



## SCOUT PROGRAM FAQs

**Is the Scout Patch Program only for the Girl Scouts, or can the Boy Scouts come too?** We welcome any organized youth group, including the Girl and Boy Scouts, explorers and cadets, and youth groups from religious organizations and lodges. The program was started by a woman who was affiliated with the Girl Scouts of America, so she designed the program around what she was familiar with, however, the Boy Scouts, and all scouts, soon discovered the program and they've been enjoying it ever since.

**What is the cost of participation in the Scout Patch Program?** Nothing! Once you are inside the festival (after you pay admission (unless scouts are free)) participation is free. Please go to the Information Booth inside the castle gates to meet with the Scout Program Coordinator.

**Do I have to pre-register to participate in the Scout Patch Program?** Pre-registration for participation in the Scout Patch Program is not required, however, we do request that you print our online Scout Patch Program packet for completion of the quest. Upon arrival at the Festival front gate, please go to the Information Booth to speak with the Scout Coordinator about participation and the next steps.

**What are the dress requirements & do we have to come to the Festival in uniform?** We suggest you come in uniform or their troop t-shirt. We recommend that scouts wear closed-toe shoes or sneakers. Other recommendations for your comfort include sunscreen, a hat, mosquito repellent, and a poncho or umbrella in the event of rain.

**What should we bring with us to the Festival?** We request that you print out and bring our Scout Patch Program Booklet and a writing utensil for completion of the quest. Lastly, each scout should have the cell phone number of the adult leader or chaperone in the event of an emergency.

**Can we bring our own food or cooler to the Festival?** Outside food and beverages are not permitted inside the Festival except for medical dietary restrictions and/or infants. You may bring a sealed bottle of water. Personal bags are permitted and will be searched. Guests of the festival are permitted to exit and re-enter the Festival as long as they get their hand stamped at the information booth prior to exiting the Festival.

**How much money is recommended that Scouts bring to the Festival?** Your admission to the Festival includes non-stop entertainment on several stages, street performances, demonstrations, and more! However, we do recommend that each scout or adult bring at least \$30.00 cash, in the event they want to purchase a drink or bottled water, lunch, snacks, a souvenir, or simply want to enjoy the games or rides!

**How much do food and drinks cost?** Costs will vary. Soft drinks and bottled water are available for \$3.00 per item, (cash only). We recommend you bring cash for food and drinks, as not all vendors currently accept credit cards.

**How much are the rides?** The cost will vary depending on the activity. Some activities such as the Giant Rocking Horse and Maze cost \$3.00 per person, while others cost over \$10.00 per person.

**How long does the Scout Patch Program take to complete?**

The program, which is available on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend only (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> 2024), has changed little over the years, and thousands of scouts, some as young as 5-year-olds, have had no difficulty completing the quest. The festival opens at 10:00 and remains open until sunset. It should take approximately 4-5 hours to complete the quest, and once you have, you and your scout troop are free to enjoy the rest of the day at the festival.

**What happens if it rains?** The Florida Renaissance Festival is a "rain or shine" event and will remain open during most rainy days. In the event of severe weather, the Festival Management will advise the guests and participants of a pending closure. You may check local weather forecasts or contact the Festival for any updates. Please note that the Florida Renaissance Festival does not offer refunds or ticket exchanges in the event of poor weather or closures.