

# The Scouting Trail



January 2018

A resource for parents, Scout leaders, district committee members and commissioners.

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**Friends of Scouting** is the annual fundraising campaign in which district volunteers make a short presentation explaining how the Scouting program is funded and why financial support is needed to maintain and expand the quality programs and camping facilities during a special meeting (e.g., Blue and Gold, Court of Honor). Please schedule your FOS presentation with your district Friends of Scouting chair or district executive by **January roundtable**.



**Key Leaders Conference** is an annual half day meeting for district leadership. **January 13.** [www.shac.org/district-operations](http://www.shac.org/district-operations)

**Scouting for Food** is a council-wide service project. There is no better way to show our Scouting spirit to the community than by participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive! Sign up today. **January 27** is hangar drop off and **February 3** is food pick up. [www.shac.org/scouting-for-food](http://www.shac.org/scouting-for-food)

**Scout Sunday / Scout Sabbath** Scout units are urged to participate in the religious service of their chartering organization. A Scout is reverent. **February 5 and 11.** [www.shac.org/scout-sunday-sabbath](http://www.shac.org/scout-sunday-sabbath)

**Scoutbook Training.** Unit leaders will learn how to use Scoutbook, a web-based application that will replace internet advancement. . **February 10.**

**Baden Powell Dinner** is an evening of fellowship for adult Scouters who have participated in Wood Badge or NYLT courses. **February 23.** [www.shac.org/baden-powell-dinner](http://www.shac.org/baden-powell-dinner)

**University of Scouting** offers over 100 different classes presented by some of the most experienced volunteers. Whether you are a new leader or experienced, or simply an interested parent, there is something for you. **March 24.** [www.shac.org/uos](http://www.shac.org/uos)

**Scout Fair Coupon Books** are a wonderful way for units to raise money. Coupon books are easy to sell since they only cost \$10 and provide significant savings. Units get 30% commission on each coupon book sold and get 40% if the unit has a booth at Scout Fair. [www.shac.org/coupon-books](http://www.shac.org/coupon-books)



**January Checklist:**

- Participate in Scouting for Food
- Sign up for Scout Fair coupon book sales
- Attend Scout Fair Kick off meeting
- Sign up for University of Scouting
- Attend roundtable
- Packs/Troops: Continue Webelos to Scout transition ... plan
- Troops: OA members attend LLD and banquet
- Crews: Attend Venturing Forum
- Ships: Attend Sea Scout Academy

**The Scouting Trail** is a monthly newsletter produced by volunteers that conveniently summarizes upcoming council events. This newsletter is a great resource to share with leaders and parents. Copies distributed at roundtable and the Scout Shops are made possible through the generosity of Friends of Scouting donors. [www.shac.org/toolkit](http://www.shac.org/toolkit)



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| <b>January 2018</b>  |   |
|                      | Schedule Friends of Scouting Presentation |
| 13                   | Key Leaders Conference                    |
| 20                   | OA Banquet and LLD Training               |
| 25                   | District Scout Fair Kickoff               |
| 27                   | Scouting for Food (door hangar drop off)  |
| <b>February 2018</b> |   |
| 3                    | Scouting for Food (food pick up)          |
| 10                   | Scoutbook Training                        |
| 11                   | Scout Sunday                              |
| 8                    | BSA's 107 <sup>th</sup> birthday          |
| 16-18                | Climbing Training                         |
| 10                   | Scout Sabbath                             |
| 23                   | Baden Powell Dinner                       |
| 23-25                | Venturing Challenge                       |
| <b>March 2018</b>    |   |
| 4                    | Order of the Arrow LEC                    |
| 8                    | Topgolf Challenge                         |
| 16-18                | Wood Badge 18-1 A                         |
| 24                   | University of Scouting                    |
| 31                   | Scout Fair unit participation deadline    |
| <b>April 2018</b>    |   |
| 6-8                  | Powder Horn (weekend 1)                   |
| 6-8                  | Wood Badge 17-1 B                         |
| 6-8                  | Arrowman Bash                             |
| 7                    | Philmont 101                              |
| 14                   | Scout Fair                                |
| 17                   | Venturing Forum                           |
| 19                   | Council Coordinated Meeting               |
| 20-22                | OA Ordeal                                 |
| 20-22                | Powder Horn (weekend 2)                   |
| 26                   | Sporting Clays Tournament                 |
| <b>May 2018</b>      |   |
| 1                    | Silver Beaver nominations due             |
| 5                    | Dodgeball Challenge                       |
| 6                    | New Eagle Scout Reception                 |
| 3 or 10              | Program Preview at roundtable             |
| 18                   | Trainer's EDGE                            |



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**Scout Fair** is an opportunity for units to have a booth to show off their skills and meet thousands of fellow Scouts and Scouters. Scouts will enjoy visiting hundreds of booths, sampling the amazing outdoor cooking, visiting the midway with over 50 experts representing merit badges, enjoying live entertainment on the Center Stage, watching demonstrations and interacting with our community partners. Don't let your unit miss out on the fun and excitement! **May 6.** [www.shac.org/scout-fair](http://www.shac.org/scout-fair). Registration for booths will open by February 15 at [www.shac.org/booth](http://www.shac.org/booth)



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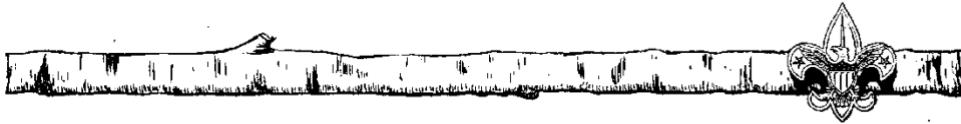


**Guide to Safe Scouting.** The purpose of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* is to prepare members of the Boy Scouts of America to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. All participants in official Scouting activities should become familiar with the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and be aware of state or local government regulations that supersede Boy Scouts of America policies and guidelines. Age appropriate guidelines for Scouting activities can be found at [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416\\_Insert\\_Web.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416_Insert_Web.pdf).  
Guide to Safe Scouting: [www.scouting.org/scoutsources/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx)

Guide to Safe



Scouting



## Cub Scouts

**Day Camp Placemats** are available for packs to use at blue and gold banquets. The placemats can be customized with the district's day camp location, date and website. [www.shac.org/daycamp](http://www.shac.org/daycamp)



**Adventure Camp** is a weekend camp out for Cub Scout families at Bovay Scout Ranch. Families will enjoy the air-conditioned dining hall and lots of activities. [www.shac.org/adventure-camp](http://www.shac.org/adventure-camp)



## Boy Scouts


**Eagle Scout Reception** recognizes the previous year's Eagle Scouts. The council continues its tradition of providing this reception free of charge for new Eagle Scouts and three guests. The evening is underwritten with generous sponsorships by many Eagle Scout alumni, charter members and patrons. **April 6.** [www.shac.org/nescr](http://www.shac.org/nescr)



**Order of the Arrow. Banquet and LLD:** All Order of the Arrow members are invited to attend Lodge Leadership Development, a youth and adult leadership training event, to learn how to become a better leader. The day ends with the annual banquet. **January 20.** [www.oa.shac.org/banquet](http://www.oa.shac.org/banquet). **OA Arrowmen Bash** is a weekend event that allows Order of the Arrow members to recommit themselves to the principles of our order, brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Saturday will focus on service to camp followed by an evening filled with food, fun, and fellowship (e.g., games, activities, competitions, pow wow). **April 6-8.** [www.oa.shac.org](http://www.oa.shac.org)



## Training

**Top Leader Training** is an opportunity for  an opportunity for top leaders to get training needed for recharter. **December 9.** [shac.org/top-leader-training](http://shac.org/top-leader-training)  
Additional training opportunities: [www.shac.org/training-schedule](http://www.shac.org/training-schedule)

**Wood Badge** is a six-day advanced leadership course for Scout Leaders involved in all program levels to learn techniques to become better leaders. **March 16-18 and April 6-8** [www.shac.org/wood-badge](http://www.shac.org/wood-badge)



**Powder Horn** is an action-packed, hands-on, six day course to help Scouts and Scouters learn how to implement high adventure activities into their troop, crew or ship. **April 7-9 and 28-30, 2018** [www.shac.org/powder-horn](http://www.shac.org/powder-horn).



## Adventures for Older Scouts

**Venturing: Venturing Forums** are held three times a year, is a great resource and fun opportunity for crews and ships. **January 24.** The **Venturing Challenge** is a weekend campout filled with games, movies, competitions, campfire and much more. **February 23-25.** [shac.org/venturing](http://shac.org/venturing).



**Sea Scouts:** **Sea Scouts Academy** is a learning experience focusing on advancement a leadership. **January 12-14.** [shac.org/sea-scouts](http://shac.org/sea-scouts)

