

THE SCOUTING TRAIL

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



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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. Learn about the new Lions (kindergarten) and girls programs. **March 23.** www.shac.org/uos



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. **February 2** is food pick up. 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 3 and 9.** www.shac.org/scout-sunday-sabbath



Baden Powell Dinner is an evening of fellowship for adult Scouters who have participated in Wood Badge or NYLT courses. **February 22.** www.shac.org/baden-powell-dinner



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



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 (with crafts, games, challenge, advancement activities), sampling the amazing outdoor cooking, watching demonstrations and interacting with our community partners. Don't let your unit miss out on the fun and excitement! **April 6.** www.shac.org/scout-fair. Registration for a booth at www.shac.org/booth.



Scouts BSA. Scouts BSA is a year-round program for boys and girls in fifth grade through high school that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves. scouting.org/familyscouting. To start a new unit, contact christopher.hogue@scouting.org or visit shac.org/new-units.



February Checklist:

- Participate in Scouting for Food
- Sell Scout Fair coupon books
- Participate in Scout Sunday / Sabbath
- Sign up for a Scout Fair booth
- Register for University of Scouting
- Attend roundtable
- Hold Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation
- Packs: Hold blue and gold banquet
- Packs: Promote day camp and resident camp
- Troops: Sign up youth for NYLT

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



- February 2019**
- 2 Scouting for Food (food pick up)
 - 3 Scout Sunday
 - 9 Scout Sabbath
 - 9 Council First Aid Meet
 - 22 Baden Powell Dinner
 - 22-24 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
 - 22-24 Venturing Challenge

- March 2019**
- 2-4 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
 - 2-4 Order of the Arrow Ordeal
 - 4 Order of the Arrow LEC
 - 8 Scout Fair coupon book, 5% bonus deadline
 - 8-10 Wood Badge 19-1A
 - 15-19 Order of the Arrow Section Conclave
 - 23 University of Scouting
 - 29 Scout Fair coupon book, 3% bonus deadline
 - 29-31 Wood Badge 19-1B
 - 31 Scout Fair unit participation deadline

- April 2019**
- 1 Scout Fair coupon book, 1% bonus deadline
 - 6 Scout Fair
 - 16 Venturing Forum
 - 17 Council Coordinated Meeting
 - 26-28 Arrowman Bash
 - 26-28 OA Ordeal
 - 26-28 Powder Horn (weekend 2)

- May 2019**
- 1 Silver Beaver nominations due
 - 3-5 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
 - 5 New Eagle Scout Reception
 - 2 or 9 Program Preview at roundtable

- June 2019**
- varies Scouts BSA summer camp
 - varies Cub Scout day camps
 - 2-7 or National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
 - 9-14

- July 2019**
- varies Cub Scout resident camp
 - varies Scouts BSA summer camp
 - 21-2 World Scout Jamboree
 - 31 Fall recruiting chair, Train-the-Trainer



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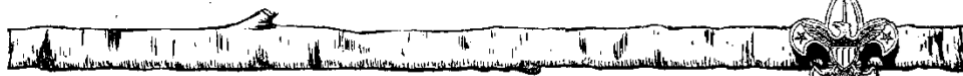
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Spring Recruiting. Packs are encouraged to hold spring recruiting events. Invite newly recruited Scouts and kindergarteners to attend day camp and pack summer events. Sometimes we think we can only recruit in the fall, but spring is a great time to get new Scouts and their families involved early. www.shac.org/membership



Silver Beaver Nominations. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition a Council can bestow on an adult volunteer leader. Don't miss the opportunity to nominate a fellow Scouter for this award. Nomination forms are due **May 1**. www.shac.org/silver-beaver



Cub Scouts

Day Camp Placemats are available to use at blue and gold banquets or den meetings. The placemats have a beach theme and can be customized with the district's day camp location, date and website. Ideas for blue and gold banquets are also available. www.shac.org/pack-meeting-ideas



Adventure Camp is a weekend campout for families that includes an exciting program and meals. shac.org/adventure-camp



Family camping weekends allow pack leaders to provide their own program and meals. shac.org/family-camping

Scouts BSA

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. **May 5**. www.shac.org/nedr



Order of the Arrow - Section Conclave is an event for Order of the Arrow members where nine lodges get together for fellowship, competitions, over the top activities, ceremony competitions, awesome shows, and more at Lost Pines Scout Reservation. **March 15-19**. oa.shac.org/conclave. **Arrowman 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 26-28**. www.oa.shac.org



NYLT or National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action packed six-day council-level program designed to provide Scouts who are 14 years and older with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Courses are being held in **June 2-7** or **June 9-14**. www.shac.org/nylt



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Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. The council offers a variety of training courses for all levels of leaders in all Scouting program. You can attend training in any district, not just your own. 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 8-10 and March 29-31** 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 12-14 and 26-28, 2019** www.shac.org/powder-horn



Adventures for Older Scouts

Venturing: The Venturing Challenge is a weekend campout filled with games, competitions, campfire and much more. **February 22-24**. shac.org/venturing



Sea Scouts: Sea Scouts. Fleet meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month. shac.org/sea-scouts



Exploring is program that provides experiences to help youth mature and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. exploring.shac.org

