



SCCWA HEADQUARTERS

CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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Ladies and Gentlemen representing the Southern California area General Public, Civil War re-enacting Community and Inland Empire Chapter, Boy Scouts of America:

The host Scout Troop 202 from Chino and I are extremely excited to announce the final updates to this year's 9th annual Civil War re-enactment/Boy Scout fundraiser and Regional Scout Camp-Out. Attached please find the revised Schedule of Events for March 31st and April 1st, 2012. The theme for this event will be (The Spring Campaigns of 1862, 150th Anniversary). Judging from the feedback, emails and phone calls the SCCWA has received since this past November, this could very well be the biggest event and fundraiser we have put together in the nine year history of this event. Again, our sincere thanks go out to all the re-enactors and general public that have supported this event through the years and a very warm welcome to the newest addition from Central California, the 3rd U.S. Artillery. We are really looking forward to having you with us this year guys! For more information, please refer to our website at SCCWA.com.

RE-ENACTORS - For questions regarding your unit, club, organizations involvement and camp placement at this year's event, please contact the following individuals and thanks gentlemen for your leadership and support with the success of this event: **Camps will be located in the same places as in the past several years with all the familiar amenities.**

Overall C.S. Forces Event Coordinator representing the 1st Division, Army of Northern Virginia:
Lieutenant Colonel Keith Harriott – ph# (909) 336-9114, email# KeithHarriott@HotMail.com

Overall U.S. Forces Event Coordinator representing the 1st Division, Army of the Potomac:
Lieutenant Colonel John Maurais – ph# (714) 390-1832, email# LtColJGM@Yahoo.com

Overall Civilian Coordinator -
Steve Pavich – ph# (714) 322-7561, email spavich@socal.rr.com

SAVE YOURSELVES \$10.00 WITH A CIVIL WAR AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP CARD – Any Civil War re-enactment organization, club or individual unit membership card presented at the entrance gate to the park will get you into the park for free and save you \$10.00. (You have several weeks left before the event so you have plenty of time to print up an official 2012 unit membership card)! I would have to think that most organizations/units have membership cards anyway! If you don't have a current 2012 membership card to present to the ranger when you arrive, you will be made to pay the \$10.00 parking fee. It's as simple as that, bring a card! The ranger will give you a parking pass; place it on your windshield. **Re-enactors may arrive to set up starting Friday March 30th after 12:00 p.m.** As the Prado Park event grows each year, I am hoping that eventually, I can eliminate the very reasonable \$2.00 re-enactor event fee all together in order to give something back to those who give so much of themselves for the benefit of others and the success of this event. Thank You! (**Event Fee is still \$2.00 per re-enactor with signed SCCWA Waiver Release Form!**)

SCCWA STANDARD SAFETY RULES OF ENGAGEMENT - The SCCWA has posted its standard safety rules on its website at SCCWA.com for your information. Please read and make yourself familiar with these safety requirements. These safety rules apply to all re-enactors in attendance and will be strictly enforced. Each re-enactor will also receive a copy of the Rules of Engagement along with a waiver release form acknowledging that you have read and comprehend said safety standards upon registration and prior to your participation of this event.

NOTICE REGARDING CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS - The 75 unit campground has several sites left in the larger loop but they are going fast! Prado Regional Park has also established an overflow or Dry Camp area for this event at \$10.00 per night per space. There are no hook-ups for this Dry Camp area but if you have a self contained camper or motor home, at least you will have somewhere to camp and park if you are not interested in authentic tent camping in the military camps. If you are interested in a Full Hook-up RV space or Dry Camping space, please call Prado Park for reservations at (909) 597-4260.

RE-ENACTOR SWAP MEET, 9:00 a.m. SATURDAY – A re-enactor swap meet has been added to the schedule on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The location will be inside the Dance Hall building. The swap meet is open to all re-enactors and the gear they wish to sell. (Only period Civil War items please). A limited number of tables will be available for your equipment and displays. The coordinator for the re-enactor swap meet is Steve Pavich, spavich@socal.rr.com. Please get in touch with Steve in order to coordinate the sale of your items. Steve can also be reached at: (714) 322-7561.

HORSE RACE, 2:00 p.m. SUNDAY – The gauntlet has been thrown down in the form of a challenge by the SCCWA to see who might be the fastest rider at the 2012 event. The SCCWA will sponsor this challenge by putting up \$100.00 cash to the first rider to complete the ¾ mile oval course around the battlefield. The horse race will take place at 2:00 p.m. Sunday on the battlefield. (All riders who have a signed waiver release form on file at the registration booth may enter the race).

EQUESTRIANS – Ladies and Gentlemen, I have approximately 40 mounts and riders signed up for the upcoming event so far. In order to accommodate you and your mount and get you some free hay for the weekend, I will need to know if anyone else is thinking of bringing their horse to the event. I am getting ready to make arrangements for a delivery and want to make sure I have enough hay to accommodate everyone. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. If you would like a hay ration set aside for your mount (s) please call (909) 590-5797 and leave a message. With the rising cost of hay and delivery, unfortunately, if I don't hear from you prior to March 15th, 2012 with a request for hay, you won't be issued any at the event!

SUTLERS AND FOOD VENDORS – All the best Sutlers and local food vendors will be assembled and available for your shopping and dining pleasure. I have asked the Troop 202 Boy Scout Food and Drink Booth to be up and running Friday afternoon/evening so there will be no need for anyone to leave the park to find something to eat starting Friday afternoon. There will be everything from BBQ beef, pork, chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, kettle corn, jerky, stuffed potatoes and yams to funnel cakes and gourmet corn on the cob. The menu covers breakfast lunch and dinner both days so plan on eating at Sutler row if you wish to take a break from period cooking yourselves.

FREE RE-ENACTOR RAFFLES AND AWARDS – Traditionally, there has been two raffles held each year at this event. The first raffle is provided in conjunction with the Women's Tea and Social which takes place on Sunday, April 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Dance Hall Building. The second raffle is provided to our combatant re-enactors and takes place directly following the last battle at approximately 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon on the battlefield. Apparently business has picked up for our east coast Sutlers as they have provided an assortment of goodies to give away this year, (approximately \$2,500.00 in period items). The free re-enactor raffles will consist of over 40 items ranging from gift certificates, Civil War magazine subscriptions to period military equipment and is presented equally to the Ladies/Civilians, Union and Confederate armies. (You must be present with raffle ticket to win at either raffle). Also presented at closing ceremonies after the last battle, will be the winner of the \$1.00 musket raffle, Most Authentic US, CS and Civilian Camp Impression's. So make sure to keep your camp areas as authentic as possible in order to have the chance of taking home these coveted awards and don't leave until you know who wins.

MOST AUTHENTIC CAMP AWARD - The Prado Regional Park event has sponsored and supported a "Most Authentic Camp Award" for the past 8 years and will continue the tradition this year by awarding plaques to the best US, CS and Civilian camp impressions. Camps are judged by plain clothed individuals representing members of local City Government, Fire Department and Police Department agencies. These representatives will be looking for what would be considered, an outstanding living history impression of the early 1860's. Everyone is invited to participate in this portion of the event and we look forward to enjoying all the hard work you put into creating the unique atmosphere of the mid 1800's. Awards presented on the battlefield directly following the last engagement.

OFFICIAL SCCWA 2012 COMMEMORATIVE PATCH - All re-enactors in formation in both Union and Confederate camps on Sunday morning just before the first engagement will receive the 9th Annual SCCWA Prado Regional Park Commemorative Event Patch. For anyone else who wishes to purchase a 9th Annual Commemorative Patch, they may be purchased at the Scout Camp-out registration booth from noon on Friday to 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning or call (909) 590-5797.

MUSKET RAFFLE - Don't forget to ask about the \$1.00 Musket Raffle, 1st Division Union and 1st Division Confederate T-Shirts and SCCWA Stickers for sale at the registration booth upon entering the event area. (A re-enactor has taken home the \$700.00 musket 8 times in the past 8 years). That's quite an accomplishment considering this raffle is open to the general public. Let's see if the re-enactors can make it 9 for 9! This year's musket will be an 1858 Enfield three band musket and you know how much those go for these days!

For a list of all the other venues throughout the weekend, please see the attached schedule of events including the re-enactor dance and Scout activities or refer to the program found on our website at SCCWA.com. Don't forget to turn the volume up on your computer when viewing the re-enactor slide show, it's a great one! Waiver release forms can be down loaded from our website as well.

SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS - For all Cub Scout Packs, Girls Scout and Boy Scout Troops that have signed up to participate in the Regional Scout Camp-Out and for all those Scouts and Scouters who plan to attend the Civil War re-enactment event for either Saturday or Sunday or both, Welcome! This event was established in 2002 for the purposes of creating a fundraising event for the Boy Scouts and was also created with the hope that by re-living certain historical events during our nation's Civil War may instill a sense of awareness for what we share as American's and the freedoms we cherish. The spirit and traditions of Scouting go hand in hand with our rich military heritage and because of this union; we have enjoyed the past 8 years of this event and look forward to March 31st and April 1st.

Reminder – All Scouts and Scouters registering for the Scout Camp-Out after Sunday February 12th, 2012 will be charged \$30.00 per person with registration form which includes admission into the Civil War event area for the weekend. (See SCCWA.com for Camp-Out registration form). All Scouts and Scouters in Class A uniforms will be admitted into the Civil War Re-enactment for \$2.00 per person for the day. Anyone in civilian attire will be charged general public fee to get in.

The SCCWA has put together some period venues for your enjoyment. Please see the list of events and time schedule below:

Saturday March 31st, 2012

7:00 – Colors posted by Boy Scout Troop 202, (Battlefield)
8:00 – 10:00 - Signal Tower Construction, (Battlefield)
9:00 – Event is open to General Public
10:00 – 12:00 - Cross-Cut Saw Competition, (Battlefield Area)
11:00 – 12:00 - Opening Ceremony, (Battlefield)
1:00 – 2:00 - Show Battle #1, (Battlefield)
2:00 – 4:00 - Cross-Cut Saw Competition, (Battlefield Area)
3:00 - 3:30 - Scout Battle, (Battlefield)
3:30 – 4:00 - Tug-O-War Competition, (Battlefield)
6:00 – 7:00 - Show Battle #2, (Battlefield)
7:00 – 7:15 - Colors retired by Troop 202, (Battlefield)
7:00 – 8:00 - Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony
8:00 – 10:00 - National Colors Retirement (Battlefield)

Sunday April 1st, 2012

7:00 – Colors posted by Boy Scout troop 202, (Battlefield)
8:00 – 9:00 – Church Call, All Scouts invited, (Flag Pole Area)
8:00 – 10:00 – Cross-Cut Saw Competition, (Battlefield Area)
9:00 – Event is open to General Public
11:00 – 12:00 – Show Battle #3, (Battlefield)
12:00 – 2:00 – Cross-Cut Saw Competition, (Battlefield Area)
3:00 – 4:00 – Show Battle #4, (Battlefield)
4:00 – Cross-Cut Saw Competition results and awards presented, “Most Authentic Camp US, CS & Civilian Camp results and awards presented and \$1.00 Musket Raffle awarded.

Please note: If you're Pack or Troop would like to participate in the Signal Tower Construction, please bring 10 marked peeler logs with your Pack or Troops colors on them and some rope to lash them to the tower. (Great for knots and lashing merit badge)

Also, if you were not aware, the Civil War re-enactment is a great way to achieve the BSA American Heritage Merit Badge. (See your local Merit Badge Councilor for further details)

SCOUT BATTLE, 3:00 p.m. SATURDAY – Considering we have another very large number of Scouts signed up for the Scout Battle scheduled for Saturday at 3:00 p.m., I have a feeling its going to be quite the spectacle once again. Last year was our third effort and was another astounding success. If you want to see where the next generation of re-enactors will be coming from, just listen for the sounds of hundreds of scouts battling it out in the middle of the battlefield around 3:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. A very heartfelt thanks goes out to (Re-enactors) Tom Atkins, Bobby Taylor and Steve Pavich for all your help with the Scouts wishing to portray the Blue and Gray for this venue. The Scout battle is proudly sponsored by the SCCWA.

GENERAL PUBLIC – For your convenience and for the first time ever at this event, there will be an ATM machine available for all your cash transaction needs that will be located near the registration booth upon entering the event area. This year's event will also include, for the first time ever at this location, the 3rd U.S. Mounted Artillery from Central California. If you would like to know more about this famous historical Artillery unit, please see www.warhorse.org. We are all very excited to have them with us!

FOOD - There are food vendors available just inside the event area offering a delicious and varied menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner both Saturday and Sunday. You will find anything from BBQ Tri-Tip, Chicken and Ribs, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, to Breakfast Burritos, Roasted Corn Stuffed Potatoes, Yams, Funnel Cakes, Kettle Corn, Dippin Dots and everything in between so plan to eat at the event.

WHAT TO BRING – Prado Regional Park is the largest regional park in the state of California at 2,200 acres and possibly one of the most beautiful. Please bring some comfortable shoes as the event and battlefield is at least ¼ mile from the parking lot and it's a bit of a walk. There is handicapped parking and access for all those with appropriate plaques. It does get cold at night so bring a light jacket! Also, it might be advantageous to bring a folding chair, umbrella and/or E-Z up as the battles generally last for approximately 1 hour and there is no seating or natural shade along the 800 yards of split rail fence that lines the battlefield. (See attached program for Schedule of Events)

RV FULL HOOK-UP CAMPING - Prado Park contains a 75 unit Full Hook-up camping facility and there are still spaces available. For more information about a camping space for the weekend, please call the park for a reservation at: (909) 597-4260

DRY CAMPING - The Park will also offer a limited number of Dry Camping spaces for this event. (Dry Camping refers to parking on the grass with no hook-ups) If you would like more information or to make reservation for Dry Camping please call the park at: (909) 597-4260

General Admission (Single Day)

\$10.00 per person 12 years and older.

\$5.00 per person 2-11 years.

Kids 2 years of age and under free admission

\$10.00 per vehicle entrance fee into the park is separate from event fee.

General Admission (Weekend Pass)

\$15.00 per person 12 years and older.

\$7.50 per person 2-11 years.

Kids 2 years of age and under free admission

\$10.00 per vehicle entrance fee into the park is separate from event fee.

NON-PROFIT CORPORATION – Just what is a non-profit educational corporation and who benefits from its efforts and donations? A tax exempt corporation or (501c3) must first be worthy of the designation by its performance and merit as a non profit educational corporation. Tax exempt status is achieved through the programs provided to the general public. Applications must be filed with both state and federal tax boards and once qualified; the organization applying must pay a sizable fee to obtain a (501c3) tax identification number. This tax I.D. number if awarded may then be applied to discounts provided by local government agencies if available in order to create non-profit events. **A non-profit or tax exempt organization may only provide donations or funds to another non-profit organization such as the Boy Scouts.** All legal non-profit or tax exempt organizations must be incorporated and make their tax I.D. number available to the general public/re-enactors or have it clearly posted. If you are wondering where you're hard earned efforts as re-enactors go and just who benefits from an event like the Prado Regional Park event, just look for the sponsoring entities (SCCWA) tax I.D. number on the event flyer or paperwork. **Frankly, if there is no tax I.D. number present, the event organizing entity is raising funds for profit and not bound to any state or federal law concerning non-profit status.** (In other words, the money generated from this type of event is not going to a charity but rather to a private individual or entity). Just thought you might be interested in knowing the motivation behind putting on a re-enactment event. If you are concerned where the money generated from your attendance ends up at any event you attend throughout the year, simply ask to see the tax I.D. number, (It must be provided). Please Google the SCCWA and its non-profit status at nonpofittax.com. Its much harder then you might think to establish tax exempt status in order to generate funding for another non-profit organization.

For your information, the (SCCWA) Southern California Civil War Association INC. is a 501c3 non-profit educational corporation ID# 26-0575085. All proceeds generated from the Prado Regional Park Civil War Re-enactment event are donated to the Abraham Simpson Eagle Scout Scholarship Foundation. (If you get a chance during the event weekend, please view the monument between the flag poles on the battlefield dedicated to and honoring our fallen hero, Eagle Scout and Marine Corps Sniper Lance Corporal Abraham Simpson). I'm sure he would appreciate that!

The SCCWA has teamed up with a corporate sponsor this year by the name of "**Tri HOPE Group**" This company will be providing 10,000 free prescription drug discounts cards to all those Re-enactors, General Public, Scouts and Scouters who pass through the gate at the upcoming event. The cards are free, are already activated, never expire and anyone can use them at any pharmacy anywhere in the country to purchase prescription drugs whether you have insurance or not. The savings can be from 50-75% depending on the drug purchased. All you have to do is show the card during the transaction and have the attendant swipe the number off it. The best part is, there is absolutely no gimmick, catch, phone call, email, text or anything else, **and the card is free to you!** Sound good? Why wait till the event. You can download a soft copy of the card that will be given out at the event today by going to www.trihopegroup.net/TH000743 Print out the card, take it to your local pharmacy, make your purchase, show the card, receive the discount, spend the difference on something more important. It's as simple as that. Try it and let me know what happens.

Hope to see you all at Prado Regional Park in Chino, March 31st and April 1st, 2012

Sincerely,

Gary Fradella

President and Events Coordinator

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