

Cajun Rendezvous

The Evangeline Area Council

2023 Leader's Guide

The purpose of the Cajun Rendezvous ("CR") 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, adventurous climbing tower, and breath-taking Mountain Bayou Lake we have at Mountain 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 ammunition and make minor improvements to our ranges and equipment.

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.

A Contract for Safety and brief Safety Check List is included in this guide and **must** be completed and submitted when checking in.

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 BSA, ages 11 and up are able to participate in the shooting events.

Troops/Crews are responsible for their own food, other than lunch on Saturday (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 if you'd like to volunteer and let us know which event you can help with.



EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL

CAJUN RENDEZVOUS

“**SCOUTS BSA, CREWS** and **VENTURERS**”

. 22 Rifle Marksmanship – Black Powder Rifle – Archery –
Darts – Paintball - Skeet/Shotgun – Tomahawk/Knife Throw–
Slingshot -- Adult Leader Pistol – Open Climbing

WHEN: Saturday, September 23, 2023
Please let us know when you will arrive, Friday or Saturday, so we can make arrangements for you.

We ask that you register as a Unit, **individuals will not be allowed to register.**

Please speak to your Unit Leaders about registration.

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

WHERE: Mountain 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 program. **LUNCH IS INCLUDED SATURDAY!**

Additional donations of supplies and / or ammunition are always welcomed. Contact Mitch Batten for details.

WHAT: A gathering of Units for fellowship, shooting, climbing. 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 register. Those camping must do so as a Unit, with at least two (2) registered Adult Leaders with a valid copy of their YPT Certificate at check in per unit in camp at all times.

Camping overnight must be done through Richie Colonna.

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 Mountain Bayou Scout Camp camping rules should be followed by everyone and enforced by all Adult Leaders.

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 totals and will be assigned a camp site at check in.

ALL participants (Youth and Adult) MUST have attended and signed a “CONTRACT” stating they have attended a shooting 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 - 10:00PM	Check-In & Set Up (Registration will be in the front of the Health Lodge)
9:00PM – 9:30PM	Event Volunteer Meeting (Health Lodge)
10:30PM	Be a good neighbor! Lights Out!! Quiet! If arriving later, please be courteous and keep your voice down in camp sites!!!!!!
SATURDAY	
7:30AM – 8:30AM	Late Check-In
8:15AM – 8:30AM	Opening Ceremony/ Flags
8:35AM - 11:55AM	Morning Shooting Competitions Adult Pistol Shoot
12:00PM - 1:10PM	Unit Free Time (lunch)
1:15PM - 5:45PM	Afternoon Shooting Competitions /Adult Pistol Shoot
5:55PM – 6:30PM	Flag Lowering / Free Time
6:30PM – 7:15PM	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+)
.22 RIFLES	X	X	X
SHOTGUN	X	X	X
PAINT BALL	X	X	X
DARTS	X	X	X
TOMAHAWKS / KNIVES	X	X	X
ARCHERY	X	X	X
SLINGSHOT	X	X	X
PISTOL SHOOT**			X
OPEN CLIMBING***	X	X	X

**Registered Adult Leadership

***Open Climbing – Scouts may participate at any time but must have a Buddy, IF NOT Scouts must stay with their Troop in their assigned rotation.

The number of competitions may change as qualified Adult Volunteers are found to run them. Adult Volunteers 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.

NOTES FOR ALL:

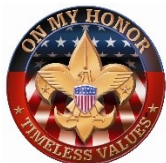
- 1. ALL Scout Youth and/or Scouter Adults MUST have attended a Unit run safety class, signed the safety “Contract” and paid the registration fee. Remember, you are On Your Honor.**
- 2. All Shooting events are scored as individual competitions.**
- 3. First, Second and Third place will be awarded in Scout and Adult categories. Top Shot- Best Overall in each age group**
- 4. Adult Unit Leaders wishing to volunteer to help with supervising an Event Station, assisting at an Event Station and Scoring are asked to contact Richie Colonna at Richie.colonna1963@outlook.com**
- 5. Event Safety Officers, Registration Officers, and Official Scorers are needed for all Shooting events.**
- 6. Average anticipated time allotment for each event is 55 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.**
- 7. Remember that each Youth participant must be with a buddy at all times, but the buddy is not required to participate in any event.**
- 8. Unit Leaders who are not otherwise participating are invited to help run an event by volunteering to register participants at an event, keep score, and provide safety assistance for the Event Range Officer.**
- 9. Units are encouraged to host Event Leaders and volunteers for in-camp meals (breakfast / dinner).**
- 10. 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 Mountain Bayou Scout Camp or Scouts BSA policies.**
- 10. Awards / Trophies for the competitions will be awarded in the Dining Hall in the evening and must be present to receive Awards / Trophies.**
- 11. Scouts BSA uniforms (A or B) are always correct, but not required. Each Unit should wear what they would like on any unit campout. NOT ALLOWED are inappropriate T-shirts, bare feet, open-toed sandals (Crocs), or soft soled aqua socks.**

Unit Leaders are reminded that enforcement of the Scouts BSA, Evangeline Area Council, and Mountain 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 Mountain Bayou Scout Camp are to be followed and adhered to. Simply put, Units attending the CAJUN RENDEZVOUS should consider that they are camping at MBSC with other Troops/Crews that happen to be there at the same time. The 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 them on.
5. Remind everyone to plan their time to maximize their fun.
6. All basic safety rules for all events will be enforced. The safety rules for all the events would make up a good-sized 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. Climbing
 - b. Units should review the basic Shooting and 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 2023 CONTRACT FOR SAFETY

(EVERYONE IN UNIT 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 2023 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: _____

SAFETY CHECK-LIST

(EVERYONE MUST COCOMPLETE)
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 you are 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 the situation.

_____ Know the parts of guns, bows, etc.

_____ Review the Fundamentals of Shooting

Remember: TO BE SAFE!!!!!!!!!!

Remember: TO HAVE FUN!!!!!!

Unit #

Scout Signature

Unit Leader Signature