

Leader's Guide



April 22, 2023

Trail of the Pioneers is a fantastic Cub Scout event that your Scouts will be sure to enjoy! This year's event will be Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Quail Hill Scout Reservation.

- Cost: \$10 per scout
- No refunds will be given, substitutions will be allowed.
- Wagons will roll out every 15 minutes in groups of 3 to 5 per segment. Register accordingly.
- Each den must bring a wagon. *Please see page 4 for details regarding wagon construction.*
- A wagon must consist of a team of 4-8 Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, or Webelos. *Wagons will compete against other wagons in the same rank.*
- Equipment needed for the event must be assembled before check-in.
- Please sign in at least 15 minutes before your scheduled start time at the starting point near Lass Lodge.
- Upon entering Quail Hill, follow the road until you reach a Y, stay to the left and park. Then go to the large red flutter flag that says CHECK-IN near Lass Lodge.
- Each Scout should bring their own water bottle and snacks. The Trading Post will be open for business. There is a side window to purchase from. They accept credit and debit cards.

Online registration is available at,
<https://www.monmouthbsa.org/trailofpioneers>

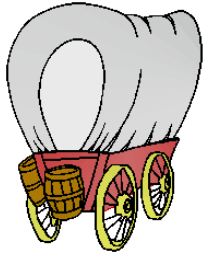
Pick your start time when registering

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the event chair at wweiss4@gmail.com.

Thank you for your assistance.

Wagon Construction



One covered wagon in which to carry equipment is required.

It should be approximately 3 feet long and 18 inches wide.

Vertical hoop staves should be firmly attached to the wagon and covered with fabric that is tied in place with string.

Required Equipment

Equipment to be held in the wagon:

- 2 buckets (approx. 3 gallons each) – 1 filled with kindling and 1 filled with water
- 1 Tennis ball per Scout
- 1 Aluminum pie plate for each den – to be used in gold digging – needs to be more substantial (do not recommend disposable)
- 1 – 10 foot rope attached to the wagon for pulling
- 1 neckerchief per Scout
- 2 Frisbees per den
- 1 towel per den – dry off after gold digging
- 4 (6 to 8 oz) plastic cups per den
- 1 hammer and 2 nails per den
- 1 sock (without holes) per den
- 1 clothes line rope (approximately 40 yards) per den
- Score sheet
 - Received at event check-in
 - Must be turned back in upon completion of all stations

Equipment to be held by an adult:

- 1 Cub Scout knife

- 1 box or pack of matches

Trail of the Pioneers Stations

Station

1 Land in the New Country



2 Build the East



3 Cross the Ohio River



4 The Chicago Fire



5 Grub Stake Lottery



6 Land Claim Race



7 Foraging for Food



8 The Great Divide



9 Lewis and Clark Shelter



10 The Gold Rush



Maximum Points 150



Land in the New Country

This station has four scoring categories

**WELCOME! THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL REGISTRATION STATION.
RECORD YOUR WAGON'S ENTRANTS AND RECEIVE YOUR
SCORECARD.**

1. Uniform inspection (10 Points)
 - Scouts should be in class A uniform

2. Equipment inspection (10 Points)
 - must have all equipment detailed in the Leader's Guide (page 4) – not all equipment will be used during the event, but must be present upon check-in

3. Wagon Decoration (10 Points)
 - Is the wagon cover decorated? Is there a flag or pennant?
 - Make sure your wagon represents your team.
 - Be creative!

4. Den Yell (10 Points)
 - Prepare your Wagon Cheer so the judges know who you are!



Build the East 5 minutes

TIME TO TEST YOUR CONSTRUCTION AND BALANCE SKILLS!

1. Each Wagon team must build a building 5 feet tall from cans provided.
2. Scoring:
 - Your wagon will receive 2 points for each foot of height at the end of 5 minutes or when completed.
 - 1 point will be subtracted for each building collapse that occurs.
 - Den Yell – if offered, will give the team 1 point.



Cross the Ohio River

10 minutes

TEAMWORK & THINKING WILL PROVIDE YOU SAFE PASSAGE!

1. Wagons must construct a 10 foot long bridge from lumber provided.
 - Two – 10 foot pieces of lumber will be used lengthwise with 3 foot pieces placed across the 10 foot pieces.
 - There will not be enough cross pieces to make all 10' of the bridge at one time.

2. All wagon members and the wagon must cross the bridge.
 - Scouts will need to pass the crosspieces forward from the rear to the front as they cross.

3. Scoring:
 - 1 point will be awarded for each foot completed and crossed.
 - 1 point will be subtracted for each Scout who falls off and for each fall of the wagon.
 - Den Yell, if given, will give the team 1 point.



The Chicago Fire
10 minutes

CAN YOU BUILD A FIRE IN 10 MINUTES OR LESS?

1. Scouts will build a fire using the kindling and matches they brought
 - Fire will be started in a grill provided
 - Fire must burn through a string suspended a foot above the grill.
2. No paper or fuels permitted.
 - Some spare kindling will be available.
3. Extinguish fire - Wagon must put out the fire by:
 - Forming a bucket brigade using water that the wagon team has carried with them
 - Water Bucket must initially be kept 15 to 20 feet away from the fire ring/grill
 - Cups brought with wagon team must be used to put out the fire by sprinkling water over in brigade fashion
 - Fire should be cold to the touch for full points

Scoring –

Den Yell, if given, will give the team 1 point.

Max 10 points –

8 Points if completed within 8-10 minutes

10 points if completed within 6-7 minutes



Grub Stake Lottery 5 minutes

WHO WILL BE THE ONE TO “STEAK” YOUR WAGON’S CLAIM?

1. Frisbee toss for accuracy
 - One Frisbee toss per Cub Scout
2. Points scored by marked area
3. Nearest Frisbee to stake counts and determines driver for *Land Claim Race*
4. Scoring
 - Den Yell, if given, will give the team 1 point.
 - Max Points earned is 15 points
 - If all frisbee tosses are accurate – 15 points
 - If 80% of the frisbee tosses are accurate – 10 points
 - If less than 80% of the tosses are accurate – 8 points



Land Claim Race

15 seconds

WHICH WAGON WILL BE THE FASTEST IN THE WEST?

1. Timed race with wagon pulled by *Grub Stake Lottery* winner.
 - 50 yard race with a 15 second maximum
2. Course to be divided into 15 – ten foot segments
3. Scoring
 - 15 points for 8 seconds or less
 - 10 points for 10 seconds or less
 - 5 points for 15 seconds +/-Den Yell, if given, will give the team 1 point.



Foraging For Food

5 minutes

WHO'S GOT THE BEST AIM?

1. Cub Scouts throw tennis balls at “animals” to obtain food for survival
 - Please note, no real animals will be used

2. Each wagon will have 10 total throws.
 - Each Cub must throw at least one ball.
 - Wagon (Den) can elect who will throw the additional balls.

3. Scoring:
 - 1 point will be awarded for each ball that hits a target.
 - Den Yell, if given, will give the team 1 point.



The Great Divide

5 minutes

TEST YOUR COMMUNICATION & LISTENING SKILLS

1. This is a slalom course of 10 stakes through which the wagon must be pulled in a continuous set of “S” curves.
2. An elected Cub Scout will pull the wagon blindfolded while the remaining Wagon members provide verbal directions from each stake.
3. Scoring
 - One point will be deducted for each stake that is touched.

Den Yell, if given, will give the team 1 point.



Lewis and Clark Shelter

10 minutes

HOW WOULD YOU LIVE IN THE WILDERNESS?

1. Cub Scouts must build a shelter with the supplies provided

2. One adult (with the knife) may assist with this event

3. Scoring:
 - Point will be awarded for:
 - Additional Construction Material (5 points)
 - Teamwork (5 points)
 - Durability (5 points)

Max points earned is 15

- Den Yell, if given, will give the team 1 point.



The Gold Rush

10 minutes

DOES GOLD OR TEAMWORK DETERMINE WEALTH?

1. Wagon team (Den) will pan or dig for “gold” nuggets (plastic easter eggs)
 - 20 nuggets will be buried in a sand and water filled trough
 - 10 are “fool’s” gold
 - 10 are real gold

2. Only real gold nuggets count

3. Scoring:
 - Find all 10 real gold nuggets (15 points)
 - Find 5-10 real gold nuggets (10 points)
 - Find less than 5 real gold nuggets (5 points)
 - Den Yell, if given, will give the team 1 point.

REGISTRATION POLICY

Advance registration is required for this event due to NCAP standards from National. Every person attending must register their name. To register for the event, input your information and payment online at <https://www.monmouthbsa.org/trailofpioneers>. Adults are free to attend BUT we must have your name as an attendee.

No walk-in registrations are allowed.

No refunds, only substitutions.

REFUND POLICY

After registering, if you are unable to attend, we would suggest working with your Pack to see if someone else can take your spot. Substitutions are allowed.

We are sorry that we cannot refund event fees if your scout does not show up for the event.

All registered scouts will receive an event patch. We will order the patches once registration closes. They will take about 1 month to be received. We will then distribute in the unit mailboxes. If you are not in Monmouth Council, we will mail your patches to you. This event is open to ALL cub scouts.

Registration will close on the Wednesday, prior to the event. Thank you.

No pets on camp property.

This event will be held Rain or Shine.