



April 28th - 30th 2023 • Galena, Illinois

Celebrating its 69th Anniversary, the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage is the Midwest's biggest Scouting Event. Take part in the fun, activities, 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, if you are NOT camping at our partnering locations.



This year's theme, **Medal of Honor...** the areas 1st recipient, Sergeant Henry H. Taylor

Pilgrimage Events

Pilgrimage 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 and turn in their answers will receive the Special Pilgrimage Patch at Turner Hall, the 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 (time slots every 15 minutes).

History - Hunt

Similar to the Trail Hike, but focused on the Generals. When questions are completed come into Turner Hall, the Trading Post, to receive a Limited Edition History Hunt Patch.

Activities

- General Grant Costume/Impersonation Contest: Scouts will do their best General Grant impersonation, based on answers to 5 provided questions. Winners will receive a prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Saturday • 11am • Market House, 123 N. Commerce Street.
- Cub Scout activity area (sponsored by Wulapeju Lodge #140, Order of the Arrow).
- Mock Civil War Battle held along the banks of the Galena River below Hwy 20 Bridge at 11:30am.
- Parade and Dedication Ceremony at 1:00pm on Saturday (parade location information given when you check in).

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 Scouts and adults do not wear the wristband, they will 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 primary, middle and high schools, in addition to Sign Craft located at 11309 W. Chetlain Lane, and Galena Bible Church located at 11108 US-20. 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 or possible towing at owners expense.

Registration Information

- Pilgrimage Fee is \$15.00 per participant (including adults) for those registered and paid by April 3rd. Registration fee will be \$20.00 after April 3rd.
- Online registration must be completed by April 23rd, 2023. Walk-in registration will be accepted in Galena.
- Registrations are accepted by sending the registration form to the Blackhawk Area Council, 2820 McFarland Rd, Rockford IL 61107, or online at Blackhawkscouting.org/USgrantpilgrimage.
- Registered participants will receive:
 1. An annual patch
 2. Wristband for free admission to area attractions
 3. Pilgrimage Trail literature
 4. Trail Hike questions once completed should be turned in at the table in front of Trading Post (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,

- Friday, April 28th – 5:00pm to 9:00pm
- Saturday, April 29th – 8:00am to 12:00pm

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 special patches for completing these activities. Don't forget to check out our [Pilgrimage Trading Post](#). If you order NOW, your item will be delivered in time for the event!

Hours:

Friday, April 28th - 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturday, April 29th - 8:30am to 1:00pm & 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Pilgrimage Trading Post 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

Pilgrimage Schedule

Friday, April 28th

Registration – 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Trading Post – 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday, April 29th

8:00am - 12:00pm - Registration

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

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

8:30am - 12:00pm - Cub Scout Activity Area – Grant Park

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

9:00am - 11:30 - History Hunt

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

1:00pm - Parade line up begins

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

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

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

2:30pm - Monument Dedication Ceremony – Grant Park

4:00pm - 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 30th

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 they have partnered with 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 at that camping location. No need to visit the Galena Bible Church to pick up your packet.

Partnering Locations

Canyon Camp - 4856 E Townsend Rd., Stockton, IL
Water and porta potties available. 34 minutes from Galena

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.
25 minutes from Galena

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

Galena Schools - 219 Kelly Ln, entrance on Irvine St., that intersects with Hwy 20. Camping on practice fields behind the Primary School. Porta Potties and water available, short walk to a Grocery store, and McDonalds.

Apple River Fort - 311 E. Myrtle Street, P.O. Box 206, Elizabeth, IL 61028 Reservations are now open for tent camping to Boy Scout troops and space is limited. Porta Potties and water available. For reservations call 815-858-2028. 20 minutes from Galena.

North Cross Rd - 1602 North Cross Rd., Water and porta potties available. 5 minutes from Galena

If you have any issues registering online, please contact Matt Ohms at 815-516-0095.

Other Things to Remember

- Every unit must have two-deep leadership.
- You **MUST** bring 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 role models 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. **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 positive role models.

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

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