

Scouts BSA

Historic Trails Weekend

Fri - Sun, Sept. 8-10, 2023

Earn the Historic Trails Award!

Scouts from across the region are invited to gather at the **Historic Indian Agency House** to learn, earn the entire Historic Trails Award over the weekend, and make memories while walking in the footsteps of Native Americans, explorers, traders, soldiers, and many others who made significant marks in Portage history! Explore over two miles of scenic hiking trails. Take a tour of the museum. Help restore the historic prairie landscape of the Fox-Wisconsin portage. Camp one night or two.

Registration form is available at agencyhouse.org/events

Friday: **3 pm or later:** Check in & set up camp
5 to 7 pm: Help work on a fire-wrought dugout canoe (optional)
www.agencyhouse.org/dugout-canoe

Saturday: **8 to noon:** Work on historic prairie reclamation along trail system
2 pm: Group A: Self-guided history hike on interpretive trail
Group B: Learn about the historic portage trail by touring the Agency House
3 pm: Group A: Learn about the historic portage trail by touring the Agency House
Group B: Self-guided history hike on interpretive trail

Sunday: **FREE TIME**
Hike the Marquette Trail - Try out some 19th century games (hoop rolling & graces) - Canoe the Fox River if you bring equipment - Do troop activities

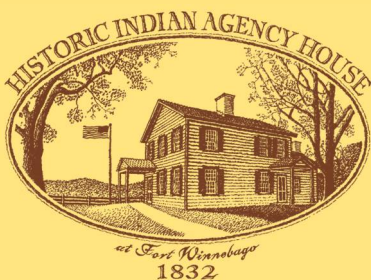
THIS EVENT IS FREE



Historic Indian Agency House

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WHAT TO EXPECT:

When you check in at the visitor center on Friday, September 8, set up your campsite and get ready for a great weekend! (Alternatively, you may arrive and check in between 7 and 8 am on Saturday, September 9.)

On Saturday morning, you will begin working on the [Historic Trails Award](#). From 8 am to noon, you will work on prairie restoration / trail maintenance. This area was part of a prairie landscape at the time of the Indian Agency House (1832). Our interpretive trails weave through this area that still hosts several acres of original prairie, and your part in restoring it is helping reclaim the historic landscape of the Fox-Wisconsin Portage. Find more details about the prairie reclamation project on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/YzZPO5G24Hg>

WHAT TO BRING:

Bring all of your meals, as well as enough bottled water for the weekend. (We do have bottled water for sale in the gift shop, as well.) Scouts may choose to bring spending money for our gift shop. **Bring heavy duty work gloves.** If you have pruners or loppers that you wouldn't mind using, bring those. (We will have a few on hand, as well.) Bring a tent and everything you need for overnight camping. We will have a port-a-potty available. If you want to bring canoes or kayaks to explore the Fox River which runs along our property, please do so!

HOW TO REGISTER

Complete and return (email or postal mail) the registration form found at agencyhouse.org/events. Please contact us with questions: 608-742-6362 or historicindianagencyhouse@gmail.com.

The Historic Indian Agency House and grounds are rich with fascinating history. This area was an important geographic crossroads where cultures intersected. The history that happened here played an important role in shaping our state and our nation. The house and site are on the National Register of Historic Places.



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Scouts BSA Historic Trails Weekend Registration Form
September 8-10, 2023

Scout Group: _____

Contact Person's Full Name: _____

Contact Person's Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Scouts Participating: _____ Number of Chaperones: _____

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING:

Scout leaders / chaperones are responsible for directly supervising their own Scouts at all times, including during activities led by Historic Indian Agency House staff and volunteers. Scout leaders / chaperones are responsible for overseeing the health and safety of the Scouts under their care. All activities are at-your-own-risk. Scout leaders / chaperones are responsible for making sure that meals, bottled water, and personal needs of the Scouts are provided for throughout the day. Scout leaders / chaperones will ensure that Scouts follow the rules, use good etiquette, leave no trace, and treat the property and others with care and respect. Any activities undertaken on or around water (Fox River / Portage Canal) will not be supervised by lifeguards. Scout leaders / chaperones should recognize the risks, take all reasonable safety precautions, and assume responsibility for the welfare of their own group on and around water. I understand that HIAH may post photos from the event on Social media, use them for advertising purposes, and/or submit them with news releases. It is the policy of HIAH NOT to post the full names of minors along with photos on the internet. By signing below, I confirm that I have shared this information with the parents/legal guardians of the Scouts who will be participating in this event, as well as participating Scout leaders/chaperones, and they all agree and give their consent for their own and/or their child(ren)'s participation. My signature certifies that each parent/guardian/participant further agrees to the following statement: IN CONSIDERATION FOR MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY BENEFICIARIES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, AND MY ESTATE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, FOREVER DISCHARGE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE HISTORIC INDIAN AGENCY HOUSE / NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ("OWNER"), AND ALL OFFICERS, MEMBERS, MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS OF OWNER (COLLECTIVELY, THE "RELEASED PARTIES"), FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, DAMAGES, LOSSES, COSTS, FEES, EXPENSES, CLAIMS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, FOR ALL REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS INCURRED IN ENFORCING THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE IN THE EVENT THAT I DO SUE ANY RELEASED PARTIES) IN RESPECT OF ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS (WHETHER MENTAL, PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, OR EMOTIONAL), LOSS OF LIFE, OR ACCIDENT OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH, IN ANY MANNER, PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, FROM ANY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER FAULT OF ANY RELEASED PARTIES.

As a recognized representative of the Scout unit listed above, I have read this form carefully, and all participating parties and their parents/guardians if under the age of 18 agree to its stipulations.

Signature Date

Please scan and email OR postal mail this form to: historicindianagencyhouse@gmail.com | Historic Indian Agency House, 1490 Agency House Road, Portage, WI 53901.

We look forward to a fun and educational weekend with your group!