



## **UNIT GUIDELINES FOR BLUE AND GRAY BSA CAMPOREE JUNE 2 TO 4, 2023, PHILIPPI, WV**

**Units of the Boy Scouts of America are cordially invited to participate in the Blue and Gray – BSA Camporee and be a part of a “living history” weekend of events. Come join us and share in the re-enactment of this historic event. The Blue and Gray – BSA Camporee is sponsored by “Sam and Sharon Enterprises”, Sam Muncy, owner, and the BSA Mountaineer Area Council.**

**Schedules and events may change subject to weather and availability of volunteers and resources**

### **The Blue and Gray Reunion:**

On May 28, 1861, Col. George Porterfield and his Confederate troops arrived in Philippi, where they camped or were quartered in town. Neighbors and families were already divided on the question of secession. There were at least 750, if not upwards of 2,000 troops. At daylight on June 3, two columns of Union forces, with perhaps 3,000 men, arrived from Grafton under the command of Col. Ebenezer Dumont and Col. Benjamin Kelley.

Mistaking a pistol shot by a Mrs. Humphreys on the hill above the town as a signal to start the battle, the Union troops fired on the Confederates with two brass six-pound Napoleon cannons. The Confederates routed to a big rock south of town and departed in good order to Belington and ultimately to Beverly.

Today's reunion includes Sutlers and crafts tents, a parade, encampments for re-enactors from both sides of the war, artillery and small arms demonstrations, a choir concert, Civil War Ball, and of course, a re-enactment of the first land battle of the Civil War.

### **For more information about the Blue and Gray Reunion:**

<http://www.blueandgrayreunion.org>

**Registration:** The camporee is set up to be a 2-day event but units are welcome to arrive at any time up until Saturday noon. There will be a check-in station at the camp site Headquarters tent and parking is also available at the camp site. Please register at the MAC webpage. <https://Scoutingevent.com/615-BlueGray2023>

**Costs:** Cost to attend is \$5.00 per individual. On Saturday, Scouts will be visiting various Civil war presentations away from camp in downtown Philippi so pocket money would be advisable.

**Uniform Policy:** Field (Class A) or Activity (Class B) uniforms are required all day Saturday while downtown Philippi.

**Meals, Water, Electric, Trash:** Units will prepare their own meals (See **Saturday Lunch, below**) however they wish. Camp stoves or cook fires are allowed. Campsite is primitive with stations at camp headquarters tent for electric only for charging cell phones and potable water only to fill containers (no dish washing at water station). Place all food wastes at headquarters tent waste cans. At close of camp (or when leaving) deposit trash at headquarters tent in a sealed plastic bag.

**Saturday Lunch:** There will be a station in camp with a free lunch of “Hot Soldiers Stew”, Civil War era “Hard Tack”, apple and water for all Scouts. Paper bowls and plastic utensils will be available but in honor of Mother Nature please bring your personal mess kit and utensils, if possible. All non-Scouts are welcome to enjoy the meal with donations kindly accepted. All donations will be given to MAC.

**Campaign Patch:** All Scouts that complete 12 of the items listed on the Event Campaign Patch Worksheet will receive their campaign patch. Your attendance must be verified and approved by your Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster.

**Advancement:** Several requirements for the American Heritage merit badge can be completed at this camporee. A counselor for the American Heritage merit badge will be present. Please register for the merit badge online (see separate registration under the Blue and Gray registration page). Other advancement can be achieved at the camporee approval must be provided by each unit’s leadership.

**Unit Expectations:** All registered BSA units are expected to abide by the *Guidelines for Safe Scouting* and other applicable BSA policies for camping and outdoor related activities. This is the responsibility of the unit and not the hosts of the camporee.

**Ear Protection:** The reenactments employ very loud cannon and musket fire. Ear plugs will be available at camp headquarters. Cannon or musket fires require ear protection.

**Hangar Amputation:** During the campaign Mr. James Hanger lost his leg by battlefield surgery to amputation. Mr. Hanger went on to create the largest prosthetics company in the world. The reenactment of Mr. Hanger’s amputation is a detailed and graphic demonstration of battlefield surgery. Parental discretion advised.

**For more information or alternate schedule arrangements, please feel free to contact:** Sam Muncy, Unit Commissioner, 606 Tacy Road, Philippi, WV 26416: (C) 304-669-9659, (H) 304-457-4531. [sam@samandsharonenterprises.com](mailto:sam@samandsharonenterprises.com)