

# **THE EVENT: TREASURE VALLEY 2012**

**DISCOVER THE HEART OF SCOUTING IN NEW ENGLAND**

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THE EVENT... The Heart of Scouting in New England. A spectacular theme for what will be the greatest Scouting event in Massachusetts!

On behalf of the Event Committee I would like to welcome you to the Mohegan Council's biggest event. You are about to participate in the best of scouting action at Treasure Valley. You and hundreds of other participants will experience programs geared towards Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Exploring and Venturing. Truly, it will be an event to remember.

I hope you will have the opportunity to see all of The Event's activity areas and outstanding exhibits. We will also have many displays, exhibitors, and the evening campfire will complete the festivities.

Our committee, composed of volunteers from the Council and every District, has been working hard to bring you the very best in program and entertainment. We have reviewed the feedback from previous events and have created an event full of action and excitement. This leader's guide is designed to give you the information you will need to know as a participant. Please review it carefully, and bring it with you to the Jamboree.

For more information and up to the minute news and information be sure to check our website at <http://www.mohegancouncilbsa.org> or on Facebook at The Event: Treasure Valley 2012.

Hope to see you all at the EVENT!

Yours In Scouting,

Victor Irr

Jay Eager

The Event Chairman

Council VP Program

## **The EVENT**

### **Logistics Schedule- Arrival & Departure of Units**

#### **Friday, October 12, 2012 – Treasure Valley Scout Reservation (Camping Site)**

11:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Unit trailer drop

3:00 p.m. Commissioner Staff Meeting at Benedict Lodge

5:00 p.m. Unit Arrivals begin

9:30 p.m. Unit Leadership Cracker Barrel Meetings with SPLs in camping area

10:00 p.m. Event Staff Meeting at Benedict Lodge

10:30 p.m. Taps

#### **Saturday, October 13, 2012**

7:00 a.m. Reveille and Breakfast in site or at east Lodge for those who chose the meal deal

8:00 a.m. Exhibitors Begin Arriving at Designated locations

5:00 p.m. All Program Areas Close

6:30 p.m. Council Event Staff Meeting

10:30 p.m. Taps

#### **Sunday, October 14, 2012**

7:00 a.m. Reveille

9:30 a.m. Campsite Cleanup and Inspection by Commissioner Staff

10:00 a.m. Departure

## **Event Staff**

Please feel free to contact any of THE **EVENT** staff throughout the weekend should you have any questions. They will be identified with a **fluorescent green staff hat**.

### **Event Volunteer Staff**

Victor Irr, Event Chairman

Jay Eager, VP Program

Mike Vignaly, Logistics Support

Barbara McCall, Camp Commissioner Manager

Dave Harelson, Cub Scout Program Chairman

John Atlas Boy Scout Program Chairman

Paul Hanson, Venturing Program Chairman

Mike Rosen, Explorer Program Chairman

### **Council Staff**

Jeff Hotchkiss, Council Executive

Charles Thompson, Council President

Walter Josti, Council Commissioner

Jeffery Harris, Senior District Executive Quinsigamond District

Greg Jaques, District Executive Hassaminisco and Massasoit District

## **DIRECTIONS to 394 Pleasantdale Rd. Rutland, MA**

### **Travel Directions to Treasure Valley Scout Reservation**

#### **From the Mass Pike (Interstate 90)/Interstate 84**

Exit at Sturbridge Route 20 and go east. Approximately 1-½ miles turn left on Route 49 toward Spencer and follow to Route 9.

Turn right on Route 9 (east) and go approximately ½ mile to the traffic light and turn left on Meadow Street (on the corner there is a Big Y, Flexcon, Hess Gas Station and a cemetery).

Follow Meadow Street approximately 2 miles to stop sign and turn left onto Route 31.

Continue on Route 31 past St. Joseph's Abbey and the Black and White Restaurant. About ½ mile past the Black and White Restaurant turn left onto Barclay Road (a TVSR sign is posted).

Treasure Valley is 1 mile on your left.

#### **From Interstate 290 (from Marlboro)**

Take Exit 18 (Lincoln Street) and follow signs to Lincoln Square (Route 9).

Turn right on Route 9 (heading toward the Worcester Airport and Paxton).

Follow Directions from Route 9 below.

#### **From Interstate 290 (from Auburn)**

Take Exit 17 and turn left onto Route 9

Follow Directions from Route 9 below.

#### **From Route 9/290 in Worcester**

Stay straight on Route 9 – picking up Pleasant Street (north)/ Route 122 toward the Worcester Airport and Paxton.

Follow Route 122 past the airport, through Tatnuck Square and Paxton Center and into Rutland.

Turn left at the Mobil Station intersection onto Pleasantdale Road.

Follow Pleasantdale Road approximately 2 miles, Treasure Valley Scout Reservation entrance is on the right side.

# CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

## Introduction

With a large projected population of registered scouts and leaders, check in is an enormous undertaking. The volunteers on the EVENT committee have tried to develop a simple method of checking in your unit and guiding you and your scouts to your assigned campsite. Here we will describe the check-in process for units arriving Friday night or Saturday morning. Understanding these procedures and having all paper work ready prior to arrival will quickly move you thru the process. It is recommended that units coordinate and arrive at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation together; this will minimize delays at check-in.

The unit leader will be required to provide two (2) copies of a roster by name of ALL participants, youth and adult. **Signed medical forms, are required** for ALL participants but will be kept with the unit leader.

Upon check-in and receipt of the required forms and documentation, the unit leader will receive a packet containing lanyards. ALL participants will be required to have their lanyards on at all times.

## Commissioner Staff

Each troop and pack camping area will have staff assigned to it, consisting of Commissioners from Mohegan Council. They will assist you in the following ways:

1. Assist with check-in process and confirm all documentation is present, completed properly and provide directions to camping area.
2. Perform campsite inspections to insure health and safety standards are upheld.
3. Provide event information to leaders as it comes out.
4. Validate checkout form prior to unit departure.
5. Present unit with patches upon completed checkout form.

Commissioner staff will be in place for assistance at campsites by 4pm, and all check-in staff will be in place from 5pm until 9:00pm.

## Friday Overnight Check In Procedures

11:00 am - 4:00 pm Early trailer/equipment drop off. Trailers will be parked in designated area within walking distance of camp site.

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Leaders drop off Scouts and equipment at assigned camping area, 1 vehicle per unit will be allowed in the camping area for drop off and then moved to designated parking.

All unit equipment vehicles (one per unit) will be directed to the assigned camping area for drop off of equipment. All other vehicles will be directed to parking areas. Follow the signs to your camping area.

Gear must be carried from drop-off area to campsites up to 500 feet.

## **Saturday Arrivals for Overnight Camping Check-In Procedures**

**NOTE – ALL UNITS must check-in ONLY as a UNIT.**

**Check in time will be from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.**

Individual check-in by participants cannot be accommodated, as it is not possible, nor practical considering the high volume of day participants. Multiple check-in booths will be available and organized into blocks by unit number. There will be signs visibly marking the booths and you should find your booth based on your unit number.

The unit leader will be solely responsible for checking in their respective unit with the Event Check- in Committee. The unit leader will be required to provide two (2) copies of a roster by name of ALL participants, youth and adult. **Signed medical forms**, for ALL participants are required but will be kept by the unit leader.

Upon check-in and receipt of the required forms and documentation, the unit leader will receive a packet containing lanyards. ALL participants will be required to have their lanyards on at all times.

Should your unit have late arrivals after the unit checks in, the unit and the unit leader are responsible for meeting the late arrival at the front gate in order to gain entrance into The Event. The Event staff will not allow anyone in without a lanyard even if the lanyard is inside camp waiting for the participant.

## **Saturday, Day Visitor Check-In Procedures**

All Day visitors will enter through the main gate/ King cottage- registration area.

Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended.

Day Check-In on Saturday for all visitors will begin at 8:00a.m.

## **For a smooth check in process**

The best way to avoid delays at registration, is to settle your account by mail, or in person at Mohegan Council Service Center in advance, *before September 28, 2012.*

## **LIVING AT THE EVENT**

The Event will host some 1,000+ camping participants throughout the weekend. To safely accommodate these numbers, we've put together some guidelines, which all camping units must follow. They are noted below.

### **Safety**

The Guide to Safe Scouting shall be followed at all times. As always, health and safety should be a foremost consideration of all Unit Leaders and participants. Commissioner corps will be on site throughout the weekend to assure safety standards are maintained.

Boy Scouts of America standards also prohibit the use of alcohol and illegal drugs at scouting events. Anyone found having or using any of these substances will be asked to leave at once!

All roads and trails must remain unobstructed for movement of emergency equipment. Any vehicles or equipment found to be obstructing roads or trails will be removed at owner's expense.

### **Buddy Systems**

The Buddy System must be practiced at all times during the event.

### **Emergencies**

A medical team will be available during the event. **A *First Aid Station*** will be located at Magee Visitor Center. All injuries **MUST** be reported to and treated by the personnel at the First Aid Station. An additional ***First Aid Station*** will be located at Boonesville field on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Units need to have basic first aid kits at campsites.

For ambulance or fire assistance contact the Magee office to arrange to have them escorted to the correct area of TVSR by the Ranger Crew.

### **Camping & Cooking**

Units should plan to do LOW IMPACT camping. Basically, this means, "what you carry in, you must carry out". Please plan accordingly. Bring and use trash bags in each campsite, accumulating the trash for transportation home after the event. Select a spot free from delicate plants and overhead hazards prior to placing your tent. Note that some of the terrain at Treasure Valley will be hilly and rough...plan accordingly. Water will be located in central locations in each campsite. Bring plenty of water containers for storage. Grey water barrels or sumps will be provided near each campsite to be used for disposal of dishwater only. The barrels will be pumped out during the weekend, and are not to be moved.

DO NOT dig trenches for your tents. Use natural drainage patterns to your advantage.

DO NOT dig or create fire rings in the campsites. Commissioners' staff will maintain a campfire within each campsite in a centrally located area for warmth and fellowship.

All cooking appliances must be elevated. Campfires will NOT be permitted in individual sites. Plan your meals around cooking on camp stoves and propane barbecue grills. No firewood or scrap lumber can be brought into Treasure Valley by anyone.

Portable latrines will be centrally located throughout Treasure Valley Scout Reservation for unit use, and will be serviced throughout the weekend. Please keep the latrines clean.

## **A Scout is Clean**

Units should keep their campsites orderly and clean, as many visitors will be coming to the event. Commissioner staff will review sites, as required and assist leaders when necessary.

Mohegan Council Inc. BSA and Treasure Valley Scout Reservation are not responsible for personal property, please secure any valuables. Willful or reckless destruction of camp property or other camper's property may result in financial loss and loss of access to The Event by the unit.

## **Programs at the Event**

There will be several activity areas at the Event. These action areas will contain age appropriate programs. Some events will be limited to a particular age group, others, will be open to all participants. You may be a spectator at any event. All activities will be held in Treasure Valley.

## **Special Needs**

Limited handicapped parking will be available for those with a state issued handicapped placard.

In an effort to provide assistance to individuals with special needs attending the event we need to be advised in advance in order to plan for the appropriate services required. Accordingly, it is vitally important for us to be aware of those individuals' needs well in advance of the event. Please keep in mind the terrain can be hilly and wooded and you must be capable of moving about within these areas on your own. Please check with your unit leader to see if they can accommodate your needs. If they are not able to, contact Mike Vignaly at [Mike@vignaly.com](mailto:Mike@vignaly.com).

## **What's for Sale?**

The Mohegan Council and National Supply Trading Post will be on hand with all the Event memorabilia. The hours of operation will be listed on the program.

A snack bar will be open during the weekend near the East lodge.

## **CHECK OUT PROCEDURES**

A unit **MUST** check out with the commissioner staff and receive an official checkout form. Any site problems should be immediately reported to the Commissioner staff in your area. After your gear has been removed from the campsite, a campsite inspection by a member of the commissioner staff will complete your checkout form and pick up your Event patches.

It is customary to "leave a place better than we found it" when it comes to scout camping, Treasure Valley is no exception. We've been fortunate to have so many volunteers help make the Event possible, we should show our appreciation by leaving the site in TIP TOP shape.



All units must transport their gear out of the campsite upon breakdown. Again only the ONE vehicle that dropped off on Friday will be allowed in the camping area – AFTER closing ceremonies on Sunday. No vehicles will be allowed to leave the camping areas till after closing ceremonies.