Blackjack Trail
October 28th – 29th, 2023
Quivira Scout Ranch

What / Who?
Blackjack Trail is designed for new Scouter's and Units to learn about and gain the skills necessary to be confident in performing Unit level backpacking and treks across QSR. Scouts that participate must arrive as a unit, following the Guide to Safe Scouting, or with an adult partner for the event. Participants are expected to be able to carry all of their gear on their back, in a backpack, and navigate to multiple points across QSR to their campsite, while visiting historic points along the way. Participants will be able to take back the skills that they learned to their unit, teach other Scouts, and then allow Units to participate in their own backpacking or trek adventures across QSR.

Why?
Scouting has made promises to Scouts (youth and adult) that we would take them on adventures and allow them experiences that they might not normally have. To do so, all Scouts need to know how to plan a trek, get to a campsite, and enjoy a campout while incorporating Leave No Trace. While there are many great campsites that are friendly for trailer style camping, the best sites often require you to hike or boat to the campsite. This is the first step towards getting to those amazing campsites that are far from the parking lot.

Plus, this is a great way for Scouts to learn, practice, and earn some achievements based upon their ability to utilize their skills to navigate to the campsites and practice their low impact camping skills, in some of the best scenery in Kansas.

When/Where?
Saturday-Sunday, October 28-29, at Quivira Scout Ranch. The training will begin at 9:00am at one of the parking lots at QSR. (look for the BJT sign) Participants will expect to arrive back at the Parking lot, approximately 12:00pm on Sunday.

Special Needs: BJT is an adventure in back packing which requires hiking. A typical hike may include anything from well-kept paths to re-discovering long lost trails. Meeting specific dietary requirements (food) is the hiker’s responsibility. If someone has physical special needs, please contact the course director 60 days IN ADVANCE of BJT week to discuss arrangements. There are limited locations available for physical special needs. Accommodating the physical special needs of hikers will need to be approved IN ADVANCE by the medic for the weekend. A good-faith effort will be made by staff to help every person enjoy the BJT experience, but limited resources are available for this type of program.

Registration: $15 per person till October 26, 2023.

Please contact Course Director, Gary Webee at ptc706@gmail.com or Jan Medlam, at drmicrowave72@yahoo.com for additional details and to have questions answered.