

## Merit Badge Programs at James A. Garfield National Historic Site

Boy scouts seeking merit badges in Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Public Speaking and American Heritage may participate in interactive programs at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site (JAGNHS) in Mentor, Lake County. JAGNHS is part of the National Park Service, and interprets the home of our 20<sup>th</sup> president James A. Garfield. A guided tour of the Garfield Home is included in each program, and time logged for each merit badge program will go towards scouts earning the BSA/NPS Scout Ranger patch. Please call Park Ranger Allison Powell at 440-255-8722 for details and reservations. Please note that these programs are works in progress and may change slightly as planning continues. Please let us know if there's a specific activity you'd like to see included in any of these programs!

- **Citizenship in the Nation – Saturday, April 14 from 9:30am – 2:00pm and Saturday, November 10 from 9:30am – 2:00pm**

- *Scouts will learn what being a good citizen means by examining the life of James A. Garfield, a man of ordinary means who served his country as a statesman, United States Congressman, and President of the United States. Using his own words in speeches, diaries and letters, scouts will compare Garfield's feelings on citizenship with those of our current president. (Req. 1)*
  - *JAGNHS, a federal facility, is also on the National Register of Historic Places. Scouts will learn the significance of that designation. (Req. 2a, c)*
- *Scouts will interact with reproductions of the required historic documents, and be able to see their impact on our country's development as a democracy (Req. 4a-e)*
- *Requirements 5-8 will also be addressed in this program.*



- **Citizenship in the World - Friday, July 6 from 9:30am – 2:00pm**

- *Scouts will witness a naturalization ceremony held on the site. In cooperation with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Cleveland, scouts will learn the path to becoming a U.S. citizen. (Req. 1-2)*
  - *Scouts will engage in activities comparing various types of governments in the world (Req. 5; 1-3), and how the U.S. and other foreign countries are represented. (Req. 6 a-b).*



- **American Heritage - Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15 – CAMPING OPPORTUNITY**

- *Scouts will learn about an important period in our country's history by immersing themselves in JAGNHS's Civil War Weekend. Reenactors, period music, musket drills, and a host of other activities will engage scouts in a multi-sensory experience. Camping on the grounds is optional.*



- **Public Speaking** – each program listed above will incorporate requirements from the Public Speaking merit badge.

