Work It Like A Capt’n

Victory Bogoree

Sep 14-16 2018

Party Like a Pirate
To Whomever finds this letter:

I have been strand’d in a place call’d Victory Bog. T’was a time when lads came here to Party like a Pirate, but those days of old have pass’d. Now I be call’n out to gath’r the biggest ‘n baddest pirates that e’er sail’d the Seven Seas.

All that find this message, consider ye fair warn’d that thou hast been challeng’d. If ye dare, gather a Motley Crew of salty dawgs (those that will soon be shark bait) and sail on to Victory Bog on the eve of the 14th day of the 9th month, in the 2018th year of our Lord for a weekend of fire, feast, facial hair and fun.

And now a word of warning: Parents are cautioned that their dear little lads will not return home in the same condition. They will wreak of smoke, sweat, mud, crud, and decomposing sea beasts; pretty much everything that make the Bogoree special.

Stock up now so ye will have plenty of shampoo and long handl’d brushes fer scrubbing them up in the back yard before the dog will let them back into the house. Also be prepar’d to burn thar socks.

Some will have develop’d a deeper voice, squint’n eye, and will say “Arrghhh” at the end of every sentence. Scraggily whiskers will start sprouting out of thar bald little chins. Others will place a foot on every wooden box they see and raise a glass to toast any occasion. If’n these conditions continue after 8 weeks, ’tis strongly recommended that ye purchase a sailboat. and live the life of a Pirate’s parent.

See ye in the Bog! Don’t meet me there. Beat me there!

Yers in Piratehood,

Captain Grey Beard
This packet will assist ye in prepar’n fer the event n’ will make certain that yer crew be gett’n the most out of this event. Read this packet completely. It contains a lot of important information regard’n this event.

Thar will be 4 divisions;

“Yellow Beards” – Age 13 and younger
“Red Beards” – Age 14 and 15
“Black Beards” – Age 16 and 17
“Grey Beards” – Age 18 and up

All Divisions will compete in the same events, but against those of the same beardage. Awards will be giv’n for certain events; one fer each Division.
Bogoree Schedule

September 14, 2018
5:00 – 8:00pm - Pirate Crews arrive at the Bog
8:30 – 9:00pm Parley at the Pub (weapons must be left outside!)

September 15, 2018
8:00 – 8:30am Opening Ceremony
9:00am – noon Pirate Challenges & Competitions
12:00 – 1:30pm Pirate Duels & Lunch Break
1:30 – 4:00pm Scaveng’r Hunt & Treasure Hunt
4:00 – 6:30pm Supper Break
6:30pm Award Presentations
(following awards) Battle of the Bands

September 16, 2018
8:30 – 9:00am Religious Service & Closing Ceremony:
9:00 – 10:30am Set course fer home shores

(Times and events subject to change)

Those that have been awarded Gold & Silver coins must be present. I ain’t gonna mail ‘em and they can’t be bequeath’d to someone else.
These ain’t no games, these be challenges.

**Troop Events**

**Ship Assault** - I know ye be think’n ye be brave enuff to attack me ship, but a bag of tater chips don’t make a picnic. See you in rough waters ye buncha of shark snacks. Hope ye can swim, Chum! Many a lad has tried, and fail’d. Are ye next?

**Pillage the Village** - how long will it take yer band of Pirates to carry off all the loot? Thar may be treasure chests, barrels, gold and more! The ninth article of the Pirate Code states; “Ye don’t take what ye need, ye don’t take what ye deserve, ye take what ye can take!”

**Signal at Sea** - One of yer ships be in grave danger, GRAVE DANGER? Like Col. Nathan Jessup said, “...is there any other kind?” From a distance yer crew must deciph’r the messages be’n sent ashore in ord’r for ye to get them safely into the harrghbor. Iff’n yer crew don’t know signal’n, this be yer time to be learn’n, lives are at stake!! Ye hath be’n fair warn’d.

Yer crew of maritime misfits will need a pirate crew name, like "Derby Plank Walkers", "Danville Peg Legs", "Fairlee Fish Gutters", etc.... Make a homemade flag to represent yer crew. Flag to be no bigg’r than 3' x 5'. Flags will be judg’d by the Old Goats fer a Sa-weeet prize. Only one flag per Troop.
Bearded Division Events

**Shackle Toss** - Ye have picked the lock on yer leg shackles with a piece of broken turtle shell. Now ye must git on deck and await yer grand escape. But first, git rid of the evidence!

**Pirate Keg Pong** - Tis the same as ye played at Pirate University. Same standard sized cannon balls and kegs.

**Raise Anchor** - Ye need to be strong in the arms and not so much in the mind. See how high ye can get the anchor up.

**Barrel Roll** - Ye found a barrel of the Capt’n’s finest. Take it away to yer secret hiding place before he wakes up.

**Tommy Hawks** - While Capt’n Thomas Hawkins was defending his treasure from a band of wanna be thieves he broke his sword. He picked it up and lashed it to a stick, making the first Tommy Hawk. Meet Capt’n Hawk at the new Bogoree range. (Only register Boy Scouts and Pack/Troop Leaders may participate)

**Feed the Shark** - sharks that follow a pirate ship know they will soon be fed. Save yerself by feed’n the shark something (or someone) else. This sea beast is much strong’r than ye can handle. Ye gonna need a bigg’r boat!

**Man Overboard!** - rescue a fellow pirate from a sure death. Yer mate’s life depends on your rescue skills. But look on the bright side, ye can split his share of the gold!
Mystery Meat Challenge - What was lurking in the lower pond? Not sure, but ye will discov’r that only fur and bone chips were left. Ye will not need utensils and yer only allow’d eight bites.

Scavenger Hunt - Find the items on the list, and ye shall get a jump start fer the treasure hunt. It must be deliver’d in pristine shape. If I tell ye I want a chick’n, I ain’t ask’n fer a bucket of KFC. I want that feather lady to be smil’n at me when she lays an egg. Iff’n ye are confus’d now, wait ’til the hunt begins!

Treasure Hunt - Pirates loved to search for treasure. Get thar before the others and ye will win a king’s ransom! Ye have work’d yer entire day practic’n yer Piratology, now Pirate onward! Yer chance at find’n me treasure is as thin as a blind squirrel....very thin!

Shake Your Booty - this award goes to the best dress’d band of Pirates wear’n thar shiniest bling, headbands and typical Pirate garb. Ye will be judg’d at high noon at the harrghbor dock. We be look’n fer the mean pirates, not the clean pirates! Remember, a pirate with 2 eyes, 2 hands and 2 legs is a greenhorn!
The Capt’n of Victory – One Capt’n will be declared the “Capt’n of Victory.” He/She will receive an award like no other. I encourage all Capt’ns to motivate yer crew to swim fast’r than the sharks, run like the wind, climb like a monkey, be strong as an ox and work together the way Pirates do to accomplish impossible feats.

Will We Get Awesome Patches? – Not just any patch! Ye will get a patch like ye’ve n’er seen. T’will be something special that will be list’d in yer will to bequeath to yer favorite grandchild. We are expect’n a record crowd this year and we have order’d plenty. In case ye have (or plan on hav’n) more than one favorite grandchild, any extra patches shalt be sold at high noon fer $5.00 a piece, or two fer $10.

Bog Beaver Day – a week before the big event, we go to the Bog and make sure sites are cleared and the grounds will be ready to accommodate everyone. One year there were several Troops that came together and cleaned up a disaster that was left by a logging operation. The date will be September 8, 2018.

CLASS A UNIFORMS – All Scouts and Leaders are expected to wear Class A uniforms to opening ceremony and Sunday morning vespers. A Scout is Reverent. Other than that, we encourage you to dress, act, talk and Party like a Pirate!!! Ye will get messy, muddy, cruddy, dung up, wet, and worn out, so make sure ye be wear’n clothes that ain’t fancy. NO Hawaiian camo, or ye shalt walk the plank!

Pre-Registration: Each Scout Troop is encourag’d to “pre-register”. This allows you to select your campsite allow’n you additional set up time upon your arrival. All attend’n troops are asked to let us know ye are coming before September 7th. We will maintain a list of pre-registered troops and site location on deck of the Lodge. (See registration form below). Do not give any money to Capt’n Grey Beard, he can’t be trusted! He will just blow it on green root beer, pickled eggs and shark livers with extra slimy eel gravy. Kapt’n Karl from the Noble House of Fortman will be in charge of a greedy buncha bean counters that will take yer money and valuables at the Friday Night Parley. Email him at karl@fortman.us

Drinking Water: NONE! Ye must bring an adequate supply of water fer drink’n, cook’n and minimal clean’n fer the weekend.

Firewood: If it’s down, you can burn it. Please do not cut down ANY trees. We will have plenty of firewood on site, DO NOT BRING ANY FIREWOOD!
Battle of the Bands!

Ahoy ye buncha Party Mammals!
Aye, thar will be the Battle of the Bands. Ye crew must do a lip-sync performance on stage with music blast’n on professional sound equipment, bright lights, air guitars, and a crowd of 200 scream’n pirates.

The song must follow the theme of pirate life, a place, travel, the sea, etc.

Yer crew is allow’d 5 minutes stage time so thar will not be any 22 minute versions of "Freebird". Only one song per Troop. Ye will be judg’d by a buncha scraggly old goats. These elders be so old, they can honestly tell ye that dinosaur really does taste like chicken.

Song must either be on a commercial CD or iPhone. We will have an adapt’r to adapt the adaption thingy. I’ve dug deep into the dungeons of the House of Triple Eights and found me old guitars and git fiddles that will be available fer yer usage.

Practice does not make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect, so get goin’. Pick a song, rehearse and be ready to rock the Bog!

Any questions just ask. Stupid answers will be given fer stupid questions, but feel free to entertain me.
UNIT REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee: $12.00 each. (Sorry, no Old Goat Discount)

Payment may be made by paper check, cash, rolled coins, bars of silver, gold bullion, full kegs of root beer or the deed to yer ship.

Registration request’d by September 7, 2018, but fer once, let’s be honest. Iff’n Ye and thee show up with cash, we’ll let you in! Don’t show up Friday night at 9:00pm and expect to find yer site empty if you haven’t told us yer coming. Lett’n us know yer coming helps us prepare, so let your conscience decide.

Email reservations to karl@fortman.us Email questions to dave.towle.888@gmail.com

Unit # __________ Town: ____________________________________________

has accept’d the challenge to attend the 2018 Long Trail District Bogoree.

Site Requested: ____________________________

Total Number of Scouts attending: ____________

Total Number of Leaders attending: _____________ Total Fees: $________

Unit Leader/ Capt’n: _____________________________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________

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Phone Number: ________________________________________________

E-Mail Address: ________________________________________________

Date Form Received by Council: _________________________________

Checks Payable to Green Mountain Council BSA  Reference “2018 Bogoree”

Pre-payments - Mail to: Green Mountain Council BSA
PO Box 557 - Waterbury, VT  05676

Funds Enclosed: YES:_____  NO:____(Due at check in)

(DO NOT mail in kegs of root beer! Last time some staff members “accidentially” open’d a couple and they were found under the porch sing’n Pirate Songs!)