

The Scouting Trail



June/July 2018

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

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Family Scouting. We are excited to announce that the Cub Scouting program is now open to boys and girls. By welcoming both girls and boys into the program, even more youth will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that Scouting promises. family.scouting@scouting.org. #scoutmein



Cub Scout Fall Recruiting will focus on recruiting new families to the fun and adventures of Cub Scouting. Begin your recruiting plans now to ensure that your pack has a great recruiting campaign! Then, attend one of the fall recruiting training events scheduled in your district in August. The council will provide support materials to your pack for fall recruiting. shac.org/pack-recruitment-resources



Rocket Days. Girls and boys in kindergarten through fifth grade who join Cub Scouts will receive a rocket patch and a rocket that they can design, build, and launch at a fall rocket day event. Packs will be asked to sponsor an activity (e.g., event or activity similar to a Scout Fair booth) at their district rocket day event. Contact your district activities for more information. shac.org/rocket-days



Popcorn Sales. Selling popcorn is a wonderful opportunity for units to earn funds to support their entire year of Scouting using Trail's End gourmet popcorn. Materials are provided to units at the popcorn kickoff on **August 14**. shac.org/popcorn



YPT2 Youth Protection Training 2 is the new youth protection training. YPT2 is a comprehensive training that covers a variety of best practices for preventing, identifying and dealing with abuse. BSA requires all registered adult leaders and volunteers and any adult who will attend an activity that lasts 72 hours or longer to be YPT2 trained. If you took Youth Protection Training prior to February 2018, you will need to complete the updated course **by October 1, 2018**. www.shac.org/ypt-update



Hazardous Weather Training. New direct contact leaders must now complete Hazardous Weather training as part of the requirements to be considered trained for their position. Leaders currently trained in their positions will not be required to complete this training although it is highly recommended. This training is available at My.Scouting.org. scouting.org/health-and-safety/alerts/hazardous-weather-training FAQs: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/HazardousWeatherFAQ.pdf>.



Summer Checklist:

- Attend roundtable
- Sign up for popcorn
- Packs: Attend day camp and resident camp
- Plan fall recruiting.
- Packs: Hold 3 summertime activities
- Troops: Attend long-term camp
- Crews: Attend super activity

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



June 2018

- Varies Cub Scout day camps
- Varies Boy Scout summer camp
- Varies National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
- 1 Venturing Leadership Award Nominations Due

July 2018

- Varies Cub Scout resident camp
- Varies Boy Scout summer camp
- 13-15 Order of the Arrow Lone Star Fellowship
- 30-4 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

August 2018

- Fall recruiting night trainings
- 1 Popcorn online sales begin
- 1 Popcorn show-n-sell orders due
- 11 Trainer's EDGE
- 12 OA LEC and elections trng
- 12 OA Troop Rep. Summit
- 16 Council Coordinated
- 18 Venturing Banquet
- 18 Popcorn show-n-sell distribution / sales begin

September 2018

- 1 Order of the Arrow elections begin
- 7-9 Sea Scouts Minto Rendezvous
- 14-16 Wood Badge 18-2A
- 21-23 OA Fall PowWow
- 23 University of Scouting
- 28-30 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 29 Popcorn Blitz Day #1

October 2018

- 5-7 Wood Badge 18-2B
- 13 Popcorn blitz day #2
- 13 University of Scouting
- 16 Venturing Forum
- 18 Council Coordinated
- 19-21 Fun with Family
- 20 Jamboree on the Internet
- 27 Popcorn Blitz Day #3

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Cub Scouts

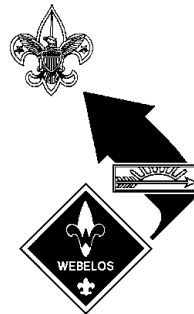
Day Camp is a council camp run by districts for Cub Scouts entering 1st – 5th grade and focuses on earning rank advancements, learning new skills, playing sports and games, crafts, BB guns, archery and making new friends. Placemats re available for packs to use at blue and gold banquets. The placemats can be customized with the district’s day camp location, date and website. Registration is open. www.shac.org/daycamp



Resident Camp is a three-night summer camping program for Cubs entering 1st – 5th grade at Bovay Scout Ranch. Cub Scouts will enjoy BB guns, archery, sling shots, crafts, sports, games, campfire, and lots more. www.shac.org/resident-camp

Webelos-to-Scout Transition Plan - One of the goals of

the Webelos program is to prepare youth for their transition into Boy Scouts. Packs and troops should work together to ensure that every Webelos Scout has the opportunity to join a troop. Troops can provide opportunities for Webelos Scouts and their parents to become familiar with their program through special open houses or outdoor activities. Webelos dens may also have opportunity to observe troops in action at Webelos Woods, or other district events. The cooperative effort of troop and pack gives Webelos Scouts and their families an awareness of the troop program, troop leadership, and advancement – as well as an appreciation for troop organization and relationships.



While Webelos dens will visit troops as a group, the selection of a troop is up to the Webelos Scout and their family. Every troop has a different “personality” and is different in the type of activities scheduled. Families must choose the troop that best meets the needs of the Scout.



Boy Scouts

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 the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. **July 13-15.** sr-3s.org



OA Troop Representative Summit is a training for the OA troop representatives and their adult adviser. The summit focuses on building leadership skills and providing service to the unit. Learn about the new OA membership updates effective next year. **August 12.** shac.org/oa-troop-representative



World Scout Jamboree is an educational event that brings together the world’s young people to promote peace and mutual understanding and to develop leadership and life skills. Unlike any other youth event, the World Scout Jamboree invites you to surround yourself in diverse global cultures by joining your new Scouting friends at a single destination for 12 unforgettable days in West Virginia. **July 22-August 9, 2019.** www.shac.org/wsaj



Training

Wood Badge is a six-day advanced leadership course for Scout Leaders involved in all program levels to learn techniques to become better leaders.



September 14-16 and October 5-7, 2018
www.shac.org/wood-badge

Training. Every Scout deserves a trained leader. Every leader deserves to be trained. The council offers a variety of training courses for all levels of leaders in all Scouting program.



Scouters can attend training in any district. www.shac.org/training-schedule

Older Scouts Programs

Venturing Leadership Awards are due **June 1**. The Venturing Banquet is an opportunity to recognize the Venturing leadership and their advisers. The new Venturing Officer Association leadership is announced. **August 18.** Venturing Forums are held three times a year and are a great resource and fun opportunity for crews. **October 16.** shac.org/venturing.



Exploring is a career education program to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities. exploring.shac.org/join



Sea Scouts: Minto Rendezvous is an annual regional event where Sea Scouts test their knowledge and skills. **September 7-8.** shac.org/sea-scouts

