

Battlefield Bonanza
2009 Fall PACAO
Gravois Trail District



S-F Scout Ranch
October 16-18, 2009
Cost: \$6.00 per person

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A Note from the Campmaster

Scouts and Scouters of Gravois Trail,

This year's Fall PACAO, better known as the *Battlefield Bonanza*, will take place on October 16-18. The weekend will be full of adventure, challenge, and fun.

You are taught many basic and advanced skills as Boy Scouts so that you may help others. As you battle for the betterment of yourselves and others, you will be using those many skills, such as first aid, orienteering, and fire building, to show that you can survive our battlefield.

My name is Joe Shaver, and I will be serving as Campmaster for this year's Fall PACAO. I am an Eagle Scout and have served on many Camporee/PACAO staffs, as well as the '08 & '09 Summer Camp Staffs. Every successful campout must have a great staff to make it exciting. We are in need of eager, reliable, and dependable scouts who are interested in being a member of our staff. If interested, you must complete the "Staff Application" (attached to the back of this manual), and bring it with you to the September/October Roundtable. If you are unable to make it to the Roundtable, please email me, and we will work it out.

If any adults in attendance are registered or licensed medical professionals, please register yourselves at staff headquarters at check-in so that we may contact you in case of an emergency.

My personal goal for this fall is to have at least 1,000 in attendance. I cannot do this by myself, so I ask that you pass the word on to your fellow scouts and scouters and get them excited to come down to S-F for the weekend.

I thank all of you and look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Gravois Trail Fall PACAO, the *Battlefield Bonanza*!

Yours in Scouting,

Joe Shaver, Campmaster
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Camp Rules

1. The Scout Oath and Law will be the code of conduct.
2. Positive/negative attitudes will affect scores accordingly.
3. NO pranking or hazing
4. NO alcoholic beverages
5. NO illegal drugs
6. NO firearms, fireworks, bows and arrows, etc.
7. NO paintball or air soft guns
8. NO flames of any kind in or around tents
9. NO pressurized fuel – **unless trained**
10. NO smoking near scouts; move to parking lot if needed
11. NO tent ditching
12. NO sheath knives
13. The water spigots are to be used as a source of water for filling water containers and buckets. Dishes, pots, and pans are not to be rinsed or washed at or near the water spigots.
14. ALL staff decisions are final. Any arguments with a staffer's decision or activity should be brought to headquarters and taken up with the Advisor and/or Campmaster.
15. ☺ HAVE FUN!!! ☺

SCHEDULE

Friday:

- 4p → Units Arrive and Set-up Camp
- 4p – 11p → Scouts Construct Gateways
- 4:30p – 9p → Unit Check-in at HQ
- 8:30p → Staff Meeting at HQ
- 9p → SPL Meeting at HQ
- 9:30p → Scoutmaster Meeting at HQ
- 11p → TAPS – All quiet and in tents

Saturday:

- 6:30a → Reveille and Breakfast
- 7:30a – 8:15a → Unit Check-in at HQ
- 8:40a → Opening Flag Ceremony and Uniform Contest
- 9a – 11:30a → Morning Activities
- 11:35a – 1:30p → Break, Lunch, and Merit Badges
- 1:30p – 3p → Afternoon Activities
- 3p → Gateway Judging Begins
- 4p – 6p → Dutch Oven Soup & Stew due at HQ
- 4:30p → Patrol Scorecards due at HQ
- 5p → Dinner
- 7p → Religious Services: “*A scout is reverent.*”
- 8:30p → Campfire Program
- 10p → Staff Meeting at HQ
- 11p → TAPS – All quiet and in tents

Sunday:

- 6:30a → Reveille, Breakfast, and Clean-up
- 8:30a → Closing Flag Ceremony & Awards
- 9a → Break Camp, Police Area, & Go Home Safely!
 - When you are ready to police your area, please go to HQ and ask for a staff member to check you out.
 - Also, please give your evaluation to staff at this time.
 - If you plan on taking a Troop hike, the two previous steps must be completed first. You are also required to obtain a Permit from the Camping Department prior to the hike. This permit must be presented to the Ranger on Duty before you can take the hike.

EVENTS

*****All scores can be affected by your attitude!***** Even if your patrol does not do too well, if you go down cheering and having a good time, you might end up with more points than another patrol that won. **It works the opposite way too!**

A perfect score is 100 points for each graded event.

Nine events are on the scorecard; not included will be the cook-off, uniform contest, gateway competition, and troops-for-troops collection.

Patrols' scores will be recorded on individual scorecards which must be turned in to HQ by 4:30p on Saturday.

#1 – Uniform Inspection

We as Boy Scouts are proud of our uniform. For this event, dress as any type of military personnel from past to present. This event will take place during the Opening Flag Ceremony. Please come dressed in costume to the ceremony.

Preparation: Bring all necessary things.

Scoring: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Places will be awarded at Closing.

#2 – Semaphore Flag Signaling

Semaphore is a flag communication system that has been long used by the military. In the 1970 Boy Scout Handbook, First Class requirement #9 states, "Send and receive a message of at least 20 words, using either international Morse or semaphore codes and necessary procedure signals". For this event, you will be given two semaphore messages that you must translate.

Preparation: Study the semaphore alphabet.

Scoring: 100 pt. start w/o guide; 80 pt. start w/ guide

-2 points for every incorrect letter

#3 – M*A*S*H Unit

Military Army Surgical Hospital units were used during wartime periods to treat the injured in the field. Boy Scouts are also trained and taught to treat injuries in the field. For this event, you will need to bring a personal first aid kit (Second Class req. #6b) with a large triangle bandage. You will have to explain the five warning signs of a heart attack, explain the four hurry cases, perform the Four-Handed Seat Carry, and make a sling and an ankle bandage.

Preparation: Bring a personal first aid kit with a large triangle bandage and review your Second and First Class first aid skills.

Scoring: 40 points for personal first aid kit
20 points (4 each) for heart attack warning signs
10 points (2 each) for hurry cases
10 points for Four-Handed Seat Carry
10 points for sling; 10 points for ankle bandage

#4 – Wilderness Survival

Whether you're in the woods for the military or for scouts, a fire is a critical survival skill. This event will test your knowledge of fire building without matches. In this event, you must build a fire, light it, keep it lit for 2 minutes, put it out, and clean it up.

Preparation: Bring all fire building materials including wood, fire-starting item, water for clean-up, and something to transport leftover wood.

Scoring: start with 100 points
-10 points for every match used
-20 points if fire lit for less than 2 minutes

#5 – Find Your Way

In the 1998 Boy Scout Handbook, “The shape of the Scout badge means that a Scout can point the right way in life as truly as does a compass in the field.” Scouts will be tested on their use of compass by being given various bearings and distances to safely travel home.

Preparation: Bring your own compass, and know your step pace.

Scoring: start with 100 points

-10 points for every incorrect location

#6 – P.T.

In the military, they do physical training; in scouting, we have to be physically fit. In this event, your physical skills will be tested in a number of various ways.

Preparation: None

Scoring: 100 points for course completion

Neg. points will be given according to skill level

#7 – Artillery Shot

Come here and be prepared to fire your artillery rounds; but beware – there might be incoming fire!

Preparation: None

Scoring: 100 points for participation & *positive attitude!*

#8 – Grenade Toss

This event will test your accuracy to see if you can keep your patrol out of harm’s way.

Preparation: None

Scoring: 100 points maximum based on accuracy

#9 – Rank It!

In Scouting, we have ranks – from Tiger Cub to Eagle Scout; in the military, we also have many different ranks. For this event, your patrol will receive a packet of 10 assorted ranks from the Army, Navy, Marine Corp, and Air Force. It is your job to identify the appropriate rank (not pay grade) with the appropriate insignia.

Preparation: Study the Enlisted and Officer Ranks and Insignias of the Army, Navy, Marine Corp, and Air Force.

Scoring: 10 points per correct rank

#10 – Veteran Find

Ten veterans have signed up to be a part of our activities during this PACAO. Scouts must ask around camp to find these 10 veterans. When found, scouts must speak with them to learn their name, their troop number, what military branch they served in, and what their final rank was. When finished discussing together, thank the veteran for serving our country, and you will be rewarded.

Preparation: None

Scoring: up to 10 points per Veteran

- 5 points for name, troop, branch, & rank
- 5 points for thanking them for serving

#11 – M.R.E.

This event is a soup & stew Dutch Oven cook-off. For this event, please prepare a Dutch Oven soup & stew and bring it up to HQ anytime from 4p – 6p on Saturday.

Preparation: Bring all necessary things. Cook at your own campsite in a cast-iron Dutch Oven.

Scoring: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Places will be awarded at Closing.

#12 – Gateway Competition

In the military, every unit has its own banner. With this in mind, every unit in camp needs to have a gateway set up for the weekend. Don't forget to set up your gateway with a military theme.

Preparation: Bring all necessary things. Judging will begin around 3p on Saturday.

Scoring: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Places will be awarded at Closing.

#13 – Troops-for-Troops

Families of currently Enlisted and Retired military personnel are always in need of support. As an added activity and act of kindness, we ask that every patrol bring some sort of game, book (kids' & adults'), or money donation to be donated to military families that are in need of help. These goods will then be sent to Fisher House, Inc., a non-profit charitable organization that has housed over 6,000 families since its opening in 1992. Stationed in San Antonio, Texas, the Fisher House has served 45% Air Force, 48% Army, 6% Navy, less than 1% Marine Corp, and less than 1% other. Who can stay at Fisher House?

Service members, parents, spouses, other relatives, or anybody supporting seriously ill or injured inpatients at Wilford Hall are eligible to stay at the two **Fisher Houses** and the **Fisher House Inn for Children**. Pediatric outpatients and their families are accommodated at the Inn for Children; other outpatients and their families may be accommodated at the other Fisher Houses on a space-available basis. Prospective guests must be able to care for themselves, since no medical care is provided at the houses.

A few more statistics:

- Families have stayed over 110,000 room nights
- Families have saved almost \$6 million in lodging costs
- Families receive lodging, food, transportation and amenities totally free of charge
- Families save over \$275,000 in food costs each year

Preparation: Bring games, books, or money donation.

Scoring: None

Troop Registration Form

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Please provide best estimate. Numbers can be changed at Check-In.

Name: _____ Unit Position: _____

Address: _____

Unit #: _____ Email: _____

Home #: (____) _____ - _____ Cell #: (____) _____ - _____

Number of Patrols: _____

	How Many?	Cost
Youth		\$6.00 each
Adults		\$6.00 each
Totals		

Make Checks Payable to:

GSLAC

Mail to:

Greater St. Louis Area Council, 4568 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

Attention:

Gravois Trail Fall PACAO 2009

Account Number

1.6801.569.20

Evaluation Form

****To be turned in at check-out****

How would you rate the campout overall?

Great

5

4

3

2

Poor

1

What were your favorite events, and why?

What events did you dislike, and why?

How would you rate the staff overall?

Great

5

4

3

2

Poor

1

Did you have any problems that future staff can prepare for?

Staff Application

In addition to completing the following, please email me A.S.A.P. to inform me of your interest in working on the PACAO staff <jomijosh@yahoo.com>

- Staffers need to attend either the September or October Roundtable meeting AND bring this form with them fully completed.
- All staffers need to purchase a Fall PACAO staff t-shirt for \$10; money is due by October 6th.
- If you want to eat with staff and not with your troop, there is an additional \$15 fee due by October 6th.

Please use blue or black ink and print legibly.

Staffer's Info.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Troop # _____

Cell Number (____) _____ Home Number (____) _____

Email Address _____ T-shirt Size _____

Leadership Experience/Positions _____

Council Summer Camp Staff NYLT Staff NYLT Participant

What events are you MOST interested in working?

Please realize that you may not get to work the event that you request.

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Following to be filled out by Scoutmaster:

Please describe this applicant in 4-8 words: _____

Would you recommend this applicant for the PACAO staff? _____

Scoutmaster Name _____ Scoutmaster Signature _____