

Cajun Rendezvous

The Evangeline Area Council 2020 Leader's Guide



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 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.

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. 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.

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.

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



Health and Safety Precaution

- As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, and communities is our top priority. We will be doing our best in following all of the proper protocols when it comes to COVID-19 and the safety regarding it.
- We understand that sanitation is a major concern this year, and we will plan on having sanitation stations across camp.
- The central bathhouse will be monitored all day to make sure that the doorknobs, sink handles, etc. are wiped down after every use. Central bathhouse will be sprayed down frequently throughout the day.
- Equipment such as guns, benches, safety equipment, etc. will be wiped down after each use.
- We will be providing personal safety earplugs and safety goggles to each scout at check-in. We ask scouts to keep these with them at all times to use at each station. This will help with eliminating time on sanitizing equipment.

Format of the Event

The format of the event is similar to a “round-robin” style. Troops will register together as a unit, and they will stay together all weekend long.

In the past, we’ve allowed the scouts to attend each station as free as they’d like, but this year we are only allowing the scouts to stay with their troops during the event.

Each troop will move station to station as a unit, and it will follow a set time schedule, so that there aren’t too many multiple troops on one station at a time.

This style will help eliminate too many scouts from different areas being in contact with each other, therefore staying along the same guidelines of the state.

Currently we are in the process of deciding the maximum amount of total people in each group, and maximum number of total groups. We will announce this to everyone once decided which will be in the next couple of days when registration is closer, and we will also update this Leader’s Guide.

EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL

CAJUN RENDEZVOUS

“**SCOUTS BSA** and **VENTURERS**”

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

WHEN: Saturday, September 19, 2020

Please let us know when you will arrive on Friday or Saturday, so we can make arrangements for you.

Registration will open on August 18th via Tentaroo.

We ask that you register as a unit, not as individuals.

You can find our registration on our council website <https://www.eacbsa.org/CajunRendezvous>

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!**

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 1st come, 1st served!!

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 Logan.** Two deep leadership for each unit is required just like with any unit outing. Leaders should take this to heart and consider the possible ramifications when leaving camp and assuming that a replacement leader will show up later.

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.

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.

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

CAJUN RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

(Subject to Change)

A more accurate schedule will be sent closer to the event

FRIDAY	
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!!!!!!
SATURDAY	
7:30AM – 8:30AM	Late Check-In
8:30AM	Opening Ceremony/ Flags
8:45AM - 11:30AM	Morning Shooting Competitions / Pool Open for fun Swim/ Swim Checks/ 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/ 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!
SUNDAY	
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
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.

SHOOTING EVENTS

1. **AIRSOFT RIFLE**
2. **TARGET ARCHERY**
3. **BB GUN**
4. **BLACKPOWDER**
5. **ACTION PAINTBALL**
No shooting at anything other than targets. If so, you will be dismissed from camp!!!
6. **.22 RIFLE**
7. **SHOTGUN**
8. **SLING SHOT**
9. **TOMAHAWK/KNIFE**
10. ****LAPORTE ARCHERY**

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!



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**

- Cost – additional \$20
- Limited to 6 scouts for morning and 6 scouts for afternoon session
- Age - 14 years and above
- Prerequisite for participation – complete e course at 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.
Top Shot- Best Overall in each age group
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 OR **Logan Cormier** at 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 in the evening.
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 2020 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 2020 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

_____ **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

_____ Unit Leader Signature