of these games are rarely played anymore; they entertained children and adults for hundreds of years before we had video games. Come try your hand at hoop roll, cup and ball, marbles and a few other activities that you would have been playing if you had been born 200+ years ago.

The Antebellum-Civil War Period

1812-1865

Focus Area: History Stops

Historical Actors

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: These historical reenactors will tell stories of the period between the United States winning the war against Britain through the time of the Civil War. It was a rough start for our new nation, but we made it.

Horses

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: The horse was the tractor, car and family pet all wrapped into one. Come say hello to one of these majestic animals and get to know how they are still used today.

Antebellum-Civil War Music

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: From simple tunes farmers would whistle as they plowed the fields to slaves sending messages of hope through the underground railroad, the music of the early to mid 1800s was more complex than you might think. Stop by and read, listen and maybe even try to sing like you were living in the days of early America.

Folklorists

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: It was during the period leading up to the US Civil War that tall tales and legends started to become popular across America. By the end of the 19th century, stories such as Pecos Bill, Johnny Appleseed, Paul Bunyan & Babe, John Henry and many others were household names. Some of these early frontier celebrities really existed, though their biographies may have been a bit blown out of proportion. Come hear their true stories and maybe a few new ones.

Focus Area: Skills Challenges

Mason-Dixon Orienteering

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: The Mason-Dixon Line cuts right through the Del-Mar-Va Council, dividing Maryland from Delaware. Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon were two of the best land navigators to ever live. Come by and see if you can't follow the directions to map out your own Mason-Dixon Line in camp.

Morse Code

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: One of the earliest forms of quick, long-distance communication came in the form of the telegram. Samuel Morse's system of clicks changed the way we get information from one point to another. It was no text messaging, but it sure beat sending a letter on a horse. Come try your hand at sending a short message to your friends on the other end of the line.

Tent Pitching

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: Long before instant up designs, elasticized poles that fold up and thin vinyl tarps, heavy canvas tents supported by two poles and some ropes were the way to keep the rain off. You might want to brush up on your two tent knots before trying this station.

Focus Area: Crafts

Candle Making

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: The lightbulb of its day, the humble candle used to be a necessity for seeing around your house after the sun went down. At this station you will get to see what it takes to make your own candle. Since we will be in Dover, it really will be a Yankee Candle®. ☺

Cornhusk Action Figures/Dolls

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Toys in the 1800s could be very expensive! Many children made dolls or figurines out of old cloth scraps or even corn husks. Come by and see how easy it is to make your very own piece of history. With a little bit of imagination, you and your friends can bring them to life in an epic adventure around camp.

Apple Granny Faces

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: One of the funniest decorations of the mid-1800s was the Apple Granny Face. Simply carve an apple to look like a face and then hang it to dry for a few weeks when you get home. The apple will dry out and the face will shrivel up and wrinkle just like an older person. A few clothes or some simple craft supplies can turn the face into a doll or a shrunken head.

Focus Area: Activities

Railroad Building

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: Come experience a little bit of what an undertaking it was to connect the east and west coasts of the United States by trying to build a short section of a railroad track. If you want, spice it up a little with a few bars of *I've Been Workin' on the Railroad*, while you hammer away.

The Pony Express

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Before we had texting, emails or even trucks to haul our mail around, we used fast horses and guys with grit (and possibly an adrenalin addiction) to deliver our messages. Come see what it took to get the mail to go through the mid and wild west and then back again by trying it for yourself.

Antebellum/Civil War Games

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: By the 19th century, America had discovered all kinds of new ways to entertain ourselves. Come try your skills at stick pull, hopscotch, pick up sticks and a few more. We will even discuss why you didn't want to get caught dead on the battlefield with a deck of playing cards in your backpack. And let's not forget that the first baseball game was played in 1845. How many skills can you master before you leave this area?

The Reconstruction-World War II Period

1865-1945

Focus Area: History Stops

Early Scout Memorabilia

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: It was during this timeframe that the Boy Scouts came to America. Come check out our museum that holds many of the items from the early years of the Del-Mar-Va Council. Old uniforms, patches, camp guides and other early resources will be on display.

The Music of the Early 20th Century

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: After the invention of the phonograph at the end of the 1800s, it was now possible for wealthy people and business owners to capitalize on playing music without having to hire an entire band. Big bands and ragtime dominated the air of the early 20th Century, and jazz and swing music took off by the time war broke out in Europe. Come see what they used before you could just stream music through your cell phone.

The First Family of Delaware – The du Ponts

Target Audience: Everyone may view the displays, though a couple of the items may not be appropriate for younger kids to handle.

Overview: The early 1900s brought with it major advances in the field of chemistry. The du Ponts revolutionized the world of organic chemistry by introducing us to products like Nylon, Freon, Kevlar and many more household polymers. Come hear the story of their successes, failures and their legacy. Older scouts will even get to try their hand at making some Nylon.

Focus Area: Skills Challenges

Semaphore Code

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: Believe it or not, scouts during World War II were actually able to qualify to be a part of the war efforts. Scouts who knew Morse Code and Semaphore Code volunteered to send messages between the islands of Hawaii using lights and flags. Semaphore was used until the 1990s by lifeguards at most public beaches for signaling each other and swimmers. Let's see if you would have been able to pass the test and be a community hero.

First Aid

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Scouts also were a part of the first aid efforts during the war. Being able to perform the basic first aid skills on the Trail to First Class would qualify you to help assist in local hospitals and military medical units. Using all the basic supplies that one would expect a young scout to know how to use (bandages, neckerchief, ointment, etc.), you can try your hand at applying that knowledge in the field.

Trenches & Foxholes

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: There were few things in war that were more frightening than lying in wait for something to happen. The European Theater was covered in trenches and foxholes where soldiers would wait for days for signs of the enemy. Sickness, teargas and mustard gas, boredom, soggy feet and more things no one should ever have to endure, where the norm for these soldiers. Come spend a few moments in one and try some of the things they would have to do in them. Maybe you will gain a little more appreciation for why we call them “The Greatest Generation.”

Focus Area: Crafts

Can Art

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: During the Great Depression, people learned not to waste things. Anything that could be reused, was reused time and time again until it was useless, then it might be sold for scrap. Scouts will find a way to repurpose old cans into one of a few items of their choice (e.g. candle holder, etc.).

Ice Cream

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Believe it or not, ice cream has only been available to the masses for about a century. Though there are stories in the Chinese culture dating back to somewhere between 600 and 900 A.D., and Thomas Jefferson is credited with bringing the recipe for vanilla ice cream from France, home ice cream machines didn't appear until the late 1800s and were expensive. It wasn't until the invention of the refrigerator that it became possible to store ice cream for any length of time making it cheaper and readily available for everyone. Come make some ice cream and cool off before you take on the rest of your day.

Scent Cache

Target Audience: Cub Scouts

Overview: During this time period it became popular to keep things fresh by filling purses, suitcases or even closets with scent caches filled with naturally aromatic materials such as herbs and spices, citrus, flowers and essential oils. Basically, we stuffed potpourri in things, so we didn't have to smell how bad some of them were. Cubs will get to make their own pouch and fill it with stuff that smells good to them.

Sand Art

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Another popular art form that spread through America during this time was sand art. Sand art was a Navajo way of passing on their traditions as well as a folk-art form. Artists would “paint” 2D images with sand or 3D patterns in bottles. Though the previous two forms of sand art saw their peak popularity in the 1970s, sandcastles were also a popular form of sand art form this time period that is still widely practiced today.

Focus Area: Activities

Henry Ford's Assembly Line Challenge

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: “Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs,” was the quote Henry Ford is credited with saying. You don’t have to know how to build a whole car, just where the one piece you are responsible for goes. Patrols will have the opportunity to challenge themselves with the task of pulling a production order and building Mr. Potato Heads to the specifications on the work order. Each member of the patrol will be given a specific task along the line and your foreman (Patrol Leader) will inspect the lot before it gets shipped.

Reconstruction-WWII Games

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Still more ways to entertain ourselves will be found here. We couldn’t keep doing the same games for over two centuries: we’re too creative for that. See some of the oldest board games and try your hand at pitching horseshoes. And don’t forget, basketball and football were invented just after the Civil War as well. Hockey was too, but that belongs to Canada, eh.

The Light Bulb

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: Though not the first to invent the light bulb, Thomas Edison was the first person to get one to work well and last. Come see if you can make one that lasts more than a few seconds using some very basic materials you might not think will work.

Telephones and Ships Tubes

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: At this station, scouts will explore the movement of sound. We haven’t had cell phones for very long you know. Scouts will get to see some fun ways to transmit sound energy from one point to another and see some historical communication devices.

The Cold War-The Future Period

1945-Future

Focus Area: History Stops

Thank a Veteran

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: We may be running out of veterans from WWII and Korea, but so many of the people who defended our freedoms by serving in the US military since those wars are still around and don't get enough recognition for what they gave up so that we don't have to. Birthdays, first steps, graduations, most soldiers miss out on a lot of the things that the rest of us take for granted. Stop by and let them know that their sacrifices weren't unnoticed by saying hello and signing a card or two.

Robots and Drones

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: They are becoming more common, but robots and drones are still very much a futuristic technology. How much longer will it be before we have robot housekeepers that look like people or drones are delivering your mail and taking out the trash? Come by and see some of the newest technology and some of the simple ones from the past.

A New Declaration

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: The Del-Mar-Va Council will be printing its very own declaration, the Declaration of Adventure. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and sign your name on this historic document and become a part of local history. When it is done, we will scan it and send out images so that you can print them or just look for your name in the hundreds that should be on it.

3D Printing

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: The idea that you can make your own models out of plastic or print replacement parts for things around the house aren't as futuristic as you might think. Stop by and see one of the most versatile STEM stations at work. Who knows where this technology will lead us?

Focus Area: Skills Challenges

Pinewood Derby

Target Audience: Cub Scouts

Overview: Cub Scouts can bring their pinewood derby cars from their Pack/District meets to see how they stack up in the first Del-Mar-Va Council Pinewood Derby.

Scouting Double Dare

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: You think you know some stuff about our country and Scouting? Stop by and test your knowledge and skills in a wild adaptation of the Nickelodeon show Double Dare. For the most fun, bring a rival den, patrol or unit to go head-to-head. The format will be just like the show: a team is asked a question that they can answer or dare the other team to answer. The second team can either answer the question or double dare the first team. Then the first team can answer the question or take a physical challenge to earn the points. Each time the question is passed to the other team, the point value is doubled! Some strategy may be to maximize your score if you think the other team cannot answer the question.

Leave No Trace

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: This station may be one of the easiest. Please bring some trash to this station and recite the Leave No Trace Principles. You can even use hand motions to help if you want. Part 2 requires you to do a forensic investigation (okay, so it's really not that intense) of some folks who did leave a trace to see if you can figure out what they might have been doing. This is what anthropologists do when they uncover a lost civilization.

Rockets Away

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: Older scouts will have the opportunity to launch an air-powered rocket to see who can get it to stay aloft the longest. Use parachutes, backsliders, or good old American ingenuity to see how long you can make it fly. Rockets will be constructed and tested, prior to the Jamboree, from carbonated beverage bottles and will need to hold at least 45PSI but will be launched at 40PSI.

Focus Area: Crafts

Tie Dye

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: What a great way to incorporate the theme into an activity. Purchase one of our official *A Declaration of Adventure* T-shirts ahead of time through our registration site and bring it to the station to be tie dyed to look like an old manuscript. It should make for an awesome touch to the scroll. The shirts have been designed to feature signatures of Scouting's founder Robert Baden Powell as well as the Jamboree Committee and we left room for you and your friend to sign it too. For best results, you should have everyone sign the shirt while dry or wait until a later time to sign them after dying. Limited quantities of the shirt may be available at the Trading Post, but there are no guarantees, so order now.

Shrinky Dinks

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: One of the great novelties of the 70s and 80s were Shrinky Dinks. Color your plastic shapes, cut them out, place them in an oven and watch the fun! These will be freeform art so you can draw whatever you want on a 2" x 3" canvas. You will be surprised at how small they end up.

Peace Sign Necklaces

Target Audience: Cub Scouts

Overview: The 1960s and 1970s were the peak of the Scouting Movement in America. During this time there was a lot of changing going on. You can't imagine this period without seeing the peace sign and some psychedelic colors so we figured, why not put them together. Come make a peace sign and wear it around for the weekend.

Nature Art

Target Audience: Cub Scouts

Overview: During the mid-20th Century, artists began to popularize the Land Art (or Earth Art) movement. Nature was the canvas and the subject of the work. Zen gardens, natural looking landscapes or even finding letters and shapes in clouds, trees and dirt are all nature art forms. Come try your hand at some nature art and see what you can create from the palate the earth has provided.

Friendship Bracelets

Target Audience: Older Scouts

Overview: Nearly every teenager in the 1980s new about a dozen different patterns that they could weave as they created friendship bracelets for all their, well, friends. People wore them like sleeves. You showered with them, you played in them, basically, you didn't take them off until they rotted and fell off. Even then you tried to tie them back together to save them. At this station, you can learn to do the basic skills required to make a simple line pattern our of overhand knots and a few colors of thread.

Focus Area: Activities

Get Your Dance On!

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: From the sock hops of the 1950s, stylized dancing of the 1960s, disco baby, in the 1970s, breakdancing and slam dancing in the 1980s and the rise of choreographed and line dancing of the 1990s, there were more ways to express yourself through dance in that 50 years than you can imagine. Come see what the whipper snappers of the late 20th Century did to bust a move. We dare you to try some for yourself!

Retro Video Games and Technology

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Pong, ColecoVision, Atari, Nintendo and Genesis were just a few of the early video game consoles you could have in your home. You could balance the budget with the number of quarters we shoved in the machines at an arcade in the 80s. Come see how far video games have come since your parents' and grandparents' day.

Cold War Country Identification

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Most of us have heard of first world problems and third world nations, but have you ever heard of a second world country? Those are the countries that were picked up by The Soviet Union after WWII. Eastern Europe was mostly a communist region with backing from Russia, while most of Western Europe was democratic backed by countries like the US and Great Britain. Poor Germany was split between both sides, including cutting the city of Berlin in half despite it being as far from West Germany as Wilmington, DE is from Salisbury, MD. Why don't you put your knowledge of the Cold War boundaries to the test by trying to see how many you can place with the correct allegiances.

The Midway

Range and Target Activities

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Scouts can try their hand at several of our shooting sports ranges shooting BB Guns (Everyone), Slingshots (Cub Scouts) and Tomahawk Throwing (Older Scouts). Cubs, please have an adult with you if you want to shoot BB or Slingshot. Consent forms will be required for all shooting sports (attached).

Fishing

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Bring your favorite bait, your trusty rod and reel and don't forget your lucky hat down to the pond to do some fishing. All fish should be handled humanely and released immediately after the picture. Please be mindful of other people around and in the pond so we don't have to do emergency first aid.

Fun Zone

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: The Fun Zone is exactly what it sounds like. Bouncy Houses, the Climbing Wall and a bunch of other activities that have nothing to do with American history. Well, the Bouncy House was invented in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1959.

Brigade Flags

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Before you come to the Jamboree, every group should make a Brigade Flag to carry with you to all assemblies and activities to show off your unit pride. Each group will have its own color and symbol to add to the flag with their designs. Cub flags will be blue, scout flags will be khaki, venturers will be dark green, and ships will be white. Flags should be between 8 1/2" x 11" up to 11" x 17".

O	District Logo	Unit #
O	Your Logo Here	
O	Council District Map (Highlight Your District)	Your Extra Details Here (e.g. den/patrol name, slogan)

Local Personnel, Public Service Stations and Local Vendors

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: We will have lots of visitors at the Jamboree this year. Local First Responders, Community Outreach Programs, Public Service Departments and more. Don't feel like stopping the fun to make lunch? Bring some money and visit one of our food trucks to find something you like between noon and 7:00pm. Other snacks (candy, chips, etc.) and drinks will be available outside the Trading Post all day.

- Pete's Peteza: pizza, wings, wraps and finger food
- Carl's Gourmet Hots: hot dogs, sandwiches and mac and cheese
- Falling off the Bone BBQ and Fish Fry
- Kona Ice
- Hopkins Farm Creamery

Historical Pricing Games

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: Have you ever noticed how prices seem to keep going up? Money just doesn't buy what it used to. Come see how well you can guess what prices used to be throughout history for some common items that have been around for a while. We will be looking at everything from a house to licorice and tons of things in between. Guaranteed to make you want to build a time machine to go back to when things were cheaper.

Automobiles

Target Audience: Everyone

Overview: The brand-new steam powered horse actually appeared before the Revolutionary War (if you can believe that!), but the earliest cars in the United States didn't really start to roll off the assembly line until around the turn of the 20th century. Come see some of the earliest vehicles in American history, when a car cost more than an average family made in two years. Then, from the muscle cars of the 1960s to hybrids and electrics, cars have gone through a lot of changes in the past 60 years. Some of the coolest cars we could collect will be on display for you to see.