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Dulles Greenway to Sponsor Troop 521 Toll Gate Entrance Theme For Jamboree

The Dulles Greenway, the privately-owner toll road that connects Eastern and Western Loudoun County, has agreed to serve as the corporate sponsor of our Troop, made up of Scouts from Loudoun County. Given the chosen toll gate theme chosen for our entrance, our corporate sponsor is appropriate. Our toll gate entrance theme is also historically significant for Loudoun County. You may not know this, but toll roads have a strong history in Loudoun County. Route 7 and Snickersville Turnpike were all toll roads in the 19th Century here in Loudoun.

Here's a photo of the Toll Booth on Rt. 7 at the Broad Run Bridge in the early 20th Century:



When the Iroquois hunted in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, they followed a trail that eventually became the roadbed for Snickersville Turnpike. Over the centuries, many names were given to this meandering byway that rises and falls across the lush Loudoun Valley. Land deeds from the early 1700s refer to it as the Shenandoah Hunting Path. From the late 1700s until the early 1800s it was called the Mountain Road. Still, at various points along the route, people found other names more suited to their purposes,

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such as the Blue Ridge Road, Colchester Road, the Middle Road and Snickers Gap Road.

By all its names, Snickersville Turnpike has been a setting of great significance to our nation's history. While still a land surveyor for Lord Fairfax, George Washington traveled this road over Snickers Gap and often spent the night along the Shenandoah River, where Edward Snickers kept an inn and operated a toll ferry.

Increased commercial traffic in the early 1800s put an extra burden on the road, and during its 1809-10 General Assembly, the Commonwealth of Virginia created a system of privately owned toll-roads or "turnpikes", and appropriated \$20,000 to build the 13.75 mile Snickersville Turnpike. As late as 1915, a toll booth was still in operation on top of the Blue Ridge at Snickers Gap.

This corporate sponsorship of our troop by the Dulles Greenway will not only help us financially build our troop entrance, but will also help us defray other costs (eg: T-shirts, hats, neckerchiefs, our Troop 521 "SmartTags", friendship toll booth tokens, expendable supplies, etc).

VISITING HOURS

The Jamboree will be open to visitors from 9 am to 5 pm from Wednesday, July 28, through Tuesday, August 3, with the following exceptions:

- Wednesday, July 28: 11 am to 5 pm
- Saturday, July 31: 9 am to 11 pm (to allow for arena show attendance only)

There are no accommodations on site for visitors, including RV, tentage, or fixed housing. Upon entering the jamboree site, guests will be directed to the visitor's information tent in the main parking lot, where they will receive directions to regions, sub-camps, or activity areas.

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