



Troop 23

U.S. Grant Pilgrimage - Galena, IL

April 28th-30th, 2017

General Description:

1955- The first Ulysses S. Grant Boy Scout Pilgrimage was a weeklong celebration starting on Saturday, April 23, founded by Virginia Carroll and Ruth Turner. Some of the events were visits to all of the Grant Sites, an open house and tea at the Galena Library and the opening of the GAR Post on the second floor of the Post Office. There were 444 boy scouts from 37 different troops and three states in attendance.

Today- Annual Event in Galena IL drawing between 3,000 and 5,000 scouts and scouters. Activities at the event include:

- **History Hunt** - 2017 History hunt will be changing and be more educational and interactive this coming year. More details to come.
- **Trail Hike Open all Day** - Participants will receive a map with 16-18 questions. The answers to these questions are placed at historically significant places around down town Galena. The hike is usually around 5 miles and takes around 2-3 hours to complete. Hikers who complete the trail hike are able to purchase a trail medal at the Trading Post.
- **Re-enactors open all Day** - Located in the little Grant's Park below Grant's home. There will be re-enactors from the Revolutionary war to the Civil War. Please stop by and learn more about our history.
- **Tri-State Historical Presentations Inc. Open all day. For more information visit <http://tristatehistoricalpresentations.blogspot.com/>** Located by the Rail Road depot along the Galena River. Civil War life demonstrations, encampment.
- **Skirmish 11:30am in front of the Train Depot.**
- **Bucket Brigade 9:00 to 11:30 am** -The Galena Fire Department holds a bucket Brigade, where Troops compete for the best time to fill a large fire Barrel.
- **Scout Parade-** Units can participate in the Scout parade down Main St Galena. The parade Starts at 1:30 and lasts around an hour.
- **Baseball Game Rec Park (location of the Cubs exhibition game in 1908)** - 4:00 pm Rec Park.

Departure Information: PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE!

Meet at the Community Presbyterian Church at 5pm with a prompt departure time of 5:30pm.

Permission Slips and Waivers:

Permission slips and fees need to be returned by the beginning of the meeting on April 13th 2017 or dropped at the Brock's house no later than 4/16/17.

Cost:

The cost of this outing is \$45 per person.

Gear Needed.

Keep an eye on the weather! Please make sure to pack accordingly. A recommended list of items is available on the Troop 23 website <http://www.troop23.org/media/wintergear.pdf>

Travel information:

It is mandatory that you wear your scout shirt on this outing. Travel Time is about 3 hours! We will be staying at Bellevue State Park in Iowa about 45 minutes outside Galena.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about the outing.

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