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Confederate Memorial Park, an historic property of the Alabama Historical Commission, will host the Boy Scouts Shelby District Camporee on November 13-15, 2015.

About 300-500 Boy Scouts will camp and participate in a task list and scavenger hunt to learn more about the site of Alabama's only Old Soldiers Home for Confederate Veterans. The participants will also visit a number of outdoor living history stations manned by re-enactors who will showcase weapons, equipment, and tactics of soldier life during the Civil War.

On Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9 AM - 12 PM & 1 PM - 5 PM during the **Civil War Living History**, Boy Scouts will experience history up-close through demonstrations by authentically uniformed Union and Confederate re-enactors. Scouts will also tour the Confederate Memorial Park Museum. **Discounted museum admission fee for public.** No reservations required.

In operation from 1902 to 1939, the Old Soldier's Home cared for elderly veterans, wives, and widows of veterans. The site consisted of twenty-two buildings including cottages, a hospital, dairy barn, mess hall, an elaborate water and sewage system, Memorial Hall, an administration building, a library, and a large auditorium.

The home served between 650 and 800 residents. The majority of the veterans served in Alabama outfits, but many were from other Confederate states and moved to the state after the war. The last veteran died at the home in 1934. The facility closed in 1939 when the five remaining widows were moved to Montgomery for better care.

Features of the 102-acre site include two cemeteries, Mountain Creek Post Office, Marbury Methodist Church, a nature trail, and a museum containing artifacts such as uniforms, weapons, and equipment from the Old Soldiers Home.

For more information about the Confederate Memorial Park or this event contact Bill Rambo, site director, at **205-755-1990** or alacmp@bellsouth.net

Confederate Memorial Park is located at 437 County Rd 63, Marbury, Alabama 36051





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Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the historic preservation agency for the state of Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission of safeguarding Alabama's historic buildings and sites. The Commission is tasked with the acquisition and preservation of historic properties and education of the public about historic sites in Alabama. For a complete list of historic sites, business hours, and admission fees please visit <http://preserveala.org/>

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