



# Iron Horse Festival Staff Guide

Potato Creek State Park

## Iron Horse Staff Information

The Hike began in 1990 as an opportunity for scouts to come together for a day and hike a trail. It has grown from several hundred hikers that year to almost 4000 a few years ago. Last year we had over 1200 registered participants. The hike is the major fundraiser for the Lodge. Proceeds are funneled back to the Council through the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) donation from the Lodge. The Lodge also donates funds and material in support of all Council properties. Funds are also provided to help fund camperships for youth members to attend the various summer camps.

1. Class "A" Uniform with O/A Sash by 7:30am at the Beach House.
2. Ask people to park in Beach House Parking (Overflow in grass field as directed by Park Employees)
3. Need Greeters to direct the ONLY the UNIT LEADER to registration – others to stay away.
4. Only the Unit Leader should Register their unit at Beach house
5. Iron Horse is \$5 per hiker – includes patch, map, and fun
6. Cub Fun Day – Go directly to Orchard Shelter East – Register at Orchard Shelter East – Direct people along the beach trail.
7. Start Iron Horse Trail at Nature Center Trails are 1 or 2.2 miles long. Both trails have Iron Horse Trail answers.
8. End Iron Horse Trail at Orchard Shelter West
9. Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) at Orchard Shelter West. Talk to scouts all over the world. Patch is for sale for \$6.
10. Iron Horse Food for sale at Orchard Shelter West.
11. Minor First Aid at Beach House, ask for Mary First Aid.
12. Major First Aid or Lost Scout – get a hold of Park Employee AND notify Bruce Metzdorf at 574-339-6767 at Orchard Shelter West. Park# 574-656-8186
13. Staff gets Saturday continental breakfast & lunch free – get your meal ticket when you sign in. Do not eat at the cooking or serving areas.
14. Staff gets a FREE Iron Horse Staff Patch only if they work the entire day and will only be handed out after the Lodge meeting. Must be picked up in person. May NOT pick up stuff for anyone else.
15. Staff Opportunities:
  - a. Parking Lot Greeters (Get Safety Vests at Registration)
  - b. Iron Horse Registration (Beach House)
  - c. Trail Crew (at split of Trail #1 and Trail #2)
  - d. Concessions / Cooking (Orchard Shelter West)
  - e. Iron Horse Trading Post (Orchard Shelter West)
  - f. O/A Trading Post (Orchard Shelter West)
  - g. Jamboree on the Air (Orchard Shelter West)
  - h. Cub Fun Day (Orchard Shelter East)
16. Short "How did we do" meeting at Orchard Shelter West as things wind down – usually around 3pm.