Mayflower District – TAC

Belt Loop Bonanza 2014

22 February 2014 at RAF Feltwell, Norfolk

Registration Packet

Be sure to register your unit early to avoid disappointment. Last date for registrations is 14 February 2014.

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, 22 February 2014

08h00	Registration Table Opens
08h00 – 08h45	Gathering Activities
08h45 – 09h00	Opening Ceremony
09h15 – 10h00	Session One
10h15 – 11h00	Session Two
11h00 – 12h15	Lunch
12h15 – 13h00	Session Three
13h15 – 14h00	Session Four
14h00 – 14h30	Checkout of Packs
14h30 – 14h45	Closing Ceremony
14h45 – 15h30	Teardown of site by Staff
15h30	Staff checkout

1. Belt Loop Bonanza Overview

1.1 Belt Loop Bonanza

The Mayflower District Belt Loop Bonanza 2014 will be a challenging and fun experience for each Cub Scout to learn new skills and earn four or more belt loops. A brief description of the program is included in Section 3. All Packs are encouraged to participate in Belt Loop Bonanza because Cub Scouts that take part in Belt Loop Bonanza are more likely by far to be active Cub Scouts and go on to become Boy Scouts.

1.2 Where and When

The Belt Loop Bonanza will be held at RAF Feltwell, post code IP26 4HL. We will be conducting most activities in the District Building on the base and all participants should check-in there.

Units should plan on arriving between 08h15 and 08h45 on Saturday, 22 February 2014 and departing after the closing ceremony, about 14h45. *Please do not arrive early, as the Belt Loop Bonanza Staff may not be ready.*

1.3 Belt Loop Bonanza Management

Belt Loop Bonanza is coordinated by **Jonnie Deitz**. You can reach her during evening hours. Please remember that she is a volunteer, just like you.

Belt Loop Bonanza Director **Jonnie Deitz**
af.gurl85@gmail.com H: 01638.532.549

1.4 Cub Scout Activities

We request that one point of contact per Pack is used to ease the confusion for Belt Loop Bonanza administration. As this is a day activity a BALOO trained leader is not required to participate. Additionally, as it is a District Activity, a tour plan is not required to be filed with Transatlantic Council.

1.5 Registration & Fees

Units should register for the event by 14 February 2014 to assist us in planning and to ensure that your pack can participate. The registration is used to give us planning numbers. To register your unit, please email the following information to:

af.gurl85@gmail.com

- Number of Cub Scout participants.
- Number of Adult participants
- Number of Sibling participants
- Emergency contact number for an adult at the Belt Loop Bonanza site (see section 2.5)

The Belt Loop Bonanza is on an active US military base. We are grateful to the US military for allowing us to use their facilities. The flip side of this is must follow their rules. There is NO flexibility for bringing excess people. All non-DOD ID card holders, over the age of 15, must provide the following information by **22 January 2014:**

- Full Name
- For non-DOD card holders: Passport Number & Nationality
- For DOD card holders: ID Card type and number

To maximize your Cub Scout or sibling's enjoyment of this event, you may pre-register for the belt loops that most interest you by filling out the attached registration form. These forms must reach **Jonnie Deitz** by 14 February 2014.

If you have questions regarding registration please email **Jonnie Deitz**. Please also advise us if there is a significant change.

The cost for the event will be:

- $10 per Cub Scout
- $5 per Sibling

Due to the fluctuating exchange rates, we will set the UK Sterling price for the weekend on **21 February 2014** using the exchange rate at the time. This helps to keep the cost of the Belt Loop Bonanza low.

All fees for the weekend will be collected at check-in. To assist the staff, it is preferable to pay with a check. We prefer payment in US Dollars made payable to "TAC-BSA". There are US Dollar cash machines on RAF Feltwell that are available for all to use.

Please bring to the Belt Loop Bonanza a roster of all participants. We will collect this at check-in. The roster should contain:

- the participant's name
- whether each is a youth, adult or sibling
- state clearly the unit
- parent contact information

1.6 Adults & Older Scouts

Both Cub leaders and parents are needed to help in running the program. We also welcome Boy Scouts aged 14 or over and at least Star rank to help. Belt Loops generally require two or more Belt Loop Counsellors at each station. We will provide all the equipment and have the station set up to run for the Belt Loop Counsellors. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Jonnie Deitz.** A guideline for each unit is to provide at least 1 Belt Loop Counsellor for every 6 Cub Scouts for each of the morning and afternoon sessions. For more information see Section 3.4 on Belt Loop Counsellors.

2. General Event Information

2.1 Changes & Cancellations

The Belt Loop Bonanza Director is the only individual authorized to change or cancel a scheduled activity. Any necessary changes will be made at the earliest possible time and posted in writing at the Staff HQ. If you have a question on the program, please feel free to come to the Staff HQ at any time or ask a staff member around the site.

2.2 Parking

There is ample parking available on RAF Feltwell. Packs are encouraged to car pool.

2.3 Food Service

There will be a BBQ lunch available with hamburgers or hot dogs, chips and a drink for $5. A BIG thank-you goes out to the Knights of Columbus for organizing and manning the BBQ.

There will be a baked goods table where you can make a donation.

There will be coffee and tea available at the Staff HQ during activities on Saturday. This is intended for Activity Judges and Unit Leaders who are helping out with the activity stations. There will also be water and kool-aid available for Cub Scouts and their siblings.

2.4 Emergency Contact

Units should have access to a cellular phone that could be used as a primary contact for members of that Unit or Belt Loop Bonanza Staff in an emergency. The emergency number for the Belt Loop Bonanza is **07592.101.013**. This is only to be used in case of emergency. Please ensure callers know the Unit Number and, if possible, the Unit Leader's name.

2.5 First Aid

An on-site Registered Nurse will provide First Aid in the event it is required.

If assistance is needed, please contact a member of the Belt Loop Bonanza Staff or send a runner to the Staff HQ. If the injury permits, *and it is practical to do so,* bring the injured person to the First Aid station for medical attention.

2.6 Medical Forms

In case of serious injury or illness requiring emergency medical services or hospital treatment, a health history record and permission of a parent or guardian are required to be held for each participant by the Pack leaders. This form, known as the Annual Health and Medical Record medical form, must be accessible to the Unit Leader at

all times. Parts A and C must be completed for every Cub Scout, parent and sibling attending the Belt Loop Bonanza.

2.7 Fire & Ambulance Service

In the unlikely event that fire or ambulance services are needed, send a runner to the Staff HQ so that the Belt Loop Bonanza staff can contact the Fire Station, and notify the Belt Loop Bonanza Director immediately.

If you place an emergency call from a cellular phone within your area, you must still send a runner to the Staff HQ to notify the Belt Loop Bonanza Director of the emergency and to allow the Staff to arrange for the emergency equipment to be directed to the correct location.

2.8 Tour Plans

Belt Loop Bonanza is a District event and so a tour plan is NOT required to be filed with Transatlantic Council.

3. A Bonanza of Belt Loops

We look at the Cub Scouts of today as the Boy Scouts of tomorrow. Earning belt loops is a great way to keep these Cub Scouts involved and enthused about Cub Scouting.

3.1 Before the Event

The intention of Belt Loop Bonanza is for Cub Scouts to come on the day and earn their belt loops! No preparation for the Cubs is necessary.

3.2 Activities at the Event

The Staff is currently planning the following Belt Loops:

Academic: Astronomy, Chess, Geology, Good Manners, Languages and Culture, Map and Compass, and Music

Sports: Archery, BB Gun Shooting (BSA registered youth only) Bicycling, Flag Football, Physical Fitness, Soccer, and Table Tennis.

This list is subject to change based on equipment, facility and staff availability.

If there is a belt loop which is not listed that your pack is interested in offering, please contact the Belt Loop Bonanza Director, **Jonnie Deitz** and the staff will see what we can do.

3.3 Belt Loop Counsellors

It is not possible for the Mayflower District Camping & Activities Committee to provide all the adults needed to run an event on the scale of the Belt Loop Bonanza. That is why we need help from the 'spare' adults or older Boy Scouts to be Belt Loop Counsellors.

To sign up as a Belt Loop Counsellor ahead of time (or to teach a belt loop that you want and is not on the list), contact **Jonnie Deitz** via email.

Belt Loop Stations will be set up by the Belt Loop Bonanza Staff before Packs arrive. Belt Loop Counsellors will be given all the equipment to run the activity station by the Belt Loop Bonanza Staff. They will also be given written instructions for each Belt Loop. Belt Loop Bonanza Staff will be available at all times to assist Belt Loop Counsellors in any way. During the lunch break or when the Afternoon Program is finished, the Staff asks that the Belt Loop Counsellors, collect up the equipment and return it to the Staff HQ.

There will be a sign-up poster in the Staff HQ as Packs arrive. The poster will also have a full description of every activity being run. We ask that adults or older scouts sign up to counsellor for at least one session.

Older Boy Scouts can be Belt Loop Counsellors if they are aged 14 or over, at least Star rank and have their Scoutmaster's permission.

3.4 Siblings Program

For siblings that are similar in age to their Cub Scout brothers, they may participate in

most activities during program times. However, shooting sports is only available to registered members of the BSA.

Belt Loop Bonanza will not have appropriate activities for under 6's so please bring your own activities to keep them busy.

3.5 After the Event

After the event, Cubmasters may wish to recognize the Cub Scouts that attended the Belt Loop Bonanza by providing time during the next Pack Meeting to share experiences from Belt Loop Bonanza.

4. Registration, Check-in and Check-out Procedures

4.1 Before the Belt Loop Bonanza

All units attending must register using the email as set out in section 1.5. Please advise the Belt Loop Bonanza Director, **Jonnie Deitz**, of any significant changes.

4.2 On Arrival

Upon reaching the site, please go into Staff HQ. A runner will take you to your Pack area. Once the Unit Leader has arrived, he or she should come to the Staff HQ to check-in.

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4.3 Check-out Procedures

Each unit will receive a Check-out and Evaluation form at check-in. During the event, please fill out this form so we can gather your feedback. Belt Loop Bonanza Staff will have spare copies of this form. Each Pack will receive patches at the Closing Ceremony. All units should plan to be out of the activity area by 15h00.

4.4 Late Arrival & Early Departure

If a unit or individual is going to arrive or depart at any time other than those scheduled for the Belt Loop Bonanza, please make **Jonnie Deitz** aware of these plans.

5. Belt Loop Bonanza Rules

As members of the Boy Scouts of America, it is our obligation and responsibility to see that everyone respects and observes rules and regulations in this package and follows guidance provided by the Belt Loop Bonanza Staff, Unit Leaders and Fire Station personnel.

As in all Scouting activities, the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack will be the Law of the Belt Loop Bonanza. Any individual who does not act as he should may be putting his unit's future Belt Loop Bonanza privileges in jeopardy and putting the privilege of the Mayflower District to hold Belt Loop Bonanzas on RAF Feltwell at risk. Units and/or individuals that do not comply with these rules may be asked to leave immediately.

5.1 Water

Water stations will be set up in the main activity area. Canteens / Water Bottles should be carried during the program, as drinking water will not be readily available in all program areas.

5.2 Toilets

Toilets will be available in the activity areas. Please respect them and keep them clean. Do not place trash or soft drinks cans in the toilets.

5.4 Proper Uniform

BSA uniforms (Cub Scout shirt and Cub Scout pants/shorts with proper socks) should be worn for Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Scouts are encouraged to wear scouting t-shirts for the day's activities.

In accordance with BSA National Policies, **NO military garb or fatigues, including camouflage, should be worn.** Rain gear which is camouflaged is allowed, although it is not recommended.

5.5 Items to Bring

Families please remember to bring; camping chairs for lunch and water bottles! Blue Cub Scout Uniform and Scouting T-Shirt (Event is Rain or Shine – please bring a change of clothes – sports is outdoors)

5.6 Discipline

Parents will be responsible for the behaviour of their children at all times. Adults who are not helping in the events or watching Pack sites, should accompany their cub scouts as they participate in the events.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts should leave all cell phones and portable electronic devices at home.

5.7 Knives

Sheath knives and knives with blades longer than 3 ½ inches are not allowed at the Belt Loop Bonanza. If any are found, they will be held for the remainder of the Belt Loop Bonanza by a member of the Belt Loop Bonanza Staff.

Only Cub Scouts that have earned the Whittlin' Chit may carry and use a pocket knife.

5.8 Alcoholic Beverages

No alcoholic beverages of any kind are allowed at the Belt Loop Bonanza, except those used for religious sacrament.

5.9 Firearms

For safety reasons, firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, bow and arrows or slingshots of any kind are not allowed at the Belt Loop Bonanza without gaining specific prior permission from **Jonnie Deitz**.

5.10 Fireworks

Absolutely no fireworks are permitted.

5.11 Dogs

No dogs are permitted on the Campsite except those used as guide dogs for the blind or other aid for disabled participants.

5.13 Health and Safety

The rules in the preceding paragraphs are for your health and safety. Please follow them and be careful. The Belt Loop Bonanza Staff will be alert to safety hazards during the weekend. Please assist in the elimination of hazards or reckless acts as they are observed or brought to your attention.

5.14 Use of US Military Facilities

Please note, that it is a violation of UK law for non-DOD card holders to attempt to use the Commissary or certain other stores on base. Please ensure that your scouts are also aware that they will not be permitted to shop on the base unless they are a DOD card holder. Please do not put ID card holders in an uncomfortable position by asking them to make purchases on your behalf. Base Personnel can lose their privileges for making unauthorized purchases. Sales are restricted in order to comply with UK law. You risk being ejected from the base and also put the ability of Mayflower District to hold the Belt Loop Bonanza at risk.

Hope To See You And Your Unit There

The Belt Loop Bonanza Staff

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