2020 Popcorn Sale Information
“Spend more time Scouting, and less time fundraising”

The Blackhawk Area Council is excited to announce we are partnering with Trail’s End for the 2020 popcorn fundraiser!

As such, the council and Trail’s End would like to cordially invite two leaders from your popcorn team to attend a Unit Recognition Dinner.

Join other leaders in your area to celebrate a job well done and get an exclusive sneak peek of all the exciting things Trail’s End has to offer and brief information about our Spring popcorn sale.

We understand change can be difficult, but through great discussion with our council volunteers and customers, it has become increasingly important for us to
1. Make the sale easier for our Scouts, their families, and volunteers
2. Improve the prize offerings for our Scouts and families

Help us, help you to “Spend more time Scouting and less time fundraising” by giving you the tools to meet popcorn goals faster and more efficiently with Trail’s End.

All registered committee chairs, Cubmasters/Scoutmasters, and popcorn kernels have received an email invite to attend one of four Trail’s End Dinners as follows.

- Agenda
- Unit Recognition
- 2020 Popcorn Program Sneak Peek
- Collaboration and Q & A

You may attend any (1) dinner based on convenience.

**Thursday, February 20**
Holiday Inn Crystal Lake
800 S Illinois Rte 31, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

**Monday, February 24**
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
200 S Bell School Rd., Rockford, IL 61108

**Tuesday, February 25**
Days Inn by Wyndham
2105 1st Ave., Rock Falls, IL 61071

**Wednesday, February 26**
The Rafters Restaurant
9426 W Wagner Rd., Lena, IL 61048

Casual or Scouting attire recommended.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Register for a Dinner at
www.blackhawk-area-unit-recognition-dinner-registration-89847180335
Council Calendar

February
17 President’s Day, council service center closed
20 Executive Board Meeting
21-23 Venturing Blast, Camp Lowden
22 Chicago Bulls – Blackhawk Area Council Family Night

March
3 Courier deadline for printed edition with dates through June
8 Council Recognition Dinner
21 Chicago Fire

April
7 Courier deadline for Internet edition with dates through July
10 Good Friday, council service center closed
16 Council Executive Board meeting
18-19 Wilderness First Aid training
18-19 Council Pinewood Derby
24-26 U. S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena

May
1-2 Annie Oakley Event, Camp Lowden
2-3 Kiwanis Work Day, Canyon Camp
5 Courier deadline for internet edition with dates through August
9 Camp Lowden Work Day
10 Mother’s Day
25 Memorial Day, council service center closed

Schedule for Printed and Internet Couriers

There are four printed editions each year. The deadline for Internet and printed editions will be the first Tuesday of each month. The latest schedule is shown below. The printed editions will continue to be available at www.BlackhawkScouting.org/courier. Note that recipients of the Eagle Scout Award and religious emblems will only be carried in printed editions -- and will not show up on the Internet versions of the printed edition.

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Why Should My Pack, Troop, or Crew Hold a Friends of Scouting Presentation?

Excellent question. Here's why...

1. Registration fees for Scouting do not benefit the local council but instead go directly to our National Office in Irving, Texas, to pay for insurance costs and background checks.
2. You may think, “We already support the council by selling popcorn, why should we hold a Friends of Scouting?” Valid question, but popcorn is only a small part of our budget. Family FOS is where the bulk of the fundraising dollars for the council come from.
3. But where does this money go? This money offsets the cost of Scouting by covering the cost each year for the council and district to provide adult leader training, maintain and operate the council service centers and two camps in Oregon, Illinois and Stockton, Illinois, providing information and recruitment materials to units, and develop programs at the district and council levels.
4. Why do we ask families for money when they already have so much invested? Adults involved in Scouting see the benefits of the program more than anyone else. You see the boys and girls grow into role models for others and you know the impact Scouting can have on the youth. Being a Friend of Scouting is a monetary way you can make a huge impact across the entire 12-county Blackhawk Area Council.
5. We get that, but why should our unit allow you into our meeting? We respect you may not want to be disturbed during your meeting, but we will take 10-15 minutes and it is the best time for us to ask the parents to help support Scouting with a face-face presentation and explanation of how the money is used. Every family may not donate, and that is okay, but we want to give every family a chance to make a difference in a youth’s life, just as we try to provide a chance for every youth to join Scouting, regardless of financial hardships.

We hope you will consider an FOS presentation in 2020 to help continue to grow a great program in the greater Blackhawk Area Council.

Every youth deserves a chance to experience growth in Scouting and every dollar helps
and
every family deserves the opportunity to decide if they would like to support Friends of Scouting.
2020 Friends of Scouting
Invest in Youth. Invest in Character. Invest in Leadership.

How Do We Meet Our Pack, Troop, Or Crew Goal?

1) Hold a Family Friends of Scouting Presentation at your Blue & Gold Banquet or Court of Honor
   a. Your Unit leadership will be contacted by a District volunteer or staff member to schedule this presentation. We will train a volunteer to come and deliver a presentation during your event to give all families an opportunity to participate in the giving program and explain where the money goes.

2) Council Email Invites to your group
   a. Council will send an invite to your Blue and Gold or Court of Honor for all emails currently in our database from your Unit.
   b. If your Unit has an invite list; it can be sent to Council and they will send a nice email inviting your families to your event, including a link to online donations, a link to the Friends of Scouting video, and providing more information prior to the presentation on your behalf.
   c. Excel List is preferred but any is acceptable. Send to dane.boudreau@scouting.org

3) Matching Gifts
   a. Many companies will match a donation by their employees to a non-profit. Matching gift letters will be provided at your presentation, but this is a great way to help reach your goal by doubling your gift. All you do is present the letter to your HR or Payroll and mark it on your pledge card.

4) Follow up and Regular Correspondence with Your Families
   a. Not everyone will donate at your event, but, if sent reminders will donate if asked directly. The Council will help follow up with donors/families but it is faster and better received if they receive a contact from a Unit Leader helping to reach the goal.

Digital Presence - An easy way to help family and friends donate

5) Unit Online Donation Platform
   a. Every Unit that holds a presentation will be given a unique link to an online donation platform. This can be used at any time throughout the year and during the presentation if a family is more comfortable donating online. This allows the gifts from your families to be credited to your Unit goal and will be included with any email invites.
   b. This is what our Unit Banners look like:
      i. When navigating to donate online, your families and donors will be able to see a thermometer with your Unit Friends of Scouting Goal.

6) Facebook Fundraiser through Blackhawk Area Council
   a. Through the Blackhawk Area Council Facebook page, any person can set up an online fundraiser to help reach their unit Friends of Scouting goal.

7) Facebook Birthday/Anniversary Fundraisers
   a. It is now the norm that instead of people asking for gifts for their birthday/anniversary, they will post a Facebook fundraiser for their favorite non-profit. This can help your campaign greatly because many people will donate because of the connection with their friend or family versus the organization itself.

   If you do not know how to setup a Facebook fundraiser, or set up an email with a link to your Unit Banner, please contact your District staff member for assistance.

   We thank you for your commitment to Scouting and helping raise the needed funds to continue to support our local programs serving over 12,000 youth annually in 12 counties!
2020 Friends of Scouting

No time is better than NOW to make a donation or pledge for the year 2020 and beyond! As always, every donor in the Blackhawk Area Council will receive a donor gift, and other possible gifts based on the level of giving. Annually, it costs over $200 per Scout to run the program in the Blackhawk Area Council and we’re asking all of our donors to consider AT LEAST supporting a Scout at the $180+ level.

As always, if packs, troops, and crews meet their individual Unit Friends of Scouting goals, they will receive free rank advancements for a year. Packs will receive pinewood derby cars for their youth, and troops and crews will earn a free cabin rental at one of the council properties.

Be a FOS Presenter

Interested in being a Friends of Scouting Presenter and talking about your love for Scouting?

All districts are seeking volunteers to help give Friends of Scouting presentations at Blue and Gold Banquets and Courts of Honor in 2020. If you are comfortable speaking in front of a group, have a passion for Scouting, and willing to tell your story about why you give to Scouting, please do not hesitate to contact Dane Boudreau at dane.boudreau@scouting.org and he will connect you with your district staff member for presenter training.

Donate Online Today

Help a Local Pack, Troop, or Crew Earn Free Rank Advancements and More!
Text “Give” to “55741”

You can use the text to give function or navigate to blackhawkhub.org/c/supportscouting and you can pick your county or district. Find the unit you’d like to donate to, and help them reach their goals for free rank advancements, pinewood cars for Cub Scout packs, and cabin rental for troops and crews. See below photo of where you should end up!

2020 Council Recognition Dinner for Silver Beavers and 2019 Eagle Class

You’re invited to join us at the 2020 Council Recognition Dinner!

Help us to honor and recognize the new Silver Beaver recipients and the Eagle Class of 2019.

Sunday, March 8, 2020
Radisson Convention Center
200 S. Bell School Road, Rockford, Illinois
$40 / person $55 / Eagle Sponsor

Menu:
Chicken Vesuvio with Whipped Potatoes and Vegetables or Cheese tortellini in a marinara sauce with fresh vegetables

Social Gathering 1:45 p.m. Dinner 2:30 p.m.

Last day to register -- February 29
https://BlackhawkHub.org/events/22723

EAGLE SCOUTS! Please click HERE to submit your Eagle project descriptions and pictures

Support Scouting locally by clicking above
**U. S. Grant Pilgrimage 2020**

“Famous Friends of Galena”

**April 24-26, 2020**

**Galena, Illinois**

Celebrating its 66th Anniversary, the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage is a weekend full of Scouting activities. Take part in the fun, activity, and friendship of Scouting with Scouts from around the region. The number one annual Scouting event for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA members, and Venturers.

There is the option to register for camping at Canyon Camp or Chestnut Mountain, Dittmar Farms, and other locations where the $23.00 fee includes both the Pilgrimage registration fee and the camping fee.

If camping at a council-partnering location, your registration packet will be picked up at the location. Any other camping locations are separate and up to the unit to set it up, and the unit will need to visit registration at the Galena High School to pick up its unit packet. Then come and take part in one of the Midwest’s biggest and best Scouting adventures.

This year’s theme, “Famous Friends of Galena,” highlights all the ties to local and national history and the famous people with ties to Galena, Illinois.

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**Register Your Unit Today!**

Register online or download the registration form and mail it to Blackhawk Area Council, 2820 McFarland Road, Rockford IL 61107.

**Pilgrimage Events**

The weekend will be full of activities:

- Trail Hike
- Bucket Brigade
- Parade
- History Hunt
- Visiting the museums and other historical sites of Galena
- Cub Scout activity area (sponsored by the Order of the Arrow)
- Patch Trading
- Civil War and Revolutionary War Re-enactors
- Civil War Battle at 11:30 a.m.
- Museum Tours – Included with Wristband
- Original Craftsmanship Demonstrations

**Camping and Pilgrimage Registration fees combined:**

$23 per person by April 1 ($25 April 2 and after)  

**OR**

**Pilgrimage Registration ONLY**

$13 per person by April 1 ($15 April 2 and after)

**Saturday Night Program**

“Story of the Ghost of Galena”

7:00 p.m. at Turner Hall (Trading Post)

Cost is only $5 per person.

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**Courier**

**Labeling Crew**

The Blackhawk Area Council would like to thank our faithful labeling crew – Ed Rounds, Eric Schmidt, Ron Benoy, Carol Benoy, MaryAnn Mushaw, David Bushaw, Larry Swanson, Bill Peterson, and Terry Nichols. Please email BACourier@juno.com if you would like to join us and we will send you a reminder.

Join us on **March 17, 2020**, to label the next printed edition. We begin at 8:45 a.m. at the council service center and we usually finish within two hours.
Is your Youth Protection Training up to date?  
No registration is complete without a current certification of completion.  
See new policy on pages 11-12. 33

Do you like to Golf? ...  
Do you love camping?...  
Do you just want to help camp?

Golf Outing
Timber Pointe Golf Club in Poplar Grove, Illinois

We could use YOU on our 2020 Golf Outing Committee to help plan the 2nd Annual Bob Lamb Memorial Golf Outing benefitting camp programs and operations. The event will be held on Monday, June 15, at the Timber Pointe Golf Club in Poplar Grove, Illinois.

In 2019, the council was approached by Pat Lamb and a group of Bob’s friends to host a golf outing to support our council camps. Two of Bob’s favorite activities were camping and golfing.

Our first year was hugely successful and we are looking for more volunteers to help us spread the word even farther and continue to grow the outing each and every year in Bob's memory.

Planning meetings begin in March and are typically an hour, bi-weekly and can be done remotely. If you are interested in helping get more golfers out to help support Scouting locally, please contact Staff Advisor Dane Boudreau at dane.boudreau@scouting.org.

More information will be coming soon! Whether helping or just playing, we hope to see you out on the course in June!

Save the Date
2020 Religious Retreat
Camp Lowden
September 18-20, 2020

To all who attended the 2019 Religious Retreat at Camp Lowden, thank you for coming! I think everyone can say that we had a great time! We had a wonderful speaker and learned a lot about looking inside someone for who they are, not judging by appearance! We were blessed to have our largest turnout yet!

Please plan on joining us at our next Religious Retreat on September 18-20, 2020, weekend for Scouts BSA and Saturday daytime for the Cub Scout Family Program. Let me know if you have questions or would like to be involved with planning the weekend.

Cindy Chiodini, 815-543-8404, chiodinix5@comcast.net

Award of the Month
Each month one special award will be featured.
To see a list of all awards and recognitions and their requirements, go to https://www.scouting.org/awards and click on “Awards Central”

Conservation Good Turn Award

Since 1910, conservation has been an integral part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. The BSA has been a positive force in conservation and environmental efforts. Scouts have rendered distinguished public service by helping to conserve wildlife, energy, forests, soil, and water. Past generations of Scouts have been widely recognized for undertaking conservation Good Turn action projects in their local communities.

Scouts of today have grown up hearing words such as ecosystem, biodiversity, and climate change. They recognize the need for, and the benefits of, conserving natural resources. Scouts understand that we all must work together for the betterment of the land, forests, wildlife, air, and water.

Much has been accomplished in recent years by individual Scouts and through unit conservation Good Turns. Much more needs to be done.

Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts

Cub Scouting conservation projects could involve the entire Cub Scout pack, or one den, plus adult leaders and family members. Hands-on projects help Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts realize that everyone can do things to care for the environment. Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts participating in the Conservation Good Turn can also meet some advancement requirements. Suggested projects include, but are not limited to the following:

- Plant grasses, trees, shrubs, and ground cover to stop soil erosion.
- As a den or pack, adopt a park. Remove litter and garbage from a favorite neighborhood recreation area or park.
- Organize or participate in a recycling program in your neighborhood, or visit a recycling center.

Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts

Scouts participating in the Conservation Good Turn can meet certain rank and merit badge requirements. Troops, crews and ships should consider advancement requirements when selecting projects to carry out. Suggested projects include, but are not limited to:

- Plant shrubs to provide food and cover for wildlife.
- Build and set out bird and squirrel nesting boxes.
- Conduct stream improvement projects to prevent erosion.
- Plant grasses and legumes to provide ground cover in schoolyards, public parks, and recreation areas.
Unit Success Stories

Beth Costa, Council Communications Manager, would like to include some of our unit successes in posts on our Facebook page and group! (The Courier editor would like them also!)

If you are part of a unit that has a really successful recruiting night or popcorn sale or anything else noteworthy, please let us know. Pictures from a great/well-attended recruiting meeting or event would be super awesome, too, especially things that point to character, skill, and leadership development.

Beth would love to get out to events to learn these things for herself, but can’t be everywhere, so you are invited to keep her posted.

Please let Beth know the following when you send information:

- District:
- Unit, type and # (crew, troop, pack, post, ship)
- Any particular person who should be mentioned

Typical success stories might be – recruited 9 new Scouts, 100% trained leadership, great show-n-sell results, unit earning an award together such as the Summertime Pack Award, etc)

People won’t read something too lengthy (you’re about to check out any moment now, I know!) so please be as brief but descriptive as possible. Photos are super important whenever possible!

Let’s shine the light on our program and give our volunteers and parents something to brag about to their friends that their kid is a part of something great!

Thanks so much for your help!!
Email Beth at beth.costa@scouting.org
For Courier copy, email BACCourier@juno.com Please put “Courier copy” in the subject line.

Beth Costa
Communications Manager

Journey to Excellence
Service Hours Reporting

You can now enter your unit’s service hours at www.Scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence. Look for the “Service Project” area of the screen. There you will find the link to log your unit’s service hours, information for first time users, ideas and tips for a successful service project.

To enter your unit’s service hours, click on “service hours Web site.” Choose “New User Click Here” or enter in your unit’s existing username and password. Users can still use www.goodturnforamerica.org and they will be redirected to the new data collection site. If you have any questions, please contact the council service center at 815-397-0210.

Volunteers with a MyScouting account can also reach the Journey to Excellence service hours Web site by clicking on the Journey to Excellence Information link on the left side of the screen in the “Council Tools” section. Once you click the link, you will be directed to www.Scouting.org/awards/journeytoexcellence and can follow the same procedures as listed above.

National Summertime Pack Award Requirements

Plan now to earn this award in 2020

Your pack can qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award by planning and conducting three pack activities during the summer – one each in June, July, and August. Cub Scout day camp and Cub Scout summer camp can be used to help earn this award. The recognition consists of a streamer for the pack flag.

Dens averaging at least half of their members at the three summer pack events will be eligible for a colorful den participation ribbon.

Cub Scouts who participate in all three pack events are eligible to receive the National Summertime Pack Award pin which is worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform. (Please note, this pin is an individual recognition for boys and may not be earned or worn by adults.)

Earning the National Summertime Pack Award is one way to help your pack earn the 2020 Scouting’s Journey to Excellence Award. More importantly, however, it is an easy way to keep members of your pack together during the summer and to introduce new members to the fun of the Cub Scout program.

To ensure that your pack will earn this award, now is the time to plan your events and recruit a committee to run each of them.

Give your leaders a break and get parents involved in these committees. This is another way to involve the parents and they may volunteer to help the pack in other ways later.
New BSA Health & Medical Form Released

National BSA has put out a new updated Health & Medical Form. Please delete any old versions in your files and replace with this one.

The 2014 version (it will say this in the bottom right corner of the page) will become obsolete as of January 1, 2021, but why wait? When sending out the link or distributing paper copies to your units for day camp/resident camp/summer camp, please use the link below.

2020 will be a transition year where you will see both 2014 and 2019 versions of the form in use. The 2014 version will be obsolete as of January 1, 2021.

Please distribute to all your units and committees:

There is also a helpful FAQ here:
https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfaqs/

Health forms are good for 12 months. For example, if your form (signed by a doctor) is dated June 1, 2019, then your health form is good through the last day of June 30, 2020. Also health forms need to be valid throughout the entire event. (Example, if summer camp week goes from June 27, 2019, through July 3, 2019, then your health form would need to be valid through July 31, 2019, meaning the signature can be no later than July 1, 2019. These are fictitious dates for the example only.)

You should ALWAYS get this form from scouting.org to make sure you have the most current revision, as with all other official BSA documents. Just googling the form can get you old versions of forms on non-BSA websites that can cause you grief and headaches when they are not accepted.

Personal Safety Awareness

“Personal safety awareness” is not a new term, but it now has a broader definition. Our youth in the Venturing program have known Personal Safety Awareness training as a series of excellent videos helping them navigate the many safety issues today's teenagers face. The new Personal Safety Awareness is still that but also much more. It is a term the BSA uses to describe a broad program of safety and youth protection for youth across all our youth programs – Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Exploring, Sea Scouts, and Venturing.

For Cub Scouting, the BSA partnered with the Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center to produce age-appropriate videos for each program level.

Along with the Youth Protection parent guide, included with each rank's handbook, these videos and the discussions each Scout has with their parents and leaders are required elements of the new Protect Yourself Rules adventure.

Youth in Scouts BSA will soon have a similar program. Together these excellent safety programs for youth replace the older videos “It Happened to Me” and “A Time to Tell.” Keeping Scouts safe is critical to an effective Scouting program at all levels. While Youth Protection training is the mandatory program for training adults, Personal Safety Awareness is now the training program for our youth.

Welcome the Webelos Scouts

Now is the time troops should be prepared to welcome Webelos Scouts into the troop. Here are a few reminders for pack and troop leaders.

• Confirm transition date, time, location, and who will be attending.
• Some troops present a neckerchief or handbook at the cross-over.
• Troops should invite parents to a special meeting to learn about the troop and Scouting. Provide them with written information and calendar for the year.
• Older Scouts should be assigned as troop guides to work with the new patrol for the first six months until they become part of an established patrol.
• Older Scouts should be assigned as instructors. This troop leadership role is valuable in recognizing Scouts who can teach a skill. It keeps them active, and can help troop meetings by providing multiple skill teaching which matches a Scout’s interest or advancement need.
• Conduct an induction ceremony within 30 days. Present the Scout badge. Plan it well and make it meaningful.
• Monitor participation and advancement. Make sure new Scouts are welcome and involved. Talk to them often.
• Give new parents simple tasks to get them involved. Make them feel welcome, too.

And enjoy having new Scouts in the troop!

NASA Space Place

Explore Earth and Space

The NASA Space Place is a resource for everything space-related. This site has games, crafts, activities, fact-of-the-day, media with information and activities for many subjects.

NASA’s award-winning Space Place website engages upper-elementary-aged children in space and Earth science through interactive games, hands-on... and more.

Log on to “NASA Space Place” and enjoy learning and fun with your Cub Scouts and your family.

Scouting Wire and Scouting Newsroom

Do you want to learn about the latest Scouting news stories as well as interesting stories about Scouts and Scouting?

Subscribe to either or both of these two sites for a weekly email.

Go to Scoutingwire.org and/or Scoutingnewsroom.org to sign up.
Winter Activities

There is magic to camping in winter. It is one of the most challenging outdoor adventures. However, potentially extreme weather conditions, cold temperatures, and unique hazards associated with outdoor winter activities require careful planning to ensure safety.

General Information
Eating the right type of food when camping or playing in the cold is important.

One of the best ways to remember what is appropriate to eat when you are spending extended periods of time outside in cold weather is to use good nutrition to build the re within. Make sure your food consumption includes sugars, which act like a fire starter; carbohydrates and proteins, which act as kindling; and fats that produce the energy needed to keep the fire burning and your body running at peak performance. Stay away from caeinated drinks such as soda, coffee, and teathowever drink plenty of plain water to keep yourself properly hydrated.

Keeping warm is the most important part of cold-weather camping and outdoor activities. Use the “C-O-L-D” method to stay warm.

C = Clean: Since insulation is only effective when heat is trapped by dead air spaces, keep your insulating layers clean and fluffy. Dirt, grime, and perspiration can mat down those air spaces and reduce the warmth of a garment.

O = Overheating: Avoid overheating by adjusting the layers of your clothing to meet the outside temperature and the exertions of your activities. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, and refrain from drinking caeinated drinks that act as diuretics.

L = Loose layers: A steady flow of warm blood is essential to keeping all parts of your body heated. Wear several loosely fitting layers of clothing and footgear that will allow maximum insulation without impeding your circulation. Having clothing that is brightly colored (orange or red) is also a good idea, so hunters and sportsmen can see you in snowy conditions. Always have a hat and wear it.

D = Dry: Sweaty, damp clothing and skin can cause your body to cool quickly, possibly leading to frostnip and hypothermia. Keep dry by avoiding clothes that absorb moisture. Always brush away snow on your clothes before you enter a heated area. Keep clothing around your neck loosened so that body heat and moisture can escape instead of soaking through your layers.

Resources
• Guide to Safe Scouting—Winter Activities
• BSA’s Scouting Safely
• Fieldbook

Making Winter Fun for Your Cub Scouts
From November-December 2018 Scouting magazine

Don’t let the elements freeze the fun out of your next winter event.

“Jack Frost nipping at your nose” might be a great song lyric, but it’s not how everyone would choose to spend a winter weekend. Fortunately, most Cub Scout leaders are willing to brave the cold — and the occasional complaining — to take their Cub Scouts to the woods this winter. Once there, they’ll find the rewards are worth the effort.

Keys to Success
If you’re ready to brave the elements with your Cub Scout boys and girls, here are some keys to success from these Winter Camp veterans:

Clothing: Be sure everyone packs plenty of warm clothing. “It’s always easier to shed the clothes than to try and make them out of the plants around you,” Cotter says. Extra socks are especially important. “One of the biggest problems we’ve had is where a Scout walks through a puddle and gets their feet wet,” Krinsky says. “That’s not too bad when it’s 85 out, but when it’s 25 out, that’s not so much fun.”

Activities: While it can vary by region, you should use cabins or limit activities to daytime in cold-weather situations. Wills and Talbott suggest having plenty of rainy-day (and snowy-day) activities available, such as board games and crafts. “There will be periods where the Cub Scouts will need to stay indoors, so being prepared with activities (games, stories, books) and snacks for the kids will definitely help with cabin fever,” Talbott says.

Food: Cub Scouts need something warm during the winter, whether that’s hot chocolate or beef stew. Krinsky recommends supplementing the camp’s menu with your own supplies. “It’s really a good idea to have a backup plan [in case] you get there and, for whatever reason, your kids don’t like that meal.” His pack members keep coffee and hot chocolate in their cabin to keep Cub Scouts and adults happy.

Adults: set the tone. While it will occasionally be 33 and rainy, Krinsky remembers one Winter Camp when a rainy Saturday gave way to a winter wonderland of snow come Sunday. “The kids got to go tubing and had a great time,” he says. “If you don’t like the weather, it’s probably going to change.”

To Stay Warm, Think C-O-L-D
(See adjacent column for details on “C-O-L-D”)
Introduction to iHub

Blackhawk Area Council is making a big transition away from our traditional website, and moving communications and forms to a new platform called the iHub! If you have liked the Blackhawk Area Council facebook page (and we hope you have!) you’ve probably noticed some posts that took you to the iHub as an introduction.

The website address for the iHub is Blackhawk.ihubapp.org. There is a home page, and the content is broken down by categories (broad topics) and then channels- which serve like specific interest groups. You get to decide which topics you see posts for, and can choose to receive notifications of new information every day, or just once a week. Look for a post that says “Getting Started” on the Home page and click on it! You’ll find a quick tutorial video and the following text to help you get started:

“Welcome to the Blackhawk Area Council IHUBApp! We are so glad you are here.”

If you’re a new user to the IHUBapp, watch this quick video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D6m4_KC5FA) to get the most out of our HUB! Also, check out our step by step guide to setting your “Channels” below.

Now what?
As the Hub grows, your channel choices will grow. The cool part is that your channel choices create your own “personal palette” of Scouting information that is tailored just for you! Choose what you are interested in or need to know about and leave the others alone.

Change your mind? Change your position? Ok - leave the channel! No worries!

First - Getting “Subscribed”
When you click on “Join” to join your first channel, you will be asked to log in. You will go through a verification process (so watch for that email) to confirm your subscription. Make sure you verify your account because you have the ability to receive messages through the Hub, BUT, you can only view them if your email was verified! (No bots, right?)

Want to avoid the verification process? Login with Facebook!

Choosing Channels
In the left sidebar, under “My Information” you can register for channels that interest you. This is your navigation tool.

You can also subscribe/register from here and update your channel choices at any time.

Channels Available
There are public channels and private (or request to join channels). The list will continue to grow, moving forward, so keep looking!

Important channels to see now are the Summer Camp, Resident Camp, Day Camp and Camp Cards! Many of the channels are sorted into categories. You can view the list by “Categories” or “List All” which will give an alphabetical listing of every available channel.

Once you have joined channels, you can choose to view only your channels.

Learn how to Set Your Notifications.
(https://blackhawk.ihubapp.org/posts/28180/notifications-for-users-on-the-ihubapp)

Setting your notifications is important! Did you know that you can set it up to receive a weekly digest of ONLY the newest information in ONLY the channels you have joined? Forget the days of deciding which part of the newsletter applies to you - everything in that digest WILL apply to you because you signed up for it! It’s like it was tailor-made just for you...because it is!

Add the app to your Home Screen
(https://blackhawk.ihubapp.org/posts/28182/save-the-ihubapp-to-home-screen)

Doing this on your phone or mobile device will make it easier to access when you need information!

Happy Channel Surfing!

Scouting Wire and Scouting Newsroom

Do you want to learn about the latest Scouting news stories as well as interesting stories about Scouts and Scouting.

Subscribe to either or both of these two sites for a weekly email.

Go to Scoutingwire.org and/or Scoutingnewsroom.org to sign up.
The Blackhawk Area Council is committed to the protection and safety of its youth and adult members. In order to proactively maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness at the council, district, and unit levels, and create a mechanism for compliance, the Blackhawk Area Council Executive Board passed the following motion at the August 22, 2019, Council Board meeting.

**ADULT LEADERSHIP YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING POLICY**

The Boy Scouts of America desires 100% Youth Protection Training (YPT) among all adult volunteers over 18 years of age, and among youth participants over 18 years of age. This policy is intended to equip leaders with resources to provide protection for our youth, adult leadership, chartered partners, the Blackhawk Area Council, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Historically, Blackhawk Area Council has relied upon voluntary participation and cooperation by all Scouters and youth participants over 18 years of age. Due to the excellent efforts of our training teams, we have made significant progress, but have been unable to achieve the desired goal of 100% Youth Protection Trained. To meet the 100% goal and keep our Scouts safe, the Council Board of the Blackhawk Area Council adopts the following YPT policy effective January 1, 2020:

1. For Unit, District, or Council charters effective on or after January 1, 2020, no adult or youth participant over 18 will be registered, or re-registered, without a current, valid, Youth Protection Training certificate.

2. Beginning with the 2020 recharter cycle, and thereafter, it will be the Council’s policy that no adult Scouter, or youth participant over 18, will be renewed if their YPT certificate will expire at any time during their respective recharter year.

3. If an adult Scouter, or youth participant over 18, does not possess a current youth protection training certificate at any time during their registration year, the Blackhawk Area Council will expire the individual’s membership. In order to be reinstated, the individual will need to complete a new membership application, provide a valid YPT certificate, and pay the applicable registration fee.

4. If a youth member turns 18 during a recharter year and they desire to remain as a youth participant over age 18, or if they desire to serve in any other adult volunteer capacity within the Scouting program, they must complete the applicable YPT training no later than their 18th birthday, or their membership will be suspended.

5. This policy will apply to all registered adults and youth participants over 18 in Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Explorer Posts, and STEM labs. In addition it will apply to all Chartered Organization Representatives, Merit Badge Counselors, Unit, District, and Council Commissioners and their assistants (including Roundtable Commissioners and their assistants), Committee Chairs and Committee Members at the Unit, District and Council Level, Camp Staff, Professional Staff, as well as the Council Executive and Advisory Boards.

6. Participation in various District, Council, Area, Region or National events or programs may require additional YPT training.

7. Chartered partners may impose additional youth protection training requirements in excess of these YPT requirements.

Scouters with a current email in their My.Scouting account will receive notices about their Youth Protection Training expiration, and can review their contact information and their Youth Protection status by checking their My.Scouting account. We encourage voluntary compliance.

Unit Key 3’s can work with the Council Training Team to update training records to reflect completed training that is not accurately recorded. Commissioners are also available to assist units with ensuring 100% YPT training.

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The new guidelines with have an impact to our Scouters in three areas:

1) After 1/1/2020, any adult Scouter being rechartered in the Council will need their YPT certification valid for their full charter tenure. For example, if you are rechartering in Spring of 2020 for the 2020-2021 Scouting year, your YPT certificate must be valid through Spring of 2021. This differs from the previous policy where your certification only needed to be valid at the beginning of the charter period.

Specifically for 2020 recharter, YPT certification must be valid through:

   a. Ranger, Scoutreach, and Wanchanagi      3/1/21
   b. Sycamore and Wetassa                  4/1/21
   c. Arrowhead and White Eagle             5/1/21

2) If the YPT certification for a registered adult expires during their charter year and they do not renew it, they will have their BSA registration expired and will no longer be authorized to work with youth within the Scouting program.

3) If a youth member turns 18 (becomes an adult) during their charter year, they are required to take Youth Protection Training (YPT) or their BSA registration will be expired and they will no longer be authorized to work with youth within the Scouting program.

The safety and protection of our members is of the utmost importance to the Blackhawk Area Council. We are pleased to lead the way in our efforts to provide a safe environment for all our Scouting participants.

If you have any questions regarding our Youth Protection policy, or how these new guidelines will affect your unit, please contact your District Training Team or the Council Service Center at 815-397-0210.
Blackhawk Area Council
Needs You!
Non-Camp Properties Committee
Needs Chairman

We are looking for a volunteer to chair the non-camp properties committee to handle maintenance and repairs to the Council Service Center (McFarland Rd.), Program Center (Van Diver Rd.), Crystal Lake Service Center and the Boeger Lodge at Camp Lowden.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jake Dykstra at 815-985-3664 or dykstra@cordconstruction.com.

Be Part of ScoutReach Team

ScoutReach is a team of part-time, seasoned, paraprofessionals who enjoy working with Cub Scouts. This group of nine dedicated staff members have more than 44-years of experience in ScoutReach and well over 120-years of Scouting experience. Our local team was Nationally recognized as “Best in Class” for its program operation.

Would you like to share some of the duties of conducting 43 den meetings each week? You too can be dedicated, and get good at it, but work less than 20-hours a week. Get on-the-job training with other adults and a huge variety of youth.

For more information, contact Terry Nichols at the council service center – 815-397-0210.

New to Scouting as a Webelos Scout?
Yes, You Can Wear the Bobcat Badge

Unlike other Cub Scout diamond-shaped rank badges, the Webelos badge is an oval, similar to Scouts BSA rank badges. Webelos also wear tan uniforms instead of the blue ones that younger Cub Scouts wear. But all Cub Scouts must earn the Bobcat badge before earning any other rank.

So, what if you’re new to Scouting and your Scout joins as a Webelos? Can you put that diamond-shaped Bobcat badge on the uniform’s left pocket?

Yes, you can.

The National Cub Scouting Committee recently approved this allowance, and it’s effective immediately. The Guide to Awards and Insignia will be updated to reflect this change.

The Bobcat and Webelos badges won’t be worn together. When the Webelos rank badge is earned, remove the Bobcat badge and attach the Webelos badge, centered, on the left shirt pocket. We know it won’t be long before your Scout fulfills the requirements for the Webelos rank badge, so if you don’t want to pull out the sewing machine, you can attach the Bobcat badge temporarily.

Cub Scout Rank Badges Color Changes

The rank badge placement on your Cub Scout’s blue uniforms hasn’t changed since the last update in 2018. This update is only for Webelos tan uniforms.

Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear badges will still be in their positions over the left shirt pocket with the Lion badge underneath.

The 2018 update saw Lions officially added to the Cub Scouting program, Wolf rank colors turn from yellow to red, Bear from light green to light blue, and Webelos and Arrow of Light badges go solely to the tan uniform.
*Sign Up Today to go with your council Contingent!!!

*Only limited spots available!!!

*One of the best experiences you will have in your scouting career!!!

To learn more about the 2021 Jamboree or the Council contingent log onto the Council website:

http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/jamboree

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-reserved basis. In fairness to all, the deposit must be received to reserve your space.
Face the Challenge:
Participant Registration Now Open for the 2021 National Jamboree

A celebration that happens just once every four years. World-class venues packed with incredible moments. A spirit of unity, patriotism and courage.

Turns out the National Jamboree and the Summer Olympics share a lot of similarities — with one exception — at a National Jamboree everyone leaves a winner.

Participant registration is now open for the 2021 National Jamboree, to be held July 21–30, 2021, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, the BSA’s gold-medal-caliber high-adventure base in West Virginia.

A National Jamboree will happen only once or twice during a young person’s time in Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouting. That’s why many people call a National Jamboree a “flagship BSA experience.”

Over the course of 10 days, Jamboree participants will experience unforgettable adventures they’ll remember all their lives. They can experience the Summit’s legendary adventure sports programs, earn merit badges, enjoy stadium shows, and trade patches with Scouts from all 50 states and many foreign countries.

In doing all that, Jamboree participants join a tradition that has been a part of the BSA since the very first National Jamboree in 1937, 2021 National Jamboree

2021 National Jamboree

Scouting instills confidence, helping young people discover they can achieve more than they thought possible.

That’s the uplifting message behind the logo and theme for the 2021 National Jamboree, which the BSA announced today.

Using Scouting’s highest-profile gathering to deliver a distinct thematic message signals a bold new approach for National Jamborees. It ensures that the theme, “Face the Challenge,” will leave a lasting impression on Jamboree participants and our entire movement.

Jamboree organizers will weave the theme throughout the event. They’ll reinforce it before, during and after the Jamboree. They’ll showcase it at stadium shows, deliver it using wearable technology and highlight it at special flash challenges that pop up wherever participants congregate.

Smartphone integration and a pre-Jamboree survey will ensure that each participant embarks on their own Jamboree journey. Even with tens of thousands of participants, no two Jamboree experiences will be the same.

“From an overall programmatic design, we want to customize the Jamboree to an individual’s area for growth,” says Ed Lynes, the volunteer serving as Jamboree Thematics Lead.

‘Face the Challenge’

So what does “Face the Challenge” mean? Here’s how Jamboree organizers explain it in a document summarizing the vision for the 2021 National Jamboree:

The truth is that young people can achieve more than they believe is possible. Scouting uniquely prepares its members to redefine their boundaries, push past them and emerge from the experience with the confidence that no matter the challenge, they can meet it.

Nothing is impossible for the prepared young person — no future is out of reach for a group of committed people who care.

It’s important to signal that the limits people perceive are self-imposed, and that with an embrace and application of the 12 points of the Scout Law and three points of the Scout Oath, there is a bright and positive future.

Participants in the 2021 National Scout Jamboree will learn that character is created when you achieve more than you thought possible.

Registration link youth:
https://blackhawkscouting.doubleknot.com/event/2021-national-jamboree-youth/2568958

Registration link adults:
https://blackhawkscouting.doubleknot.com/event/2021-national-jamboree-adult-leadercaregive r/2568960
Scout PodCasts for February

Each month ScoutCasts address important issues faced by Scouters in packs and troops. You can listen to these PodCasts by going to www.podcast.scouting.org. Archived previous PodCasts are also available at the same site.

Take a few moments of your commute — just 10 to 15 minutes a month — to make yourself a more-informed Scouter. With the BSA’s lineup of monthly podcasts — CubCast and ScoutCast — you’ll be the smartest Scouter in your pack or troop.

As a bonus, each podcast features a timely Safety Moment to keep everyone Scout-safe.

You can find these and archived podcasts at www.podcast.scouting.org. There is also a transcript included with each podcast. You can subscribe to each podcast on iTunes or your favorite podcast app so you don’t miss a single episode.

All this for the low, low price of free!

CubCast for February

Why You Should be Using Scoutbook

So, many of you have probably, hopefully, heard about Scoutbook – the online tool designed to make your Scouting Leadership duties a lot easier. But we found out, although I can’t reveal our source, that some of you out there are not taking advantage of everything Scoutbook has to offer. So, we invited assistant Den Leader Michaela Monson with Pack 192 of the Longhorn Council in Fort Worth, Texas. Michaela is also the project manager for the development of Scoutbook. And we’re here to share with you all the reasons why YOU should be using Scoutbook.

ScoutCast for February

Cultivating New Leaders

This month, let’s talk about Cultivating New Leaders, also called Succession Planning. Having the right person in place to take over if, for whatever reason, a scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster or committee member needs to bow out of his or her commitment. There’s a little more to it than just having the first available warm body fill the vacant slot. You need to find the right person. And we have the right person to help us figure out how to do that — Donna Ragusa, the SBSA National Committee-Recruitment and Retention Task Force Chair.

Year-Round Recruiting

What’s even more fun than being part of a Cub Scout den? Having at least five kids your age in your den! Whether it’s a den for boys or a den for girls, everyone has a better experience if there are more Cub Scouts to share the fun.

That’s why, even though the traditional fall recruiting season has ended, it’s crucial to continue working on recruiting boys and girls into your pack.

Make recruiting continuous rather than seeing it as a seasonal kind of event. It’s important for each pack to work on filling every den.

New Member Coordinators can spread the word about Scouting and help recruit. Once these families join your pack, the job isn’t over, though. Your pack’s New Member Coordinator or a similarly dedicated Scout leader can make these new Cub Scouts feel welcome and not left behind.

Get the new families off to a really good start — whether it’s in December or January or August.

Recruit with a message of service

Millennial moms and dads teach their children the importance of helping others. They’re looking for opportunities to practice what they preach, and Cub Scouting provides exactly that. Invite neighborhood families to be part of specific kindnesses the pack is providing to the community.

Helping others is so important to this generation of families. As we involve them in projects the pack is doing, we can use that opportunity to let them know that Scouting does this all the time.

Encourage pack parents to use social media

Millennial moms and dads get some of their parenting guidance from social media. They feel close to the people with whom they are connected online. Encourage your current pack parents to post photos and videos of all the great activities they’re doing in Cub Scouting.

Hold a second recruiting event

Hold a “soft-sell” recruiting event in a public venue — somewhere people who aren’t legacy Scouting families might congregate.

It’ll help if you can allow kids to experience some of the activities they’ll enjoy in Cub Scouting at this fun, free gathering.

Don’t view recruiting as a one-time thing

Work to develop relationships with those you seek to recruit and retain. Instead of taking a one-and-done approach to recruiting, think of it as a continuous process that goes well beyond the first meeting.

Make sure they don’t feel left behind

There will be some need for new members to catch up. Den leaders can champion this effort, but they should use their den chief to help. (A den chief is a Scout, Venturer or Sea Scout who assists a den leader.) There’s a great opportunity for the den chief to give some focus to the kids who have joined later, to help them do any adventures that the den has already completed. They can catch up by working in small groups or completing activities with their family. The adventures are designed to be adaptable. You might also consider holding one or more additional den meetings for these new members to get them up to speed.

Develop the ‘roots and wings’

Scouting helps develop “roots and wings” in kids. The “roots” refer to the sense of belonging that Cub Scouts feel as a part of a den and pack. Once those roots are established, they feel comfortable enough to develop the wings — and pursue that sense of adventure.
No Crew? No Problem! Check Out Our Individual Treks!

Need a crew? Want a unique Philmont experience? Do you have an interest in ranching or conservation? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then our individual trek program might be right for you! Scouts from across the country come together each summer, forming a crew led by Philmont staff, and take part in an exciting individual trek experience. Details can be found at https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/

The programs available are Ranch Hands, STEM, Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, Roving Outdoor Conservation School, Trail Crew Trek, Rayado

2020 Philmont Training Center Schedule Now Available
More Than 50 Conferences Are Available!

Visit the national volunteer training center for the Boy Scouts of America with over fifty different week-long conferences. Since 1950, the Philmont Training Center has provided a unique environment for training volunteers and professionals, creating leaders and hosting family friendly adventures. Conferences feature the latest tools, techniques, audiovisuals, discussions, idea-sharing and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters selected by the National Council. See all the programs the PTC has to offer you online.

Philmont Family Adventure Camp Now Available All Summer Long!

Philmont Family Adventure is a chance to experience Philmont Scout Ranch like never before. Open to all registered members of the BSA and their families. You will have the chance to visit Philmont and participate in program with the members of your family. Together, you're sure to make memories that will last a lifetime!

The BSA Family Adventure Camp is designed to meet the needs of families and build bonds through exciting and interactive programs. The program will operate in an open enrollment format where you and your family will have the chance to choose activities that appeal to you. Families will meet for two program sessions daily: Morning and Afternoon. A parent must accompany their family members on all participated programs.

To learn more about any of the Philmont events, go to Philmont Scout Ranch & Training Center | 575- 376-2281 | www.philmontscoutranch.org
Volunteer Recognition
(From Advancement News, September-October 2019)

Human beings of all ages love recognition. We might not always want to admit it, or we might think some recognitions are silly, but we still want to be recognized for a good effort or a job well done. Research and leadership theory backs that up.

- The Gallup Organization says one of the most important elements of a successful team is when a member answers “Yes” to “Have I received recognition or praise for doing good work?”
- One favorite learning organization, the Disney Institute, says: “Recognition can be empowering, often propelling people to higher levels of engagement.”
- The psychology blog Exploring Your Mind says, “If we are recognized and respected, our self-esteem blossoms. But be careful! Just as we accept it, it is also essential to know how to offer recognition to others.”

Baden-Powell recognized the value and importance of recognition for youth, e.g., badges of merit, as well as adults, e.g., a wooden bead on a leather thong, in Scouting from its earliest days. The founders of the Boy Scouts of America followed this concept, too.

Most of us are well aware of the elements and importance of youth recognition, but at times we forget the value of adult recognition. As advancement and recognition leaders we really need to make an effort to recognize our volunteers for their efforts. And, since many volunteers are not seeking recognition, other volunteers might have to be the ones who make it happen rather than let it happen or hope it happens.

Recognition is the “psychic paycheck” we seek when we volunteer. It keeps volunteers motivated and, in the case of recognition for units such as the Journey to Excellence, it helps to promote a good feeling among Scouts, leaders, parents, and the chartered organization regarding their Scouting program: “WE are a Gold JTE Unit!”

- Do you make sure training and service awards are applied for and presented to deserving Scouters in your unit or units?
- Do you have an intentional plan for soliciting nominations for the District Award of Merit, Silver Beavers, and even Silver Antelopes, and Distinguished or Outstanding Eagle Scout Awards?
- Do you present some of these awards in public, or do you present them in private? Or worse – by mail? Banquets, pack meetings, courts of honor, and service area meetings are great venues for recognition. Use them or create events in your service area to facilitate recognition.

Furthermore, when volunteers who contribute in an outstanding way are recognized, we as advancement and recognition leaders who helped to make it possible, feel good too. We might not be the ones who get that certificate or square knot, but we know we played a role in making sure the right person did – and in seeing the good that will likely happen in the future because of the recognition.

Section 3.0.0.0 of the Guide to Advancement has some points on how you can recognize youth and volunteers. You can also find valuable information about the multitude of BSA awards available on Scouting.org on the Advancement and the Awards-Central pages.

Make sure you remember to recognize!

Bullying Awareness

The idea that a Scout should treat others as he or she wants to be treated—a Scout is kind—is woven throughout the programs and literature of the Boy Scouts of America. When a Scout follows the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, bullying and hazing situations should never occur. These fact sheets will help with bullying awareness and direct you to resources provided by the BSA and other entities we work with to protect children.

The following fact sheets can be found at https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/bullying/
- Step In Speak Up
- Be Upstanding
- A Scout Is Kind Newsletter
- Bullying—What Is Bullying?
- Bullying Prevention Guide
- Creating a Bullying-Free Culture in Scouting
- What to Do if Your Child Is Being Bullied
- Prevention of Cyberbullying in Scouting
- Reporting Suspected or Observed Bullying
- Providing Support to Scouts Who Are Bullied
- The Bully
- Prevention of Bullying in Scouting—Unit Discussions
- Myths About Bullying
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Our Vision:
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Council Contacts
For information regarding planned giving, please contact Joe Geraghty, VP of Planned Giving, or Dane Boudreau, Field Director.

How can YOU help us make Scouting last forever?

Read about all of our giving programs below. Application forms for James E. West Fellowship and Second Century Society are available in the BlackhawkScouting.org.

James E. West Fellowship
Become part of James E. West Fellowship:
For gifts to local councils that are designated to a council endowment fund. There are four levels to James E. West Fellowship:
$1,000  –  Bronze Member Level
$5,000  –  Silver Member Level
$10,000  –  Gold Member Level
$15,000  –  Diamond Member Level
Other than helping Scouting continue forever, what do I receive for being a James E. West Fellow?
**All awards provided by the Blackhawk Area Council once the application and donation are received.

Gifts at the $5,000, $10,000, and $15,000 levels may be cumulative. Also, individuals and corporations may designate these gifts in honor or memory of others. Lastly, you may add to your total gift level at any time.

We Thank All of You Who Are Currently James E. West Fellows With The Blackhawk Area Council!

Become part of The Second Century Society
For outright gifts payable over a five-year period or deferred gifts of $100,000 or more to local councils, the BSA Foundation, high-adventure bases, or any BSA entity. These gifts may be for operating, capital, or endowment. The four levels are:
$25,000 Member Level
$100,000 Member Level
$500,000 Member Level
$1,000,000 Member Level
Other than helping Scouting continue forever, what do I receive for being a member of The Second Century Society?
**All awards provided by the Blackhawk Area Council once the application and donation are received.

Donors making $100,000-plus outright gifts are designated “Members with Distinction” and donors making $500,000-plus deferred gifts are designated “Legacy Members.” These groups also receive special recognition and opportunities. There are also new “Lifetime Investor” levels starting at $500,000.

Other Ways to Support Your Council
Securities and Other Assets, Stock Options, Wills and Bequests, IRAs and Retirement Plans, Life Insurance, Gift Annuities, Charitable Lead Trusts
Make a Gift That Lasts a Lifetime

Have you ever thought about a financial gift to Scouting that lasts a lifetime? In addition to donating to Friends of Scouting each year, which is absolutely necessary for the council to operate; there are other ways to donate that will create a financial pipeline in perpetuity for our council and Scouting programs and help us “Scout Our Future.”

It is our Council Endowment Committee’s goal to be able to fund all of our council program expenses through the interest generated from our Council Endowment. This goal is not something that can be completed in a single year, but a goal our entire Scouting community must take on together to achieve.

Specifically,
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So What Is an Endowment?

An endowment is a fund held to provide interest and dividend earnings for the benefit of a charitable cause. Ultimately, it is a life preserver that generates income each and every year for our council. With a gift to the Council Endowment Fund, you are supporting Scouting throughout your lifetime and beyond.

Unlike Friends of Scouting, your donations are held in a restricted fund, meaning only the interest and dividends earned from your gift can be used for council support each year. What this means is that if our endowment grows large enough, the Blackhawk Area Council will be able to improve its programs, cut costs for programs, and overall be free from the constraints of financial hardships.

There are several recognitions for Endowment gifts and different types of gifts that can be accepted such as cash, estate gifts, charitable remainder trusts, and much more. I invite you to read more about this great way to make a lifetime impact to the Blackhawk Area Council by visiting www.blackhawkscouting.org/scoutingourfuture

Should you have an interest in donating to our Endowment or have questions, please contact me anytime at 815-397-0210 or dane.boudreau@scouting.org and I will be happy to assist.

Dane Boudreau
Field Director
dane.boudreau@scouting.org

Blackhawk Area Council
James E. West Pledge Card

Please choose a level of commitment:

____ $1000  ____ $5000  ____ $10,000  ____ $15,000

Donor Information and Affiliation:
In Memory/Honor of ______________________________________
Name _____________________________________________________
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___ NEW - James E West  _____ EXISTING: Please add to my James E West Account

___ Send Me Information on Endowment Events
___ Send Me Information on Endowment giving - Gifts can be given over a period of time.
___ Send Me Information on Will Services

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Credit Card # ______________________
Exp. Date _____________
Bill Me: ______ Monthly  _____ Quarterly  ______ Annually ______

Name on Card ______________________________________________
CSV# ____________

Guide to Safe Scouting

“Be safe” is one of the watch words of Scouting. According to Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh, “the BSA is committed to safety.” He charges each of us to commit ourselves to creating a safe and healthy learning environment. It behooves all of us to keep this charge in mind every time our Scouts get together. The Scout’s parents entrust their children to our care and expect them to be safe, secure, healthy, and happy.

Our definitive guide to safety in all of our Scouting activities is the Guide to Safe Scouting. It has a great deal of information on a wide range of topics. Every Scouter should be familiar with this guide and should check it regularly.


The online version is updated quarterly. A PDF version is also available for download.

Be sure to check the guide for the latest changes before any outing or event.

Not all learning happens in the classroom. We are equipping young Americans for life.
The Power of Suggestion


We've all heard of the 'power of suggestion' and how it can influence our lives and the lives of those around us. If someone or something suggests to you a specific outcome, your expectations can play an important role in achieving that outcome. The reason for this is that the way we anticipate our response to a situation influences how we will actually respond.

In Scouting the 'power of suggestion' frequently manifests itself by leaders attempting to influence a Scout's behavior, actions, advancement etc. by making a "suggestion." Typical examples include telling Scouts that it is 'suggested' they: (1) wear the full field uniform to a Scoutmaster conference; (2) type the Eagle Scout Rank Application; or (3) type the Scout's statement of ambition and life purpose a certain length.

For Eagle Scout service projects, some leaders have 'suggested' Scouts should work toward a certain typical standard stating for example that 100 hours is typical of what is needed to show sufficient leadership to successfully complete an Eagle Scout service project. However, Scouts will frequently interpret a 'suggestion' as an indirect instruction that they must comply with rather than just an alternative they might consider.

Leaders may defend these practices by saying that they were merely 'making a suggestion' and not establishing a minimum standard. But what was their real intent? Obviously, it was an attempt to influence the Scout's behavior and actions in a specific way. In reality the above examples are nothing more than an attempt to set additional minimum standards beyond those necessary for rank advancement. This is just an indirect way of adding to requirements, which is not allowed.

From the Scouts' perspective, the problem with such "suggestions," however well-meaning, is that Scouts will frequently interpret a suggestion from an adult as an indirect instruction that they must comply with rather than just an alternative they might consider. To better understand this let's look at the context of how a 'suggestion' is given. When someone in a position of authority, such as a parent, unit leader, employer, or other professional makes a 'suggestion' more than likely they are expressing their expectation of a certain outcome. For example,

1. If a doctor suggests that a patient stop a certain behavior, is the Scoutmaster communicating an expected performance standard?
2. If a teacher suggests that students study certain topics overnight, is that a 'suggestion' or a warning about a potential pop quiz the next day?
3. If an employer suggests that you do something, is that really a 'suggestion' or an indirect way of telling you do something? If an employer suggests that an employee might want to get a report done before going home today instead of waiting until tomorrow what would the expectation of that employee?
4. If a parent suggests that one of their children clean up their room, make their bed, take out the garbage, etc., are they really making a 'suggestion' that the child doesn't need to follow?
5. If the Scoutmaster 'suggests' that a Scout do a certain something is that a 'suggestion' or is the Scoutmaster communicating an expected performance standard?

The examples above should make it clear that when someone in a position of authority makes a 'suggestion' that in reality they are communicating an performance expectation. Likewise, in Scouting, when adult leaders make 'suggestions' to Scouts, they will undoubtedly interpret those ‘suggestions’ as instructions that they must comply with. Don’t fall in the trap of creating additional requirements and expectations that are not permitted or allowed by calling them “suggestions.” Praising positive actions is a much better approach and ultimately one that should be much more successful in achieving the desired outcome.

Guide to Advancement, Section 9.0.2.4 states
“Councils, districts, and units shall not establish requirements for the number of people led, or their makeup, or for time worked on a project.”
Merit Badge Requirement Changes for 2020

Merit Badge Updates for 2020

It's time to review your troop library of merit badge pamphlets! The following is a list of merit badges that have had some modifications for 2020. Some changes may be minor, like Crime Prevention while others like American Business and Reading have been completely revised.

Requirements Updated 2020

Merit badge requirement updates from 2020 Scouts BSA Requirements (33216):

- American Business PDF icon (Completely revised)
- American Heritage PDF icon (3a, 3b, 4a)
- Animal Science PDF icon (3; for 6, Avian option: d2, e)
- Bugling PDF icon (3, 4)
- Chemistry PDF icon (2b, 6, 7a, 7c)
- Crime Prevention PDF icon (8a)
- Environmental Science PDF icon (3, 4a, 4b; added 3h)
- Geology PDF icon (for 5d, Earth History option: added new 2 and renumbered existing 5d[2–5])
- Kayaking PDF icon (3b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 7a, 8a, 8b, 8e; added 5c, 8f, 8g; deleted 4d)
- Model Design and Building PDF icon (3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4e, 5a, 5d)
- Painting PDF icon (3, 6, 8; deleted 2b; existing 2c and 2d now 2b and 2c)
- Personal Fitness PDF icon (4a, 4b, 4c, 4e, 5d, 8; revised and reordered 2 and 3; added 6b)
- Reading PDF icon (Completely revised)
- Safety PDF icon (1, 2b, 5)
- Space Exploration PDF icon (5c)
- Sustainability PDF icon (for 2, Energy: b; 4f)
- Traffic Safety PDF icon (5b, 5d)
- Whitewater PDF icon (1a, 1c, 2a, 2b, 4a[1–3], 4b[1], 4c[1], 9, 10, 11, 12; added 2c, 2d)

Straight From the BSA Guide to Advancement

- More News for You to Use!

Guidelines on Reporting Advancements!

All Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Sea Scout ranks, and all Venturing advancement awards must be reported to local councils. The best and most accurate method is through the BSA’s internet portal for reporting advancement. An advancement report is not required to purchase adventure loops or pins. However, to ensure that each Cub Scout’s record is complete and accurate, all adventures – required and elective – should be posted in the BSA system using the internet portal for reporting advancement.

Some key things to remember!

1. All badges of rank, merit badges, Eagle Palms, and Venturing awards are restricted items. Unit leadership may not purchase these insignia for presentation without having filed an advancement report with the local council.
2. Units should report advancement monthly. This assures member records are complete. Missing reports are a serious issue. For example, accurate documentation is critical for boards of review, the Eagle Scout rank, the Summit Award, the Quartermaster rank, and membership transfers or reinstatements.
3. To reflect an accurate count in the Journey to Excellence performance recognition program, it is also important that all advancement for a calendar year be recorded during that year.

Benefits of Electronic Advancement Reporting

- Provides straightforward and direct method of reporting
- Eliminates issues with deciphering handwriting
- Helps in local council verification of Eagle Scout Rank Applications
- Records ranks, badges, and awards in accordance with BSA advancement rules
- Consolidates data files to reduce or eliminate record gaps when Scouts transfer units
- Supports national data analysis for advancement statistics o Assures advancement is counted in the Journey to Excellence

Revised and Updated Advancement Documents

Multiple revised and updated documents now available at scouting.org/advancement:

- Request for Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility
- Individual Scout Advancement Plan
- Belated Eagle Scout Rank Application
- Request for Extension of Time to Earn Eagle Scout Rank
- Reporting Merit Badge Counseling Concerns
- Revised Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook for 2019 has been posted and is available from scouting.org/advancement under the Rank Advancement category.

The content is basically unchanged and revised to reflect gender-neutrality.
BLACKHAWK AREA COUNCIL
EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS WITH THE CHICAGO BULLS

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Blackhawk Area Council

Follow this link to select your seat(s): groupmatics.events/Bsa72

- **Tickets start at: $17 or $25!**
  - Each ticket comes with a [Chicago Fire Boy Scout Patch](#)!
  - $3 goes back to your Council.

There’s something magical about experiencing a game at Soldier Field with friends. It’s a venue where the people of Chicago come together not just to support their team but to celebrate themselves. And in bringing Chicago Fire FC back to Soldier Field for the 2020 season, we’re thrilled to be celebrating the world’s game in the heart of a great world city.

And we want the Boy Scouts of America - Blackhawk Area Council to celebrate with us. Our guests are a special part of our game day experience. They remind us, in the words of our owner Joe Mansueto, that “When Chicago is united, we can accomplish anything…” So, we invite you to stand with us as we “Stand for Chicago” and experience a unique and re-imagined game day experience with friends, colleagues and clients, priced to encourage every Chicagoan to join us.

It starts with our home opener against [Atlanta United on March 21st](#). It’s a historic moment for Chicago sports and your chance to tell future generations that “We were there...”

Thank you for your contribution to the life of our city. We look forward to celebrating you as you celebrate our team.

Please reach out to Jacob Smith with any questions at (708) 496-6780 or [Jasmith@chicago-fire.com](mailto:Jasmith@chicago-fire.com).
SCOUT NIGHTS

OCT. 12 @ 6
APR. 11 @ 6

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UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE! ADD A PIZZA SLICE, SOFT DRINK & SOUVENIR PUCK

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A portion of each ticket sold will go back to support your local council!

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☐ OCTOBER 12, 2019 @ 6PM   ☐ APRIL 11, 2020 @ 6PM

COUNCIL: __________________________

GROUP NAME: ________________________

CONTACT: ____________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____________________

PHONE: ______________________________

EMAIL: ______________________________

NUMBER OF SCOUT NIGHT PATCHES NEEDED: __________________

*Patches are exclusive to Scout Night

PAYMENT INFORMATION

LOWER LEVEL UPGRADED TICKETS @ $30 = ________

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LOWER LEVEL TICKETS @ $21 = ________

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Please submit one order per group to ensure grouped seating. The best available seats will be assigned within your requested price level. All promotions and giveaways are subject to change. This order form cannot be combined with any other discount, promotion or offer. Scout Night offer not available through the EMO Harris Bank Center box office.

Questions? call Ryan @ (815) 847-6383 or woodrowr@icehogs.com
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**Council President, Council Treasurer, Council Vice President:**
- Completion of D71 (Council Officer Training) and Membership Ethics

**Council Executive Board Member:**
- Completion of H91 Council Executive Board Training and Membership Ethics.

Membership Ethics is already a training requirement for district committee positions. Due to changes in positions, not all Key 3 members have received the learning plan assignment emails, and some individuals who are no longer in a Key 3 position have received emails.

To rectify this, we have added the Key 3 Membership Ethics training into the member’s Learn Center.

If you need this training, please use the process listed on the right. There is no need to email or call to have the training assigned.

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**2020 - 2021 Blackhawk Area Council OKPIK**

**Cold Weather Camping Course - Train the Trainer**

*“Non Semper Erit Aestas”*

*“It Will Not Always Be Summer”*

Blackhawk Area Council announces Okpik Cold Weather Camping Training for Troop Leaders, Sr Scouts, and Troop Trainers 14 & Up.

To provide a train the trainer opportunity to scout leaders and experienced youth in the unique skills of winter camping. The intent of this course is to help scout troops to extend their camping season to all 12 months of the year. It is expected that the participants of this course will go back to their units and share the knowledge and skills learned in this course. Because of this, the course is limited to adults and experienced youth only (at least 14 years old, approved by their home troop Scoutmaster and the course director).

**Dates & Times:**
- November 14, 2020 (Classroom, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- December 12, 2020 (Classroom, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- January 16, 2021 (Outdoor Classroom, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- January 30-31, 2021 (Practical, Camp Lowden, Oregon, Ill.)

All three classroom sessions and a practical outdoor campout are required to complete the course.

Course Fee: $100.00 paid in full by November 1, 2020.

If you have any questions please contact the Course Director at okpik@blackhawkscouting.org

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**Membership Ethics**

*From The Training Times, Winter 2020*

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**Key 3 Membership Ethics Training**

Follow these steps to access the training:
- Log in to my.scouting.org
- Select the member’s learn center graphic on the right side of the home page to navigate to the member’s learn center.
- From the member’s learn center home page, select “Position.”
- Scroll down and select the “Add Plan” button for Key 3 Membership Ethics.
- Begin the training by clicking on the title “Key 3 Membership Ethics,” or by clicking the “My Learning” tab to access and launch the course.
New Video Series Delivers the Ultimate Den Leader Experience

By now, you’ve probably caught word of Scoutbook’s Den Leader Experience, the free web app that makes it easier than ever for den leaders to prepare for and lead meetings, track advancement and attendance, and more. So, how could preparing for a den meeting possibly get any easier?

Leave it to the Scoutbook team to find new ways to streamline and simplify the den leading process—because they’ve now introduced a video series to help you navigate the Den Leader Experience app and get the most out of this terrific new tool.

Based on the top questions the Scoutbook team received since the launch of the Den Leader Experience, these videos were created in the spirit of continuous improvement. The video series uses quick, to-the-point snapshots that will help any den leader get started, whether you’re a tech novice or an app aficionado.

From home screen how-tos to den invitations, check out the list below to see how these videos can offer you the best Den Leader Experience possible. You can also find all 16 videos at Scouting.org/DenLeaderTips.

Dashboard:  
Accessing Your Account  
Navigating the Main Pages  
Taking Training  
Finding Resources  
Preparing for the Next Meeting  
Selecting Your Den  
Setting Up a Den

Meetings:  
Understanding the Calendar View  
Editing Your Calendar  
Taking Attendance

Roster:  
Finding Parents  
Finding Your Scouts  
Inviting a Leader to Your Den  
Inviting a Parent to Your Den  
Inviting a Scout to Your Den  
Viewing an Adult’s Profile

Check out the Den Leader Experience for yourself through Scoutbook and be sure to head to Bryan on Scouting’s story to learn more about the awesome features!

For questions on the Den Leader Experience or Scoutbook in general, you can always contact the Scoutbook support team at: Scoutbook.support@scouting.org. You can also read answers to frequently asked questions here.

As always, keep an eye on Scoutbook.com for updates and stay tuned to Scouting Wire for details on another new video series featuring den leader tips and Cub Scout rank overviews!

New Cub Scout Facilitator-Led Training

This course is designed to deliver training for all position-trained Cub Scout positions and matches the online content. The training is intended to help leaders begin a “path of learning.” The goal is to encourage and incentivize leaders to become continuous learners, providing the basic information and skills necessary to get them started on their journey and then give them access to and knowledge of additional resources and training opportunities available to them.

Updated Youth Protection Training

The updated online and facilitator-led (face-to-face) Y01 Youth Protection Training has been released.

Updates include a new learning plan as well as a Spanish-translated version of the training. Previous versions of the facilitated training are obsolete. Do not use them. YPT Champions can get a link to the new facilitator materials from their Scout executive.

If you have already completed Y01 Youth Protection Training, you DO NOT have to retake the training.

Both the English and Spanish Youth Protection facilitator-led courses have been released to council Scout executives.

To further your knowledge in protecting youth, we have released additional recommended online training modules covering the following Youth Protection topics:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Impact of violence in the home

New District Committee Training

District committee training has been taught the same way for many years. By leveraging the BSA Learn Center we can provide the district committee a learning environment that gives them the content they need when they need it and leverage professional training for consistency in district training.

This new learning will replace the District Committee Workshop and will provide learning plans aligned with the various district committee positions and functions to include:

- District Chair/District Vice-Chair  
- Membership  
- Fund Development  
- Program  
- Camping and Outdoor Program  
- Activities and Civic Service  
- Training  
- Member-at-Large  
- Advancement and Recognition  
- Nominating

As the online training supersedes the District Committee Workshop, use of the District Committee Workshop syllabus for training should be discontinued.

New Training Coming Soon

Commissioner Online Training

With the new Commissioner Tools rolling out and the recent program changes, these learning plans will be updated. The acclimation modules will be replaced with updated modules (shared from the professional courses), will reflect the addition of girls, and will contain updates such as the fourth aim of Scouting.

The various tools modules on the operation and use of the new Commissioner Tools will be replaced with new modules.
This is the Emergency Care & Safety Institute Wilderness First Aid course and is scheduled for April 18-19. Due to demand for training and limited class to 25 students.

This 2-day course is designed to give the individual the skills needed to handle first aid situations that could occur in a remote situation.

This Course will fulfill the BSA National requirements for high adventure. The only prerequisite for the course is a basic knowledge of CPR and first aid.

Participants must attend both days of class room sessions, outdoor scenarios, skill challenges, and pass all written exams to receive certification in ECSI Wilderness First Aid.

The cost of the training is $60.00 per participant which includes books.

CPR certification not included in this course.

When: April 18-19, 2020

Time: 8 AM – 5 PM

Where: Algonquin Township
Lower Level Class Room
3702 U.S. Highway 14
Crystal Lake, Il
60014

Lunch: Bring your own Brown Bag Lunch

Further Information:
Dave Savone
redoakdave@sbcglobal.net

Registration Closes April 13, 2020
No Walk-ins
2020
Blackhawk Area Council Powderhorn
Cold Weather Camping Course - Train the Trainer
May 1, 2, 3 & June 5, 6, 7 2020
Sign up will be available soon on BAC Website
Course Director: Joe Shippy
Contact: nzship01@gmail.com

Blackhawk Area Council announces PowderHorn Event Planning Training For Troop Leaders, Sr Scouts, Troop Trainers 14 & Up.

What is Powder Horn?

In Scouting, Powder Horn is the vessel to sustain the spirit of the outdoors in our youth today. Along with the spirit of the outdoors, you will also gather knowledge to share, motivate and direct youth. Powder Horn will give you the necessary skills to oversee a high adventure program. It will also help you identify local resources for your group’s program.

Why come to Powder Horn?

Come to experience an opportunity to get the hands on knowledge and practical resources to provide a challenging and fun outdoor program for your older youth.

Powder Horn is organized around the Venturing Program’s High Adventure elements and Boy Scouting’s High Adventure Merit badge elements. It is intended to help adult leaders get started finding and using the resources for high-adventure programs. Because of this the course is limited to adults and experienced youth only (at least 14 years old).

What others have said about attending the course:

"Walk the walk, talk the talk, pack the pack!"

"I learned what I needed to have a high adventure program."

"Great fun while learning the essentials of high adventure programming."

"It was like 5 learning vacations rolled up into 2 weekends! I want to take it again!"

The Course Director is working to make this PowderHorn Event different than years past, so that you will want to take it again!!

Course Topics that may be include but not limited to:

- Backpacking - First Aid - Watercraft - Cooking Outside - Karate Demonstration
- Cave Exploring - Land Navigation - Wilderness Survival - Fencing Demonstration
- Communication - Leave No Trace - Working with Teens
- Conservation Projects - Mountaineering - Winter Sports
- Cooking - Fishing - Weather Forecasting - Creating Escape Rooms
- COPE - Outdoor Living History - Equestrian Events
- Cycling/Mountain Biking - Physical Fitness - Native Indian Dancing
- Emergency Preparedness - Plants and Wildlife - Pig Roasting
- Expedition Planning - Shooting Sports - Accident Scene Procedures
WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

What a Leader Must Do
What a Leader Must Know
What a Leader Must Be

This course is built around the following topics:

Making Ethical Choices
Conflict Resolution
Problem Solving
Planning
Setting Goals
Developing a Vision

Communication Skills

Team Development
Leading Yourself

The Teaching Edge
The Teaching Edge

NYLT Summer 2020

What a 2020 Training Leadership Youth National
The Objectives of National Youth Leadership Training

• Give participants the confidence and knowledge to conduct the BSA program in their home units
• Give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other units
• Create an environment of Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law
• Provide participants with a clear understanding of team and personal development
• Have fun and experience Scouting at its best

Qualifications to Attend

• Registered with the Boy Scouts of America
• Complete Medical Form (A, B & C) with no restrictions
• Unit Leader Recommendation
• Int& Leadership Skills for Crews
• Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops
• Registered with the Boy Scouts of America

What is NYLT?

The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action packed program designed to provide young men and women of the Boy Scouts of America with the leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in any other situations that require leadership of self or leadership of others.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theories with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, events, games, and adventures, participants will be engaged in a unique approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead well.

NYLT requires the best of modern leadership experiences that require leadership of self or leadership of others.
## Save the Date!

### Cub Scout Day Camp

**Summer 2020**

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More information will be shared as it becomes available at [https://blackhawk.ihubapp.org/c/ourcamps](https://blackhawk.ihubapp.org/c/ourcamps)
Scouts can attend a resident camp. It is recommended that a parent comes with each Webelos Scout, but two registered leaders (for 2 deep leadership) can bring up to eight Scouts (a 4 to 1 ratio). If your Pack can only send one leader with your Scouts, please contact the Camp Director to arrange camping with another pack.

**Lowden Cub/Webelos Resident Camp:** awesome programs filled with Cub Scout fun and activities plus progress on their Adventures. Tigers are required to be a 1:1 ratio for adults and youth entering 1st grade. Lowden Cub Scout Resident Camp is for all Scouts entering 1st grade and older in the fall.

**Canyon Camp Webelos & Arrow of Light Camp:** designed for older Cub Scouts as they prepare for the transition to Scouts BSA. Older Cub Scout fun and activities plus progress on their Webelos / Arrow of Light adventures.

**JULY 31 - AUGUST 2ND, 2020**

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- PLUMBING
- WELDING

TRAIL TO EAGLE

Offering 14 of the required merit badges
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- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communication
- Cooking
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Science
- First Aid
- Lifesaving
- Personal Fitness
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Week Three: 6/28/2020 - 7/4/2020
Week Four: 7/5/2020 - 7/11/2020
Week Five: 7/12/2020 - 7/18/2020
Week Six: 7/19/2020 - 7/25/2020

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www.camplowden.org
Don’t miss your chance to be one of the first units to experience what’s happening at Camp Lowden this summer!

Join us this summer as we honor Camp Lowden in its 80th year. Come celebrate the milestone, while we blaze a new path into the future.

In this 80th camping season, Camp Lowden is focusing on bringing unique experiences to campers. While delivering on the ‘regular’ Scout summer camp promise, it is our goal to offer Scouts experiences and opportunities they can’t find at any other camp in our region.

To achieve this goal, we have undertaken program enhancements in the off season to be ready for summer camp 2020. This summer, we will provide Scouts with the opportunity to try their hand at and earn merit badges in 10 skilled trades while at camp. For Scouts motivated to achieve the rank of Eagle, we are dedicating time and space for their advancement though our Trail to Eagle Program, which will be housed in Boeger Leadership Center.

Want to learn how to sail? We have a lake for that! Starting this summer, through our partnership with LOMC, we will have access to their lakefront. This will give us the opportunity to offer canoeing, kayaking, small boat sailing, and paddle boarding consistently, without having to worry about the currents in the river (or make do in the pool).

What are you waiting for?! Come blaze the trail with us as our 2020 Vision becomes reality. All SIX weeks of camp are still open for registration!

What’s NEW This Summer:

**Trade Skills Program**
10 New Merit Badges: Auto Maintenance, Composite Materials, Drafting, Electricity, Graphic Arts, Home Repair, Metal Working, Painting, Plumbing, Welding

**Waterfront**
A REAL lake at LOMC featuring:
Canoeing, Small Boat Sailing, Paddle Boarding & Kayaking

**Trail to Eagle**
14 Eagle-required merit badges

**Cowboy Action**
Available on the rifle range

What’s NOT NEW:
30' Climbing tower (ice, rock and rappelling walls), ATV Course, First Class Express, 8 station rifle range, 2 station tomahawk range, single station shotgun for trap, 25 yard pool, along with nearly 50 merit badges ranging from Art to Weather and Animal Science to Communication.

Camp Lowden Call for Staff

Are you looking for a full 6 weeks of camp this summer? Do you want to put your leadership skills into practice? Come share your knowledge, experience and skills with youth at Camp Lowden this summer! Contact Emily Cross at: Emily.cross@scouting.org

What are you waiting for?! Come blaze the trail with us as our 2020 Vision becomes reality. All SIX weeks of camp are still open for registration!
Preparation for the 2020 Summer Camping Season is Well Underway!

Has your unit registered yet?

Canyon Camp continues its tradition of excellence providing top tier programming with adventure activities, First Class rank advancement and more than 50 merit badges. We guarantee a high quality experience— you want to BE HERE.

We recently announced our new merit badges to be rotated into our programming this summer. Join us for Graphic Art, Textile, Insect Study, Scouting Heritage, and Metalwork Merit Badges in 2020. This is on top of adventure activities such as spelunking, high ropes course, zip line, tubing the Apple River, Pioneer Living, and so much more! Our full listing of program offering can be found at www.canyoncampbsa.org.

Week one is already nearing capacity for next season. Be sure to get your unit registration in as soon as possible! It's going to be a great summer, and we can't wait to serve you and your Scouts!

Register today at cany oncampbsa.org/register

See you on the trail!
Has Your Unit Registered for Summer Camp Yet?

Be sure to reserve your spot at Canyon Camp TODAY. Week 1 has already filled, and we want to be sure your unit is registered before your preferred week is taken. Learn more and register today at www.canyoncampbsa.org/register to experience awesome adventures like this climbing wall, our First Class rank advancement program, Eagle Required merit badges, 50+ other merit badges, and so much more! We can’t wait to see you at Canyon Camp in 2020!

Choose Canyon Camp for Your 2020 Adventure

FIVE weeks of camping
FOUR the average number of merit badges earned in a week
THREE supplemental programs (For First Class requirements – more than 50 high adventure experiences, and pioneer living)
TWO new projects completed in the last year (Brand New high ropes course and reconstructed shooting range)
ONE Webelos Weekend – www.canyoncampbsa.org/webelos-weekend
ZERO reasons to not register today!

Has your troop reserved their place at Canyon Camp for the 2020 season? The troops from 2019 have reserved their places and advanced registration troops have begun. We fully expect camp to near capacity again for next summer, and we want to be sure we can include you. Submit your registration today before it's too late at www.canyoncampbsa.org/register/

We can’t wait to see you at Canyon Camp in 2020! Visit www.canyoncampbsa.org to learn more.

Winter Camping in Full Swing

Canyon Camp is made for winter camp. Do you have memories of camping with us during the winter time?

Our same hills provide an adventure during the summer months become even more adventurous in the winter. There is no better weekend camping location than Canyon Camp. Sledding is an absolute must while here. The camp and its trails take on a new look during the off-season, and Chestnut Mountain is just minutes away offering skiing and snowboarding opportunities.

Our two cabins are wood-fire heated and have bunks for 20-30 individuals.

Learn more about our cabins and campsites today.

For questions or inquiries, please feel free to e-mail us at www.program.canyon@gmail.com

Webelos / Arrow of Light Weekend

Canyon Camp’s Annual Webelos Summer Camp Weekend
July 31-August 2, 2020

Webelos and Arrow of Light Summer Camp Weekend - Registration Open!
Cub Scout Parents: Register today for your Scout’s summer camp experience!

Our first pack has already registered for our annual Webelos and Arrow of Light summer camp weekend. We fully expect this program to meet capacity again this year. Be sure to reach out with any questions you may have.
Visit www.canyoncampbsa.org/webelos-weekend to learn more and register today.

Go for the Gold!

Canyon Camp’s program includes two nights of camping and awesome programs designed for older Cub Scouts working on adventure loops/pins. In addition to great food and a free tshirt, all Scouts will experience summer camp in a way that will create lifelong memories and help them as they prepare for the transition to Scouts BSA.

Join us for a fun themed weekend with
Swimming, Climbing
Archery, BB guns
Great food
Awesome Campfire
and more!
2020 Adventures:
Into the Woods, Aquanaut, Art Explosion, Game Design

**Every registration includes a T-shirt, meals provided in our dining hall, and a platform tent for your use (optional)**

Early Registration Has Opened.
More Information Available in Early 2020
We can’t wait to see you July 31-August 2!

Has your troop reserved their place at Canyon Camp for the 2020 season? The troops from 2019 have reserved their places and advanced registration troops have begun. We fully expect camp to near capacity again for next summer, and we want to be sure we can include you. Submit your registration today before it’s too late at www.canyoncampbsa.org/register/

We can’t wait to see you at Canyon Camp in 2020! Visit www.canyoncampbsa.org to learn more.

Annie Oakley Shooting Event

Save the Date
May 1-2, 2020 -- Camp Lowden
45th Annual Kiwanis Work Weekend at Canyon Camp
May 2 and 3, 2020

Scouters and friends of Canyon Camp are asked to help at Canyon Camp on Saturday and Sunday, May 2nd and 3rd. This will be the 45th Annual Kiwanis Work Weekend at the camp.

Volunteers are needed to work together with area Kiwanians as we open camp and prepare for another summer of outdoor programming for Scouts BSA, Cub Scouts, and leaders. You are invited to join us in helping prepare camp for the summer season. We will be doing the usual Spring maintenance including painting, plumbing, and wood construction projects.

No matter what your skill, our primary work criteria is enthusiasm for service to the Scouting program. Bring your favorite gloves and tools and we will provide the projects.

The Monroe Kiwanis Club will be providing meals throughout the weekend. Breakfast from 8:00 - 9:00 Saturday and Sunday Lunch at 1:00 Saturday and Sunday, dinner at 6:00 on Saturday.

Whether you can stay only a few hours, or both Saturday and Sunday, you are welcome to join us for the fellowship and fresh spring air.

Please call or email Lee Binkley with your questions and to let us know how many volunteers we can expect to help with food preparation!

Phone: 608-325-5540
Email: leebinkley@hotmail.com

Truck Needed at Canyon Camp

The 20-year-old pickup truck at Canyon Camp has served us well but needs to be replaced. We have the need for a good, mechanically sound, road ready, used pickup truck to carry out maintenance at Canyon Camp.

- 4-wheeled drive unit
- Preferably a ¾ ton rating
- Preferably a full size 8-foot bed
- Must have road worthy tires

Might you, or someone you know, be able to donate such a truck to Canyon Camp? If so, please contact Emily Cross, Council Program Director at emily.cross@scouting.org. Thank you for your consideration.
Venturing Blast 2020!

It’s time to register for Blackhawk Area Council’s Venturing Blast set for Friday-Sunday, February 21-23, 2020, at Camp Lowden near Oregon, Illinois. It is open to ages 14 and older in all Scout units, as well as non-Scouts—use it as a recruitment activity!

Planned events include pistol shooting, archery, crate stacking, tomahawk and knife throwing, astronomy, snow shoeing, and much more! Other activities include evening social/dance, night hike, and evening cracker barrel! Activities are subject to change based on weather.

Participants will sleep in heated cabins, so there’s no need to bring a tent! Register early to sleep in Boeger Lodge — space is first come, first reserved!

Cost is $30 per person before February 9, 2020, and $35 afterward.

For more information, contact Heather Lisser at hlisser@yahoo.com or 608-214-0970. To register, go to https://blackhawkscouting.doubleknot.com/event/venturing-blast-2020/2485826

Arrival Time: Friday after 5:00 p.m.
Saturday morning after 7:00 a.m.

Departure Time: Saturday before 5:30 p.m.
Saturday after dinner
Sunday after 10:00 a.m.

Saturday morning breakfast will start at 7:00 a.m. If you are driving in, please allow time to eat. Let us know ahead of time so we have food available.
VENTURING BLAST
FEB 21-23, 2020
CAMP LOWDEN
OPEN TO AGES 14 AND UP
EVENTS INCLUDE:
FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL
PISTOL SHOOTING FOR REGISTERED VENTURERS
ARCHERY
CRATE STACKING
ASTRONOMY
NIGHT HIKE
TOMHAWK & KNIFE THROWING
SNOW SHOEING
MORE!!
(Weather dependent activities are subject to change.)

REGISTER EARLY TO SLEEP IN BOEGER LODGE OR ENJOY THE HEATED CABINS.
$30/PERSON* FOR MORE INFO CONTACT HEATHER LISSE
HLISSER@YAHOO.COM, 608.214.0970
REGISTER AT BLACKHAWKSCOUTING.ORG
(*LATE FEE OF $5 AFTER 2/9/20)
Sycamore District Calendar

February
13 Roundtable
17 President’s Day, council service center closed
21-23 Venturing Blast, Camp Lowden
22 Chicago Bulls – BAC Family Night
27 District Commissioners meeting
29 Scouting for Food flyer drop-off

March
3 Courier deadline for printed edition with dates through June
5 District Recognition Dinner
7 Scouting for Food pick-up
8 Council Recognition Dinner
12 Roundtable
19 Troop Committee Leader Training
19 Nominations due (see article)
21 Chicago Fire Scout Day
26 District Commissioners meeting

April
2 Election of district committee chairs
2 District Committee meeting
7 Courier deadline for Internet edition with dates through July
9 Roundtable
10 Good Friday, council service center closed
18-19 Wilderness First Aid training
18-19 Council Pinewood Derby
23 District Commissioners meeting
24-26 U. S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena
25-26 BALOO Training
26 “The Human Race”

May
1 Legacy of Service Awards Dinner
1-2 Annie Oakley Shooting Event, Camp Lowden
2-3 Kiwanis Work Day, Canyon Camp
5 Courier deadline for internet edition with dates through August
7 District Committee meeting
8-9 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
9 Camp Lowden Work Day
15-17 Woods of Webelos
25 Memorial Day, council service center closed

Sycamore District
Serving McHenry County in Illinois
Web Site: www.BlackhawkScouting.org/Sycamore

Sycamore District Directory

Committee Chair -- Lance Snider - 630-525-0518
Vice-Chair of Program: Brian Gahan
Activities and Civic Service Chairperson
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District Religious Coordinator: Chris Walneck
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Scouting for Food: Susan Clancy-Kelly, 847-516-3782
Woods of Webelos Coordinator: Gail Krec
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Community Ask Event Chair: (Open)
Vice-Chair of Membership: Matthew Ewertowski
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Cub Scout - Fall Roundup: Donald Novak, 847-497-9223
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Scouts BSA Open House: (Open)
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Vice-Chair of Administration: Jennifer Broadfield, 847-754-7080
District Dinner Chair: (open)
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Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner: Michael Pigliacielli
Field Director: Dane Boudreau, 815-397-0210
District Executive: Michael Ancheta, 847-397-0210
District Executive: Laura Cullotta, 815-397-0210

Is your Youth Protection Training up-to-date?
No registration is complete without a current certification of YPT completion.
See new policy on pages 11-12, 33.
Troop Committee Leader Training

Crystal Lake Scout Office
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Dates available:
March 19, 2020
Later dates will be available in 2020 also…

This course will provide the committee members of a Scouts BSA troop with the basic information they will need to support a troop and ensure a successful boy-led troop program.

Troop Committee Challenge has been developed to help troop committee members better understand their roles and responsibilities and help them deliver the promise of Scouting.

For specific questions, please contact Tom Lotito directly at bsa.lotito@gmail.com.

Sycamore Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Thursday, March 5, 2020
Grace Lutheran Church
1300 Kishwaukee Valley Rd., Woodstock
6:00 to 9:00 P.M.
$10.00 if register online by February 28, 2020.
$12.00 after the 22nd and at the door.
6:00-7:00 Registration Sign-In
6:30 Dinner begins
7:00 Program begins

All Sycamore Scouters are invited to participate in honoring their fellow Scouters at your Annual Appreciation Dinner. This is where Unit and District Scouters will be honored with the District Action Award, District Award of Merit, and Unit Recognitions.

All award nominations due back to District by Friday, February 1, 2020.

Online registration and payment is available and posted to the front page of the Sycamore District website at blackhawkscouting.org/sycamore

For questions, please contact Sycamore District Executive, Michael Ancheta at Michael.Ancheta@scouting.org or 815-397-0210.

Forms available include ...
- District Award of Merit
- District Action Award
- Scouting Spirit Award for all packs, Scouts BSA, and Venturing crew participants
- Jeff Clark Scout Spirit Award Application

Scouting for Food
Distribute flyers/bags on Saturday, February 29, 2020
Collect Donations on Saturday, March 7, 2020

Since 1910, the ideals of Scouting have guided our youth to perform “service to others and to the community.” Responding to the plight of America’s poor and hungry is a traditional Scouting “good turn.” Scouts demonstrate their Good Turn efforts in community stewardship through Scouting for Food.

Event Organization
Units sign up to participate with their town’s area coordinator.
Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing units distribute Scouting for Food flyers or door hangars to neighborhoods on one day then return to collect canned food contributions about one week later (on a pre-arranged day).

Contributions to the Scouting for Food campaign will be distributed to local food banks, pantries, and kitchens in communities of the Scout units where the collections are made to help these providers meet the needs of our hungry neighbors.
- Distribute flyers/bags on Saturday, February 29, 2020.
- Collect donations Saturday, March 7, 2020

Last year, during Scouting for Food, more than 35,000 items of food were collected by Scouts in McHenry County for their local food pantries.

We need area coordinators to make this another successful year. Area coordinators work with the units in their town to coordinate collection areas and arrange an opening time for food donation drop-off with their local food pantry.

For more information, contact Susan Kelly, Scouting for Food coordinator, at susanclancykelly@gmail.com or 847-219-0882.

Religious Emblems

Hello Sycamore District Scouters!

Chris Walneck here, your Sycamore District Religious Emblems Coordinator.

Fall is here, and it’s time to start your religious emblems program.

If you would like to, but don’t know where to start, contact me for information on how to start the religious emblems program in your unit, and recruit a Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator!

Has your unit already started a religious emblems program this year? If so, send me an email to let me know what program(s) you’re running.

Here are some helpful links:
- https://www.praypub.org/bsa
- https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/

Hope to hear from you soon!

Yours in Scouting,
Chris Walneck
District Religious Emblems Coordinator
Email: ctwx4@yahoo.com
Mobil: 847-565-6846
Friends of Scouting

If you missed the 2020 Friends of Scouting Kickoff on Tuesday, January 14, contact Laura to get caught up. The campaign will be a little different this year so make sure your unit doesn’t miss out on free rank advancement for the year.

The Human Race

Get your Hero on April 26, 2020. Are there any runners, walkers, super Scouters who would like to help with this event? There isn’t not much to it. I already have us set up. I need someone to lead the charge and promote it. Easy peasy.

Contact Laura at Laura.Cullotta@scouting.org

Save the Dates

FUN Outing for Sycamore Leadership – TBA

Legacy of Service Awards Dinner
Friday, May 1 2020, Boulder Ridge Country Club

McHenry Sporting Clays for Scouting
Saturday, August 29, 2020, Northbrook Sports Club

Woods of Webelos
May 15-17
Camp Lowden

Woods of Webelos is a weekend camping activity for all registered Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts who will be entering 4th or 5th grade in the fall of 2020 and their parent/guardian. This weekend includes fun and interactive activities that are designed around the interests of the Scouts and provide a “kick-start” to their next year of Scouting. This exciting weekend will be held May 15-17 at Camp Lowden in Oregon, Illinois.

Registration deadline is April 30. An information packet for Woods of Webelos can be found online at https://blackhawk.ihubapp.org/home. After accessing the web page, select “What’s Happening,” then “At-a-Glance Calendar” from the menu, and then click on “Woods of Webelos” listed on May 15 - 17.

Registration will be accepted online ONLY. You will be able to enter a partial registration and then update that registration through April 30. After that date, no changes can be made. In addition to completing the online registration, a health/medical form is required for each participant. Forms must be mailed to the council office by April 30. The forms are also available online.

See you at Woods of Webelos.

Help Wanted for Woods of Webelos

Attention Scouts BSA troop and Venturing crew leaders: Are you looking for an awesome activity where you can show off your unit’s skills to younger Scouts? Woods of Webelos is looking for help running various sessions on Saturday, May 16. We set up a round-robin of sessions that last 45 minutes each. You would do the same session seven times during the day. We even provide you with session ideas!

There are several sessions that we need a couple of adults to run and other sessions that we need four to seven youth, plus at least two of their unit leaders to run. We will provide you with lunch for the day to thank you for volunteering your services. Of course, you will be thanked by the smiles of all the kids and parents that come through your sessions.

You may also camp out at beautiful Camp Lowden the nights of May 15 and 16, if desired.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Gail Krec at gail.scouts@yahoo.com.
From the Desks of the Sycamore District Executives

Michael Ancheta
Senior District Executive

Laura Cullotta
District Executive

On behalf of Laura Cullotta and me, I want to thank all the leaders in the Sycamore District who continued the promise of Scouting and provided an exciting program to the 3,000 Scouts and their families in McHenry County. 2019 proved to be a challenging year for Scouting, but we want to highlight some of our accomplishments.

By the end of the 2019 our district was just 72 Scouts short of making our end of the year goal in membership. Despite that, we brought in eight new units, with five of those being Scouts BSA troops for girls, one new Cub Scout pack, one new troop for boys, and the restart of Fire and Emergency Explorer Post 456.

In the Spring of 2019 we honored two outstanding individuals for their contributions with in our community of McHenry County, Veteran George Braun and Miss Robel who does wonderful work as a nurse at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in McHenry. What these two have done in McHenry for our veterans is remarkable. They stand as beacons of service and were honored in front of more than 200 family, friends, and veterans at our Legacy of Service event.

This summer we had nearly 80% of our youth in Scouts BSA attending Summer Camps throughout the Midwest. They brought back earned merit badges and quite a bit of dirty laundry.

Our Sporting Clays for Scouting event which is annually held at the Northbrook Sports Club in Hainesville, Illinois, was again a great success, bringing a record number of shooters and fundraising dollars for Scouting in McHenry County.

Our District Camporee, the Jurassic Luau, hosted more than 500 Scouts, leaders, and volunteers this past October at Veteran Acres Park in Crystal Lake. We had 20 units who camped overnight, despite being honked at occasionally by passing cars in the night. They all had a great time Saturday with all the events and challenges at the event.

Later that month we challenged our Arrow of Light Scouts to try to find a Scouts BSA troop they would join at our AOL to Scout Expo. We would like to thank the McHenry County Fairgrounds for hosting us. We look forward to seeing about 250 AOL Scouts crossover to a troop this coming Spring.

In November, we had our first Trivia Night at Scorched Earth Brewing. Volunteer and friends came out to find out if they were smarter than a Webelos Scout. These events are always fun, as it give our volunteers a break from Scouting to enjoy friends and fellowship, while raising some money for Scouting.

We finished up our Fall popcorn sale after Thanksgiving. We want to thank all the units which took the time and effort to teach a Scout a life skill. Our district surpassed our 2018 mark raising over $2,000 more than in 2018. The membership and top popcorn sellers Star Wars experience capped a successful year in popcorn sales. Thank you Pecatonica River Popcorn and Classic Cinemas in Woodstock for the special showing.

That was 2019 in a nutshell. Please feel free to share your stories of success with Laura or me. We would love to share them in the Courier each month. Let’s look forward to some great events in 2020.

We started off 2020 with a bang this January in a joint effort with the Wanchanagi District to run the Sycamore and Wanchanagi Klondike Derby. We had over 350 Scouts and their leaders attend the event at Spencer Park in Belvidere, Illinois.

A special thank you goes out to the Klondike committee, Boone Country Conservation District, and to all the volunteers who helped make this Klondike a success. This will hopefully be the start of continued partnership with Boone County and the Wanchanagi District for other events in the future.

Sycamore District still has a lot of events coming up this year to promote our program, as well as delivering the promise of Scouting:

- **The Human Race - April 26**: Grab your favorite Superhero costume or T-shirt, or your “Flash-iest” running attire; assemble your team and sponsors and run for Scouting in McHenry County.

- **Legacy of Service Awards Dinner – May 1**: The year’s event will be held at the Boulder Ridge Country Club. The evening will begin with cocktails from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. followed by the dinner, program, and auction from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Honoring Gavers Community Cancer Foundation and Steve and Diane Gavers. This event is being held to support Scouting within McHenry County.

- **Council Pinewood Derby – April 18 and 19**: Calling all Cub Scout Pinewood Derby winners, runner ups, and design winners! The Blackhawk Area Council Pinewood Derby race is BACK! ADULTS – Bring your adult car and race in the MEGA Race on the 98’ track!

- **Sycamore Derby Days and Tiger Time** – dates to be determined: These are fun activity events that our Cub Scouts can be a part of. We will have pinewood demolition derby, Cubmobile races, rocket launches, cool games and songs, Cub Scout Challenges and a ton of other fun at these events. Keep an eye on email and announcements to get your Cub Scouts signed up!

- **Camping – Summer Camp – and Day Camp**: Details for all our camping options are available on our council website, www.blackhawkscouting.org. - For our older Scouts we will have **Summer Camp** at both Camp Lowden and Canyon Camp from the end of June through the beginning of August. Make sure your Scouts BSA troop is signed up and prepared for fun activities and merit badges. - **Cub Scout Summer Camp** is available at both Lowden and Canyon, July 31-August 2 - **Day camp** will be held at the McHenry Township Park for two weeks McHenry County. - June 22-25 - 2nd and 3rd Graders (Wolves / Bears) - June 27 - First Grade (Tigers) - June 29-July 2 - 4th and 5th Graders (Webelos / Arrow of Light)

- **Fundraising for Scouting**: There will be several opportunities to financially support our council and district. Please consider one of these for your unit this year. - **Friends of Scouting Family Campaign**: Contact Laura Cullotta to schedule your presentation and support Scouting throughout our council. - **Spring and Fall Popcorn Sale**

- **Blackhawk Sporting Clays for Scouting - August 29**: Enjoy a rare opportunity to experience a Sporting Clays shooting event at a Premier Sports Club where you and your friends can test your skills while benefitting a great cause.

- **A Council Camporee - October 24 & 25**: Save the date! This promises to be a great event for all of our Scouts. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help plan and run this event.

Thank you again for delivering the promise in Scouting in McHenry County. Please consider sending one or two of your leaders to our monthly roundtables which are held at Grace Lutheran Church in Woodstock every 2nd Thursday of the every month, except July.

We’ll see you out on the Scouting Trail!

Laura Cullotta, District Executive and Michael Ancheta, Senior District Executive
Sycamore District

Nominating Dates and Position Descriptions
Sycamore District

**Elections take place on April 2nd District Committee Meeting**
Nominating Committee Chairman: Lance Snider
Committee Members: Daniel Banko, Jennifer Broadfield Colomer, Russell Friend, Pierre Langlois, Chuck Natoli Jr., Charley Neal, Blair Piotrowski, Matthew Ewertowski, and Karla Zander

14 Days Prior to the District Annual Meeting (Thursday, March 19th) all nominations for officers must be received by the nominating committee to be considered for a position.

Responsibilities Summary:

**District Chairperson:** The District Chairman leads the District Committee, initiates plans and helps committee chairmen carry out the functions of the district. The District Chair runs the District Committee meetings, appoints positions within committees, recruits new members to the District and oversees the general operations of the District.

**Vice-Chair of Administration:** The Vice-Chair of the District Committee serves as secretary, leader of the Public Relations committee, helps ensure District processes are running smoothly (i.e. nominations), and keeps track of District information.

**Vice-Chair of Finance:** The Vice-Chair of Finance is responsible for running the Finance committee's main priority is to ensure a successful fundraising year through Family Friends of Scouting, Special Events, Community Friends of Scouting, and popcorn sales as well as recruit and train individuals for each of those position.

**Vice-Chair of Program:** The Vice-Chair of Program supervises the committees of camping and promotion, advancements, activities, and works closely with the Vice Chair of Membership to ensure we are offering an attractive program to our youth.

**Vice-Chair of Membership:** The Vice-Chair of Membership is responsible for organizing Unit recruitment in both Spring and Fall and continually searching out avenues of growth for new and existing units within the district.

TO NOMINATE SOMEONE: Send an email to one of the members of the Nominating Committee:

Lance Snider, lsnider@staffingplusinc.com Nominating Committee Chairman
Daniel Banko, dabscout@comcast.net
Jennifer Broadfield Colomer, jenbroadfield@comcast.net
Russell Friend, fc4570govt@hotmail.com
Pierre Langlois, planglois@jhamlin.com
Chuck Natoli Jr., cnatolijr@comcast.net
Charley Neal, charley.neal@gmail.com
Matthew Ewertowski, matthewewert23@gmail.com
Blair Piotrowski, blair@pantek.com
Karla Zander, karla.zander@gmail.com

YOU MUST INCLUDE:

- The name of the person you are nominating
- The position you are nominating them for
- A detailed description of why they should be considered in this position
Troop 2019 Packs Food for Hungry

Members of Troop 2019 of Huntley, Illinois volunteered at the Feed My Starving Children Facility on Saturday, February 9th, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Troop #2019 assisted in packing 49,032 meals to be distributed to starving children in Africa. Troop #2019 is chartered to the First Congregational Church in Huntley, Illinois.

Scouts Sofia Burian, Shirley Stockwell, and Gwen Pierce (L--R), packing meals at the Feed My StarvingChildren.
Wanchanagi District
Serving Winnebago & Boone Counties in Illinois
Web Site: www.wanchanagi.org

Wanchanagi District Directory
All phone numbers are 815 area code unless otherwise indicated

District Chair: Cliff Chappell; cliffscubs80@gmail.com; 815-713-0731
Vice-Chair Administration: Lara Skrzypczynski; laraskrz1@msn.com; 815-519-5724
Chaplain: Open
Religious Emblems Coord: MaryAnn Bushaw; bushville181@comcast.net; 815-904-4287
District Dinner: Open
District Communications: Open

Vice-Chair Finance: Open
FOS Coordinator: Open
Popcorn Kernel: Summer Rachas; prnsummer77@yahoo.com; 815-558-7116
Coupon Books: Open

Vice-Chair Membership: Open
Cub Scouts: Open
Scouts BSA: Open
Re-Charter Coordinator: Open

Vice-Chair Program: Jimmy Berry; jimmy.berry@comcast.net; 815-543-1490
Advancement: Connie Snyder; wanprojreview@yahoo.com; 815-262-5223
Activities and Civic Service: Cleto Trigo; cleto.trigo@gmail.com; 847-942-6769
Order of the Arrow Advisor: Denny Johnson; scoutmaster601@gmail.com; 815-633-6335
Venturing: Eric Schmidt; eskm@aol.com; 815-505-1507
Scouting for Food: Bob Olson; 815-222-3204
Continuous Fire: Bill Spivey; npfdrdriver@yahoo.com; 815-243-0671
Flag Retirement: Paul Trent; goofykidjr@hotmail.com; 815-871-3801
Klondike Derby, Rick Kuentzelman Training: Alice Roby; alice@oextreme.com; 773-368-5724
Camp Promotion: Andy Murray; 815-371-3092

District Commissioner: Open
Cub Scout Roundtable: Heidi Fawcett heidiflaw37@gmail.com
Scouts BSA Roundtable: Open
District Executive: Roman Salamon; roman.salamon@scouting.org; 815-397-0210

Wanchanagi District Calendar

February
13 Roundtable
17 President’s Day, council service center closed
21-23 Venturing Blast, Camp Lowden
22 Chicago Bulls – BAC Family Night

March
3 Courier deadline for printed edition with dates through June
5 District Committee and Commissioners meetings
7 Cubmaster basic training
8 Council Recognition Dinner
12 Roundtable
21 Nominations for district committee due
21 Chicago Fire Scout Day
27-28 BALOO training
27-28 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)
29 District Recognition Dinner

April
2 District Committee and Commissioners meetings
6 Courier deadline for Internet edition with dates through July
9 Roundtable
10 Good Friday, council service center closed
16 Council Annual Meeting
18-19 Wilderness First Aid training
18-19 Council Pinewood Derby
24-26 U. S. Grant Pilgrimage

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Wanchanagi Roundtable
(Serving Winnebago and Boone Counties)

Each month we hold a roundtable for unit leaders. It is not just for Cubmasters or Scoutmasters. It is for all leaders including den leaders, committee members and all assistants. The purpose of the roundtable is to:

• Provide the skill to do - abilities to make a successful unit operation
• Provide the will to do - helps recharge our batteries to provide desire to help the youth.

Wanchanagi District holds roundtable on the second Thursday of the month at Christ United Methodist Church, 4509 Highcrest Road, Rockford.

Roundtable will start at 6:45 p.m. Come join the roundtable staff for some knowledge, fun, and fellowship!

BALOO Training
March 27-28, 2020
Council Program Center

This one-and-a-half day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their pack activities. BALOO training consists of an online prerequisite component in addition to an overnight hands on practical. BSA’s Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the discovery of the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for a minimum of one adult on a pack overnighter.
Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills
March 27-28, 2020
Council Program Center
Cost $20.00 per participant

What Is Your Unit Doing?
We like to print articles and photos of your events. The events do not have to be major -- good photos from regular meetings are very acceptable.
Good photos show Scouts actively doing something. Move in to take close-ups of them participating in your program.
Send your copy and photos (.jpg – in separate attachments) to BACCourier@juno.com.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills
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This hands-on program gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a boy-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors.

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Wanchanagi District

Nominating Dates and Position Descriptions

All nominations for officers must be received by March 21 by the nominating committee to be considered for a position.

Nominating committee chairperson is Sandy Schwartz.
Committee members include Jon Krause, Jef Heckinger, Kathy Glogowski, and Cindy Chiodini.

Elections will take place April 2 at the District Annual Meeting.

Responsibilities Summary

**District Chair:** The district chair leads the district committee, initiates plans and helps committee vice-chairs carry out the functions of the district. The district chair runs the district committee meetings, appoints positions within committees, recruits new members to the district and oversees the general operations of the district as a whole.

**Vice-Chair of Administration:** The vice-chair of the district committee serves as secretary, leader of the public relations committee, helps ensure district processes are running smoothly (i.e. nominations), and keeps track of district information.

**Vice-Chair of Finance:** The vice-chair of finance is responsible for running the finance committee’s main priority – to ensure a successful fundraising year through family Friends of Scouting, special events, community Friends of Scouting, and popcorn sales as well as recruit and train individuals for each of those position.

**Vice-Chair of Program:** The vice-chair of program supervises the committees of camping and promotion, advancements, activities, and works closely with the vice-chair of membership to ensure we are offering an attractive program to our youth.

**Vice-Chair of Membership:** The vice-chair of membership is responsible for organizing unit recruitment in both spring and fall and continually searching out avenues of growth for new and existing units within the district.

**District Commissioner:** This person is an individual of character and standing in the community with organizing, administrative, and leadership ability. This individual should be a person who can successfully work with the commissioner staff and other Scouters to strengthen the packs, troops, teams, and crews in the district.

**District Members at Large:** Individuals of character and standing in the community who, because of interest, organization experience, ability, or general knowledge, may be available for service as a chair or member of one of the committees in the district or for service in some special capacity to the district.

**To nominate someone**

Send an e-mail to one of the members of the Nominating Committee:
Sandy Schwartz (sandyr@comcast.net)
Jon Krause (gambinomgr@aol.com)
Jef Heckinger (jfheckinger@yahoo.com)
Kathy Glogowski (ksjfbmg@comcast.net)
Cindy Chiodini (chiodinix5@comcast.net)

You must include:
- The name and contact information of the person you are nominating
- The position you are nominating them for
- A detailed description of why they should be considered in this position
- Your name and phone number
- Who are you nominating
- Prospects phone number
- Prospects e-mail
- Recommended district position

Plan Ahead

**Day Camps 2020**

June 10-12 – Webelos and Arrow of Light, Boone County
June 15-17 – Wolf and Bear, Boone County
June 17 – Tiger Day, Boone County
July 7-10 – Wolf through Arrow of Light, Kieselburg
July 9 – Tiger Day, Kieselburg
July 20-23 – All ranks, Pecatonica
July 27 - 31 – Wolf through Arrow of Light, Program Center
July 30 – Tiger Day, Program Center
WANCHANAGI DISTRICT DINNER

March 29, 2020 • 4pm - 6pm

St. James Parish (Beauvais Center) • 428 N. Second Street, Rockford

Come join us as we enjoy a delicious dinner meal, celebrate our District achievements and recognize our volunteers this past year. Cost to attend: $15

NAME

UNIT

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

# ATTENDING AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Mail or drop off this form by March 23, 2020 to:
Blackhawk Area Council, BSA
2820 McFarland Road
Rockford, IL 61107

You may also register online: www.blackhawkhub.org

District Awards
During the event, we will recognize youth and adult volunteers for their Scouting spirit and commitment to service during this past year. Below lists the awards.

• District Award of Merit
• Outstanding Awards (one leader & one committee per Scouting program)
• Unit Spirit Award (one per unit)
• Wanchanagi Galaxy Award for Outstanding Youth (one per unit)

You may submit names for consideration by filling out a form available online.

For more information, contact:
Lara Skrzyczynski - (815) 519-5724 • laraskrz1@msn.com
2019-2020 CAREER EXPLORING PROGRAMS

Career Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women ages 14-20. These programs provide an ideal link between the academic environment and the real world.

Aviation:
Poplar Grove Airport & Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum – Thursdays, 7-9p.m., blue hanger, 5151 Orth Rd., Suite A-1, Poplar Grove, IL. Contact: Chuck Jansen at (815) 742-9714 or canoebuild23@gmail.com.

Engineering:
UTC Aerospace, 4747 Harrison Ave., SW side entrance, Rockford, IL. Contact: Nick Wlaznik at 815-226-6345 or nick.wlaznik@utas.utc.com.

Medical:
SwedishAmerican Hospital, 1401 E. State St., Rockford, IL. Contact: Rebekah Hopper at 779-696-6542 or rahopper@swedishamerican.org

Mercy Health, 2400 N. Rockton Avenue, Rockford, IL. Contact: Chris Carter at 847-894-4219 or ccarter@mheemail.org.

**Coming in Fall 2020**

Fire & Rescue:
Rockford Fire Department. – Contact: Investigator John McGee at 779.207.8219 or John.Mcgee@rockfordil.gov, or Randy James at 779-500-6536 or randy.james@rockfordil.gov.

North Boone Fire Department – Contact: Tim Davis at (815) 765-208 or timd110@yahoo.com.

Law Enforcement:
Winnebago County Sherriff’s Department. Contact: Sgt. T. Stanley at 815-319-6010 or StanleyT@WCSO-IL.us.

Boone County Sheriff’s Department and Belvidere Police Department – Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at the Public Safety Building, lower level, 615 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL, 61008. Contact: Officer Joe Danielak at 815-547-6374 or danielak@belviderepolice.com.

Rockford Police Department, Public Safety Building, 420 W. State St., Rockford, IL. Contacts: Sgt. Matthew Krantz at (815) 298-6780 or matthew.krantz@rockfordil.gov.

**This program is temporarily on hold**

Dentistry:
Winnebago County Dental Association. Contact: Catherine Baer-Mirza at 815 964-8713 or rockfordfamilydental@gmail.com.

There is a yearly application fee for all programs. For more overall information about Exploring in the Winnebago/Boone County area, contact Jared Carlin, 815.397.0210, jared.carlin@scouting.org.

To research Career Exploring online, go to www.exploring.org
White Eagle District
Serving Whiteside, Lee, and Ogle Counties in Illinois
Web Site: www.BlackhawkScouting.org/WhiteEagle

White Eagle District Directory

Chair: Dan Hawkins, 631-2907
Vice Chair – Administration (open):
  Nominating Committee Chair: Dave Twining dtwining@comcast.net*
  PR Chair: (open)
Vice Chair – Membership: Bruce Colmark, 441-1992
  Webelos-to-Scout Transition (open)
  Spring Roundup Chair: Ginger Albano,
Vice-Chair – Finance: Chip Donahue, 626-5905
  FOS Community Chair: Mark Zeigler, 713-1390
  FOS Family Chair: Katie Pierce
  Spring Popcorn Kernel (Whiteside): Margie Baker, 718-2289,
    kernelbaker@yahoo.com*
  Spring Popcorn Kernel (Lee & Ogle): Pat O’Brien, 815-440-2569*
Vice Chair – Program:
  Don Rastede, 625-3542
  Boy Scout Activities:
  Cub Scout Day Camp: Josh Stone, joshstone1@gmail.com
  Special Events Chair
  Advancement Chair:
    Ray Gruber, 732-6807, rgruber@yahoo.com
  Religious Programs: Myles Newberry, 209-7327,
    mylesnewberry@sbcglobal.net
  Scouting for Food:
    Camping Chair: Thomas Halla, 284-3308
    Cub Scout Day Camp – Camp Lowden
      Josh Stone, joshstone1@gmail.com
    OA Advisor: Rick Rhoads, 562-4369, rrhoads63@aol.com.
  OA Chapter Chief:
    Training Chair: Josh Stone
    Youth Protection Training:
Vice Chair – Venturing:
  Larry Williams, lbwilliams25@comcast.net
District Commissioner:
  Nancy Johnson, njm1964@me.com, 815-970-3040
  Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner:
    Josh Stone, joshstone1@gmail.com
  Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
    Don Rastede rastededental@att.net
    Keith Potter, kb9giv@gmail.com
District Executive: Robert Sutton
    Robert.Sutton@scouting.org, 815-397-0210

White Eagle District Calendar

February
13 Roundtable
17 President’s Day, council service center closed
21-23 Venturing Blast, Camp Lowden
22 Chicago Bulls – BAC Family Night

March
3 Courier deadline for printed edition with dates through June
5 District Committee meeting
8 Council Recognition Dinner
12 Roundtable
14 Medical Merit Badge Clinic
14 Trainer’s EDGE (train-the-trainer)
21 Chicago Fire Scout Day

April
2 District Committee meeting
4 District Scouters’ Appreciation Dinner, Cedar Stone in Polo
7 Courier deadline for Internet edition with dates through July
9 Roundtable
10 Good Friday, council service center closed
16 Council Annual Meeting
18-19 Wilderness First Aid training
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24-26 U. S. Grant Pilgrimage

May
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7 District Committee meeting
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14 Roundtable
25 Memorial Day, council service center closed

Plan Ahead

Day Camps 2020

August 3 – Tiger Day, Camp Lowden
August 4-5 – Wolf and Bear, Camp Lowden
August 6-7 – Webelos and Arrow of Light, Camp Lowden
August 7-8 – Webelos/Arrow of Light overnight campout. Camp Lowden

Scouting Wire
and Scouting Newsroom

Do you want to learn about the latest Scouting news stories as well as interesting stories about Scouts and Scouting.
Subscribe to either or both of these two sites for a weekly email.
Go to Scoutingwire.org and/or Scoutingnewsroom.org to sign up.
Medical Merit Badge Clinic
CGH Medical Center, 100 E. LeFevre, Sterling
March 14, 2020
Sign in from 7:30 - 7:55 a.m.
Lunch from 12:00 - 12:45
Lunch will be provided. Please register with choice of Ham and cheese or Turkey sandwich.
Sessions start at 8:00 a.m., closing at 3:30 p.m.
Registration due by March 7
Youth $10.00 – Adult $6.00
Walk Ins accepted.
Please read the First Aid or Medicine merit badge book before coming. Only one merit badge will be completed on that date.

First Aid Merit Badge
Bring proof of the following First Aid merit badge requirements having been completed before coming (e.g. signed Boy Scout Handbook).
Requirements #1 - satisfy your counselor that you have current knowledge of all first aid requirements to Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class Ranks;
Requirement #7 - Teach another Scout a first aid skill selected by your counselor. Passage of a test over material covered that day is required.

Scouts and adults will be able to participate in the CPR Friends and Family. Adults are welcome to take that portion of the merit badge. Bring a First Aid kit.

Medicine Merit Badge
It is recommended that First Aid merit badge be completed before doing the Medicine merit badge.

Merit Badge Midway
The White Eagle District in Blackhawk Area Council recently held their Merit Badge Midway at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, Illinois.
What an amazing day! More than 1000 merit badges were earned by approximately 500 Scouts who attended!
A special thanks to the devoted Scout parents, awesome merit badge counselors and amazing team of volunteer leaders who make the awesome event possible and such a great success!

Scenes from Merit Badge Midway

From the Desk of
Bob Sutton,
District Executive

Winter is here and school has restarted after the holidays. This means troops are are busy preparing for cold weather programs. Please take time review The Guide to Safe Scouting to ensure compliance and, most importantly, that we are using good safety practices to ensure the safety and well being of our youth.

White Eagle District Scouter’s Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 4, at Cedar Stone in Polo. The venue is located at 610 S. Division Avenue and the cost is only $25 per person. The food is being purchased from the White Pines Restaurant. Reservations need to be made by March 12 to Rosemary Matthiessen, 1901 11th Avenue, Sterling IL 61081 or e-mail her at rmatthiessen@yahoo.com with any questions. The gathering will start at 5:00 pm with the dinner starting at 5:30. Come join in the fun. Uniforms are optional.

All unit leaders if you have not already done so, please send me your Blue and Gold or Court of Honor dates. Please and thank you! Text 563-607-4640 or e-mail Robert.Sutton@scouting.org.

White Eagle District Klondike Derby was held on January 25 at Elks Page Park in Dixon. Approximately 80 Scouts and Scouters attended. The weather was perfect. Snow was a welcome sight to everyone. The Scouts had a great time showing off their skills and their teamwork. There was lots of fun – snowball fights, building snowmen, and anything else you can imagine. Everyone had a great time and many memories were made this day.

White Eagle District Klondike Derby was held on January 25 at Elks Page Park in Dixon. Approximately 80 Scouts and Scouters attended. Everyone had a great time. The snow was a welcome surprise and the Scouts loved it. In addition to the usual events, there was lots of playing in the snow and even a huge snowman.
A big thank you to Dr. Don Rastede and his team of dedicated Scouters and volunteers for putting on an event that these youth will always remember.
Wetassa District Calendar

February
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21-23 Venturing Blast, Camp Lowden
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11 Roundtable
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The Importance of Volunteer Leaders

- No one understands children better than their parents.
- They have a vast spectrum of skills and knowledge.
- They are dedicated and caring.
- They provide values-based leadership and living examples.

An average of three youth members are in Scouting for each adult leader. More than 4,500 leaders provide Scouting to more than 13,000 youth members in Blackhawk Area Council. Nationally, there are 5 million members and 1.5 million leaders.

The value? We could not afford to pay for this kind of leadership.

Scouting is a bargain, thanks to you, the leader.
Arrowhead District
Serving Grant, Lafayette, and Green Counties in Wisconsin
http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/Arrowhead/

Arrowhead District Directory

District Chairman: Daniel Frommelt, 608-732-8536, danielmfrommelt@gmail.com
Vice Chair Administration: Dan Bestul 608-328-8055
Risk Management Representative: James Bussan 608-568-3177
Vice Chair Finance: OPEN
Family FOS: Dee Woolf 608-348-7403
Popcorn Kernel: Bruce Small bsmaill@mchsi.com
Vice Chair Membership: Wendy Bade 224-639-3436
Life-to-Eagle transition: Chris Brunette 608-348-4552
Webelos-to-Scout Transition: OPEN
Vice Chair Venturing: OPEN
Activities: Kevin Olson 608-778-1950
Advancement:
  Eagle Board, James Bussan, 608-568-3177
  Mike Johansen, 608-723-7077
  Art Whipple, 608-325-5734
  Neil Spurr, 815-777-2166
Camping: Molley Jerret, 608-330-1875
OA Chapter Advisor: James Connors 608-325-6495
Platteville MB Midway: James Bussan
Training: Dennis Nelson, 608-325-7921
Vice Chair Venturing: Kevin Olson, 608-723-6250
Uniform Closet: Jeff Everson 608-328-4269
RoundTable Commissioners:
  Cub Scouts: Dick Davies 608-778-4029
  Scouts BSA: Pam Conley 608-822-3633
District Commissioner: Don Knoblich 608-330-2027
Field Director: Matt Ohms 920-723-5999

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BALOO Training
April 4 Monroe, Wisconsin
At least one person is required to complete this training in order to take your pack camping!

Introduction to Leadership Skills
for Troops
April 4 Monroe, Wisconsin
Entry level Scoutmaster Course.

For more information on both of these courses, contact Dan Frommelt, danielmfrommelt@gmail.com or call 608-712-8536.

Is your Youth Protection Training up to date?
See new policy on pages 11-12, 33.

Plan Ahead
Day Camps 2020

June 22-25 – All ranks, Lancaster
August 3-5 – All ranks, Monroe

District Committee Meetings

Arrowhead committee meetings are in two locations on the first Wednesday of the month.
One will meet at Dan Frommelt’s house in Platteville, the other at Dan Bestul’s office in Monroe.
We will video-conference the meetings together.
Please join us for the Arrowhead District, Monroe, Wisconsin, area all-ages Scout service project “Scouting for Food.” Only a few hours on two different Saturdays can make a difference in our community by collecting food for those in need for the Easter holiday!

**On Saturday, March 21,** Scouts and their families will meet in the Twining Park parking lot at 9 a.m. to receive flyers and area assignments. You will then go out with your group and distribute the flyers in that area. (Most likely done by 11:30 a.m. or sooner.)

**On Saturday, March 28,** Scouts and their families will meet again at 10 a.m. in the Middle School parking lot to get our area assignments and go out to collect food! Once you have finished your area (or your vehicle is really full), please bring the food to the Green County Food Pantry.

Scouts go in rain, shine, or snow and this is no exception so please dress for the weather. It would be nice to wear your field (the official uniform) or camp (Scout T-shirts) uniform but it is not required since your winter coat will probably hide it. If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Richardson at ganzgut@live.com.”
ScoutReach District
Serving Youth in Inner-City Rockford
Web Site: www.BlackhawkScouting.org/Scoutreach

ScoutReach District
Directory

Scoutreach Coordinator
Terry Nichols, 397-0210

Program Aides:
Terry Serrano
Roger Steder
Bobby Bowden
Lanekeham Phetmyxay
Nelson Richards
Linda Evans
Erma Adams
Traci Simpson

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