

# The Scouting Trail



December 2017

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

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**Popcorn** Selling popcorn is a wonderful opportunity for units to earn funds to support their entire year of Scouting by selling gourmet popcorn. Popcorn orders are due **November 18** and distribution is **December 9**.  
www.shac.org/popcorn



**Recharter.** All units must complete internet recharter by **December 7 or 14** roundtable. Every December, units are required to renew their affiliation with Scouting. • Plan ahead to get recharter done early, as this time of the year is typically very busy. It takes time to gather information and collect fees and signatures. • Ensure all registered leaders have taken Youth Protection Training (YPT) • Ensure the top unit leader (i.e., Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Advisor) has completed BSA training for his or her position. www.shac.org/recharter



**College of Commissioner Science** features informative sessions enhancing commissioner skills on **December 2**. You do not have to be a registered commissioner to attend. www.shac.org/ccs



**Key Leaders Conference** is an annual half day meeting for district leadership. **January 13**. 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



**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**. www.shac.org/baden-powell-dinner



**Service Hours.** All Scouting groups are encouraged to participate in service projects. Unit Leaders: Please log all service hour by **December 31**. www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence. Look for the "Service Project" area of the screen.



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



## December 2017

- 1-3 Cub Scout Adventure Camp
- 7 & 14 Recharterers due from units
- 2 College of Commissioner Science
- 9 Top Leader Training Day
- 9 Popcorn distribution
- 26-31 NYLT
- 26-31 Winter Camp

## January 2018

- 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)

## February 2018

- 3 Scouting for Food (food pick up)
- 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

## March 2018

- 3-5 Trade-o-ree
- 4 Order of the Arrow LEC
- 8 Golf Classic
- 16-18 Wood Badge 18-1 A
- 24 University of Scouting
- 31 Scout Fair unit participation deadline

## April 2018

- 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

**December Unit Checklist:**

- Submit recharter at roundtable
- Plan Scout Sunday / Sabbath
- Sign up for Scouting for Food
- Sign up for Friends of Scouting presentation
- Submit all internet advancements by Dec 31
- Submit all service hours by Dec 31
- Attend roundtable
- Packs: plan blue and gold banquet
- Packs/troops: continue Webelos to Scout transition



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# 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. Registration will open January 1. [www.shac.org/daycamp](http://www.shac.org/daycamp)



# Boy Scouts

**Winter Camp** is held between Christmas and New Years and is a wonderful opportunity for Troops to camp and for Scouts to earn merit badges. Merit badge classes are taught by Scouters with actual real-life experiences in the field. [www.shac.org/winter-camp](http://www.shac.org/winter-camp)



**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. [www.shac.org/nylt](http://www.shac.org/nylt)



**Order of the Arrow. Fall PowWow** is an event for Order of the Arrow members. It is a combination of activities such as exciting games, sports, ceremony and dance classes, regalia building activities, competitions, pow wows, shows and more for three days of non-stop fun, food, fellowship and celebration. **November 3-5.** [www.oa.shac.org/fall-pow-wow](http://www.oa.shac.org/fall-pow-wow). **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)



**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**. Sign up at [www.shac.org/fos-presentation](http://www.shac.org/fos-presentation).



**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/scout-fair-leader-page](http://www.shac.org/scout-fair-leader-page)



## 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.scouting.org/scoutsources/Media/Relationships/ascoutisreverent.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Media/Relationships/ascoutisreverent.aspx)



**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)



# Training

**Top Leader Training** is an opportunity for is 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)

