

September 14, 2019

## ***Greetings Scouts BSA Troop and Venture Crew Leaders,***

The purpose of the Cajun Rendezvous ("CR") Formerly known as "Shoot & Swim" ("S&S") remains and will hopefully always be expressed in the mission statement of the Evangeline Area Council's Shooting Sports Committee. ***"Provide and promote opportunities to introduce and develop youth interest in the safety, discipline, skills, and fellowship of the Shooting Sports by offering quality programs."*** No other hidden agenda.

The "CR" is also intended as an opportunity for the Troops and Crews to take advantage of the wonderful shooting ranges, fantastic swimming pool, adventurous climbing tower, ATV's and breath-taking Mountain Bayou lake we have at Lost Bayou Scout Camp and is a gift for you from the many volunteers who make the "CR" a fun experience. Hopefully many of you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

Yes, we are asking for a small \$25 early bird fee (lunch included) to help cover some of the cost of ammo and make minor improvements to our ranges and equipment. Lunch will be provided and funded by Lost Bayou Camp Master Corps.

The mere basis for this program to be a success is the youth and leaders that attend. **All Units are responsible for doing the basic training as set forth by the Scouts BSA in Shooting Sports Safety and Swimming Ability.** A Contract for Safety and brief Safety Check List is included in this guide and **must** be completed and submitted when checking in. If the Scouts have their buddy tags or has recently (within the year) completed a Swim Test, then he/she will be able to participate in the Aquatic events. Swim checks can be arranged with the Aquatics team if needed. This will be done on the "honor" system, so please be fair. All leaders are held accountable for their youth.

**Those Scouts, ages 14+ signing up for the ATV sessions need to take the prerequisite E-Course and bring their certificate of completion to camp in order to participate in this event.**

[www.ATVSafety.org](http://www.ATVSafety.org)

Call the Scout Office if you have questions.

**\*\* NOTE: There is a separate cost of \$20 for the ATV event and must be paid upon registering for CR. There are only 6 morning and 6 afternoon spots available so 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served!!!!**

***This year, all registered Adult Leaders can also test their skills at Pistols throughout the morning and afternoon shooting competitions.***

The CR will be run very similar to a camporee in that all Troops and Crews are invited. **(Sorry, but because of the firearms this is not a Cub Scout or Webelos event, they will not be allowed to participate.) Only Scouts ages 11 and up are able to participate in the shooting events.** Troops/Crews are responsible for their own food, other than lunch (which is provided) and camping gear. Troops/Crews are encouraged to invite Scouts from other Troops/Crews that are not able to attend. There is no "staff" per se, but only a handful of dedicated volunteers to help put on the competitions. There is always room for anyone wishing to help with an event. Individuals trained in Shooting Sports are especially welcomed.

Email Richie Colonna at [richie.colonna1963@outlook.com](mailto:richie.colonna1963@outlook.com) OR Logan Cormier at [logan.cormier@scouting.org](mailto:logan.cormier@scouting.org) if you'd like to volunteer and let us know which event you can help with.

This is a fun event, but everyone should remember they are Scouts – First. The "CR" staff will not perform campsite inspections and no camp gadgets are expected or necessary, but Scout spirit is always noted and appreciated. It is YOUR camp to keep clean and healthy. Your reward will be the satisfaction of a job well done for YOUR camp.

**HINT: Invitations to the event volunteers for in camp meals are especially welcome.**

# EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL

## CAJUN RENDEZVOUS

**“SCOUTS BSA and VENTURERS”**

. 22 Rifle Marksmanship - Safety Instruction – Archery – Airsoft Rifle - Black Powder Rifle – BB Gun  
– Fun Swim – Darts – Paintball - Skeet/Shotgun – Tomahawk/Knife Throw – Slingshot – Adult Leader  
Pistol and Fellowship

### **NEW THIS YEAR: LAPORTE ARCHERY – CLIMBING TOWER – ATV's**

- WHEN:** Saturday, September 14, 2019  
PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU WILL ARRIVE on Friday or Saturday, so we can make arrangements for you.
- WHERE:** Lost Bayou Scout Camp.
- COST:** \$25 per participant (youth and adults) covers ammunition, targets and necessary equipment maintenance. Unit leaders may participate. Any money left over after expenses will be used to purchase supplies for the Shooting and Aquatics programs. **LUNCH IS INCLUDED!!!**
- Additional donations of supplies and / or ammo are always welcomed. See Logan Cormier.**
- WHAT:** A gathering of units for fellowship, shooting, climbing and swimming. Units are responsible for themselves just as they would on any typical weekend campout. This “Cajun Rendezvous” is an opportunity for Scouts to enjoy some friendly competitive activities similar to the tradition of an old-style camporee.

**DETAILS:** This is a great camp for Scouts ages 11 and up. Everyone (even those coming up just for the day) must sign-up. Those camping **must** do so as a Troop/Crew, with at least two (2) registered adults per unit in camp at all times. **Camping overnight must be done through the Ranger.** Two deep leadership for each unit is required just like with any unit outing. Units wishing to pool their resources and stay as one unit are welcomed to do so but should make their own arrangements. Leaders should take this to heart and consider the possible ramifications when leaving camp and assuming that a replacement leader will show up later.

**ALL participants (youth and adult) MUST have attended and signed a “CONTRACT” stating they have attended a shooting and swimming safety class offered by the Troop/Crew. PLEASE NO EXCEPTIONS! These “CONTRACTS” will be collected at check-in when the unit arrives at camp. Leaders will receive an armband for each paid participant and are asked to distribute the bands accordingly. Only Scouts BSA and Crew members properly wearing their arm band will be allowed to participate in the programs.**

Competitions are individual based, but everyone is expected to have a “buddy” for the entire weekend. Youth found without their buddy(s) will be escorted to their adult leader. Regular Lost Bayou Scout Camp camping rules should be followed by everyone and enforced by all adults.

Food, tentage and sleeping gear are the responsibility of the unit just as it would be on any campout.

Campsites will be determined upon pre-registration and assigned at camp. Requests for specific campsites should be noted on the registration form and arranged with Ranger Bobby.

Units should mail, fax or bring a list of shooting participants (participation form), and participant payment to:

**Evangeline Area Council, BSA, 2266 S. College Rd. Ext. Lafayette, LA 70508**

**SCOUTS BSA POLICY STATES THAT NO PERSONAL GUNS OR AMMO MAY BE BROUGHT TO CAMP**

## CAJUN RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

<b>FRIDAY</b>	
5:00PM - 9:00PM	Check-In & Set Up (Registration will be in the front of the First Aid Lodge)
8:00PM – 8:30PM	Event Volunteer Meeting (Staff Cabin Main Building)
10:30PM	Be a good neighbor! Lights Out!! Quiet! If arriving later, please be courteous and keep voices down in camp sites!!!!!!
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
7:30AM – 8:30AM	Late Check-In
8:30AM	Opening Ceremony/ Flags
8:45AM - 11:30AM	Morning Shooting Competitions / Pool Open for fun Swim/ <b>Swim Checks</b> / Free Climb Time/ Morning ATV Session/ Adult Pistol Shoot
11:30AM - 1:30PM	Unit Free Time (lunch)
1:30PM - 4:30PM	Afternoon Shooting Competitions / Pool Open for fun Swim/ Free Climb Time/ Afternoon ATV Session/ Adult Pistol Shoot
5:30PM – 6:30PM	Flags/ Awards in Dining Hall/ Closing Ceremony/ Good Night/ Travel Safe
10:30PM	Be a good neighbor! Lights Out! Quiet!
<b>SUNDAY</b>	No Scheduled events. Camp closes at Noon.

## ANTICIPATED EVENTS

EVENT	SCOUT (AGE 11 -14)	MIDDLE AGE 15-18	ADULT (AGE 19+)
AIRSOFT RIFLE	X	X	X
ARCHERY	X	X	X
BB GUN	X	X	X
BLACK POWDER	X	X	X
CLIMBING TOWER	X	X	X
DARTS	X	X	X
FUN SWIM	X	X	X
LAPORTE ARCHERY	X	X	X
PAINT BALL	X	X	X
22 RIFLES	X	X	X
SHOTGUN (WATERFRONT)	X	X	X
SLINGSHOT	X	X	X
TOMAHAWKS/KNIVES	X	X	X
ATV's	SCOUTS AGE 14+ PRE-PAID W/ E-CERTIFICATE		
PISTOL SHOOT**			X

\*\*Registered Adult Leadership

***The number of competitions may change as qualified volunteers are found to run them. Attendees are encouraged and welcomed to volunteer but must have credentials / certifications to run an event. Every effort will be made to ensure that ALL participants will be able to compete in as many events as possible, but no guarantees are made.***

## FUN SWIMMING

All campers are invited to bring their swim suits (MALE & FEMALE - Scouts BSA appropriate & approved) and enjoy the "**Concrete Swamp**" all during the morning and afternoon periods on Saturday. Life Guards and supervision will be provided and run by an Aquatics Director and staff. Swimming rules as described in the latest issue of the Guide to Safe Scouting will be strictly enforced.

Verification (noted on the CR registration form) of having taken an annual swim test will generally be accepted, but we reserve the right to require a swim test at discretion for the safety of everyone. Without verification on the registration form, a swim test must be given. **Units who have had no chance to test their Scouts this year should arrange for a swim test for their scouts before the CR.**

Buddy tags will be issued at the Aquatics staff's discretion.

(This information is typical and may be changed by the competition event leader)

## SHOOTING EVENTS

1. **AIRSOFT RIFLE:** Shoot airsoft guns at targets. Top 3 scores in Scout and Adult category to be awarded.
2. **TARGET ARCHERY:** This event will take place at the Official Scouts BSA Archery Range. This is a target course, with scoring using the 10-ring point system with 2 ends of 5 arrows shot at each target for a total of 30 arrows. 48" targets will be placed at 30', 40' and 60'. Top 3 scores in Scout and Adult category to be awarded.
3. **BB GUN:** This event will be held at the BB gun range. Top 3 scores in Youth and Adult category to be awarded. Five shots each Standing, Kneeling, and Sitting positions at 15 feet will be part of the competition round.
4. **BLACKPOWDER:** This event will be held at the Official Shotgun Range on Saturday. Competition to be determined by instructor.
5. **ACTION PAINTBALL:** Will entail shooting at hanging targets, time, and accuracy. **NO SHOOTING AT ANYTHING OTHER THAN TARGETS.** If so, you will be dismissed from camp!!!
6. **.22 RIFLE:** This event will be held at the Official Rifle Range. Top 3 scores in Scout and Adult category to be awarded. Five shots each Standing, Prone, and Sitting positions at 50 feet will be part of the competition round.
7. **SHOTGUN:** This event will be held at the Mt. Bayou Lake on Saturday morning. Targets will be clay "ducks". Scouts will shoot a minimum of 10 shots from position. Top 3 scores in Youth and Adult categories to be awarded.
8. **SLING SHOT:** Top 3 scores in Scout and Adult category to be awarded. Target and Scoring method, TBD.
9. **TOMAHAWK/KNIFE:** This event will be held at Piney Paradise, TBD. Target and Scoring method, TBD. Top 3 scores in Scout and Adult category to be awarded.
10. **\*\*NEW EVENT!!\*\* LAPORTE ARCHERY:** This event is Shotgun Skeet Shooting, except Archery Version!!! Scoring method, TBD. Top 3 scores in Scout and Adult category to be awarded.



# **CAJUN RENDEZVOUS 2019**

## **NEW ACTIVITIES**

### ➤ **LAPORTE ARCHERY**

Are you looking for a new way to shoot archery?? Look no more! We will be having the 'Archery-version' of Shotgun skeet shooting.

Test your archery skills at this NEW event during Cajun Rendezvous!



### ➤ **OPEN CLIMBING TOWER**

Come and climb our 40-foot climbing tower! Whether you have requirements to finish for the Climbing Merit Badge or you would like to just climb for FUN. Challenge yourself on how fast you can reach the top!

Cajun Rendezvous will REPEL you down to exciting moments of Scouting.



## ➤ ATV – MORNING & AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Now, with the help of Polaris, Scouts and Venturers ages 14 and older will not only learn to drive the crème de la crème of ATV equipment, but you'll also receive safety instruction vetted by a company with 60 years of industry expertise. Have fun by signing up for one of the two sessions and having a blast learning how to drive our ATV safely!



\*\*\*\* ATV REGISTRATION IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED – SEE EVENT REGISTRATION FOR SIGN UP LIMITED TO 6 SCOUTS FOR MORNING AND 6 SCOUTS FOR AFTERNOON SESSION 14 YEARS + PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION – COMPLETE E COURSE AT [WWW.ATVSAFETY.ORG](http://WWW.ATVSAFETY.ORG) PRINT AND BRING CERTIFICATE TO CAMP TO PARTICIPATE

## NOTES FOR ALL:

1. ALL Scout YOUTH and/or Scouter ADULTS MUST have attended a unit run safety class, signed the safety “Contract” and paid the registration fee. Remember, you are on your honor.
2. All Shooting events are scored as individual competitions.
3. First, Second and Third place will be awarded in Scout and Adult categories.
4. Adult Unit Leaders wishing to volunteer to help with scoring and supervision of an event are asked to contact Richie Colonna at [richie.colonna1963@outlook.com](mailto:richie.colonna1963@outlook.com) OR Logan Cormier at [logan.cormier@scouting.org](mailto:logan.cormier@scouting.org) Event Safety Officers, Registration Officers, and Official Scorers are needed for all Shooting events.
5. Average anticipated time allotment for each event is 15 minutes. The decision whether or not to allow participants to try events more than once will be left to the discretion of each Event Lead Safety Officer.
6. Participants will register for a Shooting event by signing up at the event. Remember that each Youth participant must be with a buddy at all times, but the buddy is not required to participate in any event.
7. Unit Leaders who are not otherwise participating are invited to help run an event by volunteering to register participants, keep score, and provide safety assistance for the Event Range Officer.
8. Units are encouraged to host Event Leaders and volunteers for in camp meals.
9. Units are more than welcome to organize and invite other units to participate in safe Scout-like activities (games, fishing, compass, hikes, nature / service project) so long as they do not go against Lost Bayou Scout Camp or Scouts BSA policies.
10. Awards / trophies for the competitions will be awarded in the Dining Hall between 5:30PM – 6:30PM.
11. Scouts BSA uniforms (A or B) are always correct, but not required. Each Unit should wear what they would on any unit campout. NOT ALLOWED are inappropriate T-shirts, bare feet, open-toed sandals, or soft soled aqua socks.
12. Swimwear for both male and female Scouts must be Scouts BSA appropriate and approved. This means modest swimwear that is not revealing. Check with your Unit Leader and/or the Scout office if you have questions.

Unit Leaders are reminded that enforcement of the Scouts BSA, Evangeline Area Council, and Lost Bayou Scout Camp rules are just as much their responsibility as someone else.

## **SAFETY POINTS TO CONSIDER FOR THE CAJUN RENDEZVOUS**

It is important for Unit Leadership to set **SAFETY** as the “tone” for the CR. Yes, it is a “Fun Weekend”, but with that fun, comes the responsibility to act in a manner that ensures everyone’s safety.

- 1. The Unit and its’ Leaders are responsible for the behavior of its’ members. All the rules, policies and procedures of Scouts BSA, the Evangeline Area Council and Lost Bayou Scout Camp are to be followed and adhered to. Simply put, Units attending the CAJUN RENDEZVOUS should consider that they are camping at LBSC with other Troops/Crews that happen to be there at the same time. Safety of the members of your Troop/Crew and consideration of your neighbors is paramount.**
- 2. Our Camp Ranger, Camp Masters, Range Officers / Event Leaders are at camp to assist and provide program guidance, but not to run the Troop/Crew. They will enforce camp and range rules and in those instances their decision is final.**
- 3. The safety of everyone is paramount, but this should not deter your fun. As the Good Book says, there is a time for everything. A time to play and a time to pay attention. As a courtesy to everyone around the competitive events; do not be distractions. There will be a time to be quiet during instruction and a time to cheer on your buddies.**
- 4. The buddy system is a must. Unit Leaders are expected to enforce this philosophy. A buddy does not have to participate in a competition but should remain with his buddy to cheer him on.**
- 5. Remind everyone to plan their time to maximize their fun. If an event has a long line, then you may want to move on to another event. On the other hand, some events have lines that never seem to get short. It is not the end of the world not to participate in a particular competition. Maybe next time. Go swim, find an event with a shorter line or just chill.**
- 6. All basic safety rules for all events will be enforced. The safety rules for all the events would make up a good size booklet, but that does not make those rules any less important.**
  - a. Units should review the basic safety rules found in the Merit Badge pamphlets for:**
    - i. Archery**
    - ii. Rifle / Shotgun**
    - iii. Swimming**
    - iv. Climbing**
  - b. Units should review the basic Shooting and Swimming Safety Rules found in the most recent issue of the Guide to Safe Scouting.**
  - c. Unit Leaders should feel free to take this opportunity to impress safety through use of materials produced by the NRA or NAA or any other organization as appropriate.**
- 7. Participants should be practical in their choice of events. Range Officers will help in the decision process, but someone who has trouble holding up the shotgun or pulling back on a bow will not have a good experience. Be practical.**
- 8. The decisions of the Range Officers are final. With the exception of the Ranger, EVERYONE at the CR is a volunteer. Your understanding, help and encouragement are appreciated; your kind comments and helpful suggestions are welcomed.**





# CAJUN RENDEZVOUS 2019 CONTRACT FOR SAFETY

(EVERYONE MUST SIGN)  
TURN IN DURING CHECK IN

Unit Total # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

AS A SCOUT AND A MEMBER OF TROOP # \_\_\_\_\_ or CREW # \_\_\_\_\_

I PLEDGE TO RESPECT AND FOLLOW THE SAFETY RULES FOR THE 2019 CAJUN RENDEZVOUS  
AS PRESENTED TO ME AT OUR UNIT MEETING HELD ON \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

BREAKING THIS PLEDGE BY VIOLATING THE INTENT OF THE SAFETY RULES WILL RESULT IN  
LOSS OF SHOOTING PRIVILEGES. INTENTIONAL VIOLATION MAY RESULT IN POSSIBLE  
EXPULSION FROM CAMP.

Signed this day by each participating member of the Unit (Youth & Adult): \_\_\_\_\_


Witnessed by Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_  
*signature*

# **SAFETY CHECK-LIST**

(EVERYONE MUST COMPLETE)  
TURN IN DURING CHECK IN

\_\_\_\_\_ Review the Rifle/Shotgun slide show found on the BSA website:  
[www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/gss/gss07.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/gss/gss07.aspx)

\_\_\_\_\_ **ALWAYS** keep gun pointed in a safe direction.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

\_\_\_\_\_ **ALWAYS** keep your gun unloaded until ready to use.

\_\_\_\_\_ Know your target and beyond.

\_\_\_\_\_ Wear eye and ear protection as required.

\_\_\_\_\_ NEVER use drugs/alcohol before or during shooting activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you have a problem or misfire, **STOP**, raise your hand and a Range Master will address situation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parts of guns, bows, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundamentals of Shooting

\_\_\_\_\_ Safe Swim Defense

\_\_\_\_\_ Swim Check for all participants (Swim Checks can be arranged at camp with Aquatics Staff)

\_\_\_\_\_ Remember: TO HAVE FUN!!!!!!!, but be SAFE!

\_\_\_\_\_ Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scout Signature

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Unit Leader Signature