

Rachel's Rendezvous
Sponsored By Ship 2037,BSA
Crown Plaza, Suffern, NY
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Boarding Manual

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On behalf of Ship 2037, Hudson Valley Council, you are cordially invited to take part in Rachel's Rendezvous.

This Boarding manual has all of the information and reply sheets necessary for your Ship to take part in this new program.

Place: Crown Plaza Hotel
Exit 14 B, New York State Thruway
Suffern NY 10901
Date: May 9, 2020
Time: 1700 hours (1500 hours Skipper and Boatswain's meeting)
Cost: \$45 early bird/\$55 for Rendezvous dinner and dance

What's in a Name?

A rendezvous is a meeting at an agreed time and place, between two or more people or groups of people.

Rachel was a founding member of our Sea Scout Ship who loved and excelled in all aspects of Scouting. During her Scouting career she earned the GSUSA Gold Award, Sea Scout Quartermaster Award, Venturing Silver, Ranger, all five Bronze awards and Summit award (second in the nation, first female and first Sea Scout to earn) and the Etz Chaim religious award.

As a graduating high school senior, Rachel was amazed at how little was available in the way of Scout scholarships for those who were not "Eagles." As a college junior, she designed the "Excellence in Scouting Scholarship" for youth whose "thing" was Scouting and secured the funding for the annual scholarships. Applications for the 2020 scholarships will be accepted from March 28 until May 31, 2020. See the37foundation.org website for more details.

Knock Knock Give a Sock is an organization that gives socks and other durable goods out to help better the lives of homeless people. Rachel became acquainted with this organization as she worked on her Summit Award.

Rachel crossed the bar in April 2015 after a two year battle against cancer.

In her memory, new or gently used socks may be brought to this event to be distributed by Knock Knock Give a Sock. If you wish to learn more about the organization and Rachel's connection to it, please check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrgdnozTsJw>. One quick note, the speaker is not a Scouter and was not aware of the different types of scouts.

Our Rendezvous' Purpose

According to lore there are four equal S's in Sea Scouts. In no specific order they are: Seamanship, Scouting, Service and Social. While every Sea Scout event tries to include each of these, often "Social" is either overlooked or relegated to an afterthought.

Rachel's Code of Conduct (Summit Award Requirement 7),

- Keep friends and family close.
- There are very few things that can't be helped by a good friend or a good night's sleep.
- You never know who or what could end up changing your life so be sure to meet new people and try new things all the time.
- Friends are the keys to most of life's locked doors.

In this spirit, we are inviting you to join us for this social event. The event will consist of a brief Skippers' and Boatswains' meeting, formal dinner and semi-formal dance. For those not inclined to dance other activities are being arranged.

General Rules of Conduct:

Dress Code (Mess): The dress uniform of your Ship is most appropriate. If you do not have a dress uniform, you are expected to be attired as though attending a formal function (suit, jacket and tie, business attire or dress).

Dress Code (Dance): You are expected to be attired as though attending a formal function. You may elect to wear your unit's dress uniform.

Failure to adhere to the dress code may result in you being barred from participation in the event. No refunds will be granted for failure to comply.

Dinner Menu

We will be seated by Unit in the formal dining room. Dinner will be served buffet style. The menu is as follows:

Salad

Crown House Salad

Entrees

Chicken Francasie

Penne Ala Vodka

Cheese Quesadilla

Chicken Tenders

Crispy French Fries or Mashed Potatoes

Chef's Vegetables

Dessert

Cookies and Brownies (served to each table)

Assorted Dinner Rolls with Whipped Butter

Recognition of Service

Another point of Rachel's Code was: "Think of others before yourself; the only time myself comes before others is when the words are listed alphabetically."

In this vein, we are encouraging each unit to prepare a few paragraphs describing all of your unit's and members' service projects over the past year. No project is too small or large (please include any Quartermaster, Eagle, Summit and GSUSA Gold Award Projects) to be reported on. Our scouts do so much that does not get the credit or recognition deserved because they do not do it for credit or recognition.

We would like to take a few minutes during dinner say thank you and recognize the good work our scouts do. Who knows, maybe your scouts will get published in the Telegraph?

Recognition of Service Form

print or type clearly and return with reservations

Unit Name and Number: _____

List of Service and brief description of service

Overnight Accommodations

This Rendezvous is a Saturday afternoon/evening event. With this in mind, many units may choose to travel and stay at or near the event site. Each unit is responsible for its own berthing arrangements in accordance with [A Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

Leaders are responsible for damage and the actions of the youth members and guests of their Ship. Officers berthing must be in separate rooms. If your host requests your Ship to shove off for disruptive behavior, there will be no refunds. I am certain this will not happen but I feel a need to say it.

Crown Plaza, Suffern, NY

A block of rooms has been reserved for Rendezvous participants at \$109 per room, not including tax. Please contact the hotel directly to make arrangements as we do not have the staff to make arrangements for you. In addition, The 37 Foundation will reimburse each unit up to \$20 per room to defray the cost of sales and occupancy taxes. The Crown Plaza is an IHG Reward Club participant.

Make sure to mention the "Sea Scout Dinner" when making reservations.

Contact information: 845-357-4800. Please note as the hotel fills, the rate may increase.

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Haverstraw Marina (Safe Harbor)

Ship 2037's home port has a limited number of transient slips available. While we are working on a discounted rate, the current rate is \$2.50 per foot. Transportation assistance can be arranged for units staying at the Marina.

Contact: (845) 429-2001, 600 Beach Rd, West Haverstraw, NY 10993

Camp Bullowa, Stony Point, NY

Hudson Valley Council's overnight camp. Various cabins lean-tos and campsites can be reserved for the event at their website: <https://app.doubleknot.com/Registration/ReserveFacility.aspx?orgkey=2531>

The sites are primitive but there are flush toilets available.

What is there to do in and around Suffern, NY (Rockland County):

Suffern NY is conveniently located 35 miles north of the George Washington Bridge. See <https://suffernny.gov/about-us/> to learn more.

Beyond the village web site, the following attractions are located within a 30 minute drive of the event center.

- The Bear Mountain Zoo: This zoo sits directly on the Appalachian Trail. Its residents are made up exclusively of injured local wild life being rehabilitated for release back into the park if possible.
<https://www.trailsidezoo.org/>
- Harriman State Park: Well blazed hiking trails of various degrees of challenge.
<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/145>

- Palisades Center: One of the largest indoor malls in the country includes Bowling, movie theater, ice skating, escape room, Barns and Nobles arcades, ropes course and so much more.
<https://www.palisadescenter.com>
- Stony Point Battle Field: <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/8/details.aspx>
- Woodbury Commons: Large outdoor outlet shopping.
<https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/woodbury-common/about>

Reservation and Payment

We are asking that all participants sign up as a unit. Payment is due at sign up. Additions will be honored as long as space is available.

Checks: Make all checks payable to "The 37 Foundation." On the memo line write "Rendezvous".

All reservations will be processed in the order they are received. No reservations will be processed without payment. If we cannot accommodate your unit, your paperwork and payment will be returned.

Send registration... to
Kathy Mart, Registrar
81 McKenna Street,
Blauvelt, NY 10913

Any questions Please contact :

Ken Reichner, Skipper 2037
kreichner@troop37bsa.org
Home: (845) 364 – 5424

Remember:

March 15, 2020 is the early registration deadline

March 31, 2020 is the final registration deadline

Unit Reservation Form

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Unit #: _____ Unit Type (circle): *Ship Crew Troop Post* Council: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

We request:

	# of Tickets	Ticket Fee	Total
Early Reservation (must be postmarked on or before March 15)		\$45	
Late Reservation (must be postmarked on or before March 31)		\$55	
We have enclosed checks totaling:			

Name	Youth/ Adult	Cellphone	Email
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Make you check payable to: "The 37 Foundation"
On the memo line please enter "Rendezvous"

Please mail this completed form with payment to:
Kathy Mart, Registrar, 81 McKenna Street, Blauvelt, NY 10913

You will receive an email confirmation once your form and fee are received and reservations is secured.
Make additional copies as needed

From the Guide to Safe Scouting

Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

Each unit must have in their possession a current medical form (parts A&B) for each participant.

Preliminary Rendezvous Agenda

Saturday May 9

- 1500 to 1600 Skipper and Boatswains Meeting
- 1700 to 1800 Gathering and Greetings
- 1800 to 1900 Dinner and Awards
- 1930 to 2330 Dancing to DJ Music
- 1930 to 2330 alternative activities (TBD)
- 2330 to 0130 Wind down of evening