



## **Earn Your Badge! Center Launches National Scouting Program**

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**Richmond, Va** – The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar, located on the site of the famous Tredegar Ironworks along the Richmond Riverfront, is introducing a program designed for Boy and Girl Scouts of America and their affiliates (i.e., Brownies, Daisies, Cub Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, etc.). Each Scout can earn a patch, specially designed for Scouts, by completing a scavenger hunt booklet that encompasses the entire 8.3-acre campus. To compliment the hunt, there are two workbooks that are designed for the different grade levels; K-5 and 5-12. The program commences January 14 just as students and teachers are getting settled into the second half of the school year.

The cost for this special Scout program is \$5 per person which includes workbook, patch, and admission. Any parent or adult leader attending is encouraged to participate and earn the patch as well. Why should the kids have all the fun?

Tours of the exhibit and grounds can be self-guided or customized by the Center's education staff. Program topics include: "The Common Soldier" noting how the soldier dressed, what he ate, and how he lived as discussed by a uniformed Civil War interpreter. This program concludes with a demonstration of the firing of a Civil War musket by the interpreter (weather permitting). The "Men of Iron" program offers a 25-minute walking tour of the Tredegar Ironworks complex describing how the ironworks operated and how the workers lived. Other programs include "Women's Roles in the Civil

War,” “Tredegar and the C.S.S. Virginia,” “Civil War Prisons,” and “Carpetbaggers, Scalawags . . . and Jim Crow?” highlighting the Reconstruction period and more.

Additionally, there are opportunities to satisfy several other requirements for merit badges, belt loops, pins, or patches offered by both the Boy and Girl Scouts while on site for themes such as heritage, culture, archaeology, and nature as determined by the troop leader.

The Center’s flagship exhibit, “In the Cause of Liberty,” is located in the 1861 Tredegar Gun Foundry. The museum tells the whole story of our nation’s greatest conflict beginning with the Revolutionary period and founding of the United States in 1776. “In the Cause of Liberty” is the nation’s first exhibit to interpret the Civil War from the three perspectives of those involved – Union, Confederate, and African-American – including the war’s legacies, which continue to impact American culture and society today.

The American Civil War Center is open daily, Monday through Sunday, 9am-5pm. For information or to reserve a date for your troop, please call Hilliary Turner at (804) 780-1865 ext 23 or via email at [hturner@tredegar.org](mailto:hturner@tredegar.org). Again, the program begins January 14, 2008.

For information on the Center’s upcoming events, contact us at (804) 780-1865 ext 10 or visit our website at [www.tredegar.org](http://www.tredegar.org).

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**The mission of The American Civil War Center is to “tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation.” The Center is located at the Tredegar Iron Works, an 8.3 acre National Historic Landmark site by the James River in Richmond. The 1861 Gun Foundry is home to the 10,000-square-foot flagship exhibit, *In the Cause of Liberty*, the nation’s first exhibit to explore the war’s causes, course, and legacies from Union, Confederate and African American perspectives. The Center offers History Labs and digital history programming for students K-12, while the Tredegar Institute provides ongoing adult educational opportunities through community dialogues and symposia.**