



The Relief of Mafeking Camporee



Location: Hidden Valley Scout Reservation

268 Hidden Valley Rd, Loysville, PA 17407

September 27-29, 2024

Calling all: Scout Troops, Venture Crews, & Sea Scouts

Will you “be prepared” for a great **NIGHT** adventure? Your patrols will be challenged as Baden Powell was at the siege of Mafeking in South Africa. You will be provided Patrol General orders and a patrol equipment list necessary for your adventure/challenge in the near future.

Leaders this will be a Saturday **NIGHT** adventure. Saturday day time will be preparation for the **NIGHT** adventure/challenge. Additional details to follow in the near future.

Please, sign up on Tentaroo to guarantee patches:

District: _____ Troop/Crew/Ship/Pack # _____

Youth# _____ Adult# _____ = Total # _____ X \$10 = _____

Adult Contact _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

Will your unit bring a trailer? Yes _____ No _____

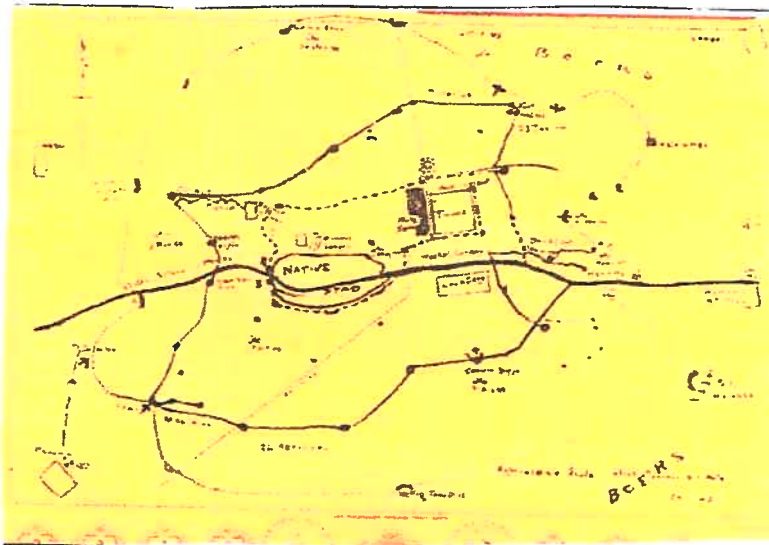


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In 1899 the future First Chief Scout of the World, Colonel Robert Baden-Powell, was sent to South Africa to raise a regiment in the region surrounding the town of Mafeking. A few months after his arrival the Boer War erupted. A large Boer force of 9,000 men advanced on the town of Mafeking defended by Colonel Baden-Powell with only 1,251 combatants. During the 217 day siege the Boer forces fired 20,000 shells into the town and nearly 326 of B-P's force were killed. His heroic and successful defense of this small town of some 8,000 inhabitants against overwhelming odds was an inspiration to his country and resulted in his promotion to Major General.

Volunteers Needed to Relieve the Siege of Mafeking!



Daring and ingenious scouts are needed to relieve the city of Mafeking, which has been besieged by the enemy for the several months. As you are all well aware from reading the London Times, Colonel Robert Baden-Powell has so far been successfully defending this

town in South Africa for Great Britain but will eventually run out of supplies. The Colonel has made the attached sketch with his own hand. Time is of the essence. A relief column must get through, and soon. The Dutch Boers, surrounding Mafeking, are a fierce and determined people. Only the most intrepid of our

Scouts can be expected to break through the siege lines and defeat the enemy. Colonel Baden-Powell is counting on YOU!

Volunteers for this dangerous mission should report to the relief party staging area at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation; 268 Hidden Valley Road; Loysville, PA 17407 on the evening of Friday, 27 September 2024 at a time of their convenience and "BE PREPARED" for whatever may come afterwards. Volunteers should be self-reliant and bring their own supplies, tentage, food, etc. and expect to be engaged in the relief efforts through Sunday morning, 29 September, after breakfast and "Scout's Own" service.

Scout uniforms are not required, nor are they even recommended. Scouts willing to undertake this Extraordinary challenge should Expect to get tired, cold, and dirty and equip themselves accordingly. No further details are expected to be provided here lest they fall into enemy hands.



Volunteer and units should signal their intentions by Friday, September 20, 2024 so, that adequate preparations may be made for the tasks that lie ahead.

Queen Victoria and indeed the entire British Empire will be following your efforts with great interest.

Be bold! Be daring! Be Prepared! God Save the Queen!

From: Adjutant to Colonel Robert Baden-Powell

PATROL EQUIPMENT:

2 – COMPASSES

2 – 5 FT 6 IN STAVES

5 – 2 FT STAVES

1 – BLANKET

1 – BOTTLE OF WATER PER SCOUT

1 – FLASH LIGHT

2 – PENCILS

1 – CLIPBOARD

10 – SHEETS OF PAPER

1 – PATROL FLAG ON MAST

1 – SCOUT HAND BOOK

2 – 20 FT LENGTH OF ROPE

1 – 4 FT LENGTH OF ROPE PER SCOUT

1 – FIRST AID KIT

TO “BE PREPARED” IS TO HAVE IT EVEN IF IT IS NOT ON THE LIST!!!

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

HAT

LONG PANTS

BOOTS

PONCHO/RAIN GEAR

FLASH LIGHT