

The Price of Freedom

*A Citizenship and Leadership
Program of the Freedoms Foundation
and the Boy Scouts of America*

February 11-14, 2010

*Freedoms Foundation
at Valley Forge*

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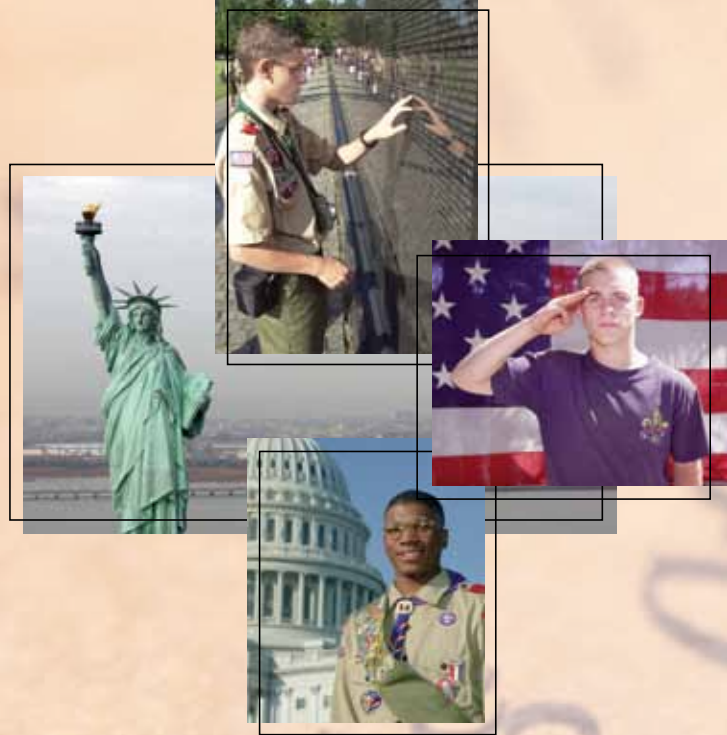
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The Price of Freedom Conference is a four-day residential program that gives Scouts the chance to interact with experts on current issues of citizenship, leadership, and heroism. Participants will have the opportunity to make history come to life with a tour of Colonial Philadelphia and Valley Forge National Historical Park, and interact with historical interpreters such as Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton. Scouts will learn about the Bill of Rights and Supreme Court decisions that shaped today's understanding of those rights. They will then be challenged to apply this knowledge and debate a mock version of Congress in order to strike a balance between liberty and security. Saturday afternoon provides an opportunity for Scouts to perform service in the form of a flag retirement ceremony organized and executed by the Scouts. These events will be interspersed with leadership and team-building exercises, as well as opportunities for the students to relax and get to know fellow Scouts from around the country!

Each Boy Scout council is invited to send a contingent, but reservations are received on a first-come, first-served basis. Participation in this program is limited to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are active in Scouting and have demonstrated leadership in their Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Venturing crew, or Sea Scout ship; and who meet a minimum of one of the following rank requirements:

- Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Venturers must have earned the Silver Award.
- Sea Scouts must have earned the Quartermaster Award.

The program will be held February 11–14, 2010, at the Freedoms Foundation camps in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Scouts are responsible for covering \$100 of the \$450 tuition. The other \$350 is covered by a grant from the Freedoms Foundation. Individuals and contingents must cover their travel expenses to and from Philadelphia. Transportation will be provided to and from Philadelphia's 30th Street Amtrak Station or Philadelphia International Airport. Contingents traveling by motor vehicle will report directly to the Freedoms Foundation.



The Freedoms Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching Americans the principles upon which our nation was founded. It is their hope to convey the close link between the rights and the responsibilities of citizens in society.

The Freedoms Foundation was created in 1949 by prominent businessmen E.F. Hutton, Kenneth Wells, and Don Belding, and was led by former President General Dwight D. Eisenhower for nearly 20 years. For the last 60 years, the foundation has sought—through civics, history, and free enterprise educational programs—to teach youth about their country and responsibilities as American citizens. Each year, some 3,000 students from across the nation visit the foundation's 85-acre campus adjacent to Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Come join us for this exciting adventure in citizenship where the past meets the present and the future comes to life!

The Price of Freedom Program

The goals of this program are to:

- Motivate participants to think about themselves and their goals and values, and stimulate and commit them to serious participation in American society.
- Develop leadership skills and build self-reliance and self-esteem.
- Challenge participants to develop an understanding of what good citizenship means and what it takes to achieve it.
- Explore the concept of an American hero and define heroism.
- Develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of the sacrifices made by individuals in defense of liberty and the democratic way of life.

"Overall, I really enjoyed this program. It helped me realize what it means to be an American, and it helped me get on track for my goal of a future career in the military or government."

All program objectives are in keeping with the national social studies standards as published and promoted by the National Council of Social Studies. Outcomes are in keeping with the National Standards for Civics and Government as developed by the Center for Civic Education.

Sample Program Schedule

<i>Day One</i>	Noon– 5 P.M.	Arrival	8:30 P.M.	Council fire skits, storytelling, Medal of Honor stories
	6 P.M.	Dinner	9 P.M.	Capture the flag
	7 P.M.	Keynote speaker (prominent national figure)	<i>Day Three</i> 7 A.M.	Flag ceremony and PT exercise
	8 P.M.	Orientation and program overview	8 A.M.	Breakfast
	9 P.M.	Committee meetings	9 A.M.	Panel discussion: "The American Hero—Myth or Reality"
<i>Day Two</i>	7 A.M.	Flag ceremony and PT exercise	Noon	Picnic lunch—Medal of Honor Grove
	8 A.M.	Breakfast	1 P.M.	Service work
	9 A.M.	"The General Addresses His Troops," —George Washington	4:30 P.M.	Free time
	10 A.M.	Leadership Skills Workshop I: Examination of the Traits and Characteristics of Leadership	6 P.M.	Banquet
	Noon	Lunch	7 P.M.	Keynote speaker
	1 P.M.	Panel discussion: "Leadership/Heroism"	8:30 P.M.	Signer's ceremony
	2 P.M.	Leadership Skills Workshop II: Team Building and Communication Skills	9:30 P.M.	Ice-cream social
	4 P.M.	Free time	<i>Day Four</i> 7 A.M.	Flag ceremony and PT exercise
	5 P.M.	Committee meetings	7:30 A.M.	Breakfast
	6 P.M.	Dinner	8:30 A.M.	Tour of Valley Forge National Historical Park
	7 P.M.	Recall of Valor—Medal of Honor presentation	11 A.M.	Tour of historic Philadelphia
			1 P.M.	Philly-style lunch
			2 P.M.	Departure

For more information, contact the Youth Programs Office at Freedoms Foundation at 800-896-5488, ext. 233, or at jraia@ffvf.org.

View the Freedoms Foundation Web site at www.freedomsfoundation.com.

"It was a great program, learning about leadership and the price of freedom in a setting such as Valley Forge!"

PRICE OF FREEDOM Nomination/Registration Form

Participation in this program is limited to young men and women enrolled in high school grades 10, 11, or 12; who are active in the Scouting program and have demonstrated leadership in their Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Venturing crew, or Sea Scout ship; and who meet a minimum of one of the following rank requirements:

- Boy Scouts or Varsity Scouts must have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Venturers must have earned the Silver Award.
- Sea Scouts must have earned the Quartermaster Award.

Demonstration of leadership in Scouting is not limited to the Scout unit, but should also include areas of involvement and leadership such as the Order of the Arrow, summer camp staff, high-adventure programs, peer leadership training, etc.

In addition, youth participants must have demonstrated leadership in other areas of their lives such as church/synagogue/mosque or other community of worship, school activities, athletics, and/or other community involvements.

There is no established number of qualified participants a council may nominate. Although not required, adult chaperones are welcome, and a portion of the participation fee is also covered by the Freedoms Foundation Scholarship.

Youth Participants

Name	Street Address	City, State, Zip	Phone No.	E-mail	M/F
1					
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Adult Advisers (Optional)

Name	Street Address	City, State, Zip	Phone No.	E-mail	M/F
1					
2					

Council name: _____

Council telephone no.: _____ Council e-mail: _____

Scout executive signature: _____

Return registration forms to:
 Youth Programs
 Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
 P.O. Box 706
 Valley Forge, PA 19482-0706



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972-580-2000

From: George Sparks, associate director, Community Alliance Team

Subject: The Price of Freedom Conference—February 11-14, 2010

Action:

- Publicize in council newsletter or bulletin.
- Promote at roundtables and other adult leader functions.
- Forward to the council staff person responsible for program and/or activities.
- Recruit individual youths or a contingent of qualified youth leaders from throughout the council.
- Promote to Order of the Arrow lodge officers, council Venture team leader council (Venturing youth leaders), council camp youth staff leaders, and other promising youth leaders.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Youth members may attend and participate as individuals or as part of a contingent from their council. The council is not required to provide chaperones as they will be provided by the Freedoms Foundation and will meet all leadership and training standards required by the Boy Scouts of America.

Attached you will find an informational brochure and registration form for **The Price of Freedom** program of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge (Pennsylvania). This four-day, three-night conference has been specifically developed for BSA youth members who have demonstrated leadership potential in their units, on camp staff, in the Order of the Arrow, on the staff of the council junior leader training conference, and as Venturing crew officers and members of the council's Venturing team leader council.

Participation in this program is limited to young men and women currently enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12 who are active in the Scouting program and have demonstrated leadership in their Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Venturing crew, or Sea Scout ship, and meet at least one of the following rank requirements:

- Boy Scouts or Varsity Scouts must have earned the rank of **Eagle Scout**.
- Venturers must have earned the **Silver Award**.
- Sea Scouts must have earned the **Quartermaster Award**.

Participants are responsible for covering \$100 of the \$450 tuition. The other \$350 is covered by a grant from the Freedoms Foundation. Participants must also cover their travel expenses to and from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Each conference will serve 120 youth participants. Conference participation will be based upon reservations received on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no established number of qualified participants a council may nominate, if the council wishes to send a contingent.

Complete details are covered in the brochure. For more information, contact the Youth Programs Office at Freedoms Foundation at 1-800-896-5488, ext. 233, or by e-mail at jraia@ffvf.org. For additional brochures, contact the Community Alliance Team at the national office at 972-580-2388.