



## April 22nd-24th 2022 • Galena, Illinois

Celebrating its 68th Anniversary, the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage is a weekend full of Scouting activities and the Midwest's biggest Scouting Event. Take part in the fun activity and friendship of Scouting with Scouts from around the region. The number one annual Scouting event for Cub Scouts, Scouts/BSA, and Ventures. Register early and reserve your campsite, camping is separate from registration, and on your own, except for camping at Canyon Camp and Chestnut Mountain.



This year's theme, **Happy Birthday Ulysses...** celebrating General Grant's 200th Birthday!

### Pilgrimage Events

#### **Trail Hike**

Participants will receive a map with 16-18 questions. The answers to these questions are placed at historically significant places around Galena. The hike is approximately 5 miles and takes 2-3 hours to complete. Hikers who complete the trail will receive the Special Pilgrimage Patch at Turner Hall, the official Trading Post.

#### **Bucket Brigade**

A team competition where the team puts out "the fire" by passing buckets of water down the line. Schedule a time at Registration between 9-11am.

#### **History - Hunt**

There will be changes coming to this activity, it will be like the Trail Hike, but focused on the Generals. When complete come into Turner Hall, the Trading Post, to receive a Limited Edition History Hunt Patch.

#### **Activities**

- Visiting the museums and other historical sites of Galena
- Cub Scout activity area (sponsored by Wulapeju Lodge #140, Order of the Arrow)
- Patch Trading located at the Galena Market House
- Civil War and Revolutionary Re-enactors
- Mock Civil War Battle at 11:30am

#### **Museum Tours – Included with Wristband**

Every registered person will receive a wristband, which is your "ticket" for entrance into the various places of interest. Leaders must make sure that their Scouts receive and wear this wristband. If the Scouts do not wear the wristband, they will need to pay the full museum price instead of being admitted for free! No exceptions will be made on the admission fees. This includes adults! All youth and adults **MUST** register.

#### **Parking**

FREE parking is available at the elementary, middle and high schools, Sign Craft located at 11309 W Chetlain Ln, and Galena Bible Church. Shuttle service will be provided from these lots to Turner Hall and back. Other parking lots require parking fees. Failure to pay will result in a parking ticket.

### Registration Information

- Pilgrimage Fee is \$15.00 per participant (including adults) who register and pay.
- Online registration must be completed by April 17th, 2022. Walk in registration will be accepted at registration in Galena.
- Registrations are accepted by sending the registration form to the Blackhawk Area Council Service Center, Blackhawk Area Council, 2820 McFarland Rd, Rockford IL 61107, or online at [Blackhawkscouting.org/USgrantpilgrimage](http://Blackhawkscouting.org/USgrantpilgrimage).
- Registered participants will receive:
  - 1). A colorful patch
  - 2). Wristband for free admission to area attractions
  - 3). Pilgrimage Trail literature
  - 4). Trail Patch once completed with correct answers- Turn in at table in front of Turner Hall
  - 5). History Hunt literature and patch once complete

**Every participant must register with the Pilgrimage! Registration will be checked. Please Note:** There are no refunds of registration fees. Registration fees can be transferred to another youth or adult.

#### Check-in

Galena Bible Church

11108 US-20, Galena IL, 61036.

- Friday, April 22nd – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Saturday, April 23rd -- 8:00 am to noon

#### **TRADING POST**

Turner Hall is the site of the official Trading Post. This is where you will be able to purchase patches, t-shirts, and other Pilgrimage souvenirs. This is also the location to turn in your Trail Hike map and History Hunt sheets to receive the special patches for completing these activities.

#### **Hours:**

Friday, April 22nd - 4:00pm to 7:00pm  
Saturday, April 23th - 8:30am to 1:00pm & 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

### Pilgrimage Item Prices

- 3" Event Patch \$7.00
- Limited 6" Patch \$9.00
- Trail Hike Patch (Included with registration fee and completion of the Trail Hike.)
- History Hunt Patch (Included with registration fee and completion of the History Hunt Activity.)
- Past Pilgrimage items will be available for sale.

### Unit Recognition Awards

- Unit coming the farthest away
- Troop with the largest contingent of Scouts
- Pack with the largest contingent of Cub Scouts
- Crew with the largest contingent of Ventures
- Unit must be registered by April 18, 2022. These awards will be presented at registration when those units sign-in.

### Pilgrimage Schedule

#### **Friday, April 22nd**

Registration – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Trading Post – 4:00pm to 7:00 pm

#### **Saturday, April 23rd**

8:00 am - Noon - Registration

8:00 am - 1:00 pm - Regular Trail Hike

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Bucket Brigade Relay

8:30 am - Noon - Cub Scout Activity Area – Grant Park

8:30 am - Noon - Crafter Activity Area – Grant Park

8:30 am - 1:00 pm - Trading Post Open – Turner Hall

9:00 am - 11:30 - History Hunt

11:30am - Civil War Battle along River below Hwy 20 Bridge.

1:00 pm - Parade line up begins

1:30 pm - Flag raising and Parade in Market House Square

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Resume Regular Trail Hike

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Trading Post Open – Turner Hall

4:00 pm - Catholic Service at St Mary's Church

4:00pm - Non-Denominational Service 1st United Methodist

5:30pm - Catholic Service St Michael's Church

#### **Sunday, April 24th**

Have a safe trip home

### Camping Facilities

Check the U.S. Grant Web-site for camping facilities in the area. The State of Illinois has changed its group camping policy - no walk-ins accepted. Please contact the state park of your choice to make advanced reservations.

Camping arrangements are the responsibility of each unit, but Blackhawk Area Council has several locations that have partnered with B.A.C. to make arrangements easier for Scout units. All partner locations have to be reserved online through Pilgrimage registration.

The Registration fee and camping fees will be combined when registering through the website. Units who camp with partnering locations will receive the registration packet when you check-in. No need to visit the Galena Bible Church to pick up your packet.

### Partnering locations

**Canyon Camp.** 4856 E Townsend Rd., Stockton, IL 61085

Water and porta potties available

**Dittmar Farms and Orchard,** 256 Grebner Rd Elizabeth IL  
Camping at an apple orchard and pumpkin patch, restrooms and water available. Located outside of Elizabeth and 25 minutes from Galena

**Terrapin Park** 350 West St Elizabeth IL Located off Hwy 20 in Elizabeth, restrooms and water available, camping in the outfield of a baseball field, about 20 minutes from Galena

**Chestnut Mountain** 8700 W Chestnut Mountain Rd Galena IL 20 minutes from Galena. Camping on a river bluff overlooking the Mississippi River Porta Potty and water available.

**Southwestern Schools** 1401 Fairplay St Hazel Green WI 10 minutes from Galena. Water and porta potty available. Camping on school grounds around sports facilities.

**North Cross Rd** 1602 North Cross Rd 5 minutes from Galena  
Water and porta potties available

**If you have any issues registering online, please contact Matt Ohms at 815-397-0210.**

### Other Things to Remember

- Every unit must have two-deep leadership.
- Have in possession copies of individual medical history with parent approval in case of an emergency.
- Leadership by example. Adults and senior youth are reminded that we have an obligation to be that positive role model and display a positive image to the public.
- Numerous complaints in previous years have prompted the Galena Chamber of Commerce to work towards restricting the sale of hazardous toys in Galena. All adults are strongly urged to do their part also. Please discourage your Scouts from bringing, buying, or possessing any hazardous or annoying articles such as snappers, slingshots, whips, pea shooters, squirt guns, etc.
- Because we are in the Scout uniform for the weekend, adults should not be eating or drinking in the bars. It is the responsibility of adults to be a positive role model.

### Patch Trading Information

A popular activity at the Pilgrimage is patch trading. The Market House will again be the location for patch trading. All patch traders must register with the Pilgrimage to participate. Only trading will be allowed – NO cash sales.

The trading area will be supervised. A Galena city ordinance prohibits the peddling of goods – including patches. This ordinance will be enforced by the police.  
**THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE!!**

Pilgrimage Web Site: [www.blackhawkscouting.org/pilgrimage](http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/pilgrimage)

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