



**Trexler's National Treasures  
– A Geocaching Event**

October 10<sup>th</sup> (5:00 pm) thru 12<sup>th</sup> (1:30 pm), 2008

**Camporee Guide**

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**2008 Fall Camporee**

Forks of the Delaware District  
Minsi Trails Council Boy Scouts of America

Trexler Scout Reservation – Middle Creek Field

**"The clues are all around us, hidden in plain sight."**

- Benjamin Franklin Gates  
From the movie, National Treasure

Guided by space age technology, you'll embark on a quest spanning Trexler Scout Reservation and over 200 years of American History. Your knowledge, skill, and stamina will be tested in the geocaching adventure of a lifetime. With your GPS device, a Book of Secrets, and clues at each cache, you'll slowly solve the mystery and discover the location of the Trexler's national treasures. Mark your calendar and don't miss the greatest adventure of our age.

Join us at this year's Forks of the Delaware District Fall Camporee for a geocaching event. The adventure will span the full weekend and will be built on the theme of the popular National Treasure movies. The geocaching will be done in groups so you'll need at least one GPS and one compass per patrol (comprised of 6 - 9 scouts). You'll also need to know a little something about American history. Don't worry if you don't know how to use a GPS or if you know nothing about geocaching, all the training you need will be available. Each treasure hunting party (patrol) will earn participation points for the various activities. Each point will be worth one chance in the drawing for the **Camporee's Prized Treasure!** More points equal more chances in the drawing.

The Camporee is open to all Troops, Crews and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos dens in the Forks of the Delaware District. Each unit participating in the event is expected to camp both nights and participate in the full weekend of activities. Out of district units will be considered after the sign-up deadline. To properly plan and prepare for a spectacular, fun-filled weekend, we cannot accept late unit registrations (adjustments to head counts will be accepted). The event is sponsored by Troop 29.

**Key dates and activities:**

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Registration opens.	
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Registration closes. <b>Sorry, no late registrations will be accepted.</b>	
Oct. 10, Friday	5 – 8 pm 9 – 10 pm 10-11 pm	<b>Arrive.</b> Unit Check-in and set-up. Opening and mandatory safety orientation. Camporee-wide cracker barrel. (provided by camporee)
Oct. 11, Saturday	9 am – 4 pm 7 pm - 8 pm 8 pm – 10 pm	Geocache training & hunting the lost treasure. Religious Services. Movie campfire: <u>National Treasure II.</u>
Oct. 12, Sunday	9 am – 12 noon 12 noon – 1 pm 1 pm – 1:30 pm 1:30 pm	Hunting the lost treasure continues. Camporee-wide lunch. (provided by camporee) Awarding of the <b>Prized Treasure !</b> <b>Depart.</b> Unit Check-out and departure.

**NOTE:** Each patrol should consist of 6 scouts or venturers. This will allow each scout to have the opportunity to use the group's GPS unit to lead the treasure hunting party. Patrols up to 9 will be accepted. 10 scouts or more should form 2 patrols.

## Registration

Registration at the Council Office will be open from September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. **There will be no onsite unit and patrol registrations** Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> during check-in. All final registrations/payments must be submitted to the Council Office by September 30, 2008. To be properly registered, units must submit the following to the Council Office:

- ▲ Full payment at \$10 per participant.
- ▲ Checks made payable to Minsi Trails Council.
- ▲ Number of youth attending.
- ▲ Number of treasure hunting parties (patrols).
- ▲ Number of adults attending.

The camporee will be limited to 225 youth participants.

## On-site check-in

Check-in will begin Friday at 5 pm at the Akelaland A/B program building. Directions and arrival information will be available at the Camporee Welcome Center, at the entrance to the Akelaland parking lot. Checkin will close at 8 pm. All units participating will be expected to camp both nights, and attend Friday's Camporee Kick-off and safety session at 9 pm. Consequently, there will be no check-in on Saturday.

At check-in, each unit must submit the following:

- ▲ Treasure Hunting Party (patrol) rosters
- ▲ Adult leader roster
- ▲ Any additional payment, with checks made out to Minsi Trails Council

**NOTE: Due to the need for a very structured, patrol focused event, no additional units or patrols can be added Friday night.** The deadline for registering units and patrols is September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Council Office. However, additional scouts or venturers may be added to a registered unit's existing patrol(s), up to the 225 youth participation limit. A \$5 late fee will be assessed to cover the costs of last minute food purchases and the additional last minute administrative work. There is no guarantee that individuals added at check-in will receive camporee patches. Additional leaders will also be accepted and the \$5 late fee assessed.

## Location

The Camporee will be held at the Trexler Scout Reservation, near Jonas, PA. The camporee headquarters will be in Akelaland's A/B program building. Camporee welcome center will be at the entrance to the Akelaland parking lot. The camporee activities will take place across the Trexler Scout Reservation, including: Akelaland, Settlers, and Hawkeye camps; both the Trexler and Minsi lake fronts; C.O.P.E. course area and, the undeveloped northern section of the Reservation. Only the area around the Rangers house and the construction areas for the Nature Center and Akelaland pool complex will not be used, and off limits, to the camporee participants.

**NOTE: The Akelaland Pool Complex is off limits. Participants found in this area will be asked to leave the camporee.**

## **Camping**

All units will camp in the Middle Creek field, on either site of the Akelaland pool complex. For everyone's safety, the fenced construction site and pool area are off limits to all youth and adult camporee participants. We ask that all adults attending the camporee, regardless of unit affiliation, assist in monitoring this area for any safety violations. **Please feel free to take immediate action to correct any unsafe activity you may witness in and around the Akelaland pool complex.**

## **Parking**

The Akelaland parking lot will be used for all camporee parking. Please carpool and park close. Overflow parking will be in the Settlers Camp parking lot next to the Ranger's house. For safety reasons, parking on roads can not be permitted. The limited parking in Akelaland will be restricted to the camporee staff.

## **Camporee uniform**

All participants should arrive in Class A uniform. The uniform will also be required for the Friday evening Camporee kick-off session and for Saturday religious services. All other times, scouts should dress in Class B uniform attire. Please come prepared for hiking through all of the Trexler Scout Reservation. Camouflage or "cammo" clothing is not part of the scouting uniform.

## **Food / Cooking / Fires**

Stoves are the preferred method for cooking camporee meals. Please note that the camporee will provide a Friday cracker barrel and Sunday lunch as part of the camporee activities and fees. **No ground Fires** – If you plan to cook by fire, only one above ground fire permitted in a contained elevated ring per unit. A filled water bucket must accompany the fire ring. Only fallen/dead timber or charcoal may be used. Units are encouraged to bring their own wood or charcoal. All ashes must be wet and cool to bury in woods. No unburned wood to be left over.

## **Latrines**

The Akelaland latrines, as well as the other latrines across the Reservation will be available. Each unit and patrol should be prepared to bring their own toilet paper and hand sanitizer.

## **Water**

Replacement water will be available at the outside, frost-free spigot on the left side of the Akelaland dining hall. For convenience, units should arrive with full water containers. Note that Akelaland will be off limits to car traffic. Water jug refills will need to be carried to and from the dining hall.

**NOTE:** Each patrol should have its own hand held GPS unit. Only a limited number of units will be available to borrow.

## **GPS units**

Each treasure hunting party (patrol) will need their own GPS unit. Sharing GPS units across patrols will not be feasible. The Garmin eTrex (yellow) is a low cost and adequate GPS unit for introductory geocaching activities. The unit is generally available for \$70-\$95. The L.L. Bean store in Saucon Valley's Promenade Shops (intersection of PA 309 and I-78) carries this brand and model. There are numerous online sources as well. Portable car GPS units or laptop-based software systems are not suited for geocaching use. The camporee committee is attempting to have a few GPS units available should a patrol need to borrow one. However, please try to secure one unit per patrol (purchase or borrow) prior to arriving at the camporee. Supplies of GPS units to borrow will be limited.

## **GPS / Geocaching training**

Geocaching training is part of the Saturday morning camporee program. However, to fully maximize the camporee experience, each unit should spend some time familiarizing each treasure hunting party (patrol) with the use of their particular GPS unit. The camporee committee is attempting to have volunteer geocachers available on Saturday morning to assist with the training session. A good resource for information on GPS units and geocaching are:

- ▲ <http://www.geocaching.com>
- ▲ <http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/trainingmodules/geocaching%20to%20promote%20scouting.aspx>
- ▲ <http://www.google.com> and search on: *BSA GEOCACHING*

## **First Aid**

An EMT and/or nurse will be available to assist with first aid emergencies. Each unit is responsible to have the proper medical paperwork for each individual, adult or youth, they bring to the camporee.

## **Garbage**

Pack it in, pack it out. There will not be any trash receptacles provided.

## **Checkout**

Each unit will be asked to check-out with camporee staff immediately following the Awards / Closing Ceremony, at approximately 1:30 pm Sunday. The check-out process will be incorporated into Sunday's programs, with the final component being the submission of the camporee evaluation forms.

**NOTE:** This event is rain or shine. Each patrol should have a large zip-lock bag to keep their Book of Secrets and paper/pen/pencil safe and dry.

## Detailed camporee information

At the **Camporee Opening Ceremony, starting Friday evening at 9 pm**, and held in the Akelaland Dinning Hall, each treasure hunting party (patrol) will receive:

- ▲ Schedule of events for the weekend.
- ▲ A copy of their Treasure Hunting Party's (patrol's) Trexler's Treasures Book of Secrets including their treasure map and 6 suspected lost treasure locations.
- ▲ A copy of the Reservation map, Akelaland map, and Settler's Camp map
- ▲ How the **Camporee's Prized Treasure** will be awarded.

Each Treasure Hunting Party will be expected to keep this information in a safe place. No replacement copies will be available.

The Friday evening program will also provide additional details regarding Saturday's activities. Since this will include a safety presentation, this activity is mandatory. A camporee-wide cracker barrel will conclude the evening. This is a Class A uniform event.

Saturday evening will consist of a "movie campfire" (*National Treasure II – The Book of Secrets*), held in the Akelaland Dinning Hall, at the conclusion of the religious services. These two activities are Class A uniform events. The Saturday evening program will provide details regarding the Sunday morning activities.

The Sunday activities will be a natural extension of Saturday's activities, and the real value of the Book of Secrets each Treasure Hunting Party received Friday night will be revealed. Sunday will start out with breakfast and camp breakdown. Immediately thereafter, all Treasure Hunting Parties (patrols) will have their Book of Secrets fully explained ... and how to use it to discover the camporee's final treasure secret(s) !

The camporee will conclude with a camporee-wide lunch and a **Closing Ceremony, ending by 1:30 on Sunday**. The **Camporee Prized Treasure** will be revealed, and awarded at this time. The winning Treasure Hunting Party must be present to win.

### Camporee Co-Chair / Additional Questions

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### The **SIGN US UP !** checklist

- Promote at PLC. Encourage everyone to watch the 1<sup>st</sup> *National Treasure* movie.
- Obtain (borrow, buy) a GPS unit for each patrol (of 6 to 9 scouts each).
- Before September 30<sup>th</sup>, send in payment, registration and headcount to MTC.
- At Friday night check-in, have the adult roster and each patrol roster complete.

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Senior Patrol Leader Camporee Evaluation

Needs to be handed in to confirm check out

Filled out by the Senior Patrol Leader/Scouts:

SPL-1: What did you like most about this year's Fall Camporee?

SPL-2: What did you least like about this year's Fall Camporee and why?

SPL-3: What could have been done differently to improve this year's Fall Camporee?

SPL-4: How was the *Movie-Campfire*?

SPL-5: Did the information packet contain all of the information you needed?

SPL-6: What kind of ideas/themes would you like to see for the next Camporee?

SPL-7: Are you planning on attending the next Camporee? If not, why not?

SPL: Comments (on reverse side) -

**2008 Fall Camporee**  
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Scoutmaster Camporee Evaluation

Needs to be handed in to confirm check out

Filled out by the Scoutmaster/Adult Leaders:

- SM-1: What did you like most about this year's Fall Camporee?
  
- SM-2: What did you least like about this year's Fall Camporee and why?
  
- SM-3: What could have been done differently to improve this year's Fall Camporee?
  
- SM-4: How was the *Movie-Campfire*?
  
- SM-5: Did the information packet contain all of the information you needed?
  
- SM-6: What kind of ideas/themes would you like to see for the next Camporee?
  
- SM-7: Are you planning on attending the next Camporee? If not, why not?

SM: Comments (on reverse side) –

**DOCUMENT DUE DATE**

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM.  
This document is due upon arrival, during check-in.

**DOCUMENT SEQUENCE: 4 of 6**

# UNIT Roster - ADULTS

2008 Fall Camporee  
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**Troop:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Patrol Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scoutmaster Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Adult Name:</b>	<b>Willing to Volunteer?</b>	<b>Phone #:</b>
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12			

**Total Number of Scouts:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Number of Patrols:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Patrol Roster - Youths

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Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasure Hunting Party (Patrol) #: \_\_\_ of \_\_\_

Treasure Hunting Party (Patrol) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting Party (Patrol) Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	Youth Name:	Age:	Rank:
1			
2			
3			
4			
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6			
<b>Recommended number of scouts in each patrol is only 6.</b>			
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8			
9			
<b>Groups of 10 or more should form two patrols.</b>			

**DOCUMENT DUE DATE**

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM.  
This document is due upon arrival, during check-in.

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# Patrol Roster - Youths

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Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasure Hunting Party (Patrol) #: \_\_\_ of \_\_\_

Treasure Hunting Party (Patrol) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting Party (Patrol) Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name:	Age:	Rank:
1		
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<b>Recommended number of scouts in each patrol is only 6.</b>		
7		
8		
9		
<b>Groups of 10 or more should form two patrols.</b>		

**Make additional copies of patrol youth roster form as required.**

**DOCUMENT DUE DATE**

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM.  
This document is due at the Minsi Trails Council Office with payment.

**DOCUMENT SEQUENCE: 1 of 6**



District 2 Fall Camporee



# Trexler's National Treasures

## - A Geocaching Event

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## Unit and Patrol Registration Form

**Registration closes at the Council office on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

SM or Leader in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # - Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of patrols being registered: \_\_\_\_\_ *(no adjustments after Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.)*

Total # of youth participants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of adult participants: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  Check  Account  Charge **TOTAL PAID: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please provide best estimates:**

➔ Approximate # of scouts in each patrol: \_\_\_\_\_ *(can be changed later)*

➔ # of GPS units may need to borrowed: \_\_\_\_\_ *(limited # available)*