Transatlantic Council, BSA Presents

The Normandy Camporee



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Welcome

We are thrilled that you are interested in attending the Normandy-Omaha Beach Camporee. Work began on this camporee shortly after our last one in 2011. With 2014 being a special year with the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I there are many activities being planned in Normandy and throughout France. We look forward to welcoming you and providing a memorable experience.

The camporee has taken on a bit of a "legend" and we are happy that over the years we have acquired a reputation of being a premiere scouting event. However, the success of Normandy is not the "event." It is the personal experiences that youth, and adults have during the weekend. Some are touched by the private moment of walking through the American Cemetery, others by the campfire on the bluffs overlooking Omaha Beach, others by ceremonies, others by walking at Pointe du Hoc. Our goal is to create the possibility of meaningful experiences that will touch our youth and help them to understand the magnitude of what happened on June 6, 1944 and the battle to defeat Fascism. More than a battle we hope that youth understand how the sacrifices made by our "Greatest Generation" have influenced the world we live in today and that they will lead tomorrow.

Please come but don't sit back and wait to be "wowed." Throw yourself into the history, read before you come, help your youth to understand through film, newsreels, books, so that they have an understanding of the history so that they can be moved by the moment.

Pray for good weather. We go on regardless but like any site with many outdoor activities the camporee is really more meaningful when you are comfortable.

Please read the guide and if you have questions please ask. The event is a work in progress and there will certainly be twists and turns in the organization between March 2013 and April 2014. We will keep you updated. The best place for information will be www.tac-bsa.org/Normandy

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Background

In April 1994, the Charlemagne and Mayflower Districts hosted a 50th Anniversary Commemoration Camporee near Omaha Beach. The event was for Scout troops and was eventually opened to the rest of the Transatlantic Council. The event proved to be such a great experience for the families that attended that a decision was made to hold this camporee every five years. Our aim is to provide the opportunity for a memorable experience to all of our Scouting families. Originally we planned this event for every five years, but due to the requests from our Scouting families, we now conduct this event every three years. This Normandy Camporee will mark the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. It will be the last commemoration that will include World War II Veterans as an integral part of the program. It will mark the 20th Anniversary of the first TAC Normandy Camporee. Future camporees will be in 2017 and we will mark the 75th Anniversary in 2019.

We will highlight areas that have been challenges in the past.

Event Information

Registration will begin at 13h00. on 24th April and the last formal activity will end at 10:30 a.m. on 27 April

The camporee staff will be available as of Thursday afternoon, 24 April. The director and staff will arrive Wednesday evening. We will be able to assist you with your setup location as of 13h00. on the 24th. If you wish to come earlier no staff will be on site but arrangements may be made. (You may have to move once the staff arrives to the location designated for your group, although where possible we will try to keep you where you are located) Also arrangements may be made to stay past Sunday. The campground expects us to collect all fees relating to the event so if you are coming early or staying late please register with the council office only.

You may have to move if you arrive before the staff arrives because typically people spread out and we have x number of participants to serve.

Who may attend and parent attendance requirements: This event is open to all registered youth and their families in Transatlantic Council, or in any unit, district or council in the Boy Scouts of America. We would welcome participation from Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls. The event organizer is Transatlantic Council and questions should be directed to Transatlantic Council only.

It is also open to UK Scout Association units, French Scouting units, and invited guests. For those units camping and participating with the Transatlantic Council you will need to follow BSA rules (many of those highlighted on the following pages).

All Transatlantic Council units that wish to participate must have completed the recharter process with Transatlantic Council. Units in a lapsed or dropped status will not be permitted to participate.

Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bears must have a parent or guardian with them. Webelos should have a parent or guardian but are permitted to camp as long as the youth to

adult ratio does not surpass 2 Webelos per adult attending. Troops, and Crews need to follow the BSA youth protection policy of a minimum of 2 adults leaders per troop and crew. If a crew has female members then there must be a minimum of one female leader attending. In no circumstances are youth to share sleeping quarters with adults who are not their parents.

Location & Facilities



We will be camping at Camping Portland in the town of Port en Bessin-Huppain. It is located across the street from the Omaha Beach Golf Course and Mercure Hotel (very well sign posted) Maps and directions are part of the attachments. This is a 4 star camparound located about 10 km from the American Cemetery and 12 km from Bayeux. This is the same campground used and well liked by our Scouters in 2008 and 2011. The camp does have running water, restroom facilities, showers, a restaurant, and indoor pool. With the large number of people expected to participate, sanitation units will be rented. The campground is beautifully landscaped and sites are already laid out. There are some large open areas for larger units who wish to camp. . The amount of space allocated to each unit will be proportionate to the number of people who register. If we have 1000 people, units will have a fair amount of space. If we have 2000 people then space will be tight. Units need to be prepared for jamboree style camping with tents side by side forming a "U", and with the cooking area in the middle. Since this event is conducted every three years, we will not turn any Scouting family away. We hope and expect our units to honor this intention, and to work to limit your "footprint."

We have rented extra showers and bathrooms for this event. There can be significant waits during "peak periods" (evenings after program activities).

The campground is on a bluff not far from the sea. The camp is lead by friendly, supportive people. Families need to be prepared for cold, damp weather. We will do all we can to provide a warm welcome.

For families without good camping gear (warm weather sleeping bags, weather resistent tents), it may be better to reserve accommodations in the area.

We do have bungalows for rent on the campsite. We expect them to be rented quickly.

The six person bungalows have 1 double bed, 2 rooms with 2 individual beds each, and a sofa bed that sleeps 2, along with kitchenette, shower, toilet

The four person bungalows have 1 double bed, 1 room with 2 individual beds, and a sofa bed that can sleep 2. along with a kitchenette, shower, toilet

With the large turn out expected for this event we have made tentative reservations at additional camping locations between Camping Port'land and the American Cemetery. Rather than using a shoe horn to squeeze people into Port'land we will use these additional sites for sleeping.

Cooking There are no ground fires. You can use burn barrels as long as they are raised sufficiently off the ground that the heat does not burn the grass. There is no wood in the area to gather for fuel. The event director has assured the owners of the camping area that there will not be burn marks on the ground and that the turf will not be dug up. Units leaving any burn marks will be assessed a minimum of \$50 to cover turf damage upon check out (the amount depends on the extent). We are strongly encouraging the use of propane stoves. If units have US type stoves, they should make sure that they have sufficient quantities of propane for the weekend as it is not available locally (or make sure that they have a US to European converter valve so local gas can be used). Of course the last time we did this event, units that were short were helped by units that had extra in the best of Scouting traditions.

Dogs in Camp: No dogs are permitted to stay in the campsite. We are in close quarters and youth and adults who have allergies or fear dogs should not have to worry. Dogs are permitted in the bungalows. When walked, they must be on a lead and you must use your doggy pooper scooper.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO ALCOHOL AT BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA EVENTS. PLEASE TELL YOUR PARENTS! ANY ADULT OR YOUTH CONSUMING ALCOHOL ON THE CAMP PREMISES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

Money Matters & Registration

The Normandy Camporee costs \$60.00 per person camping, (no charge for children 5 and under) and \$30.00 per person attending the event and staying elsewhere.

If you wish to stay extra nights, then the cost is \$10.00 per person per night within the campgrounds. That is a reduction of \$10.00 from the 2011 costs as we hope you will take the time to visit the area.

Bungalow Reservations are on a separate form

There is a unit fee of \$100.00 to cover the costs of flower arrangements for the American Cemetery, and unit recognition items. If you absolutely do not wish to lay a wreath to lay at the Sunday ceremony (you are leaving, please don't), then just let us know with the application form. The unit fee is then reduced to \$25.00

These fees cover event patch, camping fees, sanitation, trash removal, administrative costs, and program fees. These are substantial. It costs over \$250,000 to put on this

event and the fees do not cover the costs as we will depend on subsidies to deliver a quality program.

This fee does not include: admission to any museums; boat trip; and food.

This event is subsidized by approximately € 100,000 by local and regional governments, the Office of Veteran Affairs, and Planet Earth...SOS,

All fees should be sent to with the registration form attached to the guide.

Checks should be made payable to TAC-BSA

On-line registration will be at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Normandy2014

Bungalows are **done on an individual basis** and can be reserved at <u>www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/bungalows2014</u>

The fee for the bungalows includes all camporee fees. There are no additional fees to be paid if you book a bungalow

This event is open to all families but we wish to receive a unit registration form and not individual family forms, or den or patrol forms. We need to have a unit point of contact with an alternate in case we need to communicate any additional information. At the event the point of contact is responsible for paying any additional fees.

We will distribute everything when your unit registers at the camporee. Patches, program guides, and everything you need when you check-in. We will prepare packets for each bungalow with their patches, program guides etc. so those numbers will not be within your total for your unit but they will have the information.

We anticipate between 3,500 and 4,500 participants. If a no other families in a unit are planning on attending then we will accept individual application forms. We want everyone who would like to attend to feel welcome. However as soon as we see a 2nd form from a unit we will be asking for who is the point of contact. Not having a volunteer from your unit to act as a coordinator does not mean that we will do it for you. As you can imagine with everything that we do in our council from Klondike to Day Camp to Summer Camps, OA, Conferences that this creates a huge additional work load. We will all work together to support you but we need your help and cooperation as well as it is easier to deal with 200 units than 4,500 individuals.

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Refunds

Refund requests should be made in writing to Transatlantic Council within 10 days of the event. Cancellations within two weeks of the event are subject to a 20% administration fee.

Registration Deadline: 1 March 2014

Thanks to our units respecting this important deadline, we were able to determine in 2008 that we needed space for an additional 600 campers. Had our units not kept to

the deadline, we would not have been able to find additional space, toilets, and dumpsters. In 2011, we knew that we would have 500 fewer and that we did not need to reserve additional space and the logistics planned were sufficient for the numbers.

Additional families can register after the deadline. Your unit space allocation may not increase. The space concerns are relative to the total number of participants, and space depends on the conditions at the campground. We will endeavor to make sure every unit has ample space but last minute large group reservations do cause logistic problems, so please send it what you have no later than 1 March and then if you need to add a few more families that is much easier than a new reservation of 160 people a few days before the event. Also if an overflow camping area needs to be booked, those units who register after 1 March (or who increase their numbers substantially) will be using the overflow camping area regardless of when you arrive.

Registration will begin at the campground at 1300. on Thursday. The campground will be occupied from 12 p.m. on Thursday. We realize that families within units may not arrive at the same time. Families will be shown to their unit's camping area.

Unloading & Parking & Driving

With the number of people and vehicles at the camporee, it is important that when people arrive, they check in at registration where they will find out where they are camping. They will proceed to the camping area with their vehicle and then off load their vehicle. As soon as the vehicle is off loaded, it will then proceed to the parking area while someone stays with the equipment. There is a large lot at the campground used to handling large groups. However, it is an unmarked area so please follow parking instructions so everyone can park and also not be blocked in.

There are limited spaces in the campground parking lot. Please obey the directions of the camporee staff. We need to provide space for vehicles to off-load and to move out of the camping area. Parking is also limited by the weather. If we are blessed with dry weather there are more parking spots available within the camping area.

There is a single road that loops through the campground. Please drive slowly. There are many bends and youth are often walking (especially if it is raining) on the road. Please limit driving at night within the campground. Drive slow, use your emergency flashers. Please if cautioned about driving too fast, it is not personal, we do not want injuries to our youth or you to have to face the police if you hit a participant. We do know that there is stress to get to your destination and it only takes one vehicle to cause a blockage. Please think of others and keep a good Scout spirit.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ON THE GRASS

This sounds really good in the package but the reality the last time we were there was that people would not wait for vehicles to off-load, and units off-loading were anxious to put up tents and do everything except move the vehicles. We are Scouts and we need to cooperate.

Also last time people left the vehicles parked on either side of the small camp road so units would have easy access to supplies. Of course, if we needed to bring an ambulance or fire engine into the site, they would not have been able to pass. You will be told at registration, but you need to know in advance that type of safety hazard will not be tolerated. We will make arrangements for vehicles to be towed away if

they are not properly parked. I know this sounds decidedly unfriendly for a scout event, but it could be YOUR family in need of emergency assistance and that far outweighs the inconvenience of having to park in overflow parking areas. Also of course the people that do cooperate feel a bit taken advantage of as well. Enough said.

Travel to Program Areas & Pack up on Sunday

With the expected large number of participants, we need to keep safety in mind at all times with the vehicles in camp. When drivers check in they will be given directions on driving within the campground and to the various events. We wish to avoid gridlock with a number of vehicles coming into the site to pick up Scouts to go on the activities while there are a large number of vehicles who have picked up Scouts who are trying to get out of the site. Please adhere to the rules that are given. They will be designed to make it as easy as possible for everyone to get to where they want to go.

For travel to the camp wide program activities please keep in mind that everyone will be going at relatively close to the same time. What might be a normal 15 minute trip from the campground to American Cemetery on your own may take a bit longer. Allow plenty of travel time from the campground to all the activities.

For check out on Sunday, once your site is packed up please go to the registration area and a Commissioner will make sure that your site is in an acceptable condition. Only then should vehicles be brought onto the site to load up. Once loaded up, the unit should depart the campground immediately. (or proceed to the line waiting to leave).

We will do all we can to prepare for the worst traffic scenario.

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School

In 1994 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008 and 2011 every school gave an excused absence based on what the scouts would experience during the weekend. Several of the schools did have the Scouts make a report to their classmates about the weekend in return for the excused absence. For many schools, this will be during spring break.

Travel

Use a software program for Port en Bessin (near Bayeux).

We do not recommend leaving after school on Friday (except maybe for Troop 112 in Paris) as you will arrive very late. Night driving on unfamiliar roads in unfamiliar areas is very difficult. For units going around Paris, Friday night on the Peripherique (Ring Road around Paris) can be an absolute nightmare (as it can be at just about any other time as well, but Friday is a pretty sure bet). We do recommend that you try to be at Paris before 4 p.m. and the earlier the better. It is Spring Break for French schools.

For units traveling on the motorways (autoroute, autobahn), these roads in France are toll roads. You should have euros or have credit cards to pay for the tolls. For a

car traveling from Germany to Normandy, you should have around 75 euros for each way.

Van drivers, military bus drivers etc. may want to consider booking a hotel for Saturday night to get a better night's sleep. It is a long drive on a busy weekend for all of us so the more rest that you are able to get, hopefully the safer the journey home will be. For your travel day as well, I know in some cases that it cannot be avoided but working all day and then driving Scouts to Normandy can be just too much. Drive safely and use common sense.

Campground Address

Camping Portland Chemin du Castel F 14.520 Port en Bessin-Huppain

+33 (0)2 31 51 07 06

Just a point for those using a GPS. There is a dirt road that runs alongside the campground that many GPS units think is a really neat road. Best bet is to follow signs to Mercure Hotel, Omaha Beach Golf Course and then turn at the intersection where one turns left (coming from Caen) to the hotel and RIGHT to go to the Campground (large sign!!) The best way is the route D 514 (La Haut de la Côte) and Turn Right (coming from Caen) at the traffic light at Chemin du Sémaphore.

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Military Vehicles in France

The rules change so please check with your transportation office before you commit for the trip.

If we are traveling by train what is the closest rail station and are there buses to the campground?

The closest train station to Port en Bessin is Bayeux. There are no local buses to take you to the campground. There is a local bus private bus company that we can put you in contact with if you have a large group. Otherwise we are dependent on scout volunteers who have cars to bring you to the campground. There is also no public transportation in the area to visit the sites.

Do you have spaces on a bus that you are trying to fill?

Are you trying to find a way to Normandy?

As a service if you are looking for a bus to hook with to go to Normandy, send us an e-mail at program@tac-bsa.org with your email address, # of spaces and community. We will make your information available for those who are looking to fill those last spaces on their bus.

If you have spaces, please let me know the same information along with how many spaces that you have and I will put you in contact of anyone who may be willing to join up with you.

Security During the day and most of the evening on Saturday and Sunday morning most people will be away. Commissioners will roam the site watching for people who should not be in our camping area. Units are free also to leave adults behind to watch their property, but in no case should a scout be left back at the site for security. We have also hired a private security firm to assist with security as well.

Flowers We are including wreaths in with the unit fee this year. When units have had the option most ordered wreaths and those that didn't wish that they did and sent us scrambling on Saturday. If absolutely don't want a wreath to lay at the Sunday ceremony (you are leaving, please don't), then just let us know with the application form. The unit fee is then reduced to \$25.00

We will also be looking for 50 volunteers to go to Bayeux and help pick tulips that we will use at the US Cemetery on Sunday. The tulips are raised by the local Lion's Club and we make a donation to support cancer charities in return for the flowers. We feel that this is a way of making an impact (and local florists already do pretty well with us)

Scout Shop

We will have a Scout Scout featuring special Normandy Camporee items, as well as BSA supplies. The shop will be open most of the weekend. We will accept MasterCard and Visa, US Dollar Checks, Dollars, and Euros.

If you have orders that you would like us to bring, they must be placed before 15 April so we have time to pack the order and to bring it with us. The Scout Shop will be closed for business in Germany from April 21st to April 30th.

Once we have placed our custom design orders for Normandy, we will allow units to pre-order merchandise, and it will be for sale in the Scout Shop in Germany. We anticipate Normandy T-shirts, Sweatshirts, neckerchiefs, coins, lapel/hat pins. Once we have sold out however, we are sold out, and will not be taking orders to mail out later. Most custom design articles take a minimum of 8 weeks.



The "Bleuet" (or Cornflower)

Each Scout and Leader will be presented with a cornflower when you receive your registration packet. The cornflower is the French flower of remembrance and a symbol that we will not forget those who gave their lives for freedom, or the sacrifices

made by families on behalf of freedom. That is why it is incorporated into our event patch and should be worn the entire weekend and especially at the ceremony on Sunday

For questions on programs and logistics, please contact:

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Camporee Program

Thursday

Early Bird Arrival and Set up

Friday

Unit Registration and Set up

Boat Trip departs Port en Bessin Port Area, Parking by Fort Times Still to Be Determined (based on tide schedule it will be around 8:30 a.m.) Reservations will be at www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/Boats

1800-2000 Chief Scout Executive Reception at Campground, all invited

Visit Chief Scout Executive, Wayne Brock, at a reception at the campground on Friday evening. The Chief Scout Executive will be visiting our council for the event and looks forward to meeting TAC Scouts and Scouters.

2030-2300 Benefactor Dinner

Our council cannot provide this event or our council services without the support of corporate and civic leaders. This dinner is organized to thank those whose financial support makes possible this event as well as the great programs offered to youth and leaders in Transatlantic Council

2130 Venture Cracker-Barrel

Join us at Camping Port'land with all Venture Crews and youth Venture Age (14-20) from our international partners for fellowship and friendship. Our goal is that the Venture Crews and local French Scouts may team up to visit and participate together on Saturday.

Saturday

Boat Trip departs Port en Bessin Port Area, Parking by Fort Times Still to Be Determined (probably 7:30 and 9:15 departures)

8:00 Transatlantic Council Executive Board Breakfast @ Camping Port'land

10:00 Ecumenical prayer for peace at the Bayeux Cathedral (open to all).

???-1545 Unit Activities and Visits (Normandy Trail, Pointe de Hoc, Mere Ste Eglise, Utah Beach, Memorial Museum in Caen, Bayeux, Arromanches). The question mark is you can start as early as you want. **There is no formal opening ceremony.** We do this so that we try as much as possible to not have everyone moving in the same direction at the same time.

The tide schedule this year dictates the program. The morning high tide is 7:29 and will not leave the beach clear until 9 a.m. and the evening high tide is at 19h59 which means we should be off the beach should be covered by 18h15.

15h45 Gather in Saint Laurent sur Mer for special Commemoration Ceremony directed by Daniel Charpentier starting promptly at 16h30 and ending at 17h30

National Anthems

They were only 18 years old....(highlights of D-Day)

Scouting our ties in brotherhood

Petition to UNESCO* to have D-Day Landing Beaches as a World Heritage Site

In order for this to be effective please sign at http://www.causes.com/actions/1737245 or use the petition form attached to the document. We will need at least 250,000 signatures to capture the attention of UNESCO..so everyone needs to do their part if it is important to you.

Their Sacrifice for our future...what will you do.

The ceremony will be followed by an evening hot meal that is included in the price. More details will be available (probably though a spaghetti dinner) and will be located near Saint Laurent so that you will not have to travel far for the dinner (or it will be at the campfire site). Trying to find a site to feed 4,000 has proved to be elusive but we do have places and the goal is to not create another traffic jam in the campground. I know the next question...if we don't want to eat with 4,000 people can you reduce the fee....response...no

Following the evening meal, planning on 19h30 start our campfire on the dunes overlooking Omaha Beach. At the campfire we will do the following: Webelos to Scout Crossover

This is for 2nd year Webelos who are crossing over in the Spring (or have crossed over) 2014 to Boy Scouts. This is not an Arrow of Light Presentation that needs to be done as a unit.

Heroism Awards

Wood Badge Presentation

Order of the Arrow Call Out

Silver Awards for Venturing

Remarks from BSA Leadership

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

This is for Eagles who have had their Board of Review in the 70th Anniversary year of 2014

Closing

Following the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, we will have our Eagle Scout Reception that is open to all youth and adult Eagle Scouts, Parents, Spouses, and special guests. Location to be determined.

Sunday

09h00 Closing Ceremony at American Cemetery, Starts promptly at 09h00 with everyone already in place

When you arrive, go immediately to the location around the tidal basin at the Cemetery. There will be no parade. Every unit (not just TAC units) should have a flag bearer. The flag bearers will line the area around the Memorial Statue.

Each unit should have one youth member to present the flowers on behalf of their unit. They will be coached by staff when to move forward and what to do. Yes, you can have an adult take pictures, and if you really need two people to carry the wreath you can do that too.

The ceremony will close with each family or small group receiving a carnation to have a private ceremony at a grave of their choice. We will order approximately 1 carnation for every 4 participants. Those will be distributed at the end of the ceremony.

Safe Drive Home

Area Hotels

Staying in a Hotel We are glad you are in Normandy and for families without camping gear or even camping gear for April in Normandy it is a really smart move. Please try to stop by the campground and see if there are any changes in the program. We will try to have packets or a schedule for families at least at the Mercure and Ibis

Until 31 October 2013, individuals booking rooms at the Mercure (across the street from campground) and the Ibis (in the town of Port en Bessin about 10 minutes from the campground) will receive a 10% reduction on 2014 tariffs. Please mention Boy Scouts of America. Mercure e-mail is h215@accor.com and phone is +33 2 31 22 44 44.

Ibis Hotels: Tel: (+33)2/31220404

Hotel Mercure

This is a *** hotel in Port-en-Bessin. With prices around 120 euros per night for a double. Phone is 0033 231 22 44 44.. There is an excellent restaurant in the hotel, and a very fine 27-hole golf course. The campground is located across the street from the hotel.

The Ibis is a 2 star hotel in Port en Bessin looking at the town from across the port. It is a new hotel and very nicely furnished.

If you do not wish to stay in a hotel then the tourist office in Bayeux (<u>www.bayeuxtourism.com</u>) also lists what are called Chambres de Hôtes. These are bed and breakfasts and can run from very reasonable to expensive.

KING HOTEL (Hotellerie Hotel) 20 Rue Nord 14520 Port En Bessin Huppain

Tél.:+33 (0)2 31 21 44 44

This hotel caters to groups and is reasonably priced. If your unit wishes to stay as a group in a hotel this could be an attractive option.

We have also used D-Day Hotel in Saint Laurent (68 Euros per night) 33 (0)2.31.92.66.49

Bayeux

There are a large range of hotels in the town. It is the largest town in the area

Port en Bessin/Bayeux Information is available in English on Bayeux's website at http://www.bayeux-tourism.com. Many people have stayed at the Novotel and at La Campanille (Novotel *** chain, La Campanille ** chain)

Vierville sur Mer (about 3 kms. From the American Cemetery)

Hotel du Casino Rue de la Percée Phone 0033 2 31 22 41 02 Fax: 0033 2 31 22 41 12

Price: 60-65 euros

Isigny sur Mer

This is where the camporee was in 1999 to 2005. Many Scouters enjoyed staying at the hotel. It is about 30 kms. to Port en Bessin

Hotel de France

13 rue Emile Demagny (main street in Isigny)

Phone: 0033 2 31 22 00 33 Fax 0033 2 31 22 79 19

Approximately 70 euros part of the Logis de France chain, usually good reasonably priced hotels

If you do not wish to stay in a hotel then the tourist office in Bayeux (www.bayeux-tourism.com) also lists what are called Chambres de Hôtes. These are bed and breakfasts and can run from very reasonable to expensive.

We have also found that www.booking.com offers great comparisons and competitive prices.

Program Opportunities for Saturday (Free Time)

Normandy Historic Trail

The Transatlantic Council Normandy Historic Trail is a popular choice for this weekend activity. The trail stretches from the American Cemetery at Colleville sur Mer to the beginning of the cliffs in Vierville along the beach. One may no longer hike on the bluffs overlooking the beach due to dangerous conditions. The hike other than tide conditions is basically flat and can be completed in 2 to 3 hours depending on the age and experience of the people on the hike. (It could take all day too). Please take the time to visit and read the inscriptions on the many monuments in the area.

Please pay attention to the tide schedule when it is published. Basically the tides work on 4 six hours cycles. At high tide the water comes up to the road and there is no beach. The tide also comes in very fast and not in a straight line. One should not hike either 90 minutes before nor after the published high tide schedule.

There is a Normandy Historic Trail Patch available for purchase for those who complete the trail. The patch costs \$4.50. Patches can be pre-ordered so they are at Normandy (use link to order from Scout Shop) and can be presented to those who complete the trail. (this is done by the unit and not at the campfire).

Note about Normandy Historic Trail

When one reads the word "trail" one of course thinks of hiking. For most of the morning on Saturday (and Friday) the trail from Vierville to Colleville is covered by the tide. There is a sidewalk from Vierville to St. Laurent (not far) and towards Colleville (US Cemetery), that one can walk. The trail was originally designed when one could walk the cliffs overlooking the beaches. Those have been closed since 2001 due to erosion. The Normandy Historic Trail is completed by visiting Omaha Beach, the American Cemetery and Pointe de Hoc. This can be done by foot where possible and by vehicle. It is prohibited to walk on the road from Vierville to Pointe de Hoc. Two cars can barely pass on the road and it is the scene of several pedestrian and vehicle accidents (buses, and cars driving too fast). The important part is the history and learning about what happened on D-Day,

MUSEUMS and LOCAL AREA TOUR SITES

Things to do.....As we receive word on discounts, admissions, we will add to the list. Usually the camp patch issued on arrival is your key to discounts in the area (list is updated a bit from 2011 but some prices may have gone up since then). Most museums do have websites.

American Cemetery at Colleville sur Mer.

Besides hosting our closing ceremony, there is a wonderful visitor center that is free and provides an overview to World War II and also many personal stories of the men buried at the Cemetery. It is well worth the visit and often times on Sunday with trying to leave, there is not enough time to make the visit.

Pointe de Hoc, Grandcamp-Maisy

This is the site of where the Rangers scaled the cliffs to capture an important site. The cannons on the site could endanger both the Omaha and Utah beach landings as well as battleships providing supporting fire. It was a great feat of skill and courage. Learn about it by visiting the site, and the new Visitors Center.

1)Saint Laurent-sur-la-Mer: Omaha Beach Landing Museum

" les Moulins " - Avenue de la Libération 14710 SAINT-LAURENT-SUR-MER

Phone: (33) 231 219744 Fax: (33) 231 927280

Email: musee-memorial-omaha@wanadoo.fr Site: www.musee-memorial-omaha.com

Description: Located actually on Omaha Beach, this 1200 m2 museum has a fine

collection of uniforms, arms, vehicles and personal effects.

This museum is directed by the mayor of Saint Laurent and a great friend to our event. Normally there has been free admission to Scouts upon presentation of their badge

Several displays, maps and photos together with a film of witness accounts from American veterans will throw more light on the landings at Omaha Beach and the raid on Pointe du Hoc. Military hardware also includes a landing craft, Sherman Tank and a 155mm Long Tom gun, the only one in Normandy. Open daily from 03-16 to 05-15: 09h30 - 18h30.

2)Pointe du Hoc and Ranger Museum

Quai Crampon 14450 GRANDCAMP-MAISY

Phone: (33) 231 923351 Fax: (33) 231 229995

Email: GRANDCAMP-MAISY@wanadoo.fr

Description: Location of the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaling rugged cliffs to capture strategic gun emplacements. This was an important element to the success at Normandy as the guns from the Pointe du Hoc could easily reach both Omaha and Utah beaches. You will never forget what courage and bravery, teamwork and training to scale the cliff. There is a wonderful visitor center that opened in 2005. 18 minute video, Models symbolizing the courage of the young American soldiers involved in its storming, the famous Pointe du Hoc was one of the strongholds in the German fortifications and was taken by force on the morning of 6th June by Colonel Rudder's "Rangers". The site, full of emotive memories, has been completely redeveloped; its impressive appearance bears witness to the intensity of the battles. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 02-15 to 05-15: 13h00 - 18h00.

3) Arromanches 360 Theater and Arromanches Landing Museum

Chemin du Calvaire - BP 9 14117 ARROMANCHES-LES-BAINS (360 Theater)

Phone: (33) 231 223030 / 223431

Fax: (33) 231 223355

Email: contact@arromanches360.com

Site: www.arromanches360.com

Description: Theater - This is a 360 degree theater. You will be plunged into the middle of the D-Day action. This theater has received great reviews from visitors to the Normandy area. There are local experts often on site to describe the battle. " The Price of Freedom ", an outstanding film, is shown on 9 screens in the round. A mixture of pictures of the D-Day Landings in 1944 and of Normandy as it is today,

you will find this 360° film show an unforgettable experience. For 2014 everything has been modernized and renovated to enhance the experience.

This was a bit too much for my children when they were 10 years old with the booming canons (Vince note)

Two shows per hour at 10 and 40 minutes past the hour. Open 1010 until 1640 hours

Place du 6 Juin 14117 ARROMANCHES-LES-BAINS (Landing Museum)

Phone: (33) 231 223431 Fax: (33) 231 926883

Email: info.arromanches@normandy1944.com

Site: www.normandie1944.fr

Museum - The permanent landing exhibition is located in front of the very remains of the extraordinary artificial port. Models, diorama, a film, etc. Open year round, except from 01 to 22 January. Hours: 0900 to 1800, doors close 30 mins before closing time.

4)Sainte Marie du Mont: Utah Beach Landing Museum

Utah Beach 50480 SAINTE-MARIE-DU-MONT

Phone: (33) 233 715335 Fax: (33) 233 719236

Email: musee@utah-beach.com Site: www.utah-beach.com

Description: The Normandy Landing Museum opened for the 50th anniversary in 1994. It is an outstanding museum that captures the essence of the D-Day landings. Located opposite the beach on the UTAH site, this museum uses archives and souvenirs to recount the military and engineering exploit of the American landing at UTAH. This museum also has and excellent reputation.

5)Longues Battery

Office de Tourisme Intercommunal Bayeux Bessin 14400 LONGUES-SUR-MER

Phone: (33) 231 214687 or 0231 512828

Fax: (33) 231 512829

Email: longues@bayeux-tourism.com

This German artillery battery, which gave the Allied ships a pounding on the morning of 6th June, is the only coastal battery to have kept its guns, giving an impressive picture of what an Atlantic Wall gun emplacement was really like. Open all year round. Guided tours from Easter to September. Very impressive (Easy drive toward Arromanches) Scouts will love the bunkers/observation posts with guns intact. Open daily year round.

6) Vierville sur-la-Mer: Omaha Exhibition

Phone: (33) 231 224366

Description: This museum was completely refurbished in 1994 and has become one of the premier museums in the area. Open from April to September 1000 to 1200 and 1400 to 1900 hours daily.

7)Courseulles-sur-Mer: Juno Beach Museum

Voie des Français Libres - BP 104 14470 COURSEULLES-SUR-MER

Phone: (33) 231 373217 Fax: (33) 231 378369

Email: contact@junobeach.org

Site: www.junobeach.org

Description: The only Canadian Museum on the Landing Beaches, the Juno Beach Centre explains the role of Canada in the Second World War as well an insight into Canadian culture.

8)Caen: Memorial for Peace Museum

Esplanade Général Eisenhower - BP 55026 - 14050 CAEN

Phone: (33) 231 060645 Fax: +33 2 31 06 06 70

Email: resa@memorial-caen.fr Site: www.memorial-caen.fr

Description: An original idea, the history of our century from 1918 up to today. This trip through history is followed by three audiovisual shows which invite the visitor to reflect upon peace. A completely documented center completes this museum which is unique of its type in France. 20 years of the Memorial of Caen, an exceptional year to relive and understand our History! Between friends or in family, live this unique experience in Europe of a journey which will drive you in the heart of the history of the XXth century. During the school holidays, come to discover our full of life visits, free animations of 45mn in the route for families

We have a special price of 5 Euros per person (normally 17-20 Euros) to this exceptional museum. You do need to register in advance at www.tacbsa.kintera.org/peace-museum

9)Benouville: Museum of Airborne Troops & Pegasus Bridge

Avenue du Major Howard 14860 RANVILLE

Phone: (33) 231 781944 / 446254

Fax: (33) 2 1 781942

Email: memorial.pegasus@wanadoo.fr

Site: www.normandv1944.com

Description: The "Pegasus Bridge" Museum retraces the historic hours of D-Day (6 June 1944) and the capture of Benouville bridge by British paraglider troops. At dawn on 6th June, 1944 the first allied troops arrived in Ranville-Bénouville. You can come and relive their story and learn about their heroic combat to liberate the region.

The museum contains hundreds of authentic objects, all emotive souvenirs, and features the famous Pegasus Bridge which was the first bridge to be liberated on the French mainland. An actual-size model of a glider from that period is also exhibited in the museum's grounds.

10)Sainte Mere Eglise: Museum of Airborne Troops & Church

Phone: (33) 233 414135

Description: The town of Sainte Mere Eglise was liberated by US Airborne troops in the early hours of 6 June 1944. The town church was made memorable in the film "The Longest Day" by Actor Red Buttons who portrayed the Airborne trooper whose parachute was suspended by the church steeple. (The paratrooper survived the ordeal).

11)Bayeux: Battle of Normandy 1944 Memorial Museum

Boulevard Fabian Ware 14400 BAYEUX

Phone: (33) 231 514690 Fax: (33) 231 514691

Email: bataillenormandie@mairie-bayeux.fr

Description: Retraces the military and human history of the Battle of Normandy from 6 June to 22 August 1944. Located in the first town in France to be liberated, this museum presents entirely new displays to offer a better understanding of this decisive action in the liberation of Western Europe. Open 16 March to 31 May and 01 September to 15 October from 0930 to 1230 and 1400 to 1830 hours. Summer hours: Open 01 June to 31 August from 0900 to 1900 hours. Winter hours: Open 16 October to 15 March from 1000 to 1230 and 1400 to 1800 hours.

12)Quistreham: Commando 4 MuseumPlace Alfred Thomas 14150 OUISTREHAM

Phone: (33) 231 966310

Description: Museum dedicated to the French Commando Unit that retook the seaside town of Quistreham. The museum retraces the epic story of the first commandos to land on Sword Beach at dawn on 6th June, including the Franco-British commando and French Commandant Philippe Kieffer.

13)Saint-Come-Du-Mont - Dead Man's Corner Museum

2 Village de l'Amont 50500 SAINT-CÔME-DU-MONT

Phone: (33) 233 420042 Fax: (33) 233 420042

Email: carentan.101@orange.fr Site: www.paratrooper-museum.org

Description: At the point where the men of the 101st Airborne Division encountered the Green Devils (the German paratroopers of the 6th Fallschirmjager Regiment) for the first time you can get an insight to the horror of the battle for Carentan on the site which has remained largely intact.

14)Radar Museum

Route de Basly 14440 DOUVRES-LA-DÉLIVRANDE

Phone: +33 231377443 / 0231362424

Fax: +33 2 31 36 24 25

Description: The first museum devoted to the history of radar in the former German radar station at Douvres, where two remarkably preserved bunkers and an original layout help you to understand the role of radar and how the technique was

developed. Open from 1/07 to 31/08

15)Musee du 6 Juin 44

Place Fulbert-de-Beina 61300 L'AIGLE

Tel.: +33 2 33 84 16 16 Fax: +33 2 33 84 94 94

Email: patrimoine@ville-laigle.fr

Site: www.ville-laigle.fr

Description: This museum plunges you into the hard realities of the Second World War via its presentation of the decisive events of the Battle of Normandy and full-size wax models using actual voices.

16)ARROMANCHES-LES-BAINS: Disembarkment Museum

Description: Located right in front of the actual vestiges of the artificial harbour (Mulberry B), this museum is devoted to the incredible feat of technology achieved by the British in building and setting up the artificial harbour. Models, a diorama, video show.

17) Bayeux: Centre Guillaume le Conquerant - Bayeux Tapestry Museum

Rue Nesmond

Phone: (33) 231 512550

Description: From a different era and different battle, the Bayeux tapestry is perhaps the most famous in the world. The 230 foot long tapestry depicts the Battle of Hastings in 1066. Woven by the women of the Norman court, it is a wonder of early medieval Europe. Audio guided tour in six languages.

18) Normandy Boat Trip This has been a feature of our camporee since our first one. There is an opportunity to view the landing beaches from a boat leaving from Port-en-Bessin. The trip takes approximately 90 minutes. The schedule is not yet known as the boat can only travel during high tide and during daylight. As we have details we will provide an opportunity to register. There are only 150 spots on the boat and at most there are three trips daily (and sometimes one) and 4,000 potential participants. It is doubtful that everyone who wishes to participate will. Tickets will be available first come, first served paid in full. There are no refunds once purchased but you can sell your tickets (no scalping permitted) via the registration desk.

Mont St. Michel This is one of the wonders of the world and remains an impressive site. It is a full day trip with two hours (by car) travel in both directions. It is a memorable experience and if you have extra time in Normandy, it is well worth the journey. I have found with walking through the "town" and to and from the actual site that it is a full day. However if you visit fast you could turn off and visit Utah Beach on the way or returning form Mont St. Michel.

Unit Courts of Honor/Pack Meeting Ceremonies

Some units have conducted awards ceremonies, courts of honor, within the unit during the day at a location that is special to them. This practice is highly encouraged

Normandy Registration Form (not for Bungalows) or

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Photocopy this sheet if necessary for additional credit card information

Mail to

Transatlantic Council, BSA Normandy Camporee Unit 31301 Box 25 APO AE 09613

Transatlantic Council, BSA Normandy Camporee Via Vecchia Livornese 788 I 56128 Tirrenia (PI)

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FAX: DSN 633 7856 or +39 050 54 7856

Vehicles # of buses cars

Please camp with the following units as we are sharing transportation/equipment

Normandy Bungalow Registration Form www.tac-bsa.kintera.org/bungalows2014

Registration Opens 15 April 2013 (no reservations accepted before then)

Payment Schedule:	Refunds
25 % deposit with reservation	10% administrative fee on all cancellations
50% payment by 15 December	before 31 December
100% payment by 15 February	25% for cancellations between 1 Jan and 15 Feb
	50% cancellation fee from 16 Feb to 15 Mar
	100% cancellation fee after 15 March

If bungalow is able to be rented, we will refund all but 10% after the event. The fees are in response to units

that blocked booked bungalows in 2008 and then cancelled bungalows 15 days before the event. **District/Council** from **Point of Contact** Name: Day Phone **Evening Phone** email Cell Phone **Alternate Point of Contact** Day Phone Name: **Evening Phone** email Cell Phone **Arrival Date** Departure Date (all bungalows must be rented for Friday and Saturday nights, no exceptions), you can reserve to come earlier and stay later **Bungalows** of 4 person bungalows for Friday/Saturday @ \$385 Total of 5 person bungalows for Friday/Saturday @ \$430 Total of 6 person bungalows for Friday/Saturday @ \$480 Total of 7 person bungalows for Friday/Saturday @ \$530 Total of 8 person bungalows for Friday/Saturday @ \$580 Total of extra nights @\$40 per person per night (\$160 min per night) Total **GRAND TOTAL for Bungalows** Paid by check # (payable to TAC-BSA) Deduct from Unit Account amount \$ The following people authorize their Visa/MasterCard to be charged the stated amount Do you want us to find an equivalent bungalow in a different campground

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Photocopy this sheet if necessary for additional credit card information

Mail to

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Save the D-Day Landing Beaches, Petition to UNESCO to have the D-Day Landing Beaches declared a World Heritage Site

Please mail to Transatlantic Council Office or e-mail to program@tac-bsa.org

We the undersigned urge UNESCO to preserve the D-Day Landing Beaches as a World Heritage Site. The beaches represent sacrifice and the triumph of liberty and freedom over Fascism. They represent the price we pay for freedom and are an integral part of the latter half of the 20th century's history. These should remain as a tribute to those who gave their lives for freedom

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