

Application for Recognition of Exemption
Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

To be filed in the District
 in which the organization
 has its principal office or
 place of business.

This application, when properly completed, shall constitute the notice required under section 508(a) of the Internal Revenue Code in order that organizations may be treated as described in section 501(c)(3) of the code, and the notice under section 508(b) appropriate to those organizations claiming not to be private foundations within the meaning of section 509(a).

Part I.—Identification (See instructions)

1 Full name of organization Louisiana Hiking Trails, Inc.		2 Employer identification number (If none, attach Form SS-4) 23 7440469	
3(a) Address (number and street) 11085 East Vieux			
3(b) City or town, State and ZIP code Baton Rouge, La. 70815		4 Name and phone number of person to be contacted Robert Gerald, Jr. (504) 275-5829	
5 Month the annual accounting period ends December	6 Date incorporated or formed Feb. 2, 1975	7 Activity Codes (see instructions)	
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Part II.—Organizational Documents (See instructions)

- 1 Attach a conformed copy of the organization's creating instruments (articles of incorporation, constitution, articles of association, deed of trust, etc.).
- 2 Attach a conformed copy of the organization's by-laws or other rules for its operation.
- 3 If the organization does not have a creating instrument, check here (See instructions)

Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (See instructions)

- 1 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of magnitude. If a portion of the receipts is or will be derived from the earnings of patents, copyrights, or other assets (excluding stock, bonds, etc.), identify such item as a separate source of receipt. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

Contributions are needed to make initial payment for souvenir patches and medals.

Income from sale of souvenirs is needed to defray costsss of mailings and paper and to provide funds to reorder the souvenirs.
 It is expected that this sale will make operation self-sustaining.

- 2 Describe the organization's fund-raising program and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. (Include details of fund-raising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fund-raising committees, use of professional fund raisers, etc.)

Four interested people, closely connected with BSA Troop 229 of Baton Rouge put up a total of \$500 to order the colored patches and pay a few other start up costs. Another friend, a local merchant, who is extremely interest in participating in the Bicentennial activities, has indicated he will help in gathering the additional funds, \$1,200, needed to order the souvenir medals. We have approached a few other groups without much success. We actually do not really contemplate any real fund drives or sollicitations. It is a shoe-string operation.

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and I have examined this application, including the accompanying statements, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct and complete.

 (Signature) (Title or authority of signer) (Date)

Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

- 3 Give a narrative description of the activities presently carried on by the organization, and also those that will be carried on. If the organization is not fully operational, explain what stage of development its activities have reached, what further steps remain for the organization to become fully operational, and when such further steps will take place. The narrative should specifically identify the services performed or to be performed by the organization. (Do not state the purposes of the organization in general terms or repeat the language of the organizational documents.) If the organization is a school, hospital, or medical research organization, include sufficient information in your description to clearly show that the organization meets the definition of that particular activity that is contained in the instructions for Part VII-A on page 3 of the instructions.

The present activity of La. Hiking Trails is the Capitol Historical Trail here in Baton Rouge. This is a 10 mile hike which includes the LSU campus and two of its museums, up Nicholson Drive past Magnolia Mound Plantation, along the river levee, a visit to the old state capitol and the Arts and Sciences museum, then through downtown Baton Rouge, churches and old buildings and going on into the state capital complex including the Pentagon Barracks, the new capitol, the Old Arsenal Museum from which the hike goes on out to Magnolia Cemetery and the National Cemetery (area of Battle of Baton Rouge in Civil War) and then on looping back to the starting point in City Park. Although we have received the official sanction and approval of the BSA from New Brunswick, N.J., this is in fact open to anyone to take without any charge. An individual would write to us indicating his interest and stating the number in his group if there is a group. We then supply a number of packets containing detailed hiking instructions, map, brief historical sketches and a credential card. If desired, but not required, a four color souvenir patch may be purchased for \$1.25 to sew on a uniform or whatever.

This type of hike is quite common throughout the country. It provides activity for groups of young people and it does actually stimulate some interest and appreciation for the history of the locality. The main takers are BSA, Cubs, GSA and Brownies. I personally hope some eighth grade La. history classes would do it too. A couple of all adult groups have taken the hike.

Presently we need to raise contributions of \$1,200 so that we can add a souvenir medal (optional). With this we expect to be self-financing operation. The sale price, which is checked by national Scout headquarters, will pay costs of souvenirs, mailing and paper. The local Scout office will do the printing for us.

Eventually we may establish a historical canoe trail along Bayou Teche. This is more involved and not just around the corner. We are working on it.

In closing we emphasize that the trail is open to all without charge. The souvenirs are optional and the charge is to defray operating expenses, which are actually quite minimal. This is not a branch of the BSA, but we have official recognition and listing and we cooperate closely with them. We are just some local citizens interested in doing this kind of thing.

Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

4 The membership of the organization's governing body is: The five officers of the corporation

(a) Names, addresses, and duties of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	(b) Specialized knowledge, training, expertise, or particular qualifications
Larry G. Sherman. Pres. 3073 Marydon Dr., B.R. Pierre E. Conner, Jr., Sec. 3327 Chapelwood Dr., B.R. 70815 Robert Gerald, Jr. V.P. 11085 E. View, B.R. 70815 Warren Cashen, Treas. Dudley LeRay, Camping facilities	Scoutmaster Tr. 229 Son designed the trail as his Eagle Project Scoutmaster Tr. 229 parents of troop members

(c) Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials? Yes No
 If "Yes," please name such persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

(d) Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See specific instructions 4(d)). . . Yes No
 If "Yes," please explain.

5 Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization? Yes No
 Is the organization the outgrowth of another organization, or does it have a special relationship to another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors? Yes No
 If either of these questions is answered "Yes," please explain.

6 Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization? Yes No
 If "Yes," please explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been rendered. Bequase we have recieved the official recognition of the Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, N.J., with commendation, we shall submit a yearly financial statement to the National Headquarters.. Our plans and ideas received careful attention before approval was granted and we are pleased to have it of course.

7 What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include income producing property.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain what stage of completion has been reached, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken.
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Part III.—Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

8 (a) What benefits, services, or products will the organization provide with respect to its exempt function? We provide detailed hiking instructions, brief historical sketches and a map to those interested in Capitol Historical Trail. A souvenir patch (and soon a medal) will be optionally available at a cost to cover our expenses.

(b) Have the recipients been required or will they be required to pay for the organization's benefits, services, or products? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," please explain and show how the charges are determined. Again the souvenirs are entirely optional

9 Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services or products to specific classes of individuals? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," please explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

10 Is the organization a membership organization? [X] Yes [] No

If "Yes," complete the following:

(a) Please describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues.

No dues or fees. Any individual, organization or business which is interested in the objectives may be accepted as a member.

(b) Are benefits limited to members? [] Yes [X] No If "No," please explain.

We want anyone with sufficient interest to make the hike to do so.

(c) Attach a copy of the descriptive literature or promotional material used to attract members to the organization.

11 Does or will the organization engage in activities tending to influence legislation or intervene in any way in political campaigns? [] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," please explain.

Part IV.—Statement as to Private Foundation Status (See instructions)

1 Is the organization a private foundation? [] Yes [] No

2 If question 1 is answered "No," indicate the type of ruling being requested as to the organization's status under section 509 by checking the applicable box below:

- [] Definitive ruling under section 509(a)(1), (2), (3), or (4) — complete Part VII.
[] Advance or extended advance ruling under section 509(a)(1) or (2) — See instructions.

3 If question 1 is an answered "Yes," and the organization claims to be a private operating foundation, check here [] and complete Part VIII.