

The Scouting Trail

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



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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 26** is hangar drop off and **February 2** is food pick up. www.shac.org/scouting-for-food



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 chris.hogue@scouting.org or visit shac.org/new-units.



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**.



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. shac.org/scout-fair-leader-page



Baden Powell Dinner is an evening of fellowship for adult Scouters who have participated in Wood Badge or NYLT courses held in honor of Baden-Powell's birthday. **February 23.** shac.org/baden-powell-dinner



Scout Sunday / Scout Sabbath

Scout units are urged to participate in the religious service of their chartering organization. A Scout is reverent. **February.** shac.org/scout-Sunday-sabbath



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.** shac.org/uos



January Unit Checklist:

- Plan Scout Sunday / Sabbath
- Participate in Scouting for Food
- Sign up for Friends of Scouting presentation
- Sign up for Scout Fair coupon book sales
- Attend Scout Fair kick-off meeting
- Attend roundtable
- Packs: plan blue and gold banquet
- Packs/troops: continue Webelos to Scout transition
- Troops: OA members attend LLD and banquet
- Crews: Attend Venturing FORum
- Ships: Attend Sea Scouts 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



- January 2019**
- 12 Key Leaders Conference
 - 19 OA Banquet and LLD Training
 - 23 Venturing Forum
 - 24 District Scout Fair Kickoff
 - 26 Scouting for Food (door hangar drop-off)

- February 2019**
- 2 Scouting for Food (food pick up)
 - 3 Scout Sunday
 - 9 Scout Sabbath
 - 10 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
 - 24 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
 - 18 Trainer's EDGE

- June 2019**
- 4-7 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
 - Varies Cub Scout day camps



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Cub Scouts

Camping opportunities are available at Bovay Scout Ranch. During Adventure Camp, a camp program and meals are provided. shac.org/adventure-camp. Family camping weekends allow pack leaders to provide their own program and meals. shac.org/family-camping.



Boy Scouts

Order of the Arrow. Dues: It's time to pay annual dues.

oa.shac.org/dues. **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 19** oa.shac.org/banquet **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



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 their guests. The evening is underwritten with generous sponsorships by many Eagle Scout alumni, charter members and patrons. **April 5**. shac.org/nestr



NYLT or National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action packed six-day council-level program designed to provide Boy Scouts and Venturers who are 13 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 held in June and fill up early. www.shac.org/nylt



Scouts First Helpline makes it easy for volunteers and families to address dangerous situations, ask questions about a situation or report a possible incident. BSA is committed to providing ongoing support to victims and their families, including counseling. Support is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. shac.org/erm#scoutsfirst
ScoutsFirst Helpline: (844)-Scouts1 or (844) 726-8871 or scouts1st@scouting.org.



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 scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416_Insert_Web.pdf.
Guide to Safe Scouting: scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx



Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. The council offers a variety of training courses for all leaders in all Scouting program. Scouters can attend training in any district. shac.org/training-schedule



Wood Badge is a six-day advanced leadership course for Scouters 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, 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
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. **Jan 23**. The **Venturing Challenge** is a weekend campout filled with games, movies, competitions, campfire and much more. **Feb. 22-24**. shac.org/venturing.



Sea Scouts: Sea Scouts Academy is a learning experience focusing on advancement a leadership. **Jan 19-21**. shac.org/sea-scouts



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